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Furious Winds Preface Raging Fires in South Branch and Shenandoah Valleys



A brush fire burns as Upper Tract Volunteer Fire Department responds. This tree on Siple Mountain Road forced responders to detour to reach the Mitchell Mountain fire.



By Stephen Smoot

Historically the British Army has earned the nickname “the thin red line.” That refers to a highly trained fighting force, that though not ever numerous, that always attacks a fight with conviction and determination.

And they always get the job done with pride and a stiff upper lip.

Area first responders, including those from Pendleton County, earned that nom d’honneur last week as every unit in the area, plus many who came to help, battled relentless fires spurred by destructive winds.

Every county faced the same crisis. With fires raging in places and conditions creating danger everywhere, mutual aid could not happen for days. Each county, initially, found itself on its own for the most part. United States Forest Service crews assigned to the Monongahela National Forest, however, did provide mutual aid.

The danger started last Wednesday. National Weather Service warning maps indicated bright red for fire danger over most of the state. Though the winter had brought soaking rains, high winds caused the vegetation to dry out statewide.

All of West Virginia west of Interstate 79 and south of Morgantown showed red, while the main centers of danger in the Potomac Highlands lay along the South Branch and South Fork valleys in Pendleton and Hardy counties, as well as southern Grant. There, the valleys would catch the wind and produce a tunnel effect, whipping them up to tropical storm force.

The highest officially recorded gust was on Wednesday in Deer Run. There, the winds hit the mid 60s in miles per hour.

Initial reports of fire came in at 12:14 p.m. on Wednesday. Fire units raced through Franklin

to join others converging on the scene to try to contain a fire on Mitchell Mountain. Units blocked Mitchell Mountain Road to keep all safe, but also found themselves blocked at times. Winds blew a tree down on Siple Mountain Road, forcing some units to backtrack and detour around to the other end of Greenawalt Gap to access the blaze.

Brian DiFalco from Franklin Volunteer Fire Department stated that even as firefighters and others battled the blaze, winds were blowing trees down around them, adding more danger

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Last year, chilly temperatures and brilliant sunlight provided perfect conditions for Trout Fest.

Twenty Years of Springtime Fun To be Celebrated at Trout Fest

By Stephen Smoot

In the same year as Casey Kasem hung up his America’s Top 40 microphone and Ken Jennings went on his legendary Jeopardy run, Franklin opened its now traditional celebration of the

coming of spring.

Since then, much has changed. Four presidents have assumed office since George W. Bush. “Lost” and “The Sopranos” ended long ago. But what was Springfest, now Trout Fest, continues to go strong.

Mother Nature in the first week of May generally acts quite finicky but, as Elizabeth Scott, Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce executive director, says, “Last year, we had awesome weather. I’m hoping we have the same this year.”

Trout Fest celebrates one of the primary attractions of Pendleton County, fat hungry trout swimming down cold mountain streams. It assumed its current name in 2019 and has only missed running in the COVID year of 2020.

Despite the fact that the State of West Virginia selected the brook trout as the official fish, Scott stated that “I think that we are the only Trout Fest in the state.” She added that “this year, our big thing is opening day.”

Trout Fest opens on the first Friday in May, this year on the third with one focus on the trout dinner. Twisted Pig, a food outlet owned by Steve and Amanda Wilson of Petersburg, will prepare the food. Attendees get a choice of fried trout, fried catfish, fried chicken tenders, and different side dishes. The craft vendor building will open at 2 p.m.

Live music will also kick off that evening, starting with Spence Hatcher and the Ol’ Sun Gang. Food and craft vendors will also be set up to receive customers and browsers.

Saturday brings even more family excitement as fisher-

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Students Get Schooled in Local Job Opportunities



A number of local businesses, government agencies, and non profits pitched work at their organizations, including the U.S. Forest Service, Pendleton 911, Pendleton Manor, American Woodmark, Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks Telephone, the West Virginia Department of Transportation, the West Virginia State Police, Pendleton County Visitors Bureau, West Virginia University Medicine, Hinkle Trucking, and Pendleton Community Care.

PHG Teaches Students the Dangers of Marijuana, Vape, And Alcohol Consumption

By Stephen Smoot

“I’ll be here all day!” said Bethany Perez of Potomac Highlands Guild to a student who stopped to chat as she set up her table in the commons. “Come by at lunch and win a prize!”

“It’s nice talking to you!” the student responded before continuing on to class.

Perez has invested a great deal of time in building relationships with the middle and high school student bodies, including coaching cheerleading. She brings that rapport with her, serving as the face of Potomac Highlands Guild’s anti-drug efforts with local youth.

Last Wednesday, Perez assembled an information table packed with pamphlets, charts, and other visual aids addressing the most popular drugs of choice among students who abuse them.

Her strategy was simple. Students come up to get candy offered at the table, then “they listen to my speech, take a test, and win prizes.”

Perez assembled a 15 question quiz that tests student knowledge of the harmful health and social effects of drugs and alcohol. Each question underscored a danger associated with drugs,

such as number 14 which read “People who are heavy marijuana users reported (that they were) A. Happier, wealthier, and more dependable. B. Poorer mental health, poorer physical health, and lower life overall satisfaction. C. Less academic and career success, poorer mental and physical health, and lower life satisfaction. D. Weight gain, causing depression.”

Those who do well on the tests have a chance to win prizes, such as gift cards, goodie bags, and other items.

Perez is deadly serious about the dangers of marijuana and one of its popular derivatives. “Just in my experience,” she explained, “marijuana is very easy to get in this area. The youth think marijuana is a safer way to go.”

She then explained that marijuana has approximately 500 chemicals, many of which are known carcinogens. Also, studies show that one in six get at least psychologically addicted to the drug.

Especially dangerous is a manufactured derivative of marijuana known as “Delta 9.” Perez shared that Delta 9 comes from manufacturers

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Community CALENDAR

Family Support Center in Franklin Sponsors Activities

Upcoming activities sponsored by the Pendleton County Strive to Thrive Family Support Center in Franklin are “Paint the Town Blue” at 4:30 p.m. April 3 and “Wear Blue Day” on April 5.

For more information, call 304-538-7711.

Lenten Lunches Conclude 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 Calvary and Faith Lutheran churches. The message will be delivered by Edna Mullenax.

Easter Egg Hunt Scheduled

Faith Lutheran Church in Franklin is hosting an Easter egg hunt at 11 a.m. on Saturday. Everyone is invited.

Library Friends To Meet Tuesday

The Friends of the Library will meet at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in the community room of Pendleton County Library in Franklin (please note the new time). All are invited to attend.

Holy Week Services Planned

Mountaintop Ministries with Pastor Mike Loudermilk will have a Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. today at Franklin United Methodist Church. A Good Friday service will begin at 7 p.m. at Walnut Street United Methodist Church in Franklin. An Easter sunrise service will be held at 7 a.m. at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Deer Run. Breakfast will follow.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Franklin will have Easter services and Mass at 11 a.m. Sunday.



Potomac Highlands Guild’s Bethany Perez explains the dangers of alcohol, marijuana, vaping, and other drugs last week at PCM/HS.

OBITUARIES



Mary May Eddy

Mary May Eddy, 81, of Morgantown went to rest in Heavenly peace on March 18, 2024. She was born on Aug. 31, 1942, in Franklin, a daughter of the late Ray Day and Geneva (Rexrode) Day Dahmer.

A 1960 graduate of Franklin High School, Mrs. Eddy worked at Western Auto in her young adult years.

In 1963, she married and dedicated her time to raising a family, maintaining a busy and loving home and eventually, being a doting and loving grandma. Along with being a beloved mom and grandma, she was a treasured sister, aunt, cousin, and friend.

Family and friends knew they could call her for advice on gardening (no flower ever died on her watch), laundering (no stain was safe), or cooking tips and recipes. She was also a great listener and a good source of life advice. She was an avid reader and rarely missed watching her beloved Duke basketball team. She had fond memories of listening to Pirates games with her dad on the radio and continued to enjoy following them for many years. She took great pride in her yard and flowers and could often be seen outside working in her yard.

She enjoyed spending time with her children and was always there to listen. She loved and kept up with her siblings, also. Above all, she treasured her grandkids and was so proud of the young adults each of them have become.

Surviving are a daughter, Traci Eddy Spohn and husband, Toby; a son, Bob Eddy and wife, Chasity; grandchildren, Elizabeth Spohn, Parker Eddy, Garret Spohn, Katie Spohn, and Cooper Eddy; and siblings, Linda Robinson, Darlene Day, Rick Day and wife, Rene, and Sue Denham and husband, Brian.

She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Edwin (Bud) Day and Rod Day; and former husband, Evan Eddy.

Family and friends will be received from 4-7 p.m. Friday at the Hastings Funeral Home in Morgantown. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday with Pastor Josh Rhodes officiating, followed by a graveside service at Beverly Hills Memorial Gardens.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hastingsfuneralhome.com.



Rosalee Grogg

Rosalee Grogg, 78, of Sugar Grove, left her earthly home to be reunited with her husband and loving fur-baby, BoBo, on March 18, 2024, at the Pendleton Manor in Franklin, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on Oct. 23, 1945, on Allegheny Mountain in Pocahontas County, the daughter of the late William Thomas and Gladys Lee Vandevander.

Mrs. Grogg was a 1967 graduate of Franklin High School and a member of St. Paul Independent Lutheran Church.

She enjoyed reading, flowers and watching sports on TV (especially West Virginia University, Yankees, Patriots, NASCAR, and Westerns) and was very talented at cooking. She took pride in raising her family and enjoyed spending time with them.

On Dec. 24, 1966, she married the love of her life, Dolan Ray Grogg, who preceded her in death on June 27, 2014.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory two daughters, Marleta A. Wimer (Marvin "Junior") and Terri L. Grogg (Claude Castleberry), all of Franklin; a son, Steven D. Grogg of Petersburg; three brothers, Don William Vandevander (Delores) of Berkeley Springs, Garland Vandevander of Hinton, Virginia, and Lee Vandevander of St. Mary's; five grandchildren, Leana Leap (Clint Davis), Dakota Grogg (Danielle), William Grogg (Dora), Madison Grogg (Anthony Mauzy) and Skyler Grogg; a step-granddaughter, LaBreeska Kimble; five great-grandchildren and one on the way; a step-great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Sunday in the chapel of the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin with Pastor Jerry Smith officiating. Interment was at St. Michael Cemetery in Sugar Grove.

