



Wednesday, January 5, 2022

## Missing in the Spruce Knob area since March

# Remains found believed to be of Moorefield resident Cassie Sheetz

On Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021, Sergeant A.D. Teter was led to human skeletal remains, located deep in the National Forest, in the northern Seneca Creek area, of the Monongahela National Forest.

The remains were discovered by hunters and were undisturbed.

Based on items located at the scene, it is believed the skeletal remains are those of Cassie R. Sheetz, who was reported missing on March 11, 2021, from the Spruce Knob area.

The remains have been sent to the West Virginia Chief Medical Examiner's Office for positive identification.

This information comes from the West Virginia State Police Franklin, W.Va., detachment under the direction of Sergeant A.D. Teter.

# Death toll rises to 42 as four more die from COVID-19

By Milda M. Mullins  
Moorefield Examiner

Four more community members have died from COVID-19 since the last update, which brings the death toll to 42 individuals perishing from the virus.

The latest four were an 86 year old male, a 77 year old woman, and, as of Monday, Jan. 3, an 87 year old male and a 70 year old male.

"It's out of this world," said Hardy County Health Department Administrator Bill Ours, noting the spread and cases of COVID-19 that continue to rise.

"This is not Omicron (variant) yet – this is Delta and we are hitting a crisis mode with Delta and the flu. I have a friend who's dad is in the hospital and needs to be transferred and they can't find a hospital within 200 miles."

Ours said the Health Department is observing the Center for Disease Control's new guidelines:

• Fully vaccinated individuals, including those with a booster shot, who were exposed:

• No quarantine is required unless symptoms develop.

• It is recommended to get tested 5 days after exposure.

• It is recommended to wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days.

• It is recommended to get tested and stay home in quarantine if symptoms develop.

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, who test positive for COVID-19:

• Individuals are instructed to self isolate for 5 days.

• Individuals may end isolation after day 5 if they are asymptomatic or if symptoms are improving.

• It is recommended to wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days.

Ours said it is still important for residents to follow precautions, including wearing a mask.

"We basically eliminated the flu last year because most people were wearing a mask," he said.

"We're headed for some tough times, not only in Hardy County, but in the state of West Virginia. Kids go back to school Wednesday, they're coming off of Christmas and New Year's gatherings. People are going back to

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# Hawks, Shockey, Shears, Judy plead guilty in Circuit Court

By Jean A. Flanagan  
Special to Examiner

Dalton Shears, 19, of Moorefield was prepared to plead guilty to two felony counts of displaying obscene material to a minor in Hardy County Circuit Court on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021. Judge H. Charles Carl III presided.

According to the plea agreement, Shears' plea would be held in abeyance while he spent three years on probation supervision - a form of deferred adjudication. If he completed the terms of the deferred adjudication, his guilty plea would be modified to two misdemeanor counts of making obscene telephone calls.

The penalty for the felony charges are up to five years in prison, a \$25,000 fine or both for each count. The penalty for the misdemeanor charges are \$100 fine for each count.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for you," Carl said. "But if you don't complete the terms of the agreement, I will accept your plea for the felony charges."

According to charging documents, Hardy County Sheriff's Department was contacted by a counselor at Moorefield Middle School. A 14-year-old student had received vulgar text messages from Shears. Following his arrest, Shears admitted he sent the messages.

A special term of his deferred adjudication is that he have no contact with the victim or any other minors, male or female. "He has contacted juveniles from the jail, your honor,

both males and females," Hardy County Assistant Prosecutor H. Orrin Staggers III told the court.

Judge Carl questioned Shears extensively as to whether he could abide by the terms of his supervision. "He's agreed with that," Shears' attorney Brian Vance said.

When the question of whether Shears would have to register as a sex offender, the plea agreement fell apart. "He would have to register as a sex offender," Staggers said.

"We do not wish to continue under those circumstances," Vance countered. "He's 19 years old and sent two stupid texts."

Judge Carl continued the case to Monday, Jan. 10.

Brittany E. Shockey, 30, of Moorefield, pleaded guilty to one count of possession with intent to deliver a Schedule II controlled substance, methamphetamine. The penalty is not less than one year and not more than five years, a \$25,000 fine or both.

According to charging documents, Moorefield Police responded to a call of a disabled vehicle. Shockey had been driving on a suspended license.

She also had a prior conviction of driving on a suspended license. After she was taken into custody, the methamphetamine was discovered. Shockey admitted she was going to sell it.

According to her attorney, Jonie Nelson, Shockey was being evaluated by the South Branch Valley Drug Court.

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# Board of Education discusses zero tolerance policy regarding threats and violence

By Milda M. Mullins  
Moorefield Examiner

The Board of Education discussed development for a zero tolerance policy regarding threats to students, faculty, and staff at their last board meeting on Monday, Dec. 20.

The discussion followed an alert made to Hardy County Schools when a student shared a threatening video on the social media video app TikTok, which has reportedly seen a trend in similar videos on the platform.

According to Hardy County Schools Superintendent Sheena Van Meter, the threat was found by "a parent" who reported the video to 911. Emergency Personnel then notified the school system.

The threat appeared to be directed at East Hardy High School.

"Students were sent to East Hardy Early Middle School and then once it was cleared, students went back to school at East Hardy High School," said Van Meter. "No threat was found."

The incident however raised concerns over threats to students and staff across the county.

Van Meter said the topic was also raised at a recent regional superintendents meeting she attended.

"I don't know if it makes you feel better or worse, but they're having the same problem, spouting out at the mouth – younger kids and worse behavior," she noted.

"There are kids as young as kindergarten who have said things like that."

She continued, "I feel comfortable letting folks know we have zero tolerance. You have to come sit before this board and answer for it, even if it is a kindergarten kid."

Board members Nancy Hahn and Dixie Bean agreed, with fel-

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# Wrestling Camp



Photo by Carl Holcomb

Former Moorefield Wrestling two-time state champion Isaac Van Meter hosted a wrestling camp at the high school this past Sunday. Van Meter showed a young participant what it feels like to be a champion when raising his hand. The grapplers had fun learning techniques: Jonah George, Dexter Teets, Garrett Van Meter, Owen Rotruck, Logan Rotruck, Uriah Swick, Michael Van Meter, Ezekiel Sanchez, Ty Clayton, Aiden Jones, Braeden Ault, Matthew Delawder and Layne Spitzer. Van Meter had assistance from former teammates Matthew Wright, Vincent Cyrus and Madalynn Clayton.

# Weimer Automotive hosts Christmas event for youth in foster care

By Milda M. Mullins  
Moorefield Examiner

Closing out the holiday season, Weimer Ford in Moorefield hosted a special dinner with Santa for youth in foster care associated with the Potomac Center.

Weimer hosted foster children and their parents to a catered dinner at the dealership that included a live radio remote broadcast from Chip Combs with WELD and Santa played by Chris Whetzel, the sales manager at Weimer Ford.

"It really worked out well with the kids, oh my gosh, it was amazing and the foster parents expressed a lot of thanks," said Whetzel.

"Most foster parents are taking on extra kids. They already have kids so it's kind of a stress at Christmas-time to make sure each kid is taken care of so we kind of helped solve

that as well."

There were 36 kids sponsored and 28 in attendance according to Whetzel. The sponsored youth participated in an angel tree and employees and community members sponsored the children.

"All of our employees grabbed a name and we invited the community – the whole tree was gone. We had people stopping in wanting to adopt a kid and we didn't have anymore. There were about 10-11 gifts for every kid."

Whetzel explained that Weimer employees "pulled out the red carpet" to celebrate with the children and one of the night's defining moments "made it all worthwhile," he said.

"This little girl was at the ripe age when the belief in Santa is in full tilt. When I walked out in the Santa outfit, she had yelled 'Santa!' but the noise from the kids other – I kind of

just walked on passed and didn't see her. She hung her head and her lip quivered because she thought Santa passed by her," said Whetzel.

"One of my employees, Troy, yelled 'hey, Santa, turn around!' and when I turned around, the little girl looked up and came running toward me and I picked her up and she hugged me so tight and said 'I love you, Santa.'"

He continued, "that was the moment; that was the defining moment of the night when that little girl did that. All the effort we put in. all the expense, everything was worth it at that moment to see that little girl and all the joy."

Whetzel said the company hopes to continue the event next year and possibly build onto it more. Anyone interested in giving ideas or becoming involved can call Whetzel at his office at 304-530-6566.

# Pre-K Registration will begin at the end of January

Hardy County Pre-Kindergarten registration for children who will be four years old before July 1, 2022 will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 27, and Thursday, Feb. 17.

Moorefield area school students will report to the Moorefield Early Learning Center, the Head Start building on 112 Bean's Lane in Moorefield and the Baker, Wardensville, and Mathias area school students will report to East Hardy Early Middle School on the aforementioned days.

Participating community mem-

bers should bring the following: legal state-issued birth certificate, up to date immunization records, social security card, verification of income, health insurance information, and the most recent well-check (medical) and dental records.

Registration is also available online. Complete the enrollment form on the hardycountyschools.com website by February 25, 2022 or obtain a paper copy at the Hardy County Board of Education Office. Please call 304-530-5511 for an appointment.

# Address confirmation cards going to some W.Va. voters

West Virginia election officials will mail postcards to nearly 170,000 registered voters to confirm their address.

Secretary of State Mac Warner said voters can respond by scanning the QR code on the postcard, online at ovr.sos.wv.gov or by mailing the postage-paid card to their county clerk.

The cards are going to registered voters who have changed addresses with the Division of Motor Vehicles or post office or who have not voted or updated their voter registration in the past four years.

Voters will remain "active" if their postcards are returned. Those whose cards are not returned or are returned "undeliverable" will be categorized as "inactive." They can still vote in the next two federal election cycles, but if the address remains unconfirmed and the voter does not vote in a state or local election, the registration may be canceled, Warner's office said.

Election officials will mail postcards to the 169,417 voters identified after the November 2020 General Election, Warner said.

# DHHR Warns of Spam Messages Regarding COVID Vaccine Status

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) has received reports of individuals receiving spam text messages asking them to validate their driver's license through the state's Division of Motor Vehicles in partnership with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

No such message has been generated by DHHR and should be immediately deleted. Do not click on the link provided in the text message.

The spam text message reads: "West Virginia COVID-19 Vaccine Driver License Waiver Validation. Validate your details below" (with a clickable link). It then states, "Department of Health 1 State of West Virginia. Text 'STOP' to stop msg."

An additional spam message reads: "The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in partnership with the West Virginia State DMV requires an immediate validation of your COVID-19 status. This is a waiver validation update and a compulsory one-time validation for all West Virginia residents."

DHHR will never ask for personal information via text message.

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## OPINION

From other editors' desks . . .

## Manchin isn't the main problem

West Virginia's senator is once again a lightning rod for criticism on the fate of a massive infrastructure package being considered by the U. S. Congress.

Joe Manchin said Monday (Dec. 20) he won't vote for the \$2 trillion bill which includes funding for a huge list of things. The bill would pay for many, many programs . . . environmental efforts to curb the warming of the planet, childcare subsidies, voting rights mechanisms and many social programs that would benefit West Virginians.

Joe is taking lots of hits for holding up the bill and getting some praise for halting such big government spending.

But we haven't heard anyone ask why such an important bill — one so important to America — hinges on one vote? Why doesn't it have wide enough support to move through the vote on its own steam?

Joe Manchin continues to serve up a uniquely West Virginia perspective on national issues, which is an aggravation to party politics at that level. He is a political heir to Robert Byrd's belief in working across party lines to get things done. Perhaps the time for that has passed, but most West Virginians still believe in that, too.

Many folks here understand why Joe doesn't want America to hurl itself into massive spending at this moment in history, even if many of those dollars will land here.

Instead of putting so much focus on Senator Manchin's stance, Democrats and the White House should be asking how they can make their signature piece of legislation easier to vote for.

~ The Morgan Messenger

## MY UNBASED OPINION

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN

2021 is gone, thank goodness. If I had power to make changes in America in 2022 and future years, I'd begin with the following suggestion near top of my list.

Smaller Bills. Somehow we need to limit size and complexity of the bills passed through congress which become laws of the land. These monstrosities Congress produces now are impossible to read, absorb, contemplate and argue in time allotted for passage or failure.

I think of Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi's now famous declaration during President Obama's administration, when she said "Congress [has] to pass the bill so you can find out what's in it, away from the fog of controversy." The bill in question was known as Obamacare.

I think of Senator Joe Manchin of West Virginia who said in December, 2021 "If I can't go back home and explain it, I can't vote for it." Despite my best efforts, I cannot explain the sweeping Build Back Better Act in West Virginia and I cannot vote to move forward on this mammoth piece of legislation." I'm on Senator Manchin's side of that argument.

President Biden's Build Back Better (BBB) legislation is so large and so complex with multiple unrelated parts crammed together in one package that reasonable explanations and arguments are impossible. It's done so that most onerous expenditures will be hidden behind more desirable parts and passed by default in the shadows of those more popular programs.

Pull BBB apart, let each individual program stand alone and be considered on its own merit. Pass those that stand full test and let disfavored pieces fall by the wayside. That way we will end up with simple, understandable laws more easily interpreted, enforced and paid for.

Sometime in the past week or

two, I got mail from the government. Phoebe saw it and announced it contained information on Social Security payments I receive. Don't remember if it was money I had received or money I would receive, but I told her to open it up and see how rich I was or was going to be. She read a number which seemed awful close to result of another calculation I'd made recently.

Federal Minimum Wage is \$7.25 per hour. \$7.25 multiplied by 40 hours per week equals \$290.00 per week. \$290.00 per week multiplied by 52 weeks per year equals \$15,080.00 per year. \$15,080.00 per year divided by 12 months in the year equals \$1,256.67 per month and that is awful close to amount that notice said I'd receive for Social Security payments.

Most folks seem to agree that 2021 was a funky mess and now that it is gone, some things need to be changed. How about if we just introduce a simple bill in congress that says Minimum Wage must equal Minimum Social Security payment? Link the two so that if one changes, both change.

Using same calculation path I used above for \$15.00 per hour as proposed for Minimum Wage by largely liberal factions, the end result would come out to \$2,600.00 per month for Social Security. WOW!

Maybe government has taken a closer look at me than I thought. Maybe they've seen my records, found I'm an ancient physical wreck capable, at best, of about the same as a wet behind the ears kid just starting out on a burger flipping crew. Maybe they think that kid and I are worth about the same to society, so they will compensate us accordingly.

I thought all the sweat I'd flicked off my forehead over my nearly 70 year working life would amount to more than that.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

In last week's paper I was so disappointed and disheartened to read a quote from a board member, and a member of our community bash our local, volunteers from the rescue squad. The article quoted the member as stating that compared to the ambulance crew from HCEAA, our members (Wardensville Volunteer Rescue Squad) looked "unprofessional" and "like they had just left mowing the yard and decided to take the call". Understand, I have someone (multiple "someones") on both crews whom I love. And both will (and HAVE) dropped everything to help someone who's hurt, lost, passed away, etc. Uniforms vs no uniforms was mentioned as lending to their professionalism (or lack thereof). Keep in mind, HCEAA members are paid and remain in the station or close by awaiting calls. Volunteers do not. They do leave from mowing the yard. They leave from Christmas with their families. They leave from anniversaries with spouses. Their children's events. They leave from their nice warm bed in the middle of the night and go to work the next day on minimum hours of sleep. So yeah, they do leave right from "mowing the yard" and they don't take the time to clean up or don a uniform. And be glad they do. Do you want them to stop and shower and put on clean clothes if you or your loved one is in a dire emergency? I don't. Come dirty! Cut

grass and all! Come from the yard, the barn, the mechanic's pit, wherever!! Just come! Make no mistake, all of Hardy county has stellar crews whom I would trust with myself or my loved ones. Both have crews who put in countless hours of (expensive and difficult) training (again out of their own time) to make sure they offer the best level of service. At a time when volunteerism is down, and we are trying to get more people to help out, I just think this was crass and disrespectful. In a word... "unprofessional."

Jennifer Walker  
Wardensville

Editor:

I don't usually share views on anything political; however, I am making an exception following this week's events. My husband Elwood and I are showing our public support for Senator Joe Manchin's decision to vote "No" for BBB. Senator Manchin, we are so pleased that you have exhibited qualities of some Mountaineers. Just as the mountains give us beauty, they also give us strength, determination, unwavering confidence, and protection. Thank you for persevering the ridicule, harassing, and demonizing you have received from "paid harassers," Democratic Senators and Representatives, and The White House. You are the embodiment of the true Mountaineer Spirit and the determination of West

Virginia's people. Only the illiterate and misinformed would have ever perceived you as weak and someone who could be taunted into caving. Thank you again for standing true to yourself and for West Virginia and The United States of America.

EVERYDAY is a good day to be a Mountaineer!

Yvonne and Elwood Williams  
Moorefield

Dear Editor

The first I heard of the Short Mountain Wind Project plans was when I received a post card in November 2021. I got on the website www.shortmountainwind.com and downloaded the map of the proposed project site for 19 wind turbines on Short Mountain in Baker, WV. The parent company is Invenery and its subsidiary is Short Mountain Wind Energy LLC.

Initially Invenery Wind Development LLC proposed 38 General Electric 3.2-mw wind turbines with a proposed in-service date of December 31, 2018. The company proposed a wind facility located approximately one mile from the existing 138-KV Baker Substation in Hardy County, West Virginia. The initial proposed project would interconnect with the Potomac Edison transmission system through direct injection into the Baker Substation. That initial project never got off the ground. On January 9, 2013, Invenery

entered into a wind lease and easement agreement with a landowner on top of Short Mountain. On September 15, 2020, Short Mountain Wind Energy Holdings LLC applied to the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office to operate in West Virginia. By the summer of 2021 Invenery had secured agreements (either lease, easements, or both) from the landowners where the proposed wind turbine site is located. In November and December 2021 Invenery representative Josh Hreha, Senior Development Manager, appeared at the Hardy County Commissioners meeting. Josh Hreha can be reached at jhreha@invenery.com or 773.808.2145.

The wind turbine proposed site is zoned residential. The parcel boundaries that share a common border with the proposed site are zoned residential (homes, developments) and some are active farms. Initially Invenery proposed to apply for rezoning from "Residential" to "Industrial." At the December 2021 Hardy County Commission meeting they said they were going to apply for rezoning from "Residential" to "Agriculture." What ever they decide to do regarding the application to change the zoning there will be numerous public hearings.

Meanwhile, Short Mountain Wind Energy, LLC (a subsidiary of Invenery) filed a notice of intent to file an application for a siting certificate

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## GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES

Fifteen Years Ago  
January 3, 2007

Residents of Ashton Woods appeared before the County Commission to ask that they join in requesting that the 500,000 volt power line crossing Hardy County be rerouted or stopped. Allegheny Power did not consider the historic, scenic, home and business locations that would be affected by the electric line running from Pennsylvania to Loudoun County.

The Board of Education named Patrick McGregor as interim principal at Moorefield Middle School.

Assessor Jim Wratchford told the County Commission that the state had found deficiencies in the mapping program used by his office.

