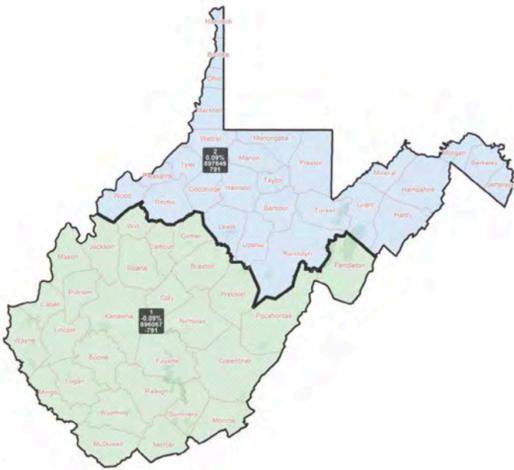




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