Memorials may be made to any Pendleton County Rescue Squad, St. Jude or PAWS.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com.



Rev. Dr. Byrl Eugene Shaver

Rev. Dr. Byrl Eugene Shaver, 90, of Staunton, Virginia, passed away on Feb. 28, 2024.

He was born on Dec. 10, 1933, and was a son of the late Alfred Shaver and Wilma (Eye) Shaver Zirk.

Rev. Shaver served as a minister, retiring from Emmanuel Church of the Brethren after 32 years of service. He had also served his country in the United States Army and was a member of the Sugar Grove VFW Post 9866, and the Moorefield American Legion Post 64.

On Jan. 17, 1957, he was united in marriage to Faye (Tyree) Shaver, who survives.

Also surviving are his children, Byrl Shaver, II, and wife, Janet, and Paul Shaver and wife, Kimberly, all of Indiana, James Shaver and wife, Lee of Allenhurst, Georgia, and Elizabeth Cooke of Staunton, Virginia; a brother, Benny Shaver and wife, JoAnn of Peru; eight grandchildren, Joseph Shaver, Jeremiah Shaver, Joshua Shaver, Joel Shaver, Derek Cooke, Jason Cooke, Aaron Shaver and Annaka Shaver; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by sisters, Mary Detra and Martha Clarke.

A service celebrating his life was held March 2 at Emmanuel Church of the Brethren in Mt. Solon, Virginia, with Pastors Tom Williams and John Jantzi officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at johnsonfs.com.



Ruth Ann Grapes

Ruth Ann Grapes, 78, of Petersburg passed away on March 21, 2024, at the Pendleton Manor in Franklin.

She was born on Sept. 28, 1945, in Washington, DC, the daughter of the late William Harvey Parker and Betty Jane Stevens.

Ms. Grapes was raised by her aunt, Janet P. Moltz.

She attended Jefferson High School in Washington, DC, and was a member of the North Fork Baptist Church. She worked as a bookkeeper and secretary for North Fork Disposal Services and enjoyed being a homemaker for her family.

She was previously married to the father of her children, Wayne Grapes, who survives in Petersburg.

Surviving are two daughters, Debra Lynn Truitt of Salisbury, Maryland, and Lisa Ann Mallow (Allen) of Lahmansville; two sons, Michael Wayne Grapes (Joanie) and William Harvey Grapes (Lisa), all of Riverton; a sister, Doris Parker of Castlewood, Virginia; two half sisters, Dawn and Barbara Parker; a nephew, George Vennoy; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, June Lechlitter; and a half brother, George.

In honoring her wishes, her body has been cremated with all services being private.

Memorials may be made to the family toward funeral expenses c/o Sherry Pennington, 13417 Petersburg Pike Upper Tract, WV 26866.

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



Woodrow Wilson Hartman

Woodrow Wilson Hartman, 107, passed away peacefully on March 24, 2024, at Pendleton Manor in Franklin.

Born Nov. 17, 1916, on Smith Creek, he was the son of the late Henry Albert Hartman and Minnie Moyers Hartman Hottinger.

Mr. Hartman, like many in Great Depression-era rural America, completed his formal education through the eighth grade and attended one-room schoolhouses in Goshen and Zigler. Following his schooling, he dedicated himself to the beloved family farm, a cherished part of his life. In addition to farming, the many jobs of his early life included cutting firewood for Ernest and Tom Bowman, trapping and selling furs, and driving a school bus.

In 1953, he opened Hartman Furniture Store in Franklin with his wife, where they expanded their offerings over the years to include televisions, carpet, and appliances.

One of the original cable television pioneers, he brought cable TV to Franklin in 1957, making it the second community in the state to boast the new technology, even before it was available in places like Harrisonburg, Virginia. He sold the cable business in 1988 but continued to operate the furniture store until 2009. He served as a well-known fixture on Main Street for 56 years,

retiring at the age of 92 to care for his wife.

He was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, where he served as an elder and was president of the Franklin branch for 12 years.

In addition to his affable nature and easy smile, he was well known for his love of gardening and entertaining friends and family with stories of the old days. The blooming of a thousand tulips in his Dogwood Lane yard each spring will be a beautiful reminder of this special man's legacy.

On Dec. 18, 1943, he married his wife, Alice Branson Hartman of Lost River, who preceded him in death.

Surviving are his daughter, Bonnie Mitchell (Roger) of Upper Tract; a granddaughter, Heidi Hartman (Jon Diaz) of Charlotte, North Carolina; two nephews, Todd Hartman and Hugh Hartman (Anita), all of Franklin; and two nieces, Deborah Hanna of Scott Depot and Cheryl Null of Winfield.

He was also preceded in death by a son, William "Bill" Hartman, of Franklin; an infant son, James; siblings, Orlando Hartman of Scott Depot, and Alda Hartman of Franklin; and a daughter-in-law, Carole Hartman of Franklin.

Friends are invited to pay their respects from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Kimble Funeral Home in Franklin.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Franklin, followed by interment at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

The family expresses their deepest gratitude to the staff of Pendleton Manor for their compassionate and loving care during Mr. Hartman's final months.

Memorials may be made to Pendleton Manor, PO Box 700, Franklin, WV 26807.

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

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Moorefield

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Saturday, April 20 • 10 a.m.
Saturday, April 27 • 10 a.m.

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THANK YOU

The Pendleton County High School Track and Field Team would like to thank T&K Markets for their generosity in making our spaghetti dinner fundraiser a success!

We would also like to thank the Wilburn family, everyone who donated cakes, and the community for coming out and supporting the team.

A special thank you to Tina Eye for volunteering her time to help with our dinner.

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All bids should include name, address and phone number; signed by individual submitting bid.

For additional information or to view, please contact PCB, Franklin Office at 304-358-2311

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Pendleton FFA Members Exhibit Eggs, Bacons, Hams

Ten Pendleton County FFA members participated in the annual South Branch Area FFA Ham, Bacon and Egg Show and Sale held March 15 at Moorefield High School.

Eighty-two FFA members, representing Pendleton, Petersburg, Moorefield and East Hardy chapters, sold 290 products (34 dozen eggs, 126 bacons and 130 hams) for \$166,238.38. Pendleton's FFA members collectively took home earnings of \$25,640.38.

Pendleton County FFA member, Lydia Heavner, received top honors for her 8.185-pound bacon. The grand champion bacon was purchased by Helena Agri-Enterprises, LLC for \$500 per pound.

In addition to her winning bacon, Heavner sold a prime bacon and two prime hams. Her 8.41-pound bacon fetched \$60 per pound from Waddy Farms in Petersburg. Her 20.4-pound ham was bought by Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College of Moorefield for \$40 per pound with her 17.75-pound ham sold to Warner's Coin Laundry in Franklin for \$45 a pound.

Other Pendleton FFA members participating in the show/sale were as follows (name, item, price per pound and purchaser):

Caleb Armentrout — 22.86-pound prime ham, \$40, Pilgrim's CCP Team of Moorefield; 21.71-pound prime ham, \$40, Greer Lime Company in Riverton; 7.745-pound prime bacon, \$55, John Treadway for Judge in Baker; and 6.65-pound prime bacon, \$70, Deans Gap Farm, LLC in Fort Seybert;

Kaylee Callison — 23.36-pound prime ham, \$25, anonymous buyer; 23.22-pound prime ham, \$35, Freedom Ag and Energy in Petersburg; 6.945-pound good bacon, \$65, Greer Lime Company; and 5.895-pound good bacon, \$50, Faithful Friends Animal Clinic in Franklin;

McKenna Hedrick — dozen Grade A eggs, \$275, Warner's Coin Laundry in Franklin; 18.06-pound prime ham, \$40,

Hott's Ag Service in Franklin; 17.48-pound prime ham, \$35, L&W Enterprise in Petersburg; 5.28-pound choice bacon, \$60, Greer Lime Company; and 4.785-pound good bacon, \$45, Pendleton Community Bank in Moorefield.

Bailee Kiger — 18.54-pound prime ham, \$45, Lovers Lane Farms in Moorefield; 20.32-pound choice ham, \$30, Lovers Lane Farms; 6.49-pound prime bacon, \$130, Mountain View Veterinary in Moorefield; and 7.415-pound choice bacon, \$115, Moorefield Southern States in Moorefield;

Jameigh Miller — 20.6-pound prime ham, \$30, Bowers Garage in Sugar Grove; 18.1-pound prime ham, \$40, Murphy's Fencing in Franklin; 8.145-pound choice bacon, \$40, Greer Lime Company; and 7.69-pound choice bacon, \$40, J & J Farms in Walton;

Vivian Pownell — dozen Grade A eggs, \$200, Pendleton Community Bank in Moorefield;

Jenna Smith — 15.7 good ham, \$45, Warner's Coin Laundry; 15.57-pound good ham, \$35, Greer Lime Company; 8.775-pound choice bacon, \$40, Greer Lime Company; and 8.305-pound choice bacon, \$40, Deans Gap Farm, LLC;

Makayla Tingler — 20.57-pound prime ham, \$45, Murphy's Fencing; 20.13-pound prime ham, \$40, Bush, Tree Yards Barber and Farmers in Franklin; 10-pound prime bacon, \$50, Greer Lime Company; and 10-pound choice bacon, \$40, Spruce Knob Telephone in Riverton; and

Lucas Vandevander — 21.11-pound prime ham, \$35, Greer Lime Company; 20.68-pound prime ham, \$40, Warner's Coin Laundry; 9.305-pound prime bacon, \$55, Spruce Knob Telephone; and 7.3-pound good bacon, \$70, Greer Lime Company.

Ashly Rohrbaugh, a Petersburg FFA member, exhibited the champion eggs. Grant County Bank in Petersburg purchased the eggs for \$500. The reserve champion eggs were exhibited by Kayle Mills from East Hardy FFA. The

eggs fetched \$400 from Potomac State College in Keyser.