Wallace Gochenour Sherman, 82, died Dec. 18...Brenda Agnes Clauze, 56, Burlington, died Dec. 17...Lucille Peyton Lake, 75, Hagerstown, died Dec. 19...Laura Gibson Dasher, 91, South Fork, died Dec. 19...Doris Cooper Dodson, 78, Elizabeth City, NC, died Dec. 22...Kenneth Denver Coffman, 70, Charles Town, died Dec. 15...Leicester Brooks Bishop, Jr., 49, Fisher, died Dec. 23...Arthur John Valotto, 79, died Dec. 22. He and his wife owned and operated McMechen House Inn Bed and Breakfast...Jennings Bryan Fltecher, 81, Winchester, died Jan. 24.

Janelle Lucinda Murray and Justin W. Whetzel were married in November.

Moorefield girls defeated Fort Hill 46-33...East Hardy boys lost to Pocahontas County 58-49 and Berkeley Springs 60-37... Moorefield boys defeated Union 59-29.

Thirty Years Ago  
January 1, 1992

A uniform performance evaluation policy was passed by the State Board of Education which required that all teachers in the state be evaluated.

Over the holidays Moorefield's firemen kicked off a campaign to raise money to replace the Christmas lights.

WVU's Energy and Water Research Center received \$615,000 to develop a National Drinking Water Clearing House.

Annie Handley Shobe, 82, retired home demonstration agent, died Dec. 17...James Lee Bean, 72, Winchester, died Dec. 24... Forrest Lee Wilkins, 82, Mathias, died Dec. 23...Clara Pownell Timbrook, 86, Kirby, died Dec. 27...Johnnie William Weather-

holtz, 72, died Dec. 24... Ethel See Liggett, 96, died Dec. 25...Obed L. Funk, 83, died Dec. 22...Winfield Stevenson Funkhouser, 92, Baker, died Dec. 27.

Barbara Cornell and John Gletner were married Sept. 7.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ecker, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. John R. Shirk, Jr., a daughter.

East Hardy beat Flintstone 90-60 and Paw Paw 100-71 and lost to Petersburg 77-67 and Moorefield 74-50.

Forty-five Years Ago  
January 5, 1977

Supporters of the Lost River Watershed project met to gather data supporting the dam project.

Jonathan Paugh was seated as a new member of the Board of Education. John Ely was elected president for the coming term.

Joe Zirk and J. F. Pope purchased Mabel's Tavern and were to run it as Joe's Place.

Lemuel James Crites, 68, Rig, died Jan. 1...Joseph R. Jennings, 77, Winchester, died Dec. 24...the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Galen B. Pownell, Wardensville, died Dec. 23. Rebecca Shockey and William R. Henry were married Nov. 21.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Peters, a daughter, Amy Elizabeth.

Moorefield lost to Circleville 54-42 in tournament play and 77-55 in regular play...Mathias defeated Franklin 59-55...Wardensville lost to Eastern Mennonite 67-59.

Sixty Years Ago  
January 3, 1962

Kimberly Johnson, manager of Radio Station WELD since 1956, announced he was leaving to go to a station in New Hampshire. Daniel "Zag" Pennell was to assume the managship.

Coal companies assured the railroad that a coal carrying pipeline would not affect railroad employment.

W. C. Harper purchased Kile's Motel in North Moorefield. The three-year old motel had 12 units, a home for the owner-manager, and 3 additional units were under construction.

Silas Jacob Strawderman, 79, Mathias, died Dec. 19...Carl L. Cunningham, 61, Romney, died Dec. 18...Ida Walker Rigglesman, 78, Romney, died Dec. 21...Jennifer Ann Solon, infant daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George M. Solon, Romney, died Dec. 28...Hazel Whetzel Pratt,

45, died Dec. 28...Mary Schartiger Ashenfelter, 49, Annapolis, died Jan. 1...Alfred Lewis Sager, 69, Winchester, died Dec. 30.

Leona Evans Brill and Thurman Scott Reynolds were married Dec. 29...Judith Dove and SP4 Ralph Heishman were married.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shingleton, a daughter...to Mrs. Dawn Bradford and the late Dawn Bradford, a daughter, Elana Jo...to Mr. and Mrs. Junior Dunlap, a daughter.

Moorefield defeated Franklin 42-35 and Circleville 66-65 to win the Holiday Tournament...Moorefield also defeated Franklin 52-36 in regular play.

Seventy-five Years Ago  
January 8, 1947

The eleventh in a series of unexplained fires in unoccupied buildings occurred Christmas Eve.

The South Branch Valley National Bank paid its 125th straight dividend...Hardy County Cooperative paid a 6 percent dividend.

H. R. Shields, local state trooper stationed at Moorefield, was promoted from corporal to sergeant.

A. Boyd McKeever, 76, Wardensville, died Dec. 29...Edward Bruce Taylor, 74, Wardensville, died Jan. 2...John Luther Eberly, 74, Charleston, died Jan. 4...Calvin P. Sherman, 69, Mathias, died Dec. 20...Margaret Hutton Hyre, 64, Keyser, died Jan. 2...Siple VanMeter Rumer, 43, Keyser, died Jan. 1...George Ashby Layton, 60, Keyser, died Jan. 5...Clara Himelright Heishman, 74, Wardensville, died Jan. 3...the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Berlin Hamilton, Dove Hollow, died Dec. 30...the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mathias, Jr., Wardensville, died Dec. 26.

Mildred See and Gaile Bush, Jr. were married Dec. 28...Betty Shreve and Bernard Lee Ours were married Dec. 24...Kamsie Beatrice Combs and James Emmett Lee were married Dec. 9...Anna Florine Haas and Ferguson J. Wilkins were married Dec. 28.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Perry D. Miller, a son, Gary David...to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Malcolm, a son, Nelson, Jr...to Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Simmons, a daughter, Nancy Louise...to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Abbott, a son, Cary Bowman...to Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Wilson, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Haven Kessel, a daughter, Sylvia Jean...to Rev. and Mrs. John D. Long, a son, David...to Mr. and Mrs.

Wilbur Hahn, a son.

Moorefield defeated the Alumni 58-33, Franklin 54-37 and Petersburg 34-21...Moorefield girls defeated Petersburg 23-8 and lost to the Alums 26-25 and to Franklin 13-17.

Ninety Years Ago  
January 7, 1932

Of the 209 deer reported killed in West Virginia, Hardy County claimed 6.

Several Army planes had been flying low over the mountains searching for a Lt. Bobbitt who had been lost in the mountains since Christmas Day.

An Alumni Association of graduates of Moorefield High School had been organized with Katherine McCoy as president, C.C. Wise Jr. as vice president, Amanda Kuykendall as secretary and M. I. Williams as treasurer. A committee composed of Ralph Bean, Lottie Lakin, Mrs. John Mathias, Amanda Kuykendall, Machir Williams, Junior Wise and James Shearer had been appointed to draw up a constitution. At this time there were 130 graduates of the high school and the association was formed for the purpose of keeping them in close contact. An annual meeting was to be held in June to elect officers.

Joseph Hiram Kuykendall, 86, had died in Mansfield, IL.

Zola Harvey and Frank McNeill were married.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Wilson, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Mathias, a son.

105 Years Ago  
January 4, 1917

The usual Fantastic Parade on New Year's Day was greatly enjoyed. A first prize of \$3 was awarded to Reginald Saville and Clele Weese. \$2 second prize was awarded to John Fisher and the Keller boys. Third prize of \$1 went to Dick Chilper and Edwin Bowen.

A dispatch from New York gave the complete official election returns. Woodrow Wilson received 9,116,296 votes to Charles Hughes' 8,547,474. West Virginia gave Hughes 143,124 and Wilson 140,403.

J. W. Dasher had purchased the Morgan Dasher farm and Morgan Dasher had purchased a farm in Maryland.

W. M. Brown and family moved from Moorefield to Fabius.

The Rev. G. A. Gibbons had died at Romney. He was the rector of the local Episcopal Church.

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## EXAMINER SAYS

## Happy New Year

Remember when some zebras escaped from a Maryland farm? It was in late August. Three escaped, but one died and the other two have been running loose until just before Christmas when they were finally captured. We suspect those two zebras had a wonderful time and it would be interesting to know just how much territory they covered. What a fun story it would be for a children's book.

## Happy New Year

Just before Christmas we were

taken by the daughters on a Christmas light tour. Best exhibits were at Brighton Park and Welton Park. We truly enjoyed a slow ride through both parks filled with both moving and still exhibits. What fun seeing catapulating reindeer and beautiful nativity scenes. If you missed this years park lights, we hope you put it on your calendar for next year. We commend the folks at both Brighton and Welton parks for the hard work of putting of these exhibits. We also were impressed with the homes on Fisher Straight, on the hill above

Moorefield and of course Roger Pratt's house in South Moorefield. There were other impressive light displays, but we didn't know who lived there.

## Happy New Year

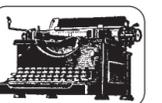
Continuing with Christmas lights . . . we realized that Covid has definitely been overwhelmed by the Christmas spirit. Let's hope it continues throughout the pandemic. Of course it also helped that the night we traveled the area was the night of the Winter Solstice and we had the

most spectacular full moon. We only wish we had gotten a picture.

## Happy New Year

Daughter Hilary suggested we should write about Christmas leftovers. We thought about it and decided that might be a better topic for David's Unbased or at least one we would be happier to write about once the refrigerator is emptier.

## Happy New Year



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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with the West Virginia Public Service Commission (PSC) on October 31, 2021. The siting application was never filed and the company reissued their notice of intent on December 17, 2021. Their letter of intent describes the project is "to construct an exempt wholesale electric generating facility, interconnecting transmission lines, and any necessary appurtenances in Hardy County, West Virginia." Apparently, they have to file the siting certificate within 30 days of their letter of intent. The company is represented by Susan J. Riggs, Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC in Charleston, WV. She can be reached at sriggs@spilmanlaw.com or by telephone at 304.340.3800. The Public Service Commission (PSC) case number is NOIE Short Mountain 21B. PSC is accepting letters in support of or protest at Caseinfo@psc.state.wv.us. Please reference the case number NOIE Short Mountain 21B. The letter should be addressed to: Ms. Connie Graley, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301. The PSC also has an online public comment submission website which you can access here: <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm>

I urge you to let your voice be heard and attend all local public hearings and write an email to PSC about your concerns regarding 19 wind turbines on Short Mountain. We probably all support clean energy but not irresponsible turbine energy on residential property. You can make a difference.

Thank You  
Linda Peters

Editor:

I am sorry for the typo in The IRS Fran Wonders published December 21, 2021, in the Moorefield Examiner. In the fifth paragraph, second sentence the word "not" should be excluded. One of the steps Hitler DID take on his march across Europe was to take over all entities that people used for their own personal financial businesses, which Biden seems to be doing today in America. Better proofing will be done on my part in the future.

Fran Welton  
Moorefield

Dear Hardy County Residents,

In case you haven't heard a Chicago based corporation, Invenergy, has proposed the construction of 19 Industrial Wind Turbines which will line the ridge of the Short Mountain Range for six miles. The Short Mountain range is just outside of

Baker and near Corridor H, and is some of the most scenic mountain residential / agricultural land in Hardy County.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO OUR COUNTY?

IMPACT ON THE SURROUNDING AREA. - The first immediate impact is visual. The proposed wind turbines are approximately 450 feet tall, and will become the most dominate feature on the horizon throughout Hardy County. The proposed Wind Turbine set back from dozens of residential properties on Short Mountain is 500 feet. Given the height of the Wind turbine and the short setback a Wind turbine would come very close to existing residential property if it were to fall, and they are known to fall. Most wind turbine companies establish set backs from 1500 feet to several miles. West Virginia is known for its vast, scenic unspoiled mountain ranges, let's keep it that way. In addition to visual pollution there is also the constant "light flickering" obliterating the night sky. It is well documented that light flickering "is a major cause of health issues for residents of Wind Turbine sites." Wind turbine companies tell employees to stay back a minimum of 1500 feet from an operating turbine. Local residents can't stay back a safe distance when Invenergy states there is only a 500 foot setback from residential property. The setback of 500 feet establishes the potential for serious damage to local residents property or worse. The proposed Wind Turbine site on Short Mountain is not large enough to safely establish the necessary set back specifications to protect residents and wild life. Both the French Academy of Medicine and the U.K. Noise association recommend a minimum set back of Wind Turbines to be a minimum of 1 mile or greater. There are dozens of examples throughout the US where set backs have been established in miles not feet.

NOISE- noise is a major complaint of residents who live near Wind Turbines. Mechanical and low frequency noise caused by the massive turbine blades generates a constant pulsating noise which is known to be a health issue. The hundreds of now tranquil and peaceful residential properties on and surrounding Short Mountain will be subjected to sleep disorders caused by constant noise and flashing lights.

It is also documented that the noise, light flickering, and visual impact from the Turbines can cause constant headaches, long term stress and acute depression. Additionally, Wind Turbines are known to have Blade Failure, Blade throw and shat-

ter, and Ice throw, which all pose a danger to nearby residential property. Blade failure can cause damage as far away as 1500-2000 feet.

PROPERTY VALUES- Residents living under or near Wind Turbines can lose up to 40% of their property value. It has been documented that homes up to two miles and farther have suffered up to a 30% depreciation in property value. Currently there are hundreds of residential properties surrounding the proposed Wind Turbine site. Many of these properties actually border the proposed Site.

Invenergy, the Wind Turbine company, suggests that the project will employ dozens of local residents during construction, and full time employees after construction. This is doubtful and most workers will be brought in from surrounding counties or from Virginia. In addition they may hire one or two low paid full time employees after construction. Hardly a benefit to Hardy County residents. Additionally Invenergy suggests that Hardy county will be the benefactor of tax revenue generated by the Wind Turbines. However, they don't address the lost tax revenue from the depreciation of land value. Lower land value equals less tax revenue. In addition they don't mention the fact that many land owners who planned to build their permanent residence / retirement homes in the vicinity of the Wind Turbine site will now look for other building sites. How much additional tax revenue will be lost due to the fact that many land owners will go elsewhere to build. Hardy County will slowly lose its appeal for those looking to retire and live out a life of tranquility and scenic beauty. Many may go to the next county where they don't have to view an Industrial Windmill site. These are tax revenue losses the Wind Turbine company does not mention. Not to mention the loss of visitors and hunters, hikers and bird watchers to the Short Mountain Wildlife Refuge and thus another loss of revenue. The Invenergy company also does not mention the substantial subsidy they receive from the Federal Government. Without the Government subsidy it is doubtful this project would ever be a discussion.

WILD LIFE IMPACT - Hardy County West Virginia is well known for its abundance of wildlife. The natural areas in Hardy County are home to Bear, Deer, Bob Cat, Coyote, Fox, Squirrel and more. In addition there are dozens of species of birds. Many of the local birds on Short Mountain and throughout the county are under State and Federal protection. These include in part, the

American Bald Eagle, Golden Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Turkey Vulture, Bats and Whippoorwill to name a few. It is well documented that Industrial Windmills kill millions of birds each year world wide. This can not be taken lightly since it has taken generations to bring back many species from near extinction, such as the Bald Eagle. Interesting that Wind Turbine companies have actually sued organizations that have requested bird kill numbers from them. The Wind Turbine companies obviously do not want to release this type of information to the public. Several Wind Turbine companies have paid \$ millions in fines for the killing of birds and especially the designated "protected" species. There is no doubt the proposed Wind Turbine project will significantly impact the wildlife on the Short Mountain range and surrounding area for generations. HARDY COUNTY'S GREATEST ASSETS- Hardy county has natural scenic beauty, some of the most beautiful mountain vistas in the lower 48 with an abundance of green space and wildlife. It's for this reason people are relocating to Hardy County West Virginia in record numbers, placing a high priority on scenic beauty, open space, clean fresh air, mountain spring water, and the ability to hunt, fish and escape the industrial spread in Northern Virginia, Maryland, and the entire Washington, D.C. area. Currently The West Virginia Tourism bureau is running a TV commercial called "Winter in West Virginia." It shows miles of snow covered mountains untouched by man. The commercial touts the natural beauty of West Virginia and how peaceful, serene and relaxing it is for all to enjoy. What do you think the impact from this commercial would be if it showed miles of Industrial Windmill sites stretched out along mountain ridges. The question is, which view would you enjoy most?

THE SHORT MOUNTAIN INDUSTRIAL WINDMILL PROJECT would change the entire face of Hardy County, eliminating the very features that brought most of us here.

Contact the Hardy County Commissioners and Planning Commission and say NO to the proposed Industrial Windmill Site in Hardy County on Short Mountain.

There is a place for alternative energy projects in West Virginia but not on Short Mountain in the middle of hundreds of residential and agricultural properties.

Keep West Virginia. "ALMOST HEAVEN"

Respectfully  
Ron Frost  
Property owner in Baker,  
West Virginia

## W.Va. Voter Guide will be published in Braille

By Landon Palmer  
WVa. SOS Office

The West Virginia Secretary of State's Office, in conjunction with the State Election Commission, has published a complete Voter's Guide in braille to benefit voters who are blind or visually impaired.

Last week, WV Secretary of State Mac Warner released the newly published "West Virginia Voter Guide" that is targeted for voters with visual impairments who may otherwise have difficulty receiving voting information. A copy of the Guide has been mailed to all 55 county clerks who will make them available to loan to any citizen requesting them.

Additionally, a limited amount of copies are available to distribute to voters as needed. Braille voter guides will also be distributed to citizens by Disability Rights of West Virginia, a non-profit organization that provide services and advocacy for people with disabilities in the mountain state.

"We are continuing our effort to eliminate barriers to the ballot box for all registered West Virginia voters," said Secretary Warner. "This new Voter Guide in braille will assist

a special group of West Virginians and make it easier for them to receive information on our election process."

The West Virginia Voter Guide includes information on some of the most frequently asked questions on the topics of voting options, how to find your polling place, or to check if your registration is up to date.

This voter guide now comes in two forms – an easy-to-distribute rack card and a booklet with braille embossing for the braille-reading community. The information is also available on the Secretary of State's secure website at GoVoteWV.com.

"The best way to empower voters is to educate them on the entire voting process from start to finish" said Secretary Warner. "We want to ensure that every eligible voter has the information they need to be an active and informed voter."

West Virginia Voter Guide rack cards can be received by visiting the WV Secretary of State's offices in Charleston, Clarksburg or Martinsburg or by visiting your local county clerk.

Voter advocacy groups in West Virginia can also request voter education materials for distribution by contacting the WVSOS Elections Division at 304-558-6000.



WVSOS Elections Director Brittany Westfall is preparing to mail the new West Virginia Voter Guide for the blind and vision-impaired to all 55 county clerks.

## DHHR reminds public about crisis, referral line

By WVa. DHHR

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) reminds parents and caregivers during the COVID-19 pandemic to utilize Help4WV's Children's Crisis and Referral Line instead of emergency departments for children suffering from behavioral health issues.

The Children's Crisis and Referral Line can interrupt behavioral health crises by connecting families with behavioral health services in their communities. The option to call, text, or chat is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 844-HELP-4WV or 844-435-7498 (call or text) or by chat at <https://www.help4wv.com/ccl>.

In crisis situations, the helpline links families with regional mobile crisis response and stabilization teams who can help de-escalate by phone or respond in person if the family chooses.

