

# Update on Sandhill Communities Book



1929 picture of the students of the Lower Bend School

Left to right, front row: Billy Brown, Burley Leonard "Buck" Lainhart, Jr., Edith Geneva Young, A.W. "Jack" Young, Clarence Edward Edge, Ova Lou Edge, Catherine Richardson, Flossie Irene Lainhart, ? Richardson, Mildred Wilcox, Francis Witt, Norma Richardson (cut off). Second row: Wilburn "Jiggs" Wilcox, Delbert Richardson, Simp Alcorn, Virgil Tuttle, Harry Edge, Almond Tuttle, Clay Witt, Randolph Elliott, Ray Edge. Third row: Tracy Witt, Lois Richardson, Thelma Brown, Virgie Tuttle, Mary Lee Tuttle, Elbridge Tuttle. Fourth row: Blondena Fielder, Ella Mae King, Grace Alcorn, Luther Witt. Fifth row: Hazel Tuttle, Virginia Wilcox, Bessie Lainhart. Back row: Hyman Richardson, teacher.

by Jerry Eltzroth

Vince Shockney, of New Paris, Ohio, helped with many details of my recent story about Fairce Connor, the Army Air Corps veteran killed in WWII. Fairce was Vince's great uncle. I mentioned to him that Jerry Rose and I had written a book about the Sand Hill community and that Fairce was listed as a veteran in the Sand Hill Christian Church Cemetery section. Although Fairce is not actually buried there, he has a military plaque in a row where several of his siblings are buried. Vince purchased two sets of the 3-volume Sand Hill book.

Vince had this to say about the book, "My mother and her siblings have started going through the books. Our e-mails up to now have been about Mom's father's family, the Conners. On page 5-2 of Volume 1 of the book is a picture of Lower Bend students from 1932. It has Mom's mother and some of her siblings and step-siblings. Bessie Lainhart was mom's mother and the unknown Lainharts in the front row are our people. They were living in The Forks in the 1930s. We're 90% sure about the identity of those kids. We're a little late, but wanted to pass on the information in case there is a second printing.

The students in bold face type are the children of Burley Leonard Lainhart (1890-1958) and Mary Lou Perry (1896-1925), as well as Ambrose Young (1893-1925) and Fannie Allen Perry (1903-1975). Burley married Fannie Allen (Per-

ry) Young after Mary Lou's passing. I e-mailed Vince with this response, "That is great additional info about the students. I will update my book and pass it along to others and the Historical Society, who has a computer copy of the book. Your mother and family must have been thrilled to see the picture."

Vince answered with this comment, "Thrilled may be an understatement. It's causing spontaneous mini-reunions. This particular picture resulted in a meeting with the widow and his children of one of those students. Nell (Clem) Young still lives in the Richmond, Indiana area and was married to A.W. "Jack" Young. None of them had ever seen the picture. People are now opening old shoe boxes and sharing pictures that have spent years in closets and basements."

After sharing the above information with my co-author, Jerry Rose, he sent me this response, "Jerry, you may wish to advise Vince Shockney that the caption for the picture in the Sand Hill book was taken from the Estill County Schools book. It gave the names and indicated that it was made 'about 1932'. I used that caption in the book. However, the picture I used in the book is from another source, the same picture but much better quality. Unfortunately, I used the 1932 date from the other book. It may be in error.

"However, yesterday I found the original (good) copy as being one of my mother's pictures. I used it in

the Sand Hill book rather than the Estill County Schools book picture, which has a black tear all across the picture. The only thing on the back of my mother's picture is 'Lower Bend School, 1929, Hyman Richardson teacher.' So, this date may be closer and more accurate than the 'about 1932' in the Estill County Schools book. If Mr. Shockney is trying to date some of the students, the three years gap may be significant. He may wish to use 1929 and it might make more sense when comparing age and size of the Lainhart students."

Billy Brown, the first boy in the front row of the picture, was born in 1920. Billy appears to be more of the age 8 or 9 than 11 or 12. I believe 1929 is the proper date for this picture.