The champion ham, weighing 23.8 pounds, was exhibited by Madison Whetzel, Petersburg FFA member, and was purchased by Falcon Transportation for \$95 per pound. Petersburg FFA member, Kari Rohrbaugh, exhibited the reserve champion ham. Grant County Bank purchased the 23.5-pound ham for \$75 per pound.

William Waddy of Petersburg FFA exhibited the reserve champion bacon. His 8.6-pound bacon was purchased by Oak Summit, LLC in Moorefield for \$200 per pound.

Pendleton FFA members had to choose a pig(s) to raise by last June. The pig was fed over the summer, getting it to the ideal weight of between 260 and 280 pounds. In November, the pigs were taken to slaughter. The slaughtered hogs were then transported back to the school where the meat was processed in the vo-ag's meat room. The hams and bacons were pulled for curing for the annual show in March, and the rest of the hog's meat was processed.

To prepare a ham or bacon for the ham/ bacon show, the meat was cured with a brown sugar cure mix for two days per pound, or a minimum of 45 days, at a temperature of 36° to 45°. (For any ham or bacon over 30 pounds, an additional two days per pound was added to the curing process.) To stabilize the hams and bacons and to end the curing process, the temperature was increased to 55° for 20 days. Then the meat was dried for 11 days at 90°. Once the curing process was completed, each ham and bacon was trimmed, shaped and smoked. Each FFA member had two hams and two bacons participating in the show and sale.

The eggs and smoked hams and bacons were taken to Moorefield one day prior to the sale where a panel of neutral judges judged the 290 entries from the three counties. The hams and bacons were judged into three different qualities - prime, choice and good.



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In response to questions regarding the recent national news regarding the lawsuit that was just won by the plaintiffs against the National Association of Realtors..... we first want to say that we are pleased to inform everyone that we ARE NOT, nor have we ever been a part of that organization. We believed there was no need to be obligated to keep paying the NAR so we could act like we had higher standards than others. We already adhere to the highest standards in answering to and honoring God in whom we trust.

Some thought that this lawsuit brought about new laws. The WV Real Estate Commission is the authority on laws governing real estate in WV and other states have their own Commissions. These lawsuits had nothing to do with the laws of each state but were against the NAR practices.

In order to do what is best for our clients, we will continue to offer compensation to other brokerages who bring buyers or referrals. We truly care about those who've decided to sell and those who are wanting to buy and we strive to make what can be an overwhelming process into an easier, orderly, joyous time of expectancy!


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Hedrick Designs Winning State Math Poster



Three Pendleton County High School students, from left, Kaylee Simmons, Katelyn Hedrick and Kaylee Arbogast, display their entries for the state math poster contest.

For the second time in history, the state math poster contest winner is from Pendleton County High School.

Katelyn Hedrick won with her poster themed "Spring into Math." Her theme will be the theme of next year's state math conference. She received a \$100 gift card, as well as a banner that will be hung at the entrance to next year's conference.

Pendleton County High School also had two other finalists. Kaylee Simmons' poster was titled "Math is a Hoot." Kaylee

Arbogast's entry was "Math is as Easy as Pi."

Franklin Elementary School also had some winners. Maiya Mongold, a sixth-grade student in LeeAnn Shreve's class, placed first. In Kim George's second-grade classroom, Emmett Sisson placed first with Lola Brooks placing second and Jaycee Jameson third. They all received a \$20 gift certificate.

Nine teachers from Pendleton County attended the state math conference March 15 - 16.

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PAINT THE TOWN BLUE

Wednesday, April 3rd

Participants will meet on main street at 4:30PM




20 Years Ago
Week of April 1, 2004

Hartman Wins Cadillac SUV in OnStar Contest

What are the odds of two people from Rockingham County winning grand prizes in a national promotion? Toss in a third winner from just across the mountain and rework the numbers.

The odds of winning General Motors Corporation's Hot Button contest were one in 5,500. Casey Hartman of Dayton, VA, (formerly of Franklin), Karen Dearing of Elkton, VA, and Thomas Lawson of Standardsville, VA, beat the odds and will take possession of new vehicles within weeks.

Hartman won a 2004 Cadillac Escalade EXT, which converts from a pickup to an SUV, and carries a \$56,000 price tag.

Dearing won a 2004 GMC Envoy SLT, priced at \$43,000. Lawson will ride off in a new Chevrolet Trailblazer, which sells for \$31,600.

The promotion requires a person to come to a dealership and press the OnStar button in a GM vehicle. Then the operator connects the person to a contest operator who tells the contestant if he or she won a new GM vehicle.

Parents, Monitor Child's TV and Internet Viewing

By Donna Kuhn

Your child sees commercials for it on TV. There are sites about it on the Internet. She/ he even sees you use it.

If you think your child is too young to be drinking alcohol, consider this: research shows that about 10 million Americans between ages 12 to 20 years had at least one drink last month. Initiation of alcohol use can begin as early as age 10. Alcohol is the drug most abused among youth, and it often acts as a gateway drug to tobacco, marijuana and other illicit drug use.

30 Years Ago
Week of March 24, 1994

Naval Base to Adopt Local Nursing Home

The Naval Security Group Activity (NSGA) Sugar Grove will adopt the Pendleton Nursing Home in Franklin during ceremonies on May 9. The commanding officer of NSGA Sugar Grove, CDR Wayne K. Evers, in a continuing community involvement program, will join forces with Pendleton Nursing Home Administrator Camilla Mounts in raising the quality of life of the home's residents.

SUGAR GROVE

Grandma's Apron Holds Priceless Memories

Grandmother's apron sure got around. There were positive identifications...freshly washed, starched, ironed, and of course seldom without! On the right side there was a deep pocket — to stash away things characteristic of its owner. Small change would be there, a hanky to wipe away a tear; rewards for grandchildren

who were good girls and boys. Then, too, the big bow tied in the back resembled a butterfly lighting there awhile. There were many uses for her apron. It became an umbrella...her sunshade...fly swatter. Babies listening to lullabies would snuggle in it. An apron full of vegetables would often serve the purpose if a basket was not handy. Shoeing mother hens along with her apron was not uncommon. Neither was picking a bouquet of flowers into her apron to be displayed in a stone pitcher when company arrived. Of course all the delicious fixings at mealtime called for Grandma to occasionally wipe her hands on her apron too. When bedtime finally arrived, Grandma would neatly hang her apron on the door — to don it again early in the morning. Priceless memories... that apron of Grandma's.

Week of March 31, 1994

20 Mile Run To Help Eliminate Poverty Housing

On Easter morning, Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity president Kirk Lyman Barner and full time volunteer staff member Chris Caryl will run from the Habitat volunteer center in Cherry Grove over the mountain and into Franklin. This enormous challenge is Almost Heaven Habitat's latest attempt to promote its work and to generate funds for the building of yet another house.

Almost Heaven is looking for 1000 sponsors to donate \$1 per mile for 20 miles in order to raise \$20,000 to build a home for a family in Pendleton County.

Lutheran Brotherhood Unit Distributes \$59,867 In West Virginia

West Virginia residents and institutions received \$59,867 through Lutheran Brotherhood's charitable and benevolent programs in 1993 in support of community-service activities, Lutheran congregations, Lutheran schools and students.

Nationwide, Lutheran Brotherhood contributed \$47.9 million to a variety of fraternal programs in 1993.

Over the last 10 years, Lutheran Brotherhood has contributed more than \$300 million to its fraternal outreach programs.

40 Years Ago
Week of March 29, 1984

Fingerprinting Service To Be Offered Children

A fingerprinting service for children will be offered at the Pendleton County Preschool Screening Clinic Friday in the Pendleton Community Building.

Voluntary fingerprinting of children has increased following a national awareness of the problem of child abduction and the passing of the missing children's act in October 1982. Fingerprints are important in identifying children whose identity is unknown to authorities. This would apply to very young children, victims of ac-

cident or injury, children who give inaccurate information, or those who may be found dead. Prints can also be invaluable to police in the investigation of the disappearance of children. Fingerprinting is most effective when offered by trained volunteers or law enforcement personnel who take classifiable fingerprints.

Parents should keep the only set of prints. If a child should disappear, the prints could be classified by police officials and entered into the FBI's computer. That information could then be compared against entries from the rest of the country, making it possible to identify a child who was found in another location.

Blood To Be Collected On North Fork

The American Red Cross Blood Mobile will once again be in the North Fork area for collections. Blood donations will be accepted April 9 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Clinton Hedrick Community Building in Riverton.

This will be the fourth year that the Spruce Mountain Ruritan Club, in cooperation with the rescue squad and local churches, has sponsored the blood drive.

50 Years Ago
Week of March 28, 1974

Lottery Numbers Drawn for Men Born in 1955

Young men born in 1955 had their Selective Service lottery numbers drawn on March 20, even though there is no draft or plans to resume callups for involuntary military service, Harold E. Brown, State Director of Selective Service for West Virginia announced.

West Virginia has approximately 17,000 19-year-olds who had their lottery numbers established by this drawing, according to Mr. Brown.

The Military Selective Service Act requires all young men to register with the system at the time of their 18th birthday.

They are assigned their random Sequence Number through the lottery which is held during the year in which they become 19 years of age.

60 Years Ago
Week of April 2, 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.

Huge Profits Made By Blockade Runners

The view was lovely at St. George Harbor on Bermuda 100 years ago this week.

There, a motley fleet of steamers and sailing ships,

flying an assortment of flags, rocked gently on the beautiful blue-green water—participants in one of the most profitable businesses connected with the Civil War—blockade running.

An indication of the profit that could be gained in the blockade running business was published in Charleston, S. C., that week in the prospectus of one of the British companies engaged in the trade. The company, the prospectus said, planned to begin sending its fleet of five specially built steamers into the Confederacy immediately, bringing supplies and hauling out cotton. Totalling figures on its ledger, the company estimated that each steamer could make two successful runs before it was captured or destroyed, and that would be enough to turn a profit of more than 100,000 pounds.