"With the West Virginia hospital system already overwhelmed due

to the COVID-19 pandemic and the emerging flu season, we need to reserve our hospitals to serve our critically ill patients," said Bill J. Crouch, DHHR Cabinet Secretary. "The Children's Crisis and Referral Line is a critically important resource for the mental well-being and safety of West Virginia's children and families."

The helpline connects families and youth with both crisis and non-emergency behavioral health services and serves as an access point for referrals to non-emergency behavioral health services as well as suicide intervention specialists who can assist health-care providers and families with discharge and safety planning and wraparound service providers.

DHHR's Bureau for Behavioral Health funded the Children's Crisis and Referral Line through a federal grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The Children's Crisis and Referral Line is a service of the Help4WV substance use and mental health support line.

## NEWS BRIEFS

The American Red Bloodmobile will be in Moorefield on Friday, January 7. Donors will be taken at the Moorefield Church of the Brethren at 115 Clay Street from 12:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Both Power Red and whole blood donations will be taken. Power Red donors must meet specific eligibility requirements and have type A Neg, B Neg or O blood. The Red Cross is reminding donors of the great need, so please consider a gift of life.

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The West Virginia Department

of Arts, Culture and History (WV-DACH) will accept submissions for the 2022 Youth Congressional Art competition through Friday, Feb. 4, 2022. The competition is open to high school students only. Submitted artwork can be in any one of the following categories: paintings, drawings, collages, prints, mixed media, computer generated and photography. Each entry must be original in concept, design and execution and may not violate U.S. copyright laws. Each student can submit up to two entries. Each entrant must submit a

student information and release form with a teacher's signature. Students can get entry forms with a complete list of rules and guidelines from their school's art teacher(s), or by contacting Charles Morris, WVDACH director of museums, at (304) 558-0220 or charles.W.Morris@wv.gov.

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According to AAA last week, the average price for regular gas in West Virginia was at \$3.214. The national gas price average was at \$3.285. Gasoline prices fluctuated over the past few days as fears of an omicron-

driven economic slowdown were countered by news of a severe fire at a major oil refinery. "We should learn more in the coming days about the extent of the damage to the refinery," said Andrew Gross, AAA spokesperson. "If it can be back up and running in a few weeks, the effect could be minimal. But if repairs take months, consumers could begin seeing higher prices again at the pump." In Moorefield Sheetz was \$3.38. BP was \$3.39.

## New online State Register Portal aims to provide greater transparency with the general public

By Landon Palmer

WVa. SOS Office

According to WV Secretary of State Mac Warner, the State Register Portal is used to submit public information and other filings

required by law for publication in the State Register. The new Portal allows participating agencies, counties, and municipalities to take advantage of state-of-the-art technology designed to make the Portal user-friendly and simple to navigate.

"The goal of the new Portal is to make it

as easy as possible for entities to comply with public disclosure and for the general public to be able to quickly access that information," said Secretary Warner. "We have successfully made great strides to modernize our operations and this is one more example in how we are able to provide greater transpar-

ency for the public."

The State Register is a weekly publication that gives the public current information about the status of rules moving through the rule-making process, newly filed orders, decisions, and opinions by state agencies. The publication of this information and the new

State Register Portal are managed by the WVSOS Administrative Law Division at the State Capitol. Inquiries regarding the State Register Portal can be made by email to AdLaw@wvsos.gov or by calling the Secretary of State's Office at (304) 558-6000.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### RDA Meeting Cancelled

The January 5, 2022, RDA Meeting that is scheduled has been cancelled due to the increase of new cases of the COVID virus. A new date will be announced at a later date.

### PVCD Meeting Notice

The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held by Teleconference ONLY. Call in instructions are posted on the District webpage: [www.wvca.us/district/pvcd.cfm](http://www.wvca.us/district/pvcd.cfm) or by contacting the office at 304-822-5174. The meeting agenda will be available three days prior to the meeting and a copy may be obtained on the webpage or by contacting the office at 500 East Main St., Suite F, Romney, W.Va.. The public is invited to

participate.

### Attorney General Mobile Office

Attorney General Patrick Morrisey announced a representative from his office will meet with Eastern Panhandle residents in January to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions. Richard Dennis, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host the following local events: Jan. 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Petersburg Senior Center, 111 Virginia Ave., Petersburg; Jan. 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Hardy County Committee on Aging, 409 Spring Ave., Moorefield; Jan. 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Hampshire County Committee on Aging, 280 School St., Romney; and on Jan. 21 from

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Pendleton Senior and Family Services, 231 Mill Road, Franklin. For more info call Dennis at 304-539-6999

### MES Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will be held at Moorefield Elementary School on January 14. Please call 304-530-6356 during the week of Jan. 3 to Jan. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to schedule your appointment time. Only children who did not attend PreK (during 2021-2022) need to register for Kindergarten.

### Countywide Pre-K Registration

Hardy County Pre-Kindergarten registration for children who will be four years old before July 1, 2022 will be held from 9 a.m. to

5 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 27, and Thursday, Feb. 17. Moorefield area school students will report to the Moorefield Early Learning Center, the Head Start building on 112 Bean's Lane in Moorefield and the Baker, Wardensville, and Mathias area school students will report to East Hardy Early Middle School on the aforementioned days. Participating community members should bring the following: legal state-issued birth certificate, up to date immunization records, social security card, verification of income, health insurance information, and the most recent well-check (medical) and dental records. Registration is also available online. Complete the enrollment form on the [hardycountyschools.com](http://hardycountyschools.com) website by February 25, 2022 or obtain a paper copy at the Hardy County Board of Education Of-

fice. Please call 304-530-5511 for an appointment.

### Project Hello There

Lost River Projects invites people of all ages to send holiday greetings to residents of E.A. Hawse Nursing Center. You do not need to know anyone personally! Please send notes and letters to Hello there! c/o Lost River Projects P.O. Box 23, Baker, WV 26801. Lost River Projects will deliver your notes and letters to E A Hawse Nursing Center in Baker.

### Flu and COVID Shots

Hardy County Health Department will be giving flu and/or COVID shots at the following times:

Flu shots will be given on Monday and Wednesday only, from 8:00 – 11:30 and 1:00 -3:30.

You do not need an appointment for a flu shot. Bring your insurance cards. If you do not have insurance, you can still get a flu shot. The Moderna booster is now available. COVID shots are by appointment only and will be scheduled on Thursday or Friday, depending on which shot you need. Call the health department at 304-530-6355 to schedule an appointment.

### Dead Animals

The West Virginia Division of Highways wants to remind the public of its policy regarding the pickup and disposal of dead animals. The DOH will only pick up carcasses on state owned highways and will not go on private property. To report a dead animal on a state owned road, please notify your local district DOH office at 304-434-2525.

## Zero Tolerance

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low board member Jesse Halpern-Robinson, who also agreed, bringing up a discussion on how to keep the process fair and following a set policy.

"They're (students) all subject to different recommendations," said Halpern-Robinson. "That feels haphazard and indefensible — why would this student be handled this way and this student this way?"

He continued. "How do we codify or have different levels for each specific level of things. Having a grid to follow that these decisions result in these outcomes — at least if there's

some point of reference instead of each one being handled in a case by case vacuum."

Halpern-Robinson also noted the importance of getting the word out about policies, particularly in regards to making students and parents aware of the policies and rules.

"What's going to happen if [a student misbehaves] so they think about it before they say something they don't mean. I'm not saying it's our jobs to be in their home or control that, but how can we stand up to help people avoid some of that," said Halpern-Robinson.

"I think back to my own expe-

rience in school. With fighting, it didn't matter if you scratched someone, touched someone in a bad way, it was immediate expulsion. I know two people who were expelled for fighting, but it was a private school. There was no physical fighting, it just wasn't a thing."

He continued, "everyone knew what the outcome was going to be. How can we educate on the front end to minimize the impact, that's what I believe being specific about a policy is."

"Maybe the parents are the missing key," added Van Meter. "if your kid does this they're going to get ex-

pelled and maybe that's a thing we can do to make them aware because that might really help."

"I'm not trying to add work," noted Halpern-Robinson.

"You're trying to save work in the long run," replied board president Melvin Shook.

Board members agreed on having a structured policy in place and noted the importance of students, parents, faculty, and staff being aware of the policies and the consequences for violating them.

No motions were made and no actions were taken on the subject, which highlighted the meeting.

## Circuit Court

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Judge Carl accepted Shockey's guilty plea and continued the case to Monday, Jan. 10. If she is accepted into SBVDC, her guilty plea will be held in abeyance. If she completes the program, she can petition the court for reduced charges.

Timothy A. Hawks, 28, of Burlington, pleaded guilty to one count of person prohibited in possession of a firearm. He waived his right to a grand jury hearing and pleaded guilty on an Information Indictment.

According to testimony by Prosecutor Stagers, in October 2020, Division of Natural Resources Police observed animal traps and turkey carcasses in the vicinity of a camper in a wooded area outside Moorefield. A search warrant was requested and executed on the camper and a .22 Marlin rifle was found. Hawks admitted to living in the camper and possessing the rifle. "It was my grandmother's," he said.

Hawks was previously convicted in federal court for possessing the material to make methamphetamine and is prohibited from possessing a firearm.

Hawks' attorney, Paul Gwaltney requested he be released on post-conviction bond as he had been accepted at the Recovery U treatment facility. Probation Officer Aura Brill said Recovery U was not on the list of approved facilities.

Gwaltney requested an opportunity to find an approved treatment facility for Hawks. Judge Carl agreed.

Shannon L. Judy, 44, of Wardensville, pleaded guilty to one count of failure to register as a sex offender, first offense. The penalty is not less than one year and not more than five years in prison.

According to testimony of Prosecutor Stagers, West Virginia State Police responded to a call from the defendant at a residence in Mathias. When troopers investigated, they discovered Judy was a registered sex offender and had registered a residence in Wardensville. Neighbors at the Mathias residence reported Judy was living there and Shannon admitted he stayed overnight at the Mathias residence.

According to Judy's attorney, Brian Vance, Judy was already serving a

not less than two years and not more than 10 years in prison for another charge. He requested the penalty for failure to register run concurrently with that sentence.

Judge Carl sentenced Judy to not less than one year and not more than five years to be served concurrently.

"Between you and freedom is following the rules," Carl said to Judy. "The next penalty for subsequent violations is not less than 10 years and not more than 25 years."

Joshua L. Dingess, 36, of Franklin, was remanded to the Potomac Highlands Regional Jail for failure to adhere to the conditions of his bond. On Dec. 14, 2021, Dingess tested positive for methamphetamine.

Dingess was indicted in October 2021 on one count of grand larceny, one count of conspiracy to commit grand larceny and a misdemeanor count of breaking and entering a vehicle.

Dingess' attorney, Jonie Nelson, said he indicates he will plead guilty.

Judge Carl continued the case to Monday, Jan. 10.

Jerry Riggleman, of Moorefield was remanded to Potomac Highlands Regional Jail for violating the terms of his supervised bond. Riggleman was found in possession of methamphetamine. "I haven't done anything wrong and I got arrested," Riggleman said.

Judge Carl also ruled Riggleman will forfeit the approximately \$1,200 he had on his person when arrested.

According to Prosecutor Stagers, the petition for forfeit was served on Sept. 15, 2021.

"According to the statute, the answer must be filed within 30 days," Stagers said. "The answer was filed on Nov. 17, 2021. That's 62 days after the petition was filed."

Riggleman said the money was from renters and not from the sale of drugs.

## Alzheimer's Association's Focus on Veterans Brings Issue of Traumatic Brain Injuries to the Forefront

By Edwina Blackwell Clark

WVa. Alzheimer's Association

James "Jim" Leer enlisted in the United States Navy and was off to boot camp in 1965, joining the military at age 20.

A radioman on the USS Maddox, he served during the Vietnam War, where he suffered a traumatic brain injury (TBI). He left the Navy after four years of service. "I had no recollection of the last six months I was in," Leer said. He said the impact of the TBI affected other parts of his memory. But he kept silent after he transitioned back to civilian life because he was looking for a job. "You just don't tell somebody about it," Leer said.

Today at age 76, Leer has Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease. He was diagnosed at age 54 with early-onset Alzheimer's. "It's not something that we expected from the time he was in the service," said his wife Donna Leer. "We weren't forewarned that his service was going to develop into this, so you accept what has developed and you educate yourself," she said.

In West Virginia, 39,000 people ages 65 and older, live with Alzheimer's disease, a progressive, fatal brain disease that kills nerve cells and tissues in the brain, affecting an individual's ability to remember, think, plan, speak, walk. Nationwide, veterans with TBI or Post Traumatic Stress



Disorder (PTSD) have a 60 percent greater chance of developing dementia and the Alzheimer's Association is working to find ways to provide more help to veterans with dementia.

Amy Boehm, Alzheimer's Association Health Systems Director for West Virginia, said, "As the veteran population in West Virginia continues to grow, the demand for high-quality senior care increases. The Alzheimer's Association is excited and ready to support VA Medical Centers to improve the clinical pathway for patients to receive an early diagnosis for dementia and quality care for the veteran and caregiver after a diagnosis."

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Office of Research & Development, the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center (DVBIC) reported nearly 414,000

TBIs among U.S. service members worldwide between 2000 and late 2019. In addition, according to the data, more than 185,000 veterans who use the VA for their health care have been diagnosed with at least one TBI. According to the report, traumatic brain injury and its associated medical conditions are a significant cause of disability outside of military settings.

In West Virginia, according to the West Virginia Department of Veterans Assistance, veterans make up about 10 percent of the state's population. About 35 percent of those veterans served during the Vietnam War.

Leer, who has experienced PTSD also, said at the time doctors were performing tests before his Alzheimer's diagnosis, "they did a PET scan of my brain and it was really in bad



shape." At that time, he said he was working as a master control engineer at a television station. "I was constantly making notes. I had notes all over the place," he said.

After he got his diagnosis, Leer said he went on the internet, looked up memory problems and found the Alzheimer's Association. "They told me what steps to follow at work. I had to let my employer know the very next business day I had finally gotten the diagnosis," Leer said.

Since then, he and his wife have been advocates for the Alzheimer's Association — meeting with people in Congress and state legislators about the need for additional support for those with the disease. "We don't feel ashamed to mention he has a diagnosis, it's not anything we did," Mrs. Leer said.

## COVID-19

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work after gathering with family and friends."

He continued, "unless I've missed my guess, we'll have a couple hundred cases in the next few weeks. And, here's the kicker — we're out of infusions at the moment."

Ours explained that the blood infusions are a process of giving a COVID-19 patient a dose of blood from someone who had COVID to help boost the antibodies in the sick individual to help them battle the virus. Right now, due to the demand, there are none available according to Ours.

Ours also provided the update that the Health Department will no longer be calling individuals who have tested positive for the virus.

"We will send text messages when we can, but doctor's offices and phy-

sician's offices — they're telling people who are positive that they need to quarantine so the Health Department will not be reaching out to every individual anymore," he said.

"After two years, we just can't do it anymore. We're getting overrun."

As of Saturday, Jan. 1, there have been 36 new cases, 126 active cases, 9 hospitalizations, 3,124 positive confirmed cases, and 2,958 patients who have recovered.

Vaccines for COVID-19 as well as booster shots are being given by appointment. COVID-19 vaccines and boosters are free to receive.

The Health Department is also still giving flu shots on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and then again from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. For those getting a flu shot, bring an insurance card. Individuals without insurance can still get a flu

shot.

COVID-19 testing is still free and open to the public. Testing times are as follows:

- Tuesdays: 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority building on 17940 Route 55 in Baker and from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Moorefield High School at 401 North Main Street in Moorefield.

- Thursdays: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Ambulance Authority building in Baker and from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Moorefield High School.

The Hardy County Health Department is located on 411 Spring Avenue in Moorefield. For more information, to get a COVID-19 vaccine, or to get a flu shot, call the Hardy County Health Department at 304-530-6355.

# We're HIRING

We're looking for high energy, self-motivated team members to fill this opening!

# PCB

## FULL-TIME TELLER/CSR

Moorefield Financial Center

### PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

Primary Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

processing deposits, withdrawals, and payments in a professional and courteous manner according to established guidelines, opening new accounts, providing service and performing maintenance on existing accounts, assisting with safe deposit box entries, answering customer (both internal and external) inquiries, answering and directing calls, cross selling products, resolving customer concerns, while being attentive and alert to the needs of the customers.

### EDUCATION NEEDED

High School Diploma or equivalent

### SALARY STATUS

Hourly, Pending Experience

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## Farmer and Rancher Stress Assistance Grants Available

By Crescent Gallagher  
WVa. Dept. Agriculture

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) is now accepting Request for Applications (RFA) for the 2021 West Virginia Farmers and Ranchers Stress Assistance Network (FRSAN) grant. The purpose of the FRSAN program is to establish a network that connects individuals who are engaged in farming, ranching and other agriculturally related occupations to stress assistance programs. The establishment of the network assists farmers and ranchers in times of stress and offers a conduit to improving behavioral health awareness, literacy and outcomes for agricultural producers, workers and their families.

"These are federal COVID relief dollars appropriated to states to help mitigate the impact of the pandemic. We hope to target those who were negatively impacted or can help West Virginia build back stronger," said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. "Improving our resiliency in times of emergency can

only help protect our citizens in the future."

Eligible applicants are those that use funds to initiate, expand, or sustain programs that provide professional agricultural behavioral health counseling and referral for other forms of assistance as necessary through any of the following, farm telephone helplines and websites, training, including training programs and support groups, and outreach services and activities, including the dissemination of information and materials. The total amount of funds available for award under this RFA is approximately \$401,834.

The grant period will begin February 1, 2022 and end no later than January 31, 2023.

For an application and all attachments, please email Leslie Boggess at lboggess@wvda.us.

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture protects plant, animal and human health through a variety of scientific, regulatory and consumer protection programs. The Commissioner of Agriculture is one of six statewide elected officials who sits on the Board of Public Works.

## Humanities Council seeks grant proposals by Feb. 1, 2022

By Erin Riebe  
WVa. Humanities

The West Virginia Humanities Council announces its upcoming February 1, 2022, grant deadline for three grant categories: Major grants, which are awarded twice a year for projects requesting up to \$20,000; Fellowships of \$3,000, which are awarded annually for scholarly research projects; and Minigrants, which are awarded four times a year for projects requesting \$1,500 or less.

The Humanities Council, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, serves West Virginia through grants and direct programs in the humanities. A variety of matching grants are offered by the Humanities Council year-round to

nonprofit organizations in West Virginia that support educational programming.

See below for complete descriptions of grant applications due February 1:

**Major grants.** This category supports public programs including, but not limited to, lectures, school projects, symposia, panel discussions, reading and discussion series, exhibits, reenactments, and conferences. Major grant proposals may request up to \$20,000. Applicants must allow twelve weeks between the deadline and the start of the project.

**Fellowships.** Stipends of \$3,000 are awarded once a year to West Virginia college and university humanities faculty and independent scholars for research and writing projects. Eligible projects include, but are not

limited to, the study of interpretive archaeology; the history, theory, and criticism of the arts; ethics; history; jurisprudence; modern and classical languages; linguistics; literature; philosophy; comparative religion; and philosophical and historical approaches to the social sciences.