There have been a few minor boo-boo's brought to our attention about the book, and we will update the electronic master copy in the ECH&GS computer as they are verified. One error brought to our attention is that the Larry Pugh on our acknowledgement page should have been Larry Noland. We have had many, many good comments about the book.

The Sand Hill book can be purchased at the Estill County Historical & Genealogical Society at 133 Broadway, Irvine. They are open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.—wear your mask. Sales of the book have been brisk and the Society had to recently order more books.



Labor Day weekend is here, well almost. I remember as a kid, that was really a big time, a time when the miners from my hometown would load up and head to the Daniel Boone National Forest for a few days of fun and hunting and fishing. Those days are gone, the last trip by the gang from Letcher County, happened in 1999. I guess nothing stays the same. I am planning on taking a trip to hunt there next weekend, just for old time sake.

Now to answer a question that was brought to light, by Tracy Patrick, the editor of this paper. He asked, 'is Snipe Hunting, hunting?' I have learned over the years, snipe hunting is only hunting if you are hunting a way to get into trouble.

Case in point. Living in the mountains of eastern Kentucky, we always found things to keep us busy, if it was ground hog hunting or taking visitors from the big cities that came to visit in the summer, "Snipe Hunting". The end result was always the same, mostly, we would get in trouble for leaving someone in the mountains and a big laugh on our part, or it would backfire, as is this case in point.

A girl friend of ours lived in New Jersey, and every summer, she came in for the summer to visit us and her grandparents. Her name was Marla and was as much a 'tom boy' as us guys. Marla, was probably 15 years old, one summer when she came in. After a day of swimming and just hanging, my friends and myself asked her if she would like to go snipe hunting that night. She jumped at the offer in a heart beat. Now my friend, Junior Puckett, said, 'oh no, count me out. We always get into trouble doing that.'

So Marla, along with Roger Dorton, Hootie Lee, and myself, headed into the mountains just a tidbit after dark. We each had an old miners carbide lamp. We took Marla to the place we wanted to find her, told her to sit down and we would go find a snipe to run by her. She never questioned us. We disappeared into the woods, just to meet up on the other side of the ridge, heading for home.

When we arrived at my house, I knew something was wrong, our porch light was on. Mom never turned it on unless she was looking for me. Roger, Hootie, and me walked into my house; there sit Marla with a grin on her face, from ear to ear. "Thought you had me," she asked. 'I know all about snipe hunting; just because I am from New Jersey, that doesn't mean I am stupid.' She said, 'as soon as your lights disappeared, I came back down the trail we went up.' It took longer for us to get back, because we had to take a wider path, so as not to be seen.

Mom, called my friends' mothers and told them what we had done, again; even poor ole Junior's mother, although he wasn't involved. We all got the same punishment, 2 weeks in the yard, no fishing, no baseball, no swimming, no nothing. Even Junior was in the same boat as we was. So Tracy, if you are hunting for something to get you in trouble, "Snipe Hunting" is the way to go.

You can email Steve Brewer at <Steve@EstillTribune.com> and message is forwarded.

## Jason Crowe is elected angus delegate to 137th annual meeting

Jason Crowe, Irvine, Kentucky, has been elected as a delegate to the 137th American Angus Association® Convention of Delegates, set to be held Nov. 9 at the Kansas City Convention Center in Kansas City, Mo., reports Mark McCully, CEO of the American Angus Association.

Crowe, a member of the American Angus Association with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Missouri, is one of 301 Angus breeders who have been elected by fellow members in their state to serve as a representative at the annual meeting. Representing the United States and Canada, the delegates will participate in the business meeting and elect new officers and five directors to the

American Angus Association board.

This year's event has been modified from the traditional Angus Convention format. Considering the current gathering restrictions created by COVID-19, modifications were necessary to balance the health of attendees and the need to conduct the business of the Association.

The Annual Meeting will provide a modified line up of high-quality education, without compromising the safety and security of those in attendance. Socially-distanced educational sessions and an awards dinner and fundraiser will be hosted on Sunday, along with industry updates from thought-leaders and Association staff.

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the United States, Canada and several other countries. For more information about Angus cattle, visit [www.ANGUS.org](http://www.ANGUS.org).

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