Such was the flourishing state of the blockade running business as the Civil War entered its fourth year. From Nassau, Havana, the British Honduras, Mexico, and Brazil, as well as from Bermuda, the ships sailed by moonlight to the Confederate coast, bearing gunpowder, armaments, food, clothing, drugs and even liquor for Southerners, then departed with thousands of bales of cotton for the rest of the world.

Although President Lincoln had proclaimed a blockade of the Southern coast in the first week of the war, the blockade had failed to stop the trade.

Estimates were that at least three-fourths of the runs through the blockade were successful during that spring, and earlier in the war the percentage had been higher.

The profits were fantastic. Cotton could be bought at three and four cents a pound in the South and sold at 50 cents a pound in England, and one ship in one run could haul out nearly 1,000 bales. The Richmond Enquirer of April 2, 1864, reported one blockade runner, in several trips, had carried out 12,000 bales—worth 600,000 pounds sterling, a return of about 3 million pounds gold dollars.

The result was that blockade runners materialized from all over the world. Spaniards, Canadians, Mexicans, Greeks and former British navy officers, pursuing adventure and wealth, joined in the trade while the Confederate government declined to take an active part. Although the Federal blockade took a regular toll of the runners, one or two trips usually paid for a ship with profit and after that nearly everything was gravy.

Ironically, while Britishers and Frenchmen joined in blockade running, their governments recognized the legality while winking at the blockade runners who helped keep England's cotton mills producing.

Next week: End of the Red River Campaign.

661 Women Seek Work

READY, WILLING AND ABLE

A total of at least 661 women are available for industrial work in Pendleton County according to the survey of the female labor population conducted here last week.

George I. Sponaugle, president of Pendleton Industries, Inc., said this group conducted the survey to determine whether enough women were available to work here to satisfy the requirements of a garment manufacturer who is considering the Pendleton County area for a plant site. Sponaugle declined to give the name of the interested firm.

Results of the survey, which was conducted last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, show that the largest category of available able workers is in the 16 to 23 age group. It was this age group that the industrialist was chiefly interested in.

Sponaugle said the firm would not be interested in this location if there were not as many as 250 females available in the 16 to 23 age group. A total of 316 women in this age group indicated their availability for work.

The survey indicated that women are available for work here according to age groups as follows: 16 to 23, 316; 23 to 30, 132; 30 to 40, 183; 40 to 50, 182; 50 to 60, 124; 60 to 70, 40.

Pendleton Industries, Inc., is a non-profit corporation composed of interested local citizens working to provide additional local employment.

70 Years Ago
Week of April 1, 1954

EDITORIALS

PENDLETON HAMS - - -

Pendleton County is rapidly becoming famous for the high quality smoked meats that are produced here. Two weeks ago the Times proudly carried a story on the State F. F. A. Ham, Bacon and Egg Show at Charleston, at which event Kenneth Harper of Riverton exhibited the grand champion ham. In this week's edition of the Times is a story on the State 4-H Ham and Bacon Show at Clarksburg, where another Pendleton County youth, Earl Bible of Teterton, had the grand champion ham. If our young farmers continue at this rate it will not be long before Virginia Hams and Smithfield Hams will be overshadowed by Pendleton Hams.

Issues and Bullets - - -

Several weeks ago four mad Puerto Ricans slipped into the House of Representatives Chamber in Washington and opened fire on the Congressmen. They fired approximately twenty rounds, and out of the 235 Congressmen, only five were hit, which proves just one thing: Congressmen are as good at dodging bullets as they are at dodging issues.

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Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

Have a great day on Good Friday and Easter!

The last day of March is also on Easter Sunday. Then everyone gets fooled the next day on April Fool's Day.

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 and Sandra Vandevander; 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 Pitsenbarger, Jimmy Mitchell and the Woodrow Hartman family.

Prayer thought: "Risen Jesus, thank you for coming and dying on the cross that I might have life eternal. Again, thanks for the sacrifice you did for us and taking our sins with you."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for March 18 through March 24, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: March 18 - 46°, 29° (41°, 30°); March 19 - 52°, 27° (34°, 17°); March 20 - 55°, 33° (48°, 15°); March 21 - 51°, 23°, .62" (60°, 18°); March 22 - 61°, 24°, .01" (59°, 42°); March 23 - 47°, 25° (76°, 44°) and March 24 - 54°, 19° (61°, 43°, .51").

Health Mart Health Advisor Tip

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Did you know that when it comes to medication, children and adults react differently? That's why the American Academy of Pediatrics advises never to give any over-the-counter (OTC) medications to children two years old or under without first talking to the child's doctor. Additionally, children under the age of 12 should never take aspirin without a doctor's approval because aspirin may lead to Reye's syndrome, a potentially fatal illness. So if your child is under the weather, consult their pediatrician before administering any medications. And talk to your Health Mart pharmacist, who will help monitor your child's medication.


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The Coming of Spring Awakens Mother Nature

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

All about everyone the earth is coming alive. Evidence of new life is seen everywhere. The voice of spring has awakened the hills. She whispered first to the songbirds and they gathered their flock and arrived by the busloads. Their songs of joy ring out every morning. The fields have been caressed with light fingers, and tender green grass is springing up. Yellow dandelions have emerged to shine their special glow. The forsythia blooms are in a shower of gold, and the peach trees are bursting into clouds of pink blossoms. Daffodils are prancing with their bonnets bobbing in the breeze, and tulips are beginning to top the show. Calves run with abandon in the pasture, and then return to their mothers to nurse, and then run again.

Easter has the message of hope and life, which comes with the return of spring upon the earth. Easter means frilly new dresses, dying eggs, egg hunts, a bounteous dinner with family, sunrise and Easter services with the promise of rejoicing because He Is Risen!

The writer wishes her readers "A Happy Easter!"

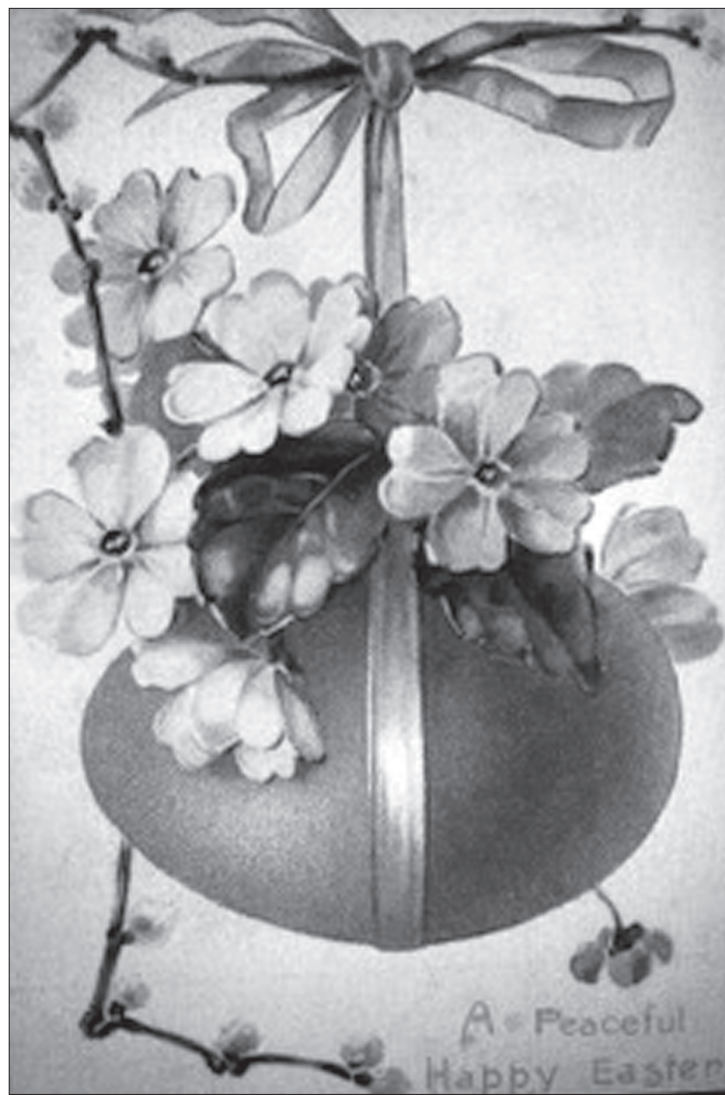
Pendleton County is so very fortunate to have members of the community to "step up to the plate" to utilize their volunteer skills. This week found many volunteers in that "community" mode to reach out and assist in some way to control the many, many fires that resulted from the strong winds.

Be sure to thank those volunteers when seeing them on the street, in church, at the grocery store, etc. Most importantly, thank dispatchers who must have good communication skills, a high moral character and integrity, emotional self-control, and empathy. They must remain calm and collected to get and provide valuable information. Fire dispatchers are crucial in receiving and responding to emergency calls. They determine the nature and location of the emergency, determine priorities and dispatch police, fire, and emergency services. Firefighters are crucial in receiving and responding to the emergency calls. They are highly equipped in managing a variety of firefighting activities to control and eliminate the fires, performing technical work to rescue trapped people and provide pre-hospital first aid treatment.

This county has an outstanding service of personnel, and community volunteers to meet those emergency needs. This past week of so many fires in so many areas, stood the test once again, and they "stepped up to the plate" in a gregarious way (even youngsters helped). How lucky is everyone to live in this county where so many persons care and deliver. Whether it was fighting the fire, delivering food, praying...in every way, they were there. And they are so very much appreciated. So, take the time to thank them! Call them, write a thank you note, write a donation check, and be thankful a person lives in such a wonderful and caring community. To each of my readers, consider volunteering in some way, to be of service, wherever a person resides.

Life's instructions include the following:

1. Have an Easter egg hunt.



2. Attend an Easter sunrise service.
3. Decorate Easter eggs.
4. Plant a garden considering pansies, tulips, marigold, and petunias.
5. Take an Easter basket filled with goodies to one's neighbor.
6. Have a grand Easter brunch or dinner with family around the table.