**Minigrants.** Humanities Council minigrants support small projects, single events, lectures, small museum exhibits and brochures, consultation needs, and planning for more complex projects. Minigrant deadlines are February 1, April 1, June 1, and October 1 for projects requesting \$1,500 or less. Applicants must allow six weeks between the deadline and the start of the project.

Throughout 2022, the Humanities Council is especially interested in projects that address civic engage-

ment and civics education.

For more information about the West Virginia Humanities Council grants program contact Humanities Council grants administrator Erin Riebe at riebe@wvhumanities.org. Grant guidelines and applications are also available on the Humanities Council website, www.wvhumanities.org.

The West Virginia Humanities Council, an independent nonpartisan nonprofit, is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Council is supported by the NEH, the State of West Virginia, and contributions from the private sector. The purposes of the West Virginia Humanities Council are educational, and its mission is to support a vigorous program in the humanities statewide in West Virginia.

## W.Va. governor allocates remainder of federal pandemic funding

West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice on Thursday announced allocations for the state's remaining balance from federal pandemic relief.

West Virginia had until a Dec. 31 deadline to allocate the remaining \$123 million in CARES Act funding.

On Tuesday, Justice announced a

\$48 million program to expand nursing education and recruitment.

In a news release Thursday, the Republican governor said \$22 million will be spent for a back-to-work initiative and \$10 million will go to the Department of Health and Human Resources to help first respond-

ers. Details on both programs have yet to be announced.

The governor is giving \$15.2 million to state agencies to recover costs for frontline employees during the pandemic. In addition, \$7.25 million will support food pantries and homeless shelters, and \$6 million to be

given to the Salvation Army's Beckley-based division.

Among other allocations, the governor said \$3 million will help W.V.U. expend remote work facilities across W.Va., and \$1.5 million will be used to upgrade the state fairgrounds in Greenbrier County.

## AT THE LIBRARY

### New Fiction

*Criminal Mischief* (Stone Barrington; 60) by Stuart Woods – After a dangerous adventure has him traveling up and down the coast, Stone Barrington is looking forward to some down time at his Manhattan abode. But when an acquaintance alerts him to a hinky plot being hatched across the city, he finds himself eager to pursue justice which soon leads him on an international chase to places he's never gone before.

*A New Love for Charlotte* (Wells Landing Romance; 11) by Amy Lillard (Large Print) – When a widow discovers a baby on her doorstep, the child seems like the miracle she's been praying for. Unfortunately, her companion doesn't feel the same way. What's a single woman aching to experience motherhood once more to do?

*Jane Austen's Lost Letters* (Josie Prescott; 14) by Jane K. Cleland – Josie sets off on the quest of a lifetime to learn what one of her late father's old friends knows about him and to discover whether the Jane Austen letters he left her are real. As she draws close to the truth, she finds herself in danger, and learns

that some people will do anything to keep a secret—even kill.

*A Man of Honor* (Emma Harte; 8) by Barbara Taylor Bradford – Orphaned and alone, 13-year-old Blackie O'Neill is facing an uncertain future in rural County Kerry. In England, he learns his trade as a navy, amid the grand buildings and engineering triumphs of one of England's most prosperous cities, and starts to dream of greater things... And then, high on the Yorkshire moors, in the mists of a winter morning he meets a kitchen maid called Emma Harte.

*The Sorority Murder* by Allison Brennan – Lucas Vega is obsessed with the death of Candace Swain. Three years later while interning at the Medical Examiner's, Lucas discovers new information, but the police are not interested. So he creates a podcast to revisit Candace's last hours. New tips come in—then one of the podcast callers turns up dead. The pressure is on to solve the murder, but first Lucas must come clean about his real motives in pursuing this podcast—before the killer silences him forever.

*Watching Over You* (McKenzies of Ridge Trail; 3) by Lori Foster –

While investigating a criminal network, Detective Crosby Albertson keeps crossing paths with members of the highly trained, suspiciously well-informed McKenzie family. Madison McKenzie is the tech and surveillance whiz of her family's operation. A recent case introduced her to Detective Albertson. She finds herself irresistibly drawn to the sexy and mysterious cop. There's just one problem. He's a detective and her family's work is secret.

*Curse of Salem* (Bishop/Special Crimes Unit; 20) by Kay Hooper – The small town of Salem has been quiet for months—or so Bishop and his elite Special Crimes Unit believe. But then Hollis Templeton and Diana Hayes receive a warning in Diana's eerie "gray time"—a space between the world of the living and the realm of the dead—that a twisted killer is stalking Salem, bent on destroying in the most bloody and horrifying way possible the five families that founded the town.

*My Darling Husband* by Kimberly Belle – Jade and Cam Lasky are by all accounts a happily married couple with two adorable kids, a spacious home and a rapidly growing restaurant business. But their world

is tipped upside down when Jade is confronted by a masked home invader. As Cam scrambles to gather the ransom money, Jade starts to wonder if they're as financially secure as their lifestyle suggests, and what other secrets her husband is keeping from her.

*Silent Shadows* (Harbored Secrets; 3) by Natalie Walters – When a series of strange circumstances evolve into threats, a single mother finds herself confiding in an unlikely ally—her stubborn patient. Soon, he uncovers a family secret revealing that whoever is after her is closer—and more deadly—than they realized.

### New Non-Fiction and Bios

*The Defense Lawyer: The Barry Slotnick Story* by James Patterson – Patterson tells the story of Bronx-native Bernard Slotnick's whose mantra as a defense lawyer was that everyone deserved a good defense—and he was the best defender out there.

*Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans, with Jeff Chu – A collection of essays that ask candid questions about the stories we've been told—and the stories we tell about our faith, ourselves, and our

world.

*For Such a Time as This: My Faith Journey Through the White House and Beyond* by Kayleigh McEnany – McEnany describes her path to the White House podium, bringing the reader behind the scenes in the world's most powerful building and illuminating how faith got her through.

*The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer of Jesus Taught* by Adam Hamilton – Hamilton guides readers to really know—and really pray—the Lord's Prayer.

*Rezoom: The Powerful Reframe to End the Crash-and-Burn Cycle of Food Addiction* by Susan Peirce Thompson – Thompson shares the essential steps to avoiding the short-lived highs and vicious lows of relapse by helping readers understand the psychological and biological origins of addiction and then provides a system to break free.

*Milk Street Instant Pot: Bold, Fast, Fresh—A Revolution of Flavor in an Instant* by Christopher Kimball – Milk Street's all-new guide to your Instant Pot starts with fresh combinations of ingredients and delivers 150 one-pot meals that are big on flavor and simple to prepare.

*The Sleep Fix: Practical, Proven, and Surprising Solutions for Insomnia, Snoring, Shift Work, and More* by Diane Macedo – Macedo flips the switch on common advice, illuminating the reporter's relentless search for how to get a good night's sleep and the surprising, scientific, and practical solutions she found along the way.

*The Complete Guide to Pressure Canning: Everything You Need to Know to Can Meats, Vegetables, Meals in a Jar, and More* by Diane Devereaux – Devereaux delivers a safe, practical, step-by-step resource to preserve the low-acid foods that you love.

*Perfect Dirt: And Other Things I've Gotten Wrong* by Keegan Lester – Lester, an Appalachian at heart even while living in New York City as a poet, explores questions of home, identity, success, and family.

### New YA Non-Fiction

*Four Streets and a Square: A History of Manhattan and the New York Idea* by Marc Aronson – Aronson dives deep into the four-hundred-year history of Manhattan to map the island's unexpected intersections.

## THIS WEEK IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY

by Michael Keller

WVa. Humanities Council

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Dec. 29, 1861: Confederate soldiers burned most of downtown Sutton. The town slowly rebuilt but remained small until the local timber industry boomed in the 1890 to 1920 period.

Dec. 29, 1970: John Denver and two friends completed the song "Take Me Home, Country Roads." Denver performed "Country Roads" in West Virginia on several occasions, notably for the opening of the new Mountaineer Stadium in Morgantown in 1980.

Dec. 30, 1917: The temperature in Lewisburg dropped to 37 degrees below zero. It is the coldest official temperature on record for the state.

Dec. 31, 2007: Sara Jane Moore was released from prison after serving 32 years for trying to kill President Ford. Moore grew up in Charleston and later moved to California, where she joined left-wing groups and became an FBI informant. She spent part of her incarceration at the Federal Prison Camp in Alderson.

Jan. 1, 1790: Claudius Crozet was

born in France. As state engineer of Virginia, he was involved in numerous turnpike projects and made a significant contribution to the road network in western Virginia.

Jan. 1, 1859: Michael Joseph Owens was born in Point Pleasant. A skilled glassblower by age 15, Owens went on to mechanize the making of industrial glass products and launched a factory in Charleston that became the world's largest producer of window glass.

Jan. 1, 1888: Jim Vance, uncle to "Devil Anse" Hatfield, led an arson attack on the McCoy family cabin. Two of Randall McCoy's children were killed, and his wife was beaten.

Jan. 1, 1936: Don Nehlen was born in Canton, Ohio. Nehlen, who had a record of 149-93-4 at WVU, was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2005.

Jan. 2, 2006: An explosion at the Sago Mine in Upshur County killed 12 men. Federal investigators pointed to a lightning strike as the most likely ignition source for the blast.

Jan. 3, 1856: Musician Lewis Johnson "Uncle Jack" McElwain was born. He was the most respected fiddler in central West Virginia during his lifetime. He took part in many fiddle contests, and no one can recall him ever being beaten.

Jan. 3, 1921: The state capitol building in Charleston was destroyed

by fire. A temporary wood-frame building was erected in just 42 days and became known as the "pasteboard capitol."

Jan. 4, 1897: Classes began at Montgomery Preparatory School, a state institution that was established to prepare students for West Virginia University. The school evolved into West Virginia University Institute of Technology.

Jan. 5, 1810: The Virginia General Assembly recognized 20 acres of land owned by farmer and trader Thomas Buffington at the confluence of the Guyandotte and Ohio rivers as the new village of Guyandotte.

Jan. 5, 1887: Governor Emanuel W. Wilson hosted a ball and banquet to formally open the new capitol in Charleston. The so-called Victorian capitol, the second one in Charleston, incorporated the 1870 capitol.

Jan. 6, 1828: Ward Hill Lamon was born in Jefferson County. Lamon was friend, law partner and unofficial bodyguard to President Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln sent Lamon to Richmond on business, and the President was assassinated while his bodyguard was away.

Jan. 6, 1921: Anderson "Devil Anse" Hatfield died. He was the patriarch of the Hatfield family and their leader during the Hatfield-McCoy feud.

Jan. 6, 1931: An underground gas

explosion killed eight men at the Glen Rogers coal mine in Wyoming County.

Jan. 6, 1948: Bob Wise was born in Washington D.C. He served in Congress and was the state's 33rd governor.

Jan. 7, 1955: The Cedar Lakes Conference Center officially opened, though it was not named until 1957. The name was chosen for its two lakes and an abundance of native cedar trees.

Jan. 8, 1866: William Gustavus Conley was born near Kingwood in Preston County. Conley was the 18th governor of West Virginia, serving from 1929 to 1933.

Jan. 8, 1919: The West Virginia legislature ratified the U.S. constitution's 18th Amendment by a Senate vote of 26-0 and a House vote of 81-3. West Virginia became the 21st state to ratify the prohibition amendment. National prohibition became effective under the Volstead Act on January 16, 1920.

Jan. 8, 1926: Comedian Soupy Sales was born Milton Supman. Raised in Huntington and graduating from Marshall College (now Marshall University), he achieved fame as a wacky television personality.

Jan. 8, 1958: Passenger service on the Greenbrier Division ended. The Greenbrier Division, a branch line of the Chesapeake & Ohio Rail-

way, served the Greenbrier Valley in Greenbrier and Pocahontas counties in West Virginia.

Jan. 9, 1911: Louise McNeill was born on the family farm in Pocahontas County. She was appointed poet laureate by Governor Jay Rockefeller in 1979, holding that title until her death in 1993.

Jan. 9, 1986: The first instant "scratch" lottery tickets were sold in West Virginia. Voters had approved the lottery amendment to the state constitution two years before.

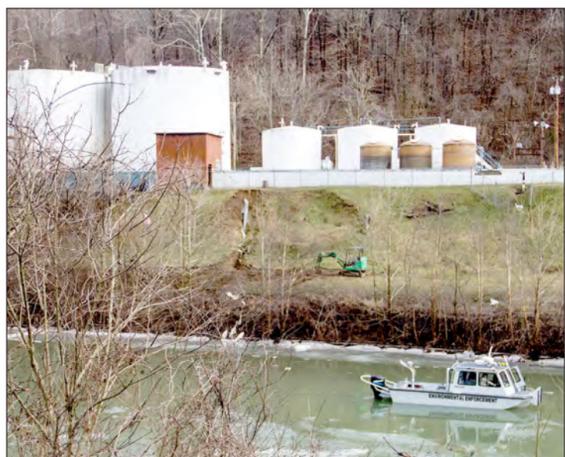
Jan. 9, 2014: Hazardous chemicals were discovered leaking into the Elk River, contaminating the water supply for a nine-county region.

Jan. 10, 1846: Wetzel County was created from a part of Tyler County. It was named for Indian fighter Lewis Wetzel.

Jan. 10, 1860: Webster County was created from parts of Braxton, Nicholas, and Randolph counties. The county was named for Daniel Webster.

Jan. 10, 1923: Musician "Curly" Ray Cline was born in Baisden, Logan County. He was one of the most significant bluegrass fiddlers from West Virginia from 1938 until his retirement in 1993.

Jan. 10, 1925: Judge Elizabeth Virginia Hallanan was born in Charleston. She was West Virginia's first female federal court judge.



Elk River chemical spill at Freedom Industries



Bartley Mine monument



Soupy Sales, White Fang in 1957



Louise McNeill

## OBITUARIES

### PAULA JEAN WOLFE



Paula Jean (Crites) Wolfe, age 77, of Rig, passed away Sunday, Dec.

26, 2021, at Grant Memorial Hospital.

Paula was born on Sept. 2, 1944, in Rig and was a daughter of the late Glenn Conway Crites and Rebecca Madeline (Baldwin) Crites.

In addition to her parents, Paula was preceded in death by her husband, Chester "June" Wolfe in 2005; Father and Mother-in-law, Chester Sloan Wolfe and Violet May (Spaid) Wolfe; two brothers, Donnie and Norman Crites; two sisters, Dottie Mongold and infant Connie Marie Crites; three special nieces, Sherry Susan Hose, Sarah Beth Saville and Stacey Jo Crites; and one sister-in-law, Neva Crites.

Paula is survived by one son, Jeffery Crites of Rig; two daughters, Melody Wolfe of Rig and Amy Wolfe and fiancé Colin of Mathias; three sisters, Mary "Sudie" (Richard) Simmons of Rig, Cindy Shoemaker of Petersburg, and Lisa (Roscoe) Crites of Moorefield; six brothers, Jerry (Barbara) Crites of Moorefield, Stevie (Tena) Crites of Fisher, Boyd Crites of Petersburg, Rodney (Shawna) Crites of Moorefield, Randall (Lana) Crites of Rig, and Rex (Elneta) Crites of Rig; and several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Paula was a member of Rig Assembly of God Church. She had

worked at Rockingham Poultry for 3 years and later at Hester Industries for 27 years. Paula enjoyed keeping in touch with family and friends by sending greeting cards. She also enjoyed watching soap operas.

A Funeral service was held on Friday, Dec. 31, 2021, at Rig Assembly of God Church. Pastor Wade Armentrout and Pastor Brad Taylor officiated. Interment was in Critestown Cemetery in Rig.

Memorials may be made to the Wolfe family, c/o Melody Wolfe, 102 Bertsch Lane, Rig, WV, 26836.

Arrangements were by Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg.

### Thank You

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you that celebrated the life of our mother Sue Coffman and attended the after-service event that was held at the War Memorial Building in Wardensville on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of November. We would especially like to thank those that supplied food, desert, and drinks to all of those attending. It was very much appreciated. We apologize that we are not able to individually thank each and every one of you, but please know that we are very thankful for your support, kind words, and thoughts for our mother. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank those that sent flowers and donated to the fire departments on her behalf. Once again, it was very special and appreciated. We send our very best wishes to all of you and your families that you had a very Merry Christmas and will have COVID free and Healthy New Year.

Sincerely,  
Cindy Coffman Lindamood, RJ Coffman, Kelly Coffman

### BETTY DALE LUDWIG



Betty Dale (Combs) Ludwig, 81, of Rio, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021, at E.A. Hawse Nursing & Rehab Center in Baker.

Born on September 23, 1940, in Hampshire County, she was the daughter of the late Raymond Combs and Pearl (Hott) Combs.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Karl C. Ludwig in 2015; a brother, Stanley Combs; and a sister, Francis Kesner.

She is survived by a daughter, Carolyn Weatherholt (Andrew) of Rio; two sons, Theodore (Teddy) Ludwig of Rio and David C. Ludwig Sr. (Carol) of Maysville, W.Va.; grandson, David C. Ludwig Jr.; step-grandson, Jeremiah Weatherholt; two step great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Ruth Abe and Donna Pyles, both of Fort Ashby, W.Va.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022, at Sperry's Run United Methodist Church in Rio. Pastor Aaron Himes officiated. Interment was in Sperry's Run Cemetery.

All arrangements are being handled by McKee Funeral Home in Baker.

### EVELYN MARIE SHIPE



Evelyn Marie Shipe, 80, of Mathias, passed away Dec. 27, 2021, at E.A. Hawse Nursing and Rehabilitation.

She was born August 16, 1941, in Fults Run, to the late Harrison and Naomi Turner Fulk.

Evelyn was a seamstress at H.D. Lee Company for 25 years. She also

worked at Wampler Long Acre for 11 years. She attended Valley Baptist Church in Lost City.

On December 19, 1959 she married Lowell "Jack" Welton Shipe, who preceded her in death August 27, 2001.

Surviving are two sisters, Marcela Turner and husband Miles of Fults Run and Linda Hopkins and husband Richard of Harrisonburg as well as a number of nieces and nephews.

A Funeral service was conducted on Sunday, Jan. 2, at Valley Baptist Church. Pastor Dale Smith officiated. Burial was in the Cedar Hill Cemetery in Mathias.

Memorial contributions may be made to Valley Baptist Church, 9347 WV 259, Mathias, WV, 26812. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.grandlefuneralhome.com](http://www.grandlefuneralhome.com).

### CHARLOTTE ANN PARSONS



Charlotte Ann Parsons, age 71, of Howard Sions Road in Moorefield,

passed away Thursday night Dec. 23, 2021, at UPMC Western Maryland Hospital in Cumberland.

Born on Sept. 27, 1950, in Cumberland Md., she was the daughter of the late Owen Granville Lambert and Evelyn Grace Kifer Lambert. An infant daughter, Ashley, also preceded her in death.

Charlotte was a graduate of Hampshire High School and worked at American Woodmark for many years. She attended GCI Fellowship Group and was part of the Pastoral Care Team. Faith and her relationship with God guided her throughout her life. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family.