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

- The red jelly bean is the most popular flavor.
- The largest chocolate egg was over 34 feet tall. It was produced in Italy in 2011.
- The White House Easter Egg Roll event has been celebrated by the President of the United States and their families since 1878.
- Egg dyes were once made out of natural items, such as onion peels, tree bark, flower petals and juices.
- Seventy percent of Easter candy purchased is chocolate.

Sitting by the front window to watch it rain, is the best place to hear the "Talk of the Grove."

Connor Armstrong celebrated his 13th birthday, Saturday. He is the son of Bobbie and Tracy Armstrong.

Phil Downs spent Monday through Wednesday with his aunt, Wanda Pitsenbarger.

Rhonda Nash had a great second weekend at the Maple Festival in Highland County, Virginia, selling candles. She and Helen also enjoyed a visit from daughter/sister, Vickie Nash of Fredericksburg, Virginia, Allen Hayden of Newburg, Maryland, and Jenny O'Neil and Candace Davis, both of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Quotes for the week are as follows:

"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'LET'S PARTY!'" — Robin Williams

"The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day he created spring." — Bernard Williams

"Unless there is Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday." — Fulton J. Sheen

"The Easter egg symbolizes our ability to break out of the hardened protective shell we've surrounded ourselves with." — Siobhan Shawely

"I still believe in Santa, the Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy, and true love. Don't even try to tell me different." — Dolly Parton

April birthdays include the following: Charlee Hoover, first; Willie Fisher, Judy Austin and Nancy Evick, second; Greg Hoover, third; Junior Rader and Derek Crider, fourth; Danielle Hoover and Wesley Puffenbarger, fifth; Adam and Holly Wilfong and Keith Kiser, sixth; Margaret Sasser, Judy Rader and Wes Eye, seventh; Maxine Rader, John Todd, Vera Teter and Josh Parker, ninth; Thelma Puffenbarger and Sherry Wilfong, 10th; Jim Holstein, Sonny Morrison and Mike Alt, 11th; Ruth Craig and Landon Bowers, 12th; Bryer Puffenbarger, 14th; and Terry Simmons, Beth Propst, Frankie Roberson and Ava Bowers, 15th.

Concerns for this week are many. They are as follows: Bob Adamson, Rick Adkins, John Ashley, Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Lynn Beatty, "Bo" Boggs, Jane Conrad, Marie Cole, the Harold Cupp family, Christian Dasher, Isaac Eye, Linda Eye, Marie Eye, Mary Eye, Neal Eye, Carl Gant, Lorelee Gordon, Lola Graham, Patsy Green, the Rosalee Grogg family, JC Hammer, Marlene Harman, Marvin Hartman, the Woodrow Hartman family, 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, Kim Kline, Ginger Knight, Tracie Knight, Melissa Lambert, Robert Lambert, Ronnie Lambert, Rex Landis, Roger and Skip Mallow, Yvonne Marsh, Ed May, Gary McDonald, Neil McLaughlin, Rose Miller, Bruce Minor, Tom Mitchell, Barbara Moats, John Morford, Richard Morrison, Helen Nash, 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, Brittany Shriver, Annie Simmons, Phyllis Simmons, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Kent Simmons, Robbie Sites, Mike Skiles, Donnie Smith, Stanna Smith, Steve Stump, Elizabeth Terry, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, Evelyn Varner, Raymond Varner, Amy Vaus, Judy Williams, Ann Wimer, Margaret Wimer, firefighters, dispatchers and rescue personnel.

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Zach Shrewsbury Announces Candidacy For United States Senate



Zach Shrewsbury is the only electable democratic candidate running to replace Joe Manchin in the United States Senate. Zach is a Marine Corps veteran, the grandson of a UMWA coal miner, a father, and a proud working-class, native West Virginian. As a Marine fighting the Global War on Terrorism, he proudly lived by the values of honor, courage and commitment — and he still does today. After serving our country, Zach returned home to West Virginia to take care of his grandmother and began organizing in local communities.

From feeding the houseless to organizing flood relief, Zach traveled the state and what he found in our hills and hollers inspired him. He witnessed that despite everything facing our communities, people were fighting for their neighbors. Working-class Mountaineers were willing to give everything they had to uplift their communities, even though their elected officials had abandoned them. That's West Virginia's greatest strength: Our commitment to our neighbors. Zach wants to take that very commitment to Washington.

As the next Senator from West Virginia, Zach will be a fighter for working-class people. He will fight for a justified transition for both the workers and communities impacted by the decline in fossil fuels and a federal jobs guarantee for those workers with comparable pay and benefits. Zach will work to end corporate influence by repealing the Taft-Hartley Act and pushing for living wages and union protections for every worker. He will push for compassion over profit and funding for harm reduction programs as an integral part of combating the addiction crisis. Zach will fight to restore access to legal abortion care and lead the charge to repeal both the discriminatory Hyde Amendment and the harmful Comstock Act.

Of his campaign, Zach says, "I am unapologetic in my commitment to the working-class people of West Virginia. We've been paid lip service by our elected officials for too long and it is time for action. We cannot allow a coal baron, a millionaire, or an out-of-touch politician to represent us anymore. It is time for someone who won't compromise their integrity and sell out West Virginia to corporate interests. I will never abandon the working people of West Virginia, because I am one."

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Attention North Fork Real Property Owners



The Assessor's office will begin reappraisal in April of real property in Circleville and Union Districts. This will cover from Elk Mountain, Big Run, Snowy Mt, Cherry Grove, Circleville, Riverton, Seneca, Onego, Dollytown and Allegheny Mt. This is done in a three-year cycle of the county.

They will be checking for any new structures or deleted buildings from your property. They are required to measure any new structures and obtain the information needed for their appraisals.

Our field appraisers are Tina Bodkin and Ginger Kimble they will be driving a silver Ford Escape with both sides of vehicle marked with our office name. Please be courteous to my staff that are diligently working for the county and sometimes are in unsafe work environments.

Appointments will be needed for visiting your property if there is limited accessibility such as (locked gates, poultry farms). If access is denied the information will be estimated and may result in the owner forfeiting the right to appeal an incorrect assessment.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated to ensure an accurate appraisal. Contact Pendleton County Assessor, Sandie Smith or Appraisers Tina Bodkin or Ginger Kimble for more information at 304-358-2563.

Wildcats Earn All-State and Conference Honors



Avery Townsend, Chase Owens, and Josiah Kimble all took Honorable Mention All-State and first team all PVL honors.

Candidates Reminded About Placing Signs on State Rights of Way

As Primary Election Day in West Virginia approaches, the West Virginia Department of Transportation reminds the public of laws regarding political signs placed on state rights of way.

“WVDOT understands the seriousness of this law while also understanding the need for candidates to place signs in areas as part of the political process,” said Joe Pack, P.E., chief engineer of operations.

The WVDOT has a duty to uphold the laws surrounding political signs placed on state rights of way. West Virginia Division of Highways has the intent to enforce the provisions of West Virginia Code a7-19-1 as to the removal of the signs.

WVDOH workers will pull any signs from the state rights of way and, for a short time, store them in the county highway offices to be picked up by the candidates or their representatives. WVDOH workers must also take time out of their maintenance schedules to remove signs.

Primary Election Day in West Virginia is May 14.

With work continuing in all 55 counties across the state, the West Virginia Division of Highways and the West Virginia Department of Transportation remind the public of the importance of keeping everyone safe in work zones by keeping “Heads up; phones down!”

Wildcats Battle Chilly Temperatures, Wind, and Bath to Take a 10-0 Victory

By Stephen Smoot

The game started off with bright blue skies and a sun beaming in from behind left field. As the game commenced, however, a far off fire siren reminded all in attendance of the smoking perils ranging up and down both the South Branch and Shenandoah Valleys.

Pendleton County started with the young left handed pitcher, Cole Harper. He issued a walk to the first hitter, but soon settled in. His defense earned a double play in the next at bat, giving him an opportunity to successfully strike out the side.

Allden Rexrode opened up the bottom of the first for Pendleton County. He worked the pitcher to a full count, then sliced a shot to deep right field for a stand up double. During the next at bat with Chase Owens, Rexrode stole second, then scored on a base hit to center field.

James Vincell followed Owens on the base-paths when the third baseman mishandled his ground ball. Two batters later, Dillon Smith drew a walk on seven pitches.

Harper then pulled a shot to deep right field with the bases loaded, somehow knocking over the outfield fence in the process. Two more runs scored, pushing the lead to 3-0.

Caleb Armentrout drew a walk to put runners at second and third, followed by Dusty Smith who grounded a ball to second, but earned a sacrifice run batted in to put the lead at 4-0. Although the Wildcats ended up batting around, they scored no more runs in the inning.

By the second inning, clouds covered what little warmth the sun offered, and made the wind practically winterlike. Owens knocked down a sharply hit ball to short to prevent extra bases. Harper then struck out the next two batters and got the final Bath batter to ground out to end the second.

Pendleton County once again pounded Bath pitching in the second inning. Owens led off with a base hit straight up the middle. At this point, the Bath pitcher started struggling with control, tossing many pitches either very high or very low. Vincell walked on four straight pitches. The pitcher recov-

ered enough to get out the next two batters. With two outs and men on second and third, Harper once again hit a towering shot to deep right, this time failing to topple the fence. He did, however, drive in two runs on his second straight stand up double. Armentrout, Dusty Smith, and Josiah Kimble all followed with walks to load the bases for Rexrode, who slammed a double to right, extending the advantage to 9-0.

In the top of the third, Bath put two runners on, but could not get them across. They did bring in a relief pitcher with an unusual arm motion and a faster pace of work.

For the next two innings, Bath silenced the Wildcat bats. For the top of the fifth, Pendleton County head coach Sam Yokum called upon Owens to move from short to pitch. He methodically set the side down in order, serving up the opportunity for an early conclusion on a platter.

In the bottom of the inning, Owens once again came up big, drawing a leadoff walk on five pitches. Vincell followed with a walk.

Two batters later came Dillon Smith to the plate with runners on first and second. He hit the first pitch foul, then took a ball. The one ball and one strike pitch was fouled off, once again putting him behind in the count.

He fouled off the next four pitches, then took a ball low. The runners then moved up to second and third. The next pitch gave Dillon Smith a full count that he smacked for a ground ball single after a well-worked at bat. The first run kicked in the mercy rule.