Charlotte was a kind and compassionate soul who never turned away anyone in need. She enjoyed painting, gardening and family vacations. She was loved and will be greatly missed.

Surviving is her loving husband of 37 years, James S. Parsons; a daughter Jeanna (John) Michael of Moorefield; two brothers, Michael (Denise) Lambert of Augusta and Donald (Louella) Lambert of Burlington; two sisters, Karen (David) Bolden of Frostburg, Md. and Sharon (Jack) Smith of Burlington; three grandsons, Christopher (Charise) Miller, Micah (Monica) Michael and Mason (Hanna) Ours; two great-grandchildren,

Hoyt Christopher and King-slee Ann; two special friends, Patricia Blubaugh of Frostburg and Pam Ridgell of Winchester; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were conducted on Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021, at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel at 107 Washington Street in Moorefield. Patricia Blubaugh and Sylvia Bailey officiated.

Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on Charlotte's Tribute Wall at [www.fraleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.fraleyfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of the Fraley Funeral Home.

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### LISLE COURTNEY WEATHERHOLTZ



Lisle Courtney Weatherholtz, age 87, of Capon Bridge, formerly of Moorefield, passed away Friday afternoon, Dec. 24, 2021, at Hospice of the Panhandle in Kearneysville, W.Va. Born on April 7, 1934, he was a son of Robert Weatherholtz and Clara Ann Fitzwater Weatherholtz. Three brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Lisle was a graduate of Moorefield High School Class of 1953; was a Veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the John M. Golliday Post #64 American Legion of Moorefield. He

had retired from the Hardy County Assessors' Office.

Surviving is his wife, Nina June Carr Evans Weatherholtz; a daughter, Stacy Johnson of Capon Bridge; step-children, Penny Evans of Martinsburg, W.Va. and Robbie Evans of Moorefield and Jack Rexrode of Sykesville, Md.; two sisters, Grace Helmick of Moorefield and Phyllis Collier of Old Fields; four grandchildren, Jeremy Johnson, Jesse Johnson, Brittany Stocker and Ashley Henry and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral Services were conducted on Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021, at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel at 197 Washington Street in Moorefield. Pastor Gary Shirk Jr. officiated.

Interment followed with Military Graveside Rites accorded by the U.S. Army and the Moorefield Veteran's Honor Guard at the Olivet Cemetery.

Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on Lisle's Tribute Wall at [www.fraleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.fraleyfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of the Fraley Funeral Home.

### NORMA JEAN HINES



Norma Jean Hines, age 80, of Williams Street in Moorefield, passed away Thursday morning, Dec. 30, 2021, at her residence.

Born on January 17, 1941, in Fisher, she was a daughter of the late Robert Isaac Myers and Ida Susan Reel Myers. Her husband of 45 years, Gordon Lee Hines preceded her in death in December 2010. Seven brothers, a sister, a son-in-law, a daughter-in-law, and a great-great-granddaughter also preceded her in death.

Norma worked a variety of jobs throughout the course of her lifetime. Her favorite job was taking care of her family who she always put first. It didn't matter if you were related by blood or not, you were still family to her (step-kids, in-laws, etc.). She always wanted her family to know how much she loved them.

Surviving are two sons, Douglas

(Jane) Myers of Old Fields and Mark Hines of Moorefield; two daughters, Connie (Ben) Johnston of Delray and Twila Mowery of Moorefield; a step-daughter, Joye Brinson of Nokesville, Va.; four brothers, Delmas Myers, Louie Myers and Riley Myers, all of Moorefield, and Roger Myers of Chantilly, Va.; two sisters, Cozetta Evans and Lauretta Wilson of Moorefield; thirteen grandchildren; twenty-three great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandson; and a special granddaughter, Raven (Paul) Vinoski of Moorefield, whom she raised and cared for her like her own daughter in addition to numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 5,

2022, at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel at 107 Washington Street with Pastors Wade Armentrout and Brad Taylor officiating.

Interment will follow in the Pine Grove Cemetery in Baker. The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 4, at the funeral home. Due to the current COVID-19 recommendations, wearing of masks and social distancing by individuals unvaccinated is recommended.

Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on Norma's Tribute Wall at [www.fraleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.fraleyfuneralhome.com).

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### ROBERT W. PASKEL



Robert W. Paskel, 85, of Slanes-

ville, died on Sunday, Dec. 26, 2021, at Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, Va.

Born on May 26, 1936 in Cumberland, to Charles W. and Olive Paskel, he was raised in West Virginia. During a 41 year career, he served various school districts in W.Va., Florida, South Carolina and Virginia. He retired from Pinellas County Schools (Fla.) in July 2000 after serving as Deputy Superintendent for five years.

His career began in 1958 at Nitro Jr/High School (W.Va.) as a teacher of mathematics and coach. He joined Brevard Co. Schools (Fla.) as

a teacher/coach in 1962 and served as Principal of Satellite High School (1969 to 1973) and later as Assistant Superintendent.

In 1977, he became Associate Superintendent for Business Operations for Dade County (Fla.). During 1981 to 1987, Dr. Paskel was Superintendent of Schools for the Aiken Co. Schools (S.C.). He then served as State Deputy Superintendent for Public Accountability (SC) during 1987 to 1991. During 1991 to 1994 he was Superintendent of schools in Albemarle County Schools (Va.). Throughout his career, he was ac-

tive in state and national associations for educational administration, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Association of School Business Officials International, and the American Educational Research Association. He earned bachelors and master's degrees in West Virginia and the doctorate at the University of Southern Mississippi. He was a life-long member of the United Methodist church.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy. Services will be private and handled by McKee Funeral Home in Augusta.

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**CHARLES HERMAN FREELAND**



Charles attended Dixie Grade School and graduated from Ridgeley High, Class of 1941. After hearing "Extra, Extra! The Japanese Attacked Pearl Harbor!" his mother signed for him to enlist and he left March 2, 1942. He was accepted into the Army Air Corp.

He married Clara Lorean Poland on August 3, 1943, and three days later received orders for overseas. He flew 56 missions over the "Hump" Himalayas. He related that God was never his co-pilot beside him because he was always on his shoulder. His plane was shot over Burma by Japanese fighters but he was able to land at Imphal, India. He flew missions all over the world during his tour of duty.

Charles was the proud recipient of The Distinguished Flying Cross, the Presidential Commendation Medal, U.S. Air Medal for flying 300 miles over the "Hump," American Wings, Chinese Wings, Africa, Middle East

Medal, Asiatic, Pacific Medals with a Battle Star and the China War Memorial Medal by the Republic of China.

Charles and Lorean purchased a farm near Kirby, W.Va. where they resided after the war. They had no electricity, indoor bathroom, phone or car. He purchased a book and wired their home when electric was brought to the area which started his self-taught electrician career!

Charles was ordained as a Brethren Minister in 1954. He was a charter member of the Bean Settlement Ruritan Club and Hampshire Co. Kiwanis. He was a member of Hump Pilots Association and a lifetime member of 70 years of The American Legion. He was very active in the then "Men's Club," The Historical Society, The "'40&'8" Society, life member of the Retired Teachers, a volunteer for the Shepherdstown Caregivers and spent many hours helping his wife who was a Hospice

volunteer. He was a faculty emeritus member of Shepherd College and he and Lorean had an Education Specialty Scholarship through the Shepherd Foundation.

He was a grade school teacher and principal, Capon Bridge High School Principal and taught at Shepherd College. Charles was a charter member of Delta Kappa Gamma at W.V.U. He graduated from W.V.U.'s Master's program with honors and continued post Masters studies at W.V.U., American University and Shippensburg University.

Charles authored three books, "Hot Rock Over the Himalayas," "The Making of a Hot Rock Pilot" and "The Hot Rock Lands in Rock Oak." He had many hobbies. He loved yard sales, to meet people and make new friends and learn from them, collecting stamps, elephants, matchbooks, old ads and unusual items.

Throughout Charles's life, after

traveling most of the world, he referred to his farm as the most beautiful place on earth. He loved "The Rio Ridge Runners" for continuing to love the farm, spending time there and lovingly taking care of it!

He spent time at Hagerstown Somerford Assisted Living after a fall in 2020. He was very appreciative of the friends he made there and the loving care he received.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Myrtle Freeland, his sister, Lillian (Nelson) Gifford, Geraldine (Earl) Brown; his brothers, Clarence (Leitha), Emory (Nellie), and a stillborn brother.

He was also preceded in death by a beautiful girl, Lorean Poland Freeland. He fell in love with her in his young teenage years at first sight while attending a church service as a Boy Scout on a camping trip in Hardy County. He later saw her on a blind date and the rest was history! He is survived by two children,

Charles Douglas Freeland of San Diego, Calif. and Nancy Colbert of Shepherdstown, W.Va.; 3 grandchildren: Christopher (Samantha) Colbert, David (Laura) Colbert, both of Shepherdstown, and Tiffani "Alex" (David) Hyde of Edwards, Colo.; 9 great-grandchildren: Beckett and Whitten Hyde, Hunter, Abby, Becca, Elle, Molly Kate, and Charles "Charlie" Colbert; and several nieces and nephews.

A brief graveside service was held on Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022, at Rock Oak Cemetery in Baker. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Condolences can be sent to Colbert/Freeland Family, P.O. Box 954, Shepherdstown, WV, 25443 or online at [www.mckeefuneralhome.com](http://www.mckeefuneralhome.com).

All arrangements are being handled by McKee Funeral Home in Augusta.

**SHIRLEY BOBO FRANCE**

Shirley Bobo France, of Kalispell, Mont., passed away on Dec. 8, 2021, following a heart attack. She was 83. Her daughter, Melissa, and granddaughter, Savannah, walked her home to Jesus softly singing her favorite hymns and songs. It was a peaceful and blessed passing, just as she had wished.

Shirley was born September 8, 1938, in Kessel, W.Va. to Nelson Bobo and Olive (Sherman) Bobo. She spent a happy childhood on Dooley Hill with her 7 siblings, often reading in the chicken house to get away from them. She attended the one room school house at Darlington School, making many memories that she shared with her children and grandchildren. After graduating from Moorefield High School, she bravely went off alone to the big city of Washington, D.C. to work for the IRS. Although she lived in the city, she remained a proud West Virginia girl all of her life.

Shirley met up with Johnson

Cleaver and other friends from Moorefield who were also in the D.C. area. She and Johnson were married for five years and had three beautiful children. Following that, Shirley went on to work for the Clifton Corp. and there she met Paul E. France. Paul was a kind gentleman who became the love of her life. They were married and Paul adopted the children and raised them as his own. Shirley and Paul spent a wonderful 20 years together on earth and she has gone to join him now in the Kingdom of Heaven.

After marrying Paul, she was able to be a stay at home mom. Shirley delighted in that role and was active in the church and the kid's schools. A hard working woman with a heart of gold, she was a warm bright light and a force to be reckoned with in every life she touched. Shirley loved to tease and poke fun and laugh, always with a mischievous twinkle in her eye.

Her yard was a tribute to her love

of gardening and that is where she was usually found in the summers. She was an avid reader and she instilled that love of reading in her children. Shirley loved country music and could play a mean air guitar when a favorite song came on. She adored the Highway Men. Waylon, Willie, Johnny, and Kris were her favorites.

After the birth of her first grandchild, Nicki, Shirley became "Nana." She introduced herself as such and was, indeed, everyone's Nana from that point on. She was blessed to have five grandchildren that she doted on and loved deeply.

Shirley lived in Virginia all of her adult life, moving to Montana in 2018 to allow her daughter to care for her as she got older. She always said she wanted the bagpipes to be played at her funeral, so for her 80th birthday, Melissa surprised her with a lone bagpiper, in full regalia, who serenaded Shirley while she herself could enjoy it. She cried when he

played Amazing Grace.

Shirley is preceded in death by her beloved hubby, Paul France; son, Gary L. France; brothers Keith Bobo and Ralph Bobo; sister Regina Riggelman, and infant sister, Naomi Bobo. She leaves behind her son, Johnson L. France (Barbara) of Yorktown, Va., and daughter Melissa France Decker, of the home in Kalispell, and five grandchildren, Nicki France, Savannah Anderson, Johnny France, Michael France, and Darcy France. She is also survived by brothers Robert Bobo, Norman Bobo and sisters Juanita Riggelman and Eleanor LaCombe.

She was our matriarch, our warm loving Nana, and everyone's safe place. Her passing has ripped a hole in the fabric of our entire universe. Shirley's wish was to be cremated and buried next to her husband, Paul, in Buchanan, Va. A celebration of life will be held in Moorefield in the spring, when all the flowers are in bloom.

**SHIRLEY ANN TETTERTON HODGES**

Shirley Ann Tetterton Hodges, 85, of Ayden, N.C., passed away on Monday, December 20, 2021. She was preceded in death by her mother, Alice Leigh Pelletier, and husband, Theophilus Hagon Hodges.

She is survived by her sons, Henry Hodges of Wardensville, Michael Hodges and wife, Pat, of Reidsville, N.C., and David Hodges and wife, Robin, of Kinston, N.C.; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sisters, Linda Cunningham of New

Waverly, Texas and Marna Congleton of Beaufort, N.C., and many other family and friends.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, Dec. 26, 2021, at Howard-Carter Funeral Home. Burial was held on Tuesday, Dec. 28, at Pinelawn Memorial Park in Kinston, N.C.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.howardcarter.com](http://www.howardcarter.com).

Howard-Carter Funeral Home in Kinston, N.C. handled arrangements.

**LILA HALTERMAN CARIOSCIA**



Lila Halterman Carioscia, age 106, died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022. Lila was a resident of Homewood at Williamsport in Williamsport, Md. since May 2001. She was born in Frosty Hollow, W.Va. on Aug. 17, 1915. She was the daughter of the late Price and Elizabeth (Eisenhauer) Halterman.

Lila graduated from Moorefield High School in 1934. She worked as a clerk in several stores in Moorefield and remained on the family farm until she married Clifton W. Funkhouser on July 10, 1955. They resided in Moorefield and spent many winters in Oaxaca, Mexico, where Clifton died January 13, 1981. She met and

married a friend, Andrew J. Carioscia on May 28, 1984. Following their marriage, they lived for several years in Martinsburg, W.Va. before moving to Bryn Mar, Pa. until his death on May 28, 2001.

Lila was the last member of her family of eight siblings, Herman, Lemuel, Emma, Eula, Albert and Clyde Halterman. Lila had no children but is survived by many nieces and nephews who were always treated with the same love and caring as if they were her own children and grandchildren. Lemuel and Lee-Anne Halterman of Hagerstown, Md. lovingly attended her in her last

20 years of life.

Friends will be received at the Elmore Funeral Home in Moorefield on Friday, Jan. 7, 2022, from 6 to 8 p.m. Services will be conducted at the Duffey Memorial United Methodist Church at 100 N. Elm Street in Moorefield on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022 at 11 a.m. with Pastor Mark Flynn officiating. Burial will follow in Olivet Cemetery in Moorefield.

Due to the current pandemic situation, those attending will be required to wear masks and social distancing must be observed.

Her arrangements are under the direction of the Elmore Funeral Home.

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## WVDEP's REAP grants make big impact REAP shares results from 2021 Litter and CED grants

By Terry Fletcher  
WVa\_DEP

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP) received final reports from select 2021 grant recipients, showing the impact the funding has on local programs.

REAP tabulated results from recipients for the 2021 Litter Control and Covered Electronic Devices (CED) grant cycles, which saw 38 award winners receive just under \$136,000 in funding.

### Covered Electronic Devices (CED) Recycling Grants Program

Established in 2008 under REAP, the CED Program requires that man-

ufacturers register their brands with the State. The fees collected from this program allow counties and municipalities to apply for CED grants to conduct electronic collection events and support ongoing collection programs.

The goals of the program are to establish a registration process for manufacturers of covered electronic devices, to determine if manufacturers have adopted or implemented a free take-back/recycling program for their products, and to award recycling grants to counties and municipalities for recycling or other programs that divert covered electronic devices from the waste stream.

Highlights: 9 grants awarded totaling \$87,565; Supported four ongoing programs and 10 collection events; and 176.86 tons of material

collected.

### Litter Control Grants Program

The Litter Control Grant is a matching fund that assists municipalities and county governments with community cleanup and litter enforcement projects. The maximum amount for a Litter Control Grant is \$5,000 and that money is only authorized for certain uses, such as continuing or expanding a local litter control program, enforcing anti-litter statutes, paying costs associated with razing abandoned buildings or structures, among others.

Highlights: 467.53 tons of litter disposed; 291 dumps eradicated; 1,536.4 miles of roadway cleaned; 404.75 tons recycled; Issued 97 litter citations; 652 volunteers completing

3,737 volunteer hours; and 3 dilapidated structures razed.

REAP, whose motto is 'Keeping WV Clean and Green,' was created in 2005 and strives to clean up West Virginia and rid the state of litter. The program empowers citizens to take ownership of their communities by providing technical, financial, and resource assistance in cleanup and recycling efforts. More information is available on the REAP webpage: <https://dep.wv.gov/environmental-advocate/reap/Pages/default.aspx>.

For more WVDEP news and information, go to [www.dep.wv.gov](http://www.dep.wv.gov). Also, connect with the agency on all social media platforms. Follow @DEPWV on Twitter, Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/depwv/>, and find us on YouTube at Environment Matters.

## \$1.5 Billion aimed to bolster School Meal Program

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack is announcing today that the Biden-Harris Administration is providing up to \$1.5 billion to states and school districts to help school meal program operators deal with the challenges of supply chain disruptions brought on by the pandemic. As the administration continues to work towards Building a Better America by investing in our communities, the funding announced today will help to provide our nation's children with the nutritious foods they need to thrive.

With funding made available through USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA will provide \$1 billion for schools to purchase food for their meal programs and another \$300 million for states to purchase foods to be distributed to schools. An additional \$200 million will be used for cooperative agreements to purchase local foods for schools with a focus on buying from historically underserved producers.

"USDA's school meal programs have a wide-reaching impact on the health and well-being of our nation's children," said Vilsack. "Now, more than ever, America's children need access to healthy and nutritious foods and our school nutrition professionals play a huge role in making that happen."

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, school districts have met extraordinary challenges to ensure that every child has the food needed to

learn, grow and thrive. The food and funds USDA is distributing will help ensure schools have the resources they need to continue to serve our nation's schoolchildren quality food they can depend on, all while building a stronger, fairer, and more competitive food system."

### Supply Chain Assistance Funds:

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is providing \$1 billion to states for cash payments – known as Supply Chain Assistance funds – that school districts can use to purchase foods for their school meal programs. These funds deliver direct relief from ongoing supply chain issues and improve the quality and consistency of school meals for children in communities experiencing disruptions, making it easier for schools to operate successful meal programs.

In total, the Supply Chain Assistance Funds are expected to provide a boost in resources for up to 100,000 schools across all 50 states, D.C., Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, including public, tribal, charter schools, and nonprofit private schools as well as residential child care institutions.

Supply Chain Assistance funding can be used by school districts to purchase unprocessed and minimally processed domestic food such as fresh fruit, milk, cheese, frozen vegetables and ground meat. Each state

will allocate the funds to schools based on student enrollment, with a minimum amount per district to ensure that small schools aren't left behind.