Owens went two for three at the plate, Harper two for two, and Rexrode two for three.

Against Notre Dame in the season opener, as Max Preps reports, Owens pitched three perfect innings and scored two runs. Dusty Smith went one for three at the plate. James Vincell and Allden Rexrode both went three for four, while Cashton Kisamore went two for three. Caleb Armentrout and Dillon Smith both hit once in three at bats.

Rexrode and Kisamore also took the mound for Pendleton County.

In the game, the Wildcats fought off the unlucky Irish 11-3, ruining the Clarksburg team's St. Patrick's Day.

WIC Announces April Schedule

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

Pendleton County participants can re-

ceive services in Petersburg if alternate days or evening appointments are desired. WIC offers nutrition education and healthy foods to pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants and children under the age of five.

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Winds, Fires, and Downed Trees

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and urgency to the scene.

He also shared that "while we were at that fire, everything else blew up."

"On March 20, we saw unprecedented 911 call loads and VFD workloads as six wildfires broke out in the county," reported Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency Services coordinator. He added that a seventh raged at the Pendleton-Hardy line in Potomac Overlook Estates on Grace Mountain. Its northeastern path took it into the purview of Hardy County and the West Virginia Division of Forestry.

DiFalco described the hours long efforts to dispatch limited resources to the best possible effect. As fires seemed to quiet in some areas, units would be redeployed to more urgent threats.

"Our county VFDs, all of them," Gillespie described, "were pushed to their limits. They rose to the challenge and managed to keep all of our fires contained, keeping them from turning into huge disasters."

Both Gillespie and DiFalco praised citizens who came with everything from shovels to bulldozers to pitch in and help the exhausted fire and rescue crews as they worked tirelessly through the worst of it.

Others also committed themselves to the long hours and hard work necessary to help. "The personnel at Pendleton 911 did an outstanding job of handling the call load," Gillespie explained, adding that "I am very proud of them and commend their performance of duty."

The Pendleton County Office of Emergency Management also extended their resources, staffing the County Emergency Operations Center with enough personnel to manage and operate seven radio channels to coordinate all of the moving parts of the operations. Personnel came from the County OEM, Pendleton 911, and Franklin VFD.

In addition to Mitchell Mountain, fires also broke out on or near Capito Hill Road, Snowy Mountain Road, Sugar Grove Road, and Brushy Fork Road. They ranged from three acres burned to more than 200 consumed on Brushy

Fork. All were reported between 12:12 and 1:17 p.m., except for the Snowy Mountain fire that was reported at 5:30 in the evening.

Once again, the efforts of Pendleton fire units saved both lives and property. DiFalco stated that "there was an old church on Capito Hill Road. It caught fire, but they were able to stop it." The fire damaged a rear wall, but the church remained "structurally sound."

"To my knowledge," DiFalco said "no structures were lost."

Other areas saw even more dangerous incidents. As of Sunday, the United States Forest Service reported six blazes raging in the Monongahela and George Washington National Forests and private land in West Virginia and Virginia. The smallest covered nine acres, but the four largest ranged from 1,148 to 6,206 acres.

Hardy County, who suffered some of the worst of the fires in the Mountain State, put out calls Wednesday and Thursday nights for citizen assistance to run food, water, and other supplies to the fire lines. They asked for anyone with a pickup truck or other all terrain vehicles to help. South Fork and Keyser VFDs, among many others, also gathered supplies to support Hardy County units.

Some of what came from the destruction, especially since fires did not take lives or property, was quite beautiful in a way.

Franklin Volunteer Fire Department's Facebook page told the story of a county full of communities pitching in to do whatever they could for those on the fire lines. "As in the past, our community and its citizens, who we are honored to serve and protect, showed the true meaning of life in our county."

Citizens "donated food, drinks, other supplies, and money," all of which was "greatly appreciated as everyone working the fires had gone hours without food and drinking water."

Upper Tract Volunteer Fire Department also extended "thanks to the community for your support and all of the VFDs, we could not do it without you all."

Trout Fest 20 Year Anniversary

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men flock to Franklin for the main event. After a breakfast served by Pendleton Senior and Family Services, the Trout Rodeo commences.

Every year, anglers register for the rodeo. Registration continues as long as the rodeo lasts, from 8 a.m. to noon. Approximately \$5,000 of locally grown trout, whose cost is sponsored by Greer, will enter the South Branch River upstream of the rodeo zone. Many of the trout hold tags with various monetary amounts marked on them. These range between \$5.00 and \$5,000 with winners announced that night.

Any participant of any age can fish in any approved spot, but festival organizers once again arranged to mark off the spillway near Priest Mill for children only. Scott expressed appreciation to Tom and Teresa Calhoon for

once again agreeing to allow use of their land.

As the fishers try the river in the morning, West Virginia Metro News reporter Chris Lawrence will broadcast his popular "Woods and Waters" program live from Trout Fest.

Scott stated that the festival still needs more stream marshals. These officials mark down tagged fish as they are caught and receive a free T-shirt for volunteering. The official T-shirts will be made on demand during the festival.

On Saturday, live entertainment starts with a performance by Raymond's Gymnastics, followed by a series of live music bands who will perform until 8 p.m.

Those seeking more information can look up Trout Fest on Facebook, or also check out the official website.

Consumers Urged to Fix Household Leaks

A simple household leak can cost a person a lot of money. Most are simple to fix once a leak is located, but leaks can be sneaky. The Public Service Commission of West Virginia is participating in Fix a Leak Week, March 18-24 by encouraging everyone to be vigilant in finding and repairing leaks in household plumbing fixtures.

"American homes waste more than a trillion gallons of water every year," said Charlotte R. Lane, chairman of the Public Service Commission. "The average home loses almost 10,000 gallons of water per year to simple leaks. That is the amount of water it takes to wash 300 loads of laundry. The money you will save on your water bills will more than pay for the small cost of fixing these leaks."

To help save water, the commission offers the following tips:

Look at one's water bill. If a family of four uses more than 12,000 gallons per month, there could be a serious leak. Turn off all water, then read the meter at the beginning and end of two hours. If the meter changes, one likely has a leak.

Monitor possible toilet leaks. Squeeze a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank. If a person sees color in the bowl after 10 minutes, there is a leak. Worn flappers often cause silent toilet leaks, but they are inexpensive and easy to install.

If a faucet drips, tighten connections and replace the aerator with a WaterSense labeled

model to save water without a noticeable difference in flow.

Leaky showerheads caused by a loose connection between the showerhead and the pipe stem can usually be fixed by wrapping the pipe stem with pipe tape.

For more information, log on to the Public Service Commission website at www.psc.state.wv.us and click on "Lower Your Water Bill." Fix a Leak Week is sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and WaterSense. Detailed instructions for finding and fixing leaks can be found at www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week.

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Deadline for submission of application is April 19, 2024.

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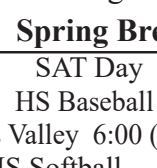
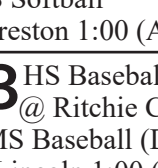
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 HS Baseball Paw Paw 4:00 (A) HS Softball East Hardy 6:00 (H)	2 HS Baseball (H) Musselman 4:00 MS Baseball Petersburg 5:30 (A) MS Softball 6:00 (H) Tygarts Valley HS Track @ Keyser	3 HS Softball Frankfort (DH) 5:00 (A) MS Softball Petersburg 6:00 (H) Spring Break	4 HS Baseball Elkins 5:00 (A) MS Baseball Elkins 7:30 (A) HS Softball 6:00 (A) Greenbrier West	5 MS Softball Eastern Greenbrier 5:00 (A) (DH)	6 HS Baseball @ Petersburg Legends Tourney TBA HS Softball (DH) Hampshire 11:00 (A) MS Baseball Philippi (DH) 1:00 (A) MS Softball Central Preston 1:00 (A)
7	8 Current Freshman Scheduling 4:00 - 6:00 Commons HS Softball Pocahontas County 6:00 (H)	9 HS Baseball Moorefield 6:00 (A) Track (A) Moorefield	10 SAT Day HS Baseball Tygarts Valley 6:00 (A) HS Softball Petersburg 6:00 (A) MS Baseball Tygarts Valley 6:00 (H)	11 Current 8 th Grade Scheduling 4:00 - 6:00 E. Regional Scholastic Contests HS Softball Richwood 6:00 (H) MS Softball Petersburg 6:00 (A)	12 Middle School Benchmarking #4 HS Baseball @ North Marion TBA HS Softball at Moorefield	13 HS Baseball TBA @ Ritchie County MS Baseball (DH) Lincoln 1:00 (H) MS Softball (DH) Barrackville 12:00 (H)
14	15 HS Softball Tygarts Valley 6:00 (A)	16 Fairmont State Tour HS Baseball Tucker County 5:00 (A) MS Baseball Petersburg 5:30 (H) MS Softball Tygarts Valley 6:00 (A)	17 HS Baseball Bath County 5:00 (A) MS Track @ Petersburg	18 Senior Graduation Walk HS Softball Moorefield 6:00 (H) HS Track @ Keyser	19 HS Baseball East Hardy 6:00 (H) MS Softball Philippi 6:00 (H)	20 HS Baseball South Harrison (DH) 1:00 (A) HS Softball 2:00 (A) Pocahontas County (DH) MS Baseball (DH) 2:00 Buckhannon-Upshur (H)
21 FFA Banquet	22 MS Baseball Elkins 4:00 (H) HS Baseball Elkins 6:30 (H) HS Softball (H) Tygarts Valley 6:00 Interim Reports	23 HS Track @ East Hardy	24 National Honor Society Blood Drive HS Softball Petersburg 6:00 (H) MS Baseball Petersburg 5:30 (A) MS Track @ Hampshire HS Track @ PVC	25 HS Baseball East Hardy 6:00 (A) HS Softball Tucker County 6:00 (H)	26 HS (H) Baseball Paw Paw 6:00 HS Softball (A) East Hardy 6:00 EARLY RELEASE	27 Upward Bound Graduation HS Baseball Moorefield 11:00 (H) MS Baseball (DH) Terra Alta - East Preston 1:00 (H) Prom Night
28	29	30 HS Baseball Pocahontas County 6:00 (H) MS Track @ Keyser		MS - Middle School HS - High School	Pendleton County Schools is an Equal Opportunity Provider	

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County Commission Approves Proclamation for National Library Week, County Clerk Seeks Poll Workers

By Stephen Smoot

On the last Pendleton County Commission meeting before Easter Sunday, commissioner Roger Dahmer opened the meeting with his customary invocation. "We thank You so much for the gift of Your Son Jesus Christ," he prayed. Boyd Lucas, vice president of the Friends of the Pendleton County Library, paid a visit to the commission with a proclamation in hand marking National Library Week. It read in part "libraries are treasured institutions that preserve our collective heritage and knowledge, safeguarding both physical and digital resources for the present and future generations."