To strengthen local food supply chains, states have the option of using up to 10% of the Supply Chain Assistance funds to make bulk purchases of local food and then distributing these foods to schools for use in their meal programs. States also have the option of targeting the funds to areas of highest need by limiting distribution to school districts where a quarter or more of students are from low-income households.

### Local Food for Schools:

Through the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)'s new Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program, USDA will award up to \$200 million to states for food assistance purchases of domestic local foods for distribution to schools. This program will strengthen the food system for schools by helping to build a fair, competitive, and resilient local food chain and expanding local and regional markets with an emphasis on purchasing from historically underserved producers and processors.

### USDA Foods Purchases:

USDA will also purchase about \$300 million in 100 percent domestically grown and produced food products, known as USDA Foods, for

states to distribute to schools to offset the impact of disruptions to their normal supply chains. Conducting market research and working with USDA's qualified small to large vendors, USDA has identified a large list of available products. States will be able to order these additional foods within the coming weeks, with deliveries to occur as soon as possible.

This latest assistance is on top of a broad range of flexibilities, resources, and hands-on support USDA is providing schools to ensure supply chain disruptions like contract cancellations and increased food costs do not negatively impact the school meal programs.

USDA is also taking a wide variety of actions to strengthen the school meal programs more broadly. Earlier this week, FNS selected eight states to participate in the Direct Certification with Medicaid Demonstration Project, bringing the total number of participating states to 27.

Direct Certification with Medicaid uses data matching to create an easier pathway for low-income children whose families have already gone through Medicaid's rigorous eligibility determination process to receive free and reduced price school meals. This increases access to nutritious school meals for those in need while also reducing administrative burden for schools and families and increasing program integrity. To learn more, visit [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov).

## DHHR Launches Electronic Death Registration System

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' (DHHR) Health Statistics Center is launching a new Electronic Death Registration System that will allow deaths to be recorded and filed electronically.

WV DAVE, or Database Application for Vital Events, will be phased in on January 1, 2022. To ease transition of death reporting to an electronic registration system, the Health Statistics Center will offer a 60-day grace period for medical providers with full transition on March 1, 2022.

During this period, the Health Statistics Center will support both the new electronic death registration system as well as the paper process currently in place. Providers can begin using the system January 1 with the Health Statistics Center providing online training and technical support.

The current process for registering a West Virginia death certificate involves information to be completed on paper and filed through U.S. Mail between funeral homes, medical certifiers, or medical examiners, and the

Health Statistics Center for registering records.

The electronic process reduces the time it takes to complete a record and transfer it to the next part of the process; however, this does not mean that deaths will be registered immediately. Under W. Va. State Code, a death certificate must be medically certified by a physician, but may not occur immediately by the physician.

"The electronic system will create efficiency, greatly reduce errors, and shorten the time it takes to register deaths in West Virginia," said Dr. Ayne Amjad, State Health Officer and Commissioner of DHHR's Bureau for Public Health.

"The new electronic process will also improve timeliness and eliminate redundancies in COVID-19 death reporting, which will enhance the state's ability to monitor mortality trends. We would like to thank the funeral homes, medical certifiers, and medical examiners who participated in the pilot testing of the WV DAVE system in November."

## W.Va. DNR 2022 Wildlife Calendar is available

By Andy Malinoski  
WVa\_DNR

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) announced that the 2022 West Virginia Wildlife Calendar is now available to purchase online at [wvstateparks.com](http://wvstateparks.com), at retail outlets and WVDNR offices throughout the state and by mail.

This popular calendar makes a great gift and features full-color paintings from local artists of state animals or fish species. It also includes brief descriptions of the art subjects, interesting daily facts about fishing and tips for enjoying the outdoors, and the back of the calendar has informative articles about WVDNR projects. The calendars sell for \$10 each, plus tax and shipping.

Sales of the calendar have gener-

ated funding for WVDNR Wildlife Resources Section programs for 32 years. It has won either gold, silver or bronze national calendar awards in the categories of "Most Informative," "Most Educational" or "Best Subject" for more than ten years.

To order online, go to [wvstateparks.com](http://wvstateparks.com) and click "Merchandise" at the top of the page. To order by mail, complete and print the online order form available at [wvdnr.gov/programs-publications/wildlife-calendar](http://wvdnr.gov/programs-publications/wildlife-calendar) and mail it to the address provided on the form.

A list of retail outlets that sell the calendar can also be found online at [wvdnr.gov/programs-publications/wildlife-calendar](http://wvdnr.gov/programs-publications/wildlife-calendar).

WVDNR is still accepting new vendor orders. Vendors interested in becoming a West Virginia Wildlife Calendar retailer should call 304-637-0245.

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Thank you Hardy County. I am happily overwhelmed with all you have done. This has truly been a positive and heartwarming experience and beyond my expectations of what we would accomplish in such a short time. You will provide for many in our county who may need some help putting food on the table this year. You have spread positivity and kindness all through our county. Together we raised 23600 dollars and 5700 items for this very worthy cause. What a blessing to live in a community of people that are so caring and generous . We are--- Hardy County Proud!

# HARDY COUNTY

# SPORTS

## East Hardy swashbuckles Pirates

Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

East Hardy never trailed against Paw Paw and swashbuckled the Pirates 65-39, giving them coal for the Christmas season on December 20 in Baker.

The Cougars opened the contest with a layup by Noah Lang within three seconds, then Paw Paw answered with a jumper by Tyler McGraw.

East Hardy was quick to the basket again as Justin Teets netted a shot within six seconds to regain the lead for good and never relinquishing the advantage at the 7:30 mark, 4-2.

The Pirates were whistled for a lane violation, the ship took too long crossing the channel.

After a defensive rebound by East Hardy's Dawson Price, Teets drew a foul and added a free throw.

Price snatched another defensive board, then J.W. Teets sent an alley-oop to Lang to extend the lead to 7-2 at the 6:19 mark.

East Hardy's Andrew Hahn made a steal, but the Cougars didn't convert the turnover into points.

It took a minute to find the net again with Justin Teets nailing a jumper at 5:19.

Paw Paw's Dalton Kasecamp grabbed an offensive rebound before being fouled and hitting both charity stripe baskets at 4:56.

Price assisted J.W. Teets on a jumper during the ensuing Cougars possession in response.

After the Pirates committed a

charge, Lang drilled a 3-pointer to boost East Hardy up 14-4 at 4:10.

East Hardy's Brandon Gregory and Nate Smith netted perimeter baskets which sandwiched free throws from Paw Paw's Gibson Fravel for a 20-8 advantage at the 1:40 mark.

Smith added a putback and Mario Combs made a steal to setup Gregory for a bucket as the Cougars went up 24-8 entering the second period.

East Hardy's Andrew Hahn made a steal early in the second period leading to a jumper by Price at the 7:35 mark.

The Cougars committed four turnovers over the next two minutes, but Paw Paw failed to capitalize.

A defensive rebound by Paw Paw's Jacob Moreland led to a layup  
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Photo by Carl Holcomb

East Hardy's Dawson Price corraling a long rebound before making a pass as the Pirates set a trap.

## East Hardy holds off unbeaten Northern

Alex Rychwalski  
Cumberland Times-News

Northern's stiffest test of the young season came down to the wire on Wednesday.

Back and forth the lead changed hands in the final minutes, with East Hardy securing the fourth lead change of the frenzy with a Dawson Price lay-in. Down one with 12.3 seconds left, the Huskies had one final chance.

Northern got a clear look at the winning tip-in at the buzzer, but the shot drew iron, and the No. 5 Huskies fell to East Hardy, 59-58, at the Igloo for their first loss of the season on Wednesday night.

"I think the guys fought really well," Northern head coach Jon Hinebaugh said. "The first three games we played had not been very competitive, so I was kind of concerned we would fold a little bit in a game that was back and forth."

"It went all the way down to the wire, so I think the guys held their composure and played hard. ... Those guys were just better prepared tonight than we were."

Coming into Wednesday, Northern's closest victory of its 3-0 start was a 25-point drubbing of Petersburg on Monday. Though the Huskies were inexperienced in tight games, they were up to the challenge.

With Northern down 55-53 with 2:46 left, forward Tyler Yoder buried a wide-open corner triple for three of his team-high 16 points. Justin Teets answered with a mid-range bucket to put East Hardy ahead again, and Yoder countered with a finish at the rim.

However, Price, who finished with a game-high 18 points, responded with what proved to be the decisive bucket.

Northern has implemented a deep rotation so far this season, but in crunch time, Yoder and Kellen Hinebaugh stepped up as the go-to scoring options. Both scored five points in the decisive quarter to give the Huskies a chance to win it late.

"He's had a rough go of it in the first couple games," coach Hinebaugh said of Yoder. "He definitely showed some leadership, hit some big shots."

Jeff Eyler was second on the Huskies with 13 points on five makes, drilling a trio of triples along the way. Kellen Hinebaugh ended with nine points and five rebounds.

Austin Hinebaugh made a big 3-pointer early in the topsy-turvy fourth — he finished with eight points. Ethan Sebald scored six in limited minutes due to foul trouble. Myles Uphold garnered a team-high five assists.

While Northern wasn't able to do mass subbing like it's done throughout the early stages of the campaign, the Huskies still showcased their deep roster.

"We're still working out the roles on everyone," coach Hinebaugh said. "Tyler was big for us tonight. Austin made some big shots. ... Kellen's not a big guy inside, but he took up the man (Price) when Sebald went out and did well with that."

On the other sideline, the Cougars utilized a four-headed monster to up their record to 3-2.

In addition to Price's 18, Justin Teets displayed an impressive touch in the midrange, scoring 16, JW Teets added 13 and Nate Smith chipped in 11 points off the bench.

East Hardy led 36-32 going into halftime. Justin Teets and Price accounted for 10 points apiece in the first half. Teets did well to get to his spot along the baseline, and Price was there in the post to clean up any misses.

When the Huskies closed down those options, JW Teets and Smith found openings on the outside in transition, as both sunk a pair of 3s before the intermission.

Northern opened the second half on an 11-2 run, capped by an impressive drive by Yoder, who

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## Cougars get early gift in win against Legacy Christian



Photo by Carl Holcomb

East Hardy's Brooklynn Tinnell delivers a breakaway layup after a steal against Legacy Christian.

The Cougars received an early Christmas gift on December 20 earning their first victory in two seasons, overcoming challenges to create a 65-42 win over Legacy Christian.

"It is good to finally get a win. This is a confidence booster for the team. We have a lot of work to do and will try to get better each day," East Hardy coach Calvin Mongold noted.

East Hardy held the lead early in the first period, but a 3-pointer by the Saints put Legacy Christian on top 8-6.

Gabby Miller nailed a jumper at the 4:14 mark to tie the game en route to team-best 20 points for the Cougars.

East Hardy regained the lead with three minutes remaining in the opening frame on a shot by Sarah Merritt off an assist from Miller,

who drove inside the paint and dished outside.

Legacy Christian knotted the game on the ensuing possession on a layup with 2:41 left.

The Cougars took the lead on a play in the paint by Merritt at the 2:27 mark and the advantage was never relinquished as East Hardy marched past the Saints.

Miller recorded an old-fashioned three-point play after a turnover to put East Hardy ahead 15-10 with 2:01 to go in the first period.

The Cougars carried a 16-12 edge into the second period, but Legacy Christian struck first in the new frame.

After a steal by the Saints, East Hardy's Brooklynn Tinnell swiped the ball leading to a breakaway layup to make it 18-14 at the 7:15 mark.

East Hardy forced a jump ball, then Miller added a jumper to extend the lead 20-14 just 20 seconds later.

The Saints lost the ball out of bounds, but East Hardy didn't convert the turnover into points.

Legacy Christian missed a couple of field goals, then a steal setup a free throw for the Saints.

East Hardy's Autumn Crites made a steal, then Merritt assisted Miller on a bucket for a 22-15 lead.

Both teams missed shots, then a defensive rebound by Chloe Miller led to a basket by Tori Pratt for the Cougars.

Chloe Miller snatched the ball away on defense and dished to Tinnell to give East Hardy a 26-15 lead with 4:18 remaining in the second period.

In the final three minutes and change of the first half, East Hardy outscored the Saints 10-7 for a 36-22 halftime advantage.

Field goals for the Cougars in that stretch came from Chloe Miller (six points) and Gabby Miller (four

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## Vikings ruin Christmas for Moorefield



Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield's Teia Ray stretches to snatch a rebound as teammate Amber Williams boxes out Petersburg's Mickala Taylor in the Hive.

Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

Petersburg Girls Basketball filled the Yellow Jackets' stockings with lumps of coal starting off with a 12-nil run en route to a 61-27 victory just three days prior to Christmas in Moorefield.

Kennedy Kaposy scored a game-high 20 points for the Vikings, followed by Braylee Corbin with 17 points in the win.

The Yellow Jackets were grounded in the Hive as the Petersburg defense prevented any scorer from reaching double digits as Moorefield's top scorer was McKenna Crites with eight markers and Kaleigh Hunt notched five points.

Petersburg's Sadie Dayton commenced the scoring with a jumper at the 7:42 mark, then Braylee Corbin

made a steal and breakaway layup a dozen seconds later.

Crites grabbed an offensive rebound, but hit the rim and Petersburg's Mickayla Taylor snatched the board with a Yellow Jacket defender in tow for a jump ball call.

Taylor knocked down a field goal for a 6-0 lead at the 7:00 mark.

Over the next minute, Corbin scored twice on jumpers surrounding a steal and layup by Kaposy as the Vikings boosted the lead to 12-0 and Moorefield missed four more field goals.

Moorefield's Sterling Kump shattered the ice at the 5:35 mark, but it took another two minutes for the Yellow Jackets to find the net again.

Both teams had multiple shots go awry over the ensuing couple of minutes, then Petersburg's Corbin drilled a jumper at 3:50.

A steal by Dayton resulted in a ricochet off the rim out of play.

The Yellow Jackets located the hoop as Amber Williams scored in the paint at the 3:21 mark to cut the deficit to 14-4.

After a charge by the Vikings and a block by Taylor, Kaposy netted a layup.

Moorefield hit the rim thrice, despite forcing two turnovers.

Kaposy made a steal and score with 50 seconds left in the first period as Petersburg sailed into the second period with a 19-4 advantage.

Williams grabbed a rebound off a missed Vikings free throw early in the second period, then Hunt found Crites for a bucket.

Korbin added a field goal and free throws for Petersburg sandwiching a jumper from Crites.

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## Wildcats sleigh past Yellow Jackets in Holiday Tourney



Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield's Karson Reed and Pendleton County's Connor Armtrout battle for the ball during the Petersburg Holiday Tournament.

Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

Pendleton County rode the sleigh for a double digit lead early in the first half and kept the Yellow Jackets spinning in the snow despite a flurry of rallies tying the game twice.

Pendleton County snowballed to a 13-point advantage with three minutes left that nearly crashed into the Christmas tree as Moorefield's buzzer beater wasn't quite enough with the Wildcats singing silent night 65-62 in the first round of the Petersburg Holiday Tournament on Wednesday.

Petersburg won the other semifinal holiday contest over the Union Tigers 63-29.

Pendleton County was crowned the Petersburg holiday champion with a 52-41 win over the Vikings on Thursday.

The Yellow Jackets buzzed for joy to the world in the consolation stocking victory over Union by a score of 95-40.

Pendleton County's Clayton Kisamore netted a game-high 19 points in the stocking stuffer win over the Yellow Jackets, followed by Cole Day to make it 48-38 at 7:29.

The Yellow Jackets found another

contributed a dozen markers. Moorefield was paced by Coleman Mongold in the loss against the Wildcats, followed by Silas Inskeep with 14 points and Ronnie Greist pitched in 11 points.

"They beat us to loose balls and got all the 50-50 balls. We were a step behind all night. We've got to play with more urgency and get loose balls. We've got to correct that stuff and play with more energy. The holiday tournament is always fun and you get a good crowd. It is good playing Pendleton County and it is good times here usually," Moorefield coach Scott Stutler remarked.

The Yellow Jackets may have been trailing by eight points entering the final stanza, but they were buzzing with energy as Levi Thompson blocked a shot against Pendleton County.

Moorefield's Coleman Mongold swiped the ball to commence the fourth period and was hacked on the layup attempt leading to two errant free throws.

Pendleton County went up by double digits with a jumper by Cole Day to make it 48-38 at 7:29.

The Yellow Jackets found another

trip to the charity stripe line and this time around Silas Inskeep sank both shots at 7:10.

Mongold intercepted a pass, but landed out of bounds.

A defensive carom was collected by Mongold, but the Yellow Jackets walked moments later.

Moorefield's Karson Reed deflected a pass out of play, then Inskeep stole the ball.

Moorefield and Pendleton County missed back-to-back field goals, then the Wildcats fumbled the ball out of play.

Inskeep recorded a jumper with 5:58 remaining to slice the deficit to 48-42.

The Wildcats lost the ball again out of bounds under pressure from Reed and Dean Keplinger.

Pendleton County's Braden McClanahan knocked the ball loose and Clayton Kisamore fielded the ricochet heading in for a breakaway layup.

Day stole the ball and scored to put the Wildcats up 52-42 with 5:11 left.

Pendleton County extended the lead with a jumper by McClanahan

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Taylor notched two free throws, then Corbin stole the ball and Kump collected a defensive carom.

Kaposity hauled in a defensive board, then found Corbin for a layup at 3:25 as the Vikings extended the lead 28-8.

Crites and Williams recorded field goals in the final minute of the first half for the Yellow Jackets, but Petersburg maintained the advantage at the break by a score of 33-13.

The Vikings kept the pressure on with a 17-7 scoring edge in the third period to build a 50-20 lead entering the final stanza.

Kump and Corbin traded steals to commence the fourth period, then Kaposity walked.

The Yellow Jackets missed six shots over the next two minutes, while the Vikings grabbed the rebounds and scored each time on a 12-nil run.

Kaposity notched three field goals, Corbin contributed another pair and Dayton knocked down a spinning jumper during that span for Petersburg.

Moorefield's Amber Williams

ended the scoring drought with a jumper at the 4:37 mark.

The Yellow Jackets added a free throw and a layup off a steal by Kaleigh Kump to close the gap to 47-18 with 3:25 remaining in the third period.

Moorefield missed seven consecutive field goal attempts over the ensuing minute and change before Sadie Crites created a basket in the paint with 37 seconds left, 50-20.

Moorefield's McKenna Crites garnered a steal and breakaway layup to start the fourth period.

Petersburg responded with three field goals over the next two minutes, while Moorefield hit the rim four times.

Jaden Cullers made two steals during that stretch for the Yellow Jackets, but they failed to capitalize.

McKenna Crites created a turnover and drew a foul for one free throw added to the scoreboard.

Cullers and Sarah Weatherholt recorded field goals for Moorefield in the last two minutes.

Petersburg left the Hive decimated on the seashore among lumps of coals before cruising the Christmas sea for a 61-27 victory.