Lucas then addressed the commission, saying, "I want to thank you all, not only for your support of the library, but also for the citizens of Pendleton County." He went on to say that he thanked them for their support "for educational and recreational resources, not just the main library, but the schools as well."

"No one is excluded," he noted. Dahmer thanked Lucas for coming. Amber Nesselrodt, executive director of the Pendleton County Convention

and Visitors Bureau, gave a report on the conclusion of Maple Days and other activities of the organization. She stated that "we had nice weather and a lot of foot traffic" for the second half of Maple Days. Nesselrodt also updated the commission on plans to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Franklin fire. Additionally, she shared that the West Virginia Department of Highways had erected stakes for the new county line welcome signs, that the new Adventure Guide was out, and that the CVB would soon produce a hunting and fishing guide.

Much of the discussion of the meeting, however, centered around a proposal from Elise White, Pendleton County clerk, to address discrepancies created when Pendleton 911 telecommunications went from eight- to 12-hour shifts.

Commissioners heard from White, as well as Rick Gillespie, Pendleton County Emergency services coordinator, and April Mallow in her service as county attorney. Under the current system, those working a 12-hour shift would get unduly penalized for taking a day off and unduly compensated when cashing in paid time off at retirement.

White and other officials' goal lay in making the policy fair for all county employees. Mallow stated that "I want to make sure that the language is clean, legally."

After discussion, the commission agreed to table the issue until the wording of the proposal is finalized.

Gillespie noted that "I've heard zero complaints. After they got used to it, they really liked it." Carl Hevener, Pendleton County Commission president, added that "they realized they had more time off."

Furthermore, as Diana Mitchell, Pendleton 911 director, explained, the longer break between work weeks helped the personnel deal better with the enormous stress of the job. Studies show that 12-hour shifts and longer breaks contribute to overall health.

Gillespie also reported that Stacy Bennett accepted the full-time position and that Pendleton 911 continues to review candidates for a part-time role.

White then stated that her office continues to look for potential poll workers for the May 14 primary election. Workers may earn \$200 for election day, plus \$50 for attending a training session.

Convention and Visitors Bureau Reviews Maple Days And Discusses Working with PCM/HS Travel Club

By Stephen Smoot

The area's earliest regular tourist event, Maple Days, concluded earlier this month. The Pendleton County Convention and Visitors Bureau board made the after action discussion an important topic in their regular March meeting, held a week afterwards.

One of the significant changes in 2024 over previous years lay in bringing attractions to the CVB office parking lot in Franklin. Deans Gap Farms and the Pendleton County Farmers Market set up shop in the lot. The CVB office remained open for those needing information.

Lindsay Kazarick reported that "we were set up at the CVB office. It was beautiful outside." She further explained that "we did things a little differently this year and I don't think we will do it that way again."

Annie Humes reported that approximately 300 people stopped by the office, many on the hunt for free samples.

Until 2024, the main event centered around McCoy's Mill. This attracted visitors, but also served as a jumping off point for seeking out producers who open their doors for the festival. This year, they pulled more into Franklin, but this

reduced somewhat the engagement with producers around the county.

"It was a good event for the producers," Kazarick noted. She also said, "It was not what we have historically seen." She explained that the ultimate goal lay in promoting the producers and getting visitors to their businesses.

"It wasn't bad, but it wasn't where we wanted it to be," she said, adding that next year, she wanted to see planning take place sooner. Kazarick also mentioned that Jedediah Smith and Back Roads of Appalachia had an interest in creating an event for motorsports that involved maple producers during the festival. The board also discussed deploying food trucks to producer locations.

Kazarick also mentioned that "the Korner Shop has been a phenomenal partner" over the years.

Furthermore, the group discussed involving the Travel Club at Pendleton County High School with events, such as potentially holding a buckwheat pancake and sausage breakfast. Other suggestions, some from the community at large, included holding a maple themed pageant, a scavenger hunt involving producers, and bringing back a 5K run to the area.

The travel club might also provide other opportunities for collaboration. Kazarick noted that "there's already some energy going on there."

Amber Nesselrodt, executive director of the CVB, noted that she had received the "draft outline from Alan Thomas of Pendleton Outdoors" for a hunting and fishing guide serving the county. She plans to have the final product available sometime in spring, or summer at the latest.

Next, Nesselrodt reported that Elizabeth Scott informed her that the Town of Franklin would take over the beautification project. Scott also told her that an anonymous, yet generous, donor will pick up the cost of the hanging baskets this year.

Finally, Nesselrodt reported progress with the West Virginia Department of Highways in terms of moving forward with new welcome signs at the county lines. She said that the department of highways put stakes up for the signs, but the CVB needs final approval from their engineer to move forward. The Mon Forest Towns organization offered support and may also add a kiosk in Franklin similar to that placed at Yokum's near Seneca Rocks.

Highland Bankshares Announces Year End Results

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. has announced results of operations for the year end 2023.

Highlands Bankshares, Inc., the parent company of The Grant County Bank and Capon Valley Bank, posted year ended 2023 earnings of \$3,557,000 or \$2.26 per share of common stock outstanding, compared to \$4,427,000 or \$3.31 EPS for the same period of 2022.

On Feb. 13, the board of directors declared a quarterly dividend to shareholders of \$0.42 per share. The dividend was payable to all shareholders of record as of Feb. 26 and was paid on or about March 1. Based upon the current market price and annualizing the dividends paid to shareholders this quarter, Highlands' current dividend yield is 4.48 percent.

Return on average assets decreased in 2023 to 0.65 percent, as compared to 0.84 percent in the same period of 2022. The return on average equity decreased to 6.41 percent at Dec. 31, 2023, as compared to 8.05 percent at Dec. 31, 2022.

Total assets, as of Dec. 31, 2023, increased \$20,741,000 to \$548,163,000 compared to Dec. 31, 2022. Total liabilities increased \$20,246,000 as of Dec. 31, 2023, to \$492,645,000 compared to Dec. 31, 2022, as a result of deposit growth.

Shareholders' Equity at Dec. 31, 2023, was \$55,518,000 or \$41.53 per outstanding share, compared to Dec. 31, 2022, of \$55,023,000 or \$41.16 per outstanding share.

Jack H. Walters, chairman and chief executive officer of the holding company, stated, "While 2023 presented a unique set of

challenges due to the rapid rise in interest rates and subsequent increase in interest expense paid on deposits, we are pleased with our performance during the year. Loan growth remained strong across all segments, providing a buffer against the aforementioned interest expense. This loan growth required additional provisions for loan losses during the year and while credit quality remains good, we continue to carefully monitor the performance of our portfolio as well as economic conditions. As in past years, our focus remains on supporting our communities, being an exemplary employer, and providing fair returns to our shareholders."

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

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Pendleton County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget) 2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year			
PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025			
Class	Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I			
Personal Property	\$ 0	14.30	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	0		\$ 0
Class II			
Real Estate	\$ 393,676,790	28.60	\$ 1,125,916
Personal Property	1,872,584		5,356
Total Class II	\$ 395,549,374		\$ 1,131,272
Class III			
Real Estate	\$ 86,087,570	57.20	\$ 492,421
Personal Property	70,446,566		402,954
Public Utility	140,780,997		805,267
Total Class III	\$ 297,315,133		\$ 1,700,642
Class IV			
Real Estate	\$ 12,144,860	57.20	\$ 69,469
Personal Property	6,582,597		37,652
Public Utility	2,389,146		13,666
Total Class IV	\$ 21,116,603		\$ 120,787
Total Value & Projected Revenue			\$ 2,952,701
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%	147,635
Less Tax Discounts		2.00%	56,101
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - see worksheet			0
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			2,748,965
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		2.00%	0
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			0
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			\$ 2,748,965

Pendleton County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget) 2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year	
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA County of: Pendleton, West Virginia	
In accordance with WV Code § 11-8-10, as amended, the Pendleton County Commission proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:	
General Fund	Estimated Revenues
Fund Balance	\$ 3,700,000
Property Taxes Current year	2,693,986
Prior Year Taxes	51,500
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication Fees	35,000
Property Transfer Tax	75,000
Gas and Oil Severance Tax	30,000
Wine & Liquor Tax	3,000
Hotel Occupancy Tax	125,000
Miscellaneous Permits	500
Federal Grants/Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes	375,000
State Grants	10,000
Sheriff's Service of Process	6,000
Sheriff's Earnings	150
County Clerk's Earnings	20,000
Circuit Clerk's Earnings	6,000
Accident Reports	150
Clerk Deed Fees	1,300
Franchise Agreement	5,000
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	35,000
Regional Jail Operations Partial Reimbursement	7,000
Interest Earned	100,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	8,500
Sheriff's Commission	15,000
Gaming Income	45,000
Filing Fees	4,000
Video Lottery	3,000
Refunds/Reimbursements (External Sources)	455,206
Dog & Kennel Reimbursement	700
General School Reimbursements	20,000
Payroll Reimbursements	789,970
Transfers Assessor's Valuation Fund	68,509
Total Estimated General Fund Revenues	\$ 8,685,471
Coal Severance Tax	Estimated Revenues
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 6,000
Coal Severance Tax	23,000
Refunds/Reimbursements	-
Total Coal Severance	\$ 29,000

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	General Fund	Coal Severance Tax Fund
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
County Commission	\$1,044,525	\$ -
County Clerk	337,294	-
Circuit Clerk	238,838	-
Sheriff-Treasurer	282,439	-
Prosecuting Attorney	236,202	-
Assessor	217,465	-
Assessor's Valuation Fund	68,509	-
Statewide Computer Network	16,000	-
Agricultural Agent	76,313	-
Elections-County Clerk	121,890	-
Circuit Court	7,000	-
Custodial	23,500	-
Insurance Program (Self Insured)	31,164	-
Courthouse	250,900	26,000
Other Buildings	123,660	3,000
Regional Development Authority	6,000	-
Economic Development	155,981	-
Federal Grants	25,000	-
State Grants	10,000	-
Contingencies - Not to Exceed 10% of Budget	319,669	-
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	3,592,349	29,000
PUBLIC SAFETY		
Sheriff-Law Enforcement	751,622	-
Sheriff-Service of Process	6,000	-
Regional Jail	181,000	-
Emergency Services	232,946	-
Communication Center	789,970	-
Fire Department	38,750	-
Ambulance Authority	88,750	-
Flood Control	10,000	-
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	2,099,038	-
HEALTH & SANITATION		
Local Health Department	35,000	-
Mental Health	500	-
Water	294,225	-
TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION	329,725	-
CULTURE & RECREATION		
Parks & Recreation	22,500	-
Community Center	1,551	-
Visitor's Bureau	62,500	-
Library	36,000	-
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	122,551	-
SOCIAL SERVICES		
Public Transit	5,000	-
TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES	5,000	-
CAPITAL PROJECTS		
General Government	2,536,808	-
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	2,536,808	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 8,685,471	\$ 29,000

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF T.G.A.

Case No. 24-A-9

TO: ANY INTERESTED PERSON(S):

The purpose of this notice is relative to the

Proposals will be

PENDLETON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES
REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY
2024 - 2025

The following is a true copy from the record of orders entered by PENDLETON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION on the 19th day of March, 2024.

Charles F. Hedrick
Secretary of the Board of Education

Current Year Class I	Column E Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Personal Property	\$	19.40	\$
Public Utility	\$		\$
Total Class I	\$		\$
Class II			
Real Estate	\$ 393,676,790	38.80	\$ 1,527,466
Personal Property	1,872,584		7,266
Total Class II	\$ 395,549,374		\$ 1,534,732
Class III			
Real Estate	\$ 86,087,570	77.60	\$ 668,040
Personal Property	70,446,566		546,665
Public Utility	140,780,997		1,092,461
Total Class III	\$ 297,315,133		\$ 2,307,166
Class IV			
Real Estate	\$ 12,144,860	77.60	\$ 94,244
Personal Property	6,582,597		51,081
Public Utility	2,389,146		18,540
Total Class IV	\$ 21,116,603		\$ 163,865
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 713,981,110		\$ 4,005,763
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectibles Taxes		5.00%	200,288
Less Tax Discounts		2.00%	76,110
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			3,729,365
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		2.00%	74,587
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes For Budget Purposes			\$ 3,654,778

Adoption of the above referenced minor child, namely, T.G.A. (DOB: June 21, 2023, age 9 months).

Any interested persons may appear before the Circuit Court of Pendleton County, West Virginia, to protect their interest(s) in said Adoption when this matter is heard before the Honorable C. Carter Williams, in the Circuit Court of Pendleton County, West Virginia, on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 10:15 a.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the Pendleton County Courthouse, located in Franklin, Pendleton County, West Virginia at 100 S. Main Street, Franklin, WV 26807.

Any interested person(s) may also serve upon the Petitioner's attorney, namely, Nathan H. Walters, Esquire, at his office address of P.O. Box 119/204 N. Elm Street, Moorefield, WV 26836, any Answer(s) you may have in the above referenced matter.

If you fail to so appear, any interest you may have, shall be forfeited.

Entered by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pendleton County, West Virginia, on this the 13th day of March, 2024.

Shalee Wilburn
Pendleton County
West Virginia
Circuit Clerk
3-28-2c

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Division of Highways
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REMARKS:

Proposals will be

WVDNR Announces Big Game Bulletin Is Available Online

West Virginia's Big Game Bulletin, Harvest numbers for other big game which includes harvest numbers for species and seasons have remained white-tailed deer, wild turkey, black bear and wild boar for 2023, is now available to the public, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources has announced.

"The Big Game Bulletin is a helpful tool that gives hunters an overview of harvest numbers and trends," said Brett McMillion, WVDNR director. "These harvest numbers also help our biologists monitor big game populations and recommend any needed changes in bag limits or season lengths so we can continue to sustain healthy populations of these important species."

According to data in the report, buck season harvests have increased during the last five years. Wild boar harvest during the last six years have rivaled in the high-harvest years in the 1990s.

Wildlife Restoration,

received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must submit electronically with their bid a Proposal Guaranty Bond for \$500.00 or 5% of total bid, whichever is greater.

The Landfill is owned and operated by the Authority, and the Landfill operates under authority of Solid Waste Facility Permit No. SWF 2001/WV0109436, which was issued by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection.

The proposed increased rates and charges will produce approximately \$156,278 annually in additional revenue, an increase of 17.44%. The purpose of the Authority's rate case filing is to increase rates and charges for increased operation and maintenance costs relating to the Landfill's compliant and continued operations. The proposed increased rates and charges will not become effective until approved by the Commission. The Authority's current and proposed rates, on a per ton basis, are as follows:

	Current	Proposed	(\$) Increase	(%) Increase
RATES (Green Box Sites)				
Residential Assessment	\$115.00	\$115.00	\$0	0%
RATES (Landfill)				
General Public	\$64.00	\$86.25	\$22.25	34.77%
Commercial Haulers	\$64.00	\$86.25	\$22.25	34.77%
TIRE FEES				
General Public	\$100.00	\$275.00	\$175.00	175.00%
Commercial Haulers	\$100.00	\$275.00	\$175.00	175.00%
WHITE GOODS FEE*				
General Public	\$0.00	\$77.50	new	new
Commercial Haulers	\$0.00	\$77.50	new	new

*The White Goods Fee is a new fee the Authority is proposing.

Both the present and proposed rates referenced above are exclusive of any legislatively mandated or authorized per-ton assessment fees and any other per-ton assessment fees due to any governmental entity.

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The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within thirty days, unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases and to participate in future proceedings. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions may be mailed and be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or hand delivered. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed or hand delivered to the Executive Secretary at the address above.

A complete copy of this tariff, as well as a representative of the Authority to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at any of the following offices of the Authority: 900-H Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. 3-21-2c

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PGH Teaches Students

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isolating the agents in marijuana that is an important “psychoactive and mind-altering compound, the part that causes you to trip.”

She added that it sometimes “causes psychotic breaks and paranoid delusions.”

“That’s scary thinking you are just smoking weed and you go on a trip,” Perez noted. “I don’t think people know what they are smoking.”

Perez illustrates with visual aids how the drug affects each part of the brain from the cerebral cortex to the medulla.

Vaping also presents a danger to those who smoke it. Perez states that she wants “to make sure they understand it’s not better than cigarettes,” and in fact, vaping carries many of the same dangers, if not more.

She added that although alcohol consumption among young people has fallen since 2018, that drunk driving remains the number one killer of young people.

Overall, she emphasized that these and other drugs create special problems for young people, explaining that the human brain does not stop forming until a person has reached their 20s. All drugs cause some kind of damage to the brain.

Although the brain in many cases, but not all, can heal itself, Perez says, “The damage takes years and years to repair.”

Perez reported that those who earned prizes included McKenzie Vandevander, Isabella Jameson, Salou Sawyers, Jaiden Mitts, and Aubree Keiter.

Pendleton County Board of Education Considers Expanding Hours Needed to Graduate

By Stephen Smoot

“We ask that You would bless us tonight,” prayed J. D. Wilkins, school board president, as he issued the invocation to open the body’s regular meeting last week.

First, the board heard from the Pendleton County High School leadership team, represented by Jeremy Eye and Ali Judy. They gave a presentation on the value of requiring additional credits for students to graduate.

Currently, as Eye explained, “The students need 22 hours to graduate from high school.” Diligent students who take every required course can finish up credits needed to graduate by the end of their junior year. Many then take easy electives or work as teacher aides their senior year, while others take minimal morning classes and work jobs the rest of the day.

A new state mandate for a personal finance credit will raise the required credits up to 23, but that remains the minimum requirement in the state. Only 11 schools require the minimum currently.

Eye and Judy proposed that “we increase that to 24 hours with the eighth-grade class starting now.” In

other words, the requirement would begin first with those rising from eighth to ninth grade this year.

“One of the great things I love about this county is its commitment to academics,” said Eye, a Hardy County native. He shared that he brags on Pendleton’s commitment to his former friends and colleagues across the county line. “I brag and brag. Literally academics is our job, but I don’t think we’re challenging our kids enough,” Eye commented.

He added that it should not be a problem for students taking career and technical education classes at the South Branch Career and Technical Center, because even some of the least academically motivated, as Eye put it, carried 24 or 25 credits at least upon graduating.

Sonny O’Neil, board member, expressed that even the new proposed requirements won’t always keep students from spending a lot of time outside of class their senior year, and added that the county still needs to see “what we can do to keep them involved.”

Judy added that class capacity would not be a problem since many Pendleton County High School courses had small student numbers. She added that “we can sell our courses a little bit better too.”

Next came the finance presentation, given by J. P. Mowery. After an explanation of the levy rates, the board approved what had been presented by the state. Mowery then presented a memorandum of understanding for approval. The MOU set the guidelines for SP Photography to be the official photographers for Pendleton County Middle/High School. Part of the MOU specified that photography work would not interfere with academic activities.

Travis Heavner then gave the facilities report, starting with notifying the board that the new lettering would soon grace the exterior walls of the Harold Michael Community Building in Circleville. He also had held discussions with a company in Richmond, Virginia, to repair the stage curtains at North Fork Elementary School.

He then shared that they would soon permanently repair the pedestrian ramp to the Brandywine Elementary School music building and power wash the facade at Franklin Elementary.

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