## 37th Max Horz Holiday Invitational lists results

- Northern 295.5
- Hurricane 209.5
- Berkeley Springs 184
- East Hardy 148
- Calvert Hall 143
- Strasburg 121.5
- Bridgeport 116
- Fishburne Military School 113
- Clark County 112
- St. Mary's 107
- Preston 105
- Moorefield 94.5
- North Marion 88.5
- Frankfort 72.5
- Petersburg 58
- Jefferson 48.5
- Hedgesville 42.5
- Martinsburg 41
- James Wood 32.5
- Mercersburg 21
- Bishop Gorman School 15.5
- Robert C. Byrd 11.5

### East Hardy Results

**106 Milton Funkhouser** (4-2) placed 4th and scored 19.0 team points.

• Champ. Round 1 - Milton Funkhouser (East Hardy) 4-2 received a bye () (Bye)

• Champ. Round 2 - Milton Funkhouser (East Hardy) 4-2 received a bye () (Bye)

• Quarterfinal - Milton Funkhouser (East Hardy) 4-2 won by decision over Ryan Hughes (Frankfort) 17-4 (Dec 4-2)

• Semifinal - Noah Hess (North Marion) 13-1 won by fall over Milton Funkhouser (East Hardy) 4-2 (Fall 2:45)

• Cons. Semi - Milton Funkhouser (East Hardy) 4-2 won by major decision over Daniel Clark (Berkeley Springs) 11-10 (MD 10-1)

• 3rd Place Match - Peyton Dean (Strasburg) 13-3 won by decision over Milton Funkhouser (East Hardy) 4-2 (Dec 4-0)

**120 Shane Riggle** (5-3) placed 6th and scored 16.5 team points.

• Champ. Round 1 - Shane Riggle (East Hardy) 5-3 received a bye () (Bye)

• Champ. Round 2 - Shane Riggle (East Hardy) 5-3 won by fall over Cody Payne (Berkeley Springs) 13-8 (Fall 1:25)

• Quarterfinal - Ryan Barone (Fishburne Military School) 3-0 won by tech fall over Shane Riggle (East Hardy) 5-3 (TF-1.5 0:00 (16-1))

• Cons. Round 4 - Shane Riggle

(East Hardy) 5-3 won by fall over Calizah Hampton (Preston) 7-14 (Fall 1:24)

• Cons. Round 5 - Shane Riggle (East Hardy) 5-3 won by fall over Cody Payne (Berkeley Springs) 13-8 (Fall 2:50)

• Cons. Semi - Iryll Jones (Frankfort) 16-3 won by fall over Shane Riggle (East Hardy) 5-3 (Fall 0:40)

• 5th Place Match - Austen Slaybaugh (Northern Garrett) 11-6 won by decision over Shane Riggle (East Hardy) 5-3 (Dec 3-2)

**126 Shawn Bodkin** (1-3) place is unknown and scored 4.5 team points.

• Champ. Round 1 - Shawn Bodkin (East Hardy) 1-3 received a bye () (Bye)

• Champ. Round 2 - Chase Stotler (Berkeley Springs) 16-6 won by fall over Shawn Bodkin (East Hardy) 1-3 (Fall 1:40)

• Cons. Round 2 - Shawn Bodkin (East Hardy) 1-3 received a bye () (Bye)

• Cons. Round 3 - Shawn Bodkin (East Hardy) 1-3 won by fall over Calleigh Morgan (Bridgeport) 0-4 (Fall 1:30)

• Cons. Round 4 - Cole Liggett (North Marion) 9-8 won by fall over Shawn Bodkin (East Hardy) 1-3 (Fall 1:29)

**138 Brandon Jones** (3-4) placed 8th and scored 7.0 team points.

• Champ. Round 1 - Brandon Jones (East Hardy) 3-4 received a bye () (Bye)

• Champ. Round 2 - Blake Jacobson (Clarke County) 11-2 won by major decision over Brandon Jones (East Hardy) 3-4 (MD 13-1)

• Cons. Round 2 - Brandon Jones (East Hardy) 3-4 received a bye () (Bye)

• Cons. Round 3 - Brandon Jones (East Hardy) 3-4 won by decision over Riley Pillus (Moorefield) 7-11 (Dec 7-4)

• Cons. Round 4 - Brandon Jones (East Hardy) 3-4 won by forfeit over Connor Jordan (James Wood) 8-8 (For.)

• Cons. Round 5 - Blake Jacobsen (Clarke County) 11-2 won by decision over Brandon Jones (East Hardy) 3-4 (Dec 8-1)

• 7th Place Match - Arch Fox (Hedgesville) 3-2 won by decision over Brandon Jones (East Hardy) 3-4 (Dec 4-3)

**152 Tyler Tarallo** (4-3) placed 5th and scored 16.0 team points.



Max Horz Holiday Invitational 182-lb. Champion Mason Miller of East Hardy

• Champ. Round 1 - Tyler Tarallo (East Hardy) 4-3 received a bye () (Bye)

• Champ. Round 2 - Tyler Tarallo (East Hardy) 4-3 won by decision over Owen Klimas (Preston) 14-10 (Dec 8-7)

• Quarterfinal - Tyler Tarallo (East Hardy) 4-3 won by forfeit over Evan LaFollette (James Wood) 5-7 (For.)

• Semifinal - Isaac Harris (Berkeley Springs) 20-1 won by major decision over Tyler Tarallo (East Hardy) 4-3 (MD 15-4)

• Cons. Semi - Nick Riley (Northern Garrett) 8-1 won by decision over Tyler Tarallo (East Hardy) 4-3 (Dec 11-6)

• 5th Place Match - Tyler Tarallo (East Hardy) 4-3 won by medical forfeit over Kaleb Deeds (Martinsburg) 13-9 (M. For.)

**160 Damian Iman** (4-4) placed 6th and scored 16.5 team points.

• Champ. Round 1 - Damian Iman (East Hardy) 4-4 received a bye () (Bye)

• Champ. Round 2 - Damian Iman (East Hardy) 4-4 won by fall over Dylan Tews (James Wood) 8-6 (Fall 0:27)

• Quarterfinal - Derek Starkey (Bridgeport) 6-1 won by fall over Damian Iman (East Hardy) 4-4 (Fall 3:24)

• Cons. Round 4 - Damian Iman (East Hardy) 4-4 won by fall over John McCoy (Jefferson) 4-4 (Fall 4:37)

• Cons. Round 5 - Damian Iman (East Hardy) 4-4 won by fall over James Wolford (Petersburg) 16-6 (Fall

1:10)

• Cons. Semi - Devin Smith (Northern Garrett) 11-5 won by decision over Damian Iman (East Hardy) 4-4 (Dec 5-1)

• 5th Place Match - Peyton Girard (St. Mary's) 10-2 won by decision over Damian Iman (East Hardy) 4-4 (Dec 8-2)

**170 James Shippe** (3-3) placed 7th and scored 11.0 team points.

• Champ. Round 1 - James Shippe (East Hardy) 3-3 received a bye () (Bye)

• Champ. Round 2 - James Shippe (East Hardy) 3-3 won by fall over Brady Bany (Robert C. Byrd) 4-9 (Fall 3:44)

• Quarterfinal - Ty Clayton (Moorefield) 18-1 won by fall over James Shippe (East Hardy) 3-3 (Fall 1:06)

• Cons. Round 4 - James Shippe (East Hardy) 3-3 received a bye () (Bye)

• Cons. Round 5 - Curtis Shreve (Preston) 18-8 won by fall over James Shippe (East Hardy) 3-3 (Fall 3:40)

• 7th Place Match - James Shippe (East Hardy) 3-3 won by fall over Draven Beaver (St. Mary's) 3-4 (Fall 0:50)

**182 Mason Miller** (4-1) placed 1st and scored 31.5 team points.

• Champ. Round 1 - Mason Miller (East Hardy) 4-1 received a bye () (Bye)

• Champ. Round 2 - Mason Miller (East Hardy) 4-1 received a bye () (Bye)

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## East Hardy vs Legacy Christian

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points) with two of the scores coming off turnovers created by both Millers.

East Hardy kept the momentum going in the third period with a 17-4 scoring onslaught to develop a 53-26 lead entering the final stanza.

The Cougars extended the run from the second period scoring ten straight points for a 42-22 lead with 6:37 remaining in the third period.

East Hardy's Taylor Strawderman netted a jumper after gaining possession on a jump ball, then Merritt grabbed a defensive rebound and sank a shot in the paint and Tinnell capped off that run with a steal and breakaway layup.

Legacy Christian notched two of three free throws at the 5:35 mark and a field goal on the following series coming after a defensive carom was collected to cut the deficit to 42-26.

A steal by East Hardy's Gabby Miller setup a basket by Merritt at the 4:08 mark.

Tinnell notched one free throw after making a steal and scored a layup on the following possession with the Saints losing the ball out of bounds

for a 47-26 lead.

Gabby Miller added two free throws with under a minute left in the third period, then East Hardy's Addison Armentrout created a steal and passed to Chloe Miller who dished to Emma Heishman for a bucket with 26 seconds on the clock.

Tinnell recorded a takeaway and Chloe Mille scored on a putback to give the Cougars a 53-26 advantage entering the fourth period.

East Hardy opened the fourth period with a steal and score by Tinnell. Gracie hit 3-pointers thrice for Legacy Christian in the fourth period boosting her game-high 22 points and Lizzie added another perimeter shot in the frame, but the deficit was too large to overcome.

East Hardy closed the game out with a jumper and steal by Heishman in the final minute for a 65-42 victory.

The Cougars competed in the Rams Holiday Hardwood Classic in Strasburg, Va. during the break, losing to Skyline and Orange County.

East Hardy hosted Pendleton County last night to commence the New Year and visits Union tomorrow night.

## East Hardy vs Northern

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crossed over a pair of East Hardy defenders and found the bottom of the net with a floater in the lane.

The catalyst was Northern's defensive shift out of its zone press in favor of a man-to-man, coach Hinebaugh said. Before the break, the Huskies were losing shooters in transition. After halftime, East Hardy made just one 3.

Though Northern played a better third, outscoring the Cougars 13-9, it couldn't pull away and the teams entered the decider level at 45. From then on, they traded baskets until East Hardy waged its response to retake the lead, and the Huskies

couldn't follow suit at the buzzer.

In the junior varsity bout, Northern won 68-55. Bradley Strubin led with 21 points, followed by Robbie Rollman with 18 and Abe Schilpp at 13.

Northern (3-1) will look to rebound at the Berkeley Springs Christmas Tournament next week. The Huskies' first game is against Southern Fulton (Pennsylvania) on Monday at 6 p.m.

East Hardy (3-2) is at Pendleton County on Jan. 4 at 7 p.m.

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## East Hardy vs PawPaw

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by Gavin Gunther at the 5:04 mark, 26-10.

Price hauled in a defensive rebound and fed Justin Teets for a basket.

After swiping the ball, Price went up for a dunk before releasing the ball softly and the ball ricocheted off the rim.

Teets collected the carom and netted the shot to put East Hardy up 3-12 at the 3:10 mark.

The Cougars swapped in some bench players again and Jordan Teets stepped up with a trifecta at the 2:40 mark after a steal by Combs.

East Hardy's Brandon Parker knocked down a jumper in the final minute of the first half to create a 35-12 advantage at the break.

The Cougars outscored Paw Paw 21-11 in the third period to develop a 56-23 lead entering the final stanza.

East Hardy went on a 14-nil run to gain more separation through the first half of the third period.

Lang swiped the ball and netted the breakaway bucket for the Cougars to start that run.

Price blocked a shot and Lang recovered the ricochet before creating an old-fashioned three-point play, 40-12.

Hahn stole the ball, then missed the shot and the Pirates hauled in the rebound.

The Cougars didn't back down on the pressure as Price made a steal and netted a layup at 6:05.

Price collected a defensive carom and found Lang for a long distance throw and score.

Hahn snatched the ball and dished to Lang to put the Cougars ahead 46-12 at the 5:00 mark.

The Pirates hit the iron twice, then Price forced a jump ball and Nate Smith drilled a 3-pointer for East Hardy at 4:29.

Over the next two minutes, Paw Paw's Gibson Fravel nailed three treys and the Cougars added five more points in that stretch on a jumper by Parker and a trifecta by Gregory.

Combs put the Cougars up 56-23 on a layup with 1:11 remaining in the third period, then both teams missed their final three attempts.

The Pirates outscored East Hardy 16-9 in the final stanza, but the tidal pool was too deep to swim out of as the Cougars closed sank the ship 65-39.

East Hardy upset undefeated Northern Garrett just before Christmas.

The Cougars traveled to Pendleton County to kickoff the New Year yesterday, then greet Pocahontas County tomorrow before going to Moorefield on January 11.

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on the following series.

Moorefield missed two field goals before a shot was blocked by Pendleton County's Jacob Beachler.

Moorefield's Ryan McGregor snatched a defensive rebound and passed to Karson Reed, who drove into the paint and dished outside for Inskeep to nail a jumper.

Kisamore answered with a bucket for the Wildcats, then the Yellow Jackets collided with young fans inadvertently stepping on the court and a beverage bottle crashed to the floor.

Mongold drew a foul and made one of two free throws.

Beachler grabbed the rebound and was fouled, then hauled in an offensive board and scored for the largest Wildcats lead of the game 58-45 with 2:51 to go.

Moorefield answered with a perimeter shot by McGregor to cut the deficit to 58-48 at 2:27.

The Yellow Jackets executed a trap and Townsend fell down, but a foul was indicated.

Pendleton County missed two shots, but the Yellow Jackets failed to connect on the other end, too.

The Yellow Jackets quickly fouled with 1:40 remaining and Pendleton County didn't make the one-and-one basket.

McGregor collected the carom, then drove the length of the court for an old-fashioned three-point play, dropping the score to 58-51 and only six seconds elapsed.

Townsend was fouled and made one free throw with 1:28 left.

Dean Keplinger notched one free throw for the Yellow Jackets at 1:22

## THE OLD MASTER

By JAY FISHER

Welcome to 2022. Wherever you are, I hope this year proves to be a fantastic one. The end of 2021 was not fantastic for the WVU Football team. They lost the Guaranteed Rate Bowl 18-6 to Minnesota. For the fans, the bowl game was like a "highlight" reel of the bad bits of the 2021 season.

The defense played pretty well, but gave up a couple of big plays. But allowing 18 points should usually yield a win. The special teams were not very special. There was yet another kickoff that went out of bounds, and there was even a delay of game before a kickoff.

Offensively, it was pretty bad. Tony Mathis and Justin Johnson didn't do a bad job of running; they combined for 92 yards on 18 carries, averaging just over 5 yards per carry. But it is important to note that a college running back must do more than run - pass blocking can be important, and WVU missed Leddie Brown on that. The offensive line was overwhelmed in pass blocking. Minnesota managed 5 sacks, and Jarrett Doege was pressured many other times. The Mountaineers ended up with just 206 yards of offense, including 3/13 on third down conversions. Very few plays worked for WVU, and it was a frustrating game to watch.

The 2021 season was a mixed bag. There were nice wins over Virginia Tech, Texas, and Iowa State. There were some close losses, like Maryland and Oklahoma, and some bad

losses, such as Baylor, Kansas State, and Oklahoma State. It's over now and time to look ahead to 2022, but you shouldn't "forget" 2021 - you need to learn from what happened, otherwise you might repeat the same mistakes over and over.

The team will look different. Some players have used up their eligibility. Some seniors who could have stayed have elected to go elsewhere as a graduate transfer. Some non-seniors have entered the transfer portal, and there will no doubt be others.

On defense, Dante Stills, who could have thrown his hat into the NFL Draft ring, has announced he will return to WVU. Josh Chandler-Semet was a senior, but announced he will return as well. Jackie Matthews, who was a solid backup in the secondary, elected to transfer away as a grad transfer.

Offensively, Leddie Brown opted out of the bowl, and hopes to get drafted. Receiver Isaiah Esdale announced he would leave as a grad transfer before the bowl game, and Winston Wright also entered the transfer portal after the bowl game. And quarterback Jarrett Doege's mixed tenure as a Mountaineer is over, as he will also be a grad transfer.

Personnel will change, but regardless of who is in the lineup this fall, I do have a wish list for the 2022 Mountaineer Football team. In no particular order - here it is:

• An offensive identity. It's hard to tell what WVU wants to have as its

as the score stood at 59-52.

The Yellow Jackets applied full court pressure coming out of a timeout and Keplinger created a turnover making a leaping save with the pass going to McGregor.

Moorefield's Ronnie Greist garnered an old-fashioned three-point play with 1:07 remaining as the Wildcats were shaking on the sleigh, up only 59-55.

Pendleton County missed a free throw and two field goal attempts, but possession was kept alive with Kisamore sinking a putback with 50 seconds to go, 61-55.

Beachler blocked a shot by the Yellow Jackets, then there was a scramble for the ball with Townsend trying to gain control and tripping in the process with a timeout called.

After a timeout, McGregor stole

the ball and dished to Mongold for a basket with 26 seconds left.

Greist swiped the ball and found Mongold for a layup as the Yellow Jackets sliced the deficit to 61-59 with 16 seconds on the clock.

Townsend sank two free throws to give the Wildcats a two possession lead with a dozen ticks counting down.

Day hauled in a defensive rebound and was fouled with five seconds remaining, then sank both free throws to put Pendleton County up 65-59.

McGregor drained a 3-pointer at the buzzer for the Yellow Jackets, but it wasn't enough to rally in the end as the Wildcats escaped with a 65-62 holiday snack.

Moorefield capped off the holiday tournament throwing tinsel on the Tigers, 95-40.



all year, and a lot of that was due to poor game management. The coaches have to get better at this.

• FUN. I can point to statistics about game management, or special teams, or issues on offense (and even defense). This is much more subjective, but too often, WVU was not a pleasant team to watch. WVU obviously want to do better than 6-7, but a 6-7 with a team that is fun to watch is more tolerable than what we saw. Some of this could be taken care of with fewer self-inflicted mistakes.

But some changes in offensive philosophy, play calling, and execution of those play calls will go a long way to making the product on the field much better.

Notes: The basketball team started off 2022 with a Big 12 loss at Texas, 74-59. The Top 20 Longhorns were going to be a tough game regardless, but WVU was without 3 key players: Taz Sherman, Gabe Osabuohien, and Kobe Johnson. Sherman is WVU's leading scorer, Gabe is a key player off the bench, and Johnson has provided a lot of quality minutes off the bench. Without them, it was nearly impossible to pull off the upset. WVU played hard, but simply didn't have enough...The next scheduled games are this Saturday at 2:00 vs Kansas State (ESPN+), and then next Tuesday vs Oklahoma State (9:00pm, on ESPN, ESPN2, or ESPNU).

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### IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF HARDY COUNTY, WV

**ORDER**  
 The County Commission of Hardy County, sitting in Special session this 13th day of December, 2021, does hereby ADOPT the following redistricting plan:  
 Capon Magisterial District shall include the following precincts: Precinct Numbers 1, 2, 3 and 15.  
 Lost River Magisterial District shall include the following precincts: Precinct Numbers 5, 6 and 7.  
 Moorefield Magisterial District shall include the following precincts: Precinct Numbers 13 and 14.  
 Old Fields Magisterial District shall include the following precincts: Precinct Numbers 12 and 16.  
 South Fork Magisterial District shall include the following precincts: Precinct Numbers 18, 19 and 20.  
 Each Magisterial District shall have 1 Executive Committee District (which shall elect one male and one female from each district in accordance with W.Va. Code § 3-1-9(c)). The Executive Committee Districts shall be the same as the Magisterial Districts ( comprised of the same precincts).

The County Clerk shall, if necessary, divide any precinct that does not comply with the provisions of W.Va. Code § 3-1-5 regarding the number of voters per precinct by an alphabetical split within the precinct boundaries. Further, the attached precincts are described as closely as possible, by census blocks, will become effective with the entry of this Order.  
 It is further ORDERED that Precinct 13 previously voting at the Moorefield Town Office shall be moved to a new polling place location established at the Moorefield Church of the Brethren Fellowship Hall, located at 117 Clay Street, Moorefield WV 26836; that the Precinct locations of all the other polling places have not changed.  
 These changes are being made due to polling place availability and the shift in population in accordance with the most recent Census. This will be a permanent change effective with the entry of this Order. Changes of Magisterial and Precinct lines are available for review at the Hardy County Clerks Office, 204 Washington Street, Rm 111, Moorefield WV 26836.  
 ENTERED this 13th day of December, 2021.  
 HARDY COUNTY COMMISSION

*David S. Fansler, President*  
*David J. Workman, Commissioner*  
*Steven Schetrom II, Commissioner*  
 Attest: *Gregory L. Ely, Hardy County Clerk*  
 12/22, 1/5, 1/12 3c

### NOTICE OF SALE (School Property containing 0.0972 acre)

Please take notice that The Board of Education of the County of Hardy has determined that the below-described real estate is no longer needed for school purposes and that beginning at 2:00 o'clock p.m., on the 18th day of January, 2022, at 510 Ashby Street, Moorefield West Virginia, The Board of Education of the County of Hardy will proceed to sell, BY OULCLAIM DEED AND WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY WHATSOEVER, at public auction, subject to all the terms and conditions set forth in this Notice of Sale, and subject to Chapter 18, Article 5, Section 7 of the Code of West Virginia of 1931, as amended, all of its right, title and interest in and to that certain real estate identified as Tax Map 03-204-15.4, containing 0.0972 acre, more or less, including and together with all of its right, title and interest in and to any and all improvements located thereon, and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Moorefield District, Hardy County, West Virginia, which real estate is more particularly described as follows:  
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 And being the same property conveyed to The Board of Education of the County of Hardy, a corporation, by deed dated March 30, 1982, from Isaac N. VanMeter, and

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# 100 wins



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**Moorefield Wrestling senior captain Ty Clayton earned his 100th career victory at the Appalachian Duals in Front Royal, Va. Clayton becomes just the fifth member in program history to accomplish this milestone. "I'm very proud of Ty for reaching 100 career wins. It's a tremendous milestone. It's something only achieved by your best wrestlers," Moorefield coach T.J. Van Meter noted.**

## Max Horz Holiday Invitational

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- Quarterfinal - Mason Miller (East Hardy) 4-1 won by fall over Robert Straight (Hedgesville) 17-5 (Fall 1:34)
- Semifinal - Mason Miller (East Hardy) 4-1 won by fall over Gabriel Clark (Berkeley Springs) 3-1 (Fall 5:31)
- 1st Place Match - Mason Miller (East Hardy) 4-1 won by fall over Bryce Carnes (Bridgeport) 5-2 (Fall 1:10)
- 220 **Mathew Harman** (5-2) placed 3rd and scored 26.0 team points.
  - Champ. Round 1 - Mathew Harman (East Hardy) 5-2 received a bye () (Bye)
  - Champ. Round 2 - Mathew Harman (East Hardy) 5-2 won by fall over Michael Taylor (Hedgesville) 6-12 (Fall 1:39)
  - Quarterfinal - Mathew Harman (East Hardy) 5-2 won by fall over Brady Wilt (Berkeley Springs) 11-11 (Fall 1:55)
  - Semifinal - Matt Conroy (Calvert Hall) 2-1 won by fall over Mathew Harman (East Hardy) 5-2 (Fall 0:54)
  - Cons. Semi - Mathew Harman (East Hardy) 5-2 won by fall over Aiden Agosti (Hurricane) 3-2 (Fall 1:16)
  - 3rd Place Match - Mathew Harman (East Hardy) 5-2 won by fall over Brady Wilt (Berkeley Springs) 11-11 (Fall 1:28)

### Moorefield Results

- 126 **Layne Spitzer** (19-2) placed 3rd and scored 24.0 team points.
  - Champ. Round 1 - Layne Spitzer (Moorefield) 19-2 received a bye () (Bye)
  - Champ. Round 2 - Layne Spitzer (Moorefield) 19-2 won by fall over Kaden Polen (Hurricane) 1-2 (Fall 0:30)
  - Quarterfinal - Layne Spitzer (Moorefield) 19-2 won by forfeit over John Juergens (James Wood) 7-5 (For.)
  - Semifinal - Caleb Brenneman (Northern Garrett) 14-2 won by fall over Layne Spitzer (Moorefield) 19-2 (Fall 4:48)
  - Cons. Semi - Layne Spitzer (Moorefield) 19-2 won by fall over Cole Liggett (North Marion) 9-8 (Fall 0:24)
  - 3rd Place Match - Layne Spitzer (Moorefield) 19-2 won by decision over Matt Logue (Calvert Hall) 41-20 (Dec 9-3)
  - 138 **Riley Pillus** (7-11) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points.
    - Champ. Round 1 - Riley Pillus (Moorefield) 7-11 received a bye () (Bye)
    - Champ. Round 2 - Connor Arnett (Bridgeport) 3-3 won by decision over Riley Pillus (Moorefield) 7-11 (Dec 12-5)
    - Cons. Round 2 - Riley Pillus (Moorefield) 7-11 received a bye () (Bye)
    - Cons. Round 3 - Brandon Jones (East Hardy) 3-4 won by decision over Riley Pillus (Moorefield) 7-11 (Dec 7-4)
    - 152 **Dylan Colasessano** (4-16) placed 8th and scored 6.0 team points.
      - Champ. Round 1 - Dylan Colasessano (Moorefield) 4-16 received a bye () (Bye)
      - Champ. Round 2 - Isaac Harris (Berkeley Springs) 20-1 won by fall over Dylan Colasessano (Moorefield) 4-16 (Fall 1:02)
      - Cons. Round 2 - Dylan Colasessano (Moorefield) 4-16 received a bye () (Bye)
      - Cons. Round 3 - Dylan Colasessano (Moorefield) 4-16 received a bye () (Bye)
      - Cons. Round 4 - Dylan Colasessano (Moorefield) 4-16 won by forfeit over Evan Lafollette (James Wood) 5-7 (For.)
      - Cons. Round 5 - Dillan Brenize-Ott (Jefferson) 9-6 won by fall over Dylan Colasessano (Moorefield) 4-16 (Fall 1:05)
      - 7th Place Match - Elijah Pratt (Hurricane) 3-2 won by fall over

Dylan Colasessano (Moorefield) 4-16 (Fall 1:25)

170 **Ty Clayton** (18-1) placed 1st and scored 31.5 team points.

- Champ. Round 1 - Ty Clayton (Moorefield) 18-1 received a bye () (Bye)
- Champ. Round 2 - Ty Clayton (Moorefield) 18-1 received a bye () (Bye)
- Quarterfinal - Ty Clayton (Moorefield) 18-1 won by fall over James Shipe (East Hardy) 3-3 (Fall 1:06)
- Semifinal - Ty Clayton (Moorefield) 18-1 won by fall over Gage Bailey (Hurricane) 3-1 (Fall 3:57)
- 1st Place Match - Ty Clayton (Moorefield) 18-1 won by fall over Jamison Warnick (Northern Garrett) 12-3 (Fall 3:34)
- 182 **Matt Delawder** (18-4) placed 5th and scored 16.5 team points.
  - Champ. Round 1 - Matt Delawder (Moorefield) 18-4 received a bye () (Bye)
  - Champ. Round 2 - Matt Delawder (Moorefield) 18-4 won by decision over Jayden Fike (Northern Garrett) 4-3 (Dec 3-2)
  - Quarterfinal - Titus Hensler (Clarke County) 7-4 won by fall over Matt Delawder (Moorefield) 18-4 (Fall 5:30)
  - Cons. Round 4 - Matt Delawder (Moorefield) 18-4 won by fall over Jeremiah Shabdue (Hurricane) 0-2 (Fall 2:40)
  - Cons. Round 5 - Matt Delawder (Moorefield) 18-4 won by decision over Jayden Fike (Northern Garrett) 4-3 (Dec 4-1)
  - Cons. Semi - Gabriel Clark (Berkeley Springs) 3-1 won by decision over Matt Delawder (Moorefield) 18-4 (Dec 9-2)
  - 5th Place Match - Matt Delawder (Moorefield) 18-4 won by decision over Robert Straight (Hedgesville) 17-5 (Dec 5-3)
  - 220 **Braedan Ault** (1-3) placed 8th and scored 6.5 team points.
    - Champ. Round 1 - Braedan Ault (Moorefield) 1-3 received a bye () (Bye)
    - Champ. Round 2 - Aiden Agosti (Hurricane) 3-2 won by fall over Braedan Ault (Moorefield) 1-3 (Fall 1:39)
    - Cons. Round 2 - Braedan Ault (Moorefield) 1-3 received a bye () (Bye)
    - Cons. Round 3 - Braedan Ault (Moorefield) 1-3 received a bye () (Bye)
    - Cons. Round 4 - Braedan Ault (Moorefield) 1-3 won by fall over Daniel Marley (Frankfort) 2-5 (Fall 0:42)
    - Cons. Round 5 - Aiden Agosti (Hurricane) 3-2 won by fall over Braedan Ault (Moorefield) 1-3 (Fall 0:29)
    - 7th Place Match - Logan Wilburn (Northern Garrett) 3-2 won by fall over Braedan Ault (Moorefield) 1-3 (Fall 1:30)
    - 285 **Aidan Jones** (8-14) placed 7th and scored 10.0 team points.
      - Champ. Round 1 - Aidan Jones (Moorefield) 8-14 received a bye () (Bye)
      - Champ. Round 2 - Owen Duffy (Hurricane) 14-2 won by fall over Aidan Jones (Moorefield) 8-14 (Fall 0:50)
      - Cons. Round 2 - Aidan Jones (Moorefield) 8-14 received a bye () (Bye)
      - Cons. Round 3 - Aidan Jones (Moorefield) 8-14 received a bye () (Bye)
      - Cons. Round 4 - Aidan Jones (Moorefield) 8-14 won by fall over Remi Sites (Berkeley Springs) 8-12 (Fall 1:55)
      - Cons. Round 5 - Maxwell Ohamuo (Calvert Hall) 7-5 won by fall over Aidan Jones (Moorefield) 8-14 (Fall 0:13)
      - 7th Place Match - Aidan Jones (Moorefield) 8-14 won by fall over Damen Hopkins (Robert C. Byrd) 6-8 (Fall 1:48)

Results gathered from TrackWrestling.com

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widower, and of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy, West Virginia, in Deed Book 171, at Page 256.

The aforesaid property, together with any and all improvements, and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, are sometimes collectively referred to below as the "Subject Property."

The Subject Property will be sold "AS IS" and "WITH ALL FAULTS" and subject to any and all effective and validly continuing and existing rights of way, easements, reservations, exceptions, covenants, obligations, conditions, conveyances, encumbrances, liens, agreements, leases, and other matters whether (a) of record, (b) visible from an on-site inspection or survey of the Subject Property, or (c) otherwise.

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The Board of Education of the County of Hardy reserves the right to refuse any and all bids and to adjourn the sale from time to time or discontinue the sale without any other notice other than oral proclamation at the time and place of the sale or any continuance or adjournment thereof. The sale shall be to the highest responsible bidder, but all bids are conditioned upon the acceptance thereof by the Board of Education of the County of Hardy at its first regular meeting following the auction, which acceptance by the Board of Education of the County of Hardy may be withheld for any reason or no reason whatsoever. The minimum bid for the Subject Property shall be \$1000.00. The sale shall be made upon the following additional terms: ten percent (10%) of the total sales price (which sales price includes a 10% Buyer's Premium) in

cash, together with a letter of credit for the remaining balance at the time of the auction and the balance in cash due simultaneously with the tender by The Board of Education of the County of Hardy of the deed, and such other terms as may be ordered by The Board of Education of the County of Hardy.

In advance of the auction date, inquiries concerning the Subject Property may be directed to Josh See, Director of Facilities and Transportation, Hardy County Schools, at (304) 530-2348, extension 9233.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF HARDY  
By: Melvin Shook Jr.  
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### Notice of Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees

Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Hardy County Clerk's Office at 204 Washington Street, Moorefield, WV 26836-0200. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file notice of an objection with the County Commission within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-2 and 44-3 and/or 44-1-14A(10).

Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner. If no reference to a fiduciary commissioner is listed herein, claims against the estate(s) must be filed in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-1-14A(10).  
First Publication Date: Wednesday, January 5, 2022  
Claim Deadline: Sunday, March 6, 2022

ESTATE NAME: MAYSELLE FLORENCE KIMBLE AKA BETTY  
CO EXECUTRIX: ROBIN DENISE KIMBLE PO BOX 86 MOOREFIELD WV 26836  
CO EXECUTOR: WILLIAM DOUGLAS KIMBLE 3070 SR 55 MOOREFIELD WV 26836-9149  
ATTORNEY: WILLIAM H JUDY VIII JUDY & JUDY PO BOX 636 MOOREFIELD WV 26836-0636

ESTATE NAME: CHRISTOPHER CLARK ZENITTINI  
ADMINISTRATOR: MATTHEW W ZENITTINI 15805 LANGLEY WAY EDMOND OK 73013-0001

ESTATE NAME: CYNTHIA ALAINE CORWIN WALTERS  
CO EXECUTOR: NATHAN H WALTERS 1951 PINE RIDGE ROAD WARDENSVILLE WV 26851-8428  
CO EXECUTRIX: RACHAEL WALTERS BRIGHTWELL 3000 RHODENHAVEN DRIVE NW ATLANTA GA 30327-1226

ESTATE NAME: SOPHIA FLORETTA SEE  
ADMINISTRATOR: DONALD F SEE PO BOX 235 26836-0235  
ATTORNEY: WILLIAM H BEAN BEAN AND BEAN PO DRAWER 30 MOOREFIELD WV 26836-0030

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 12/30/2021  
Gregory L Ely  
Clerk of the Hardy County Commission  
1/5, 1/12 2c

### Notice of Ancillary Filing without any Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees

Notice is hereby given that the following foreign will or affidavit of heirs has been filed in the Hardy County Clerk's Office at 204 Washington Street, Room 111

Moorefield, WV 26836-0200, and no appointment or administration is being made pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code 44-1-14b.

An interested person(s) objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this state must file a statement with the Hardy County Commission through the County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of first publication or 30 days of service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not timely filed, the objection is forever barred. The Hardy County Commission upon receiving any timely objection thereto shall schedule a hearing or hearings thereon and order relief, if any, it considers proper including, but not limited to, an order directing that full and complete ancillary administration of the estate of the nonresident decedent be made in this state.

First Publication Date: Wednesday, January 5, 2022  
DATE FILED: 12/15/2021

ESTATE NAME: SHERRY LEIGH RICHARDSON 283 BORUM STREET STRASBURG VA 22657-2338  
AFFIANT: DONALD RICHARDSON 363 SAND RIDGE ROAD TOMS BROOK VA 22660-2353  
ATTORNEY: WILLIAM H BEAN BEAN AND BEAN PO DRAWER 30 MOOREFIELD WV 26836-0030

DATE FILED: 12/15/2021  
ESTATE NAME: FREMONT EUGENE DAY ROUT 11 SOUTH PO BOX 465 MOUNT JACKSON VA 22842  
AFFIANT: JANET WERNER 157 KENSINGTON DRIVE FISHERSVILLE VA 22939-2106  
ATTORNEY: WILLIAM H BEAN BEAN AND BEAN PO DRAWER 30 MOOREFIELD WV 26836-0030

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 12/15/2021  
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## BOWLING NEWS

### ODD COUPLES MIXED LEAGUE 12/21/2021

TEAM STANDINGS: Vetter's Guns & Ammo 48.5 - 15.5, WELD 46 - 18, Strike Force 40 - 24, Livin on a Spare 37.5 - 26.5, The Tidy Bowlers 35 - 29, Split Happens 32 - 32, Country Cars & Trucks 26 - 38, Lucky Strikes 20 - 44, Terminators 18 - 46.

HIGH GAME MEN (SCRATCH): Roger Earle 278, Trey Wratchford 254, Jon Hedrick 240, Ed Wompler 217. (HANDICAP): Roger Earle 302, Trey Wratchford 280, Jon Hedrick 256, Larry Walp 242.

HIGH SERIES MEN (SCRATCH): Roger Earle 682, Trey Wratchford 668, Jon Hedrick 645, Richie Burgess 608.

(HANDICAP): Roger Earle 754, Trey Wratchford 746, Jon Hedrick 693, Larry Walp 682.

HIGH AVERAGE (MEN): Jon

Hedrick 200.67, Ed Wompler 196.87, Devin Keplinger 194.93, Roger Earle 192.85.

HIGH GAME WOMEN (SCRATCH): Tonya Keplinger 214, Emily Stark 180, Peggy Wompler 178, Rachel Stark 171. (HANDICAP): Tonya Keplinger 259, Peggy Wompler 246, Sue Earle 236, Emily Stark 234.

HIGH SERIES WOMEN (SCRATCH): Tonya Keplinger 507, Dee Anna McDonald 485, Rachel Stark 464, Peggy Wompler 460. (HANDICAP): Peggy Wompler 664, Rachel Stark 644, Tonya Keplinger 642, Sue Earle 612.

HIGH AVERAGE (WOMEN): Carissa Michael 178.57, Dee Anna McDonald 170.52, Tonya Keplinger 164.06, Denise McGreevy 154.93.

### THURSDAY NIGHT MENS LEAGUE 12/23/2021

TEAM STANDINGS: Builders

Center 36 - 24, Vetter's Mini Mart 35.5 - 24.5, Golden Lanes 30 - 30, Petersburg Oil Company 27 - 33, Strike Force 27 - 33, Country Cars & Trucks 24.5 - 35.5.

HIGH GAME (SCRATCH): Terry Wratchford 257, Gary Leatherman 256, Tony Robinson 248, Jon Hedrick 237, Richie Burgess 235. (HANDICAP): Tony Robinson 272, Gary Leatherman 271, Randy Thorne 269, Terry Wratchford 266, Jeremy Vetter 260.

HIGH SERIES (SCRATCH): Gary Leatherman 679, Richie Burgess 654, Terry Wratchford 635, Jon Hedrick 633, Derek Miller 630. (HANDICAP): Gary Leatherman 724, Randy Thorne 705, Richie Burgess 702, Derek Miller 702, Walter Barnes 697.

HIGH AVERAGE: Terry Wratchford 208.88, Gary Leatherman 203.36, Roger Earle 202.50, Jon Hedrick 202.29, Richie Burgess 201.56, Larry Walp 200.33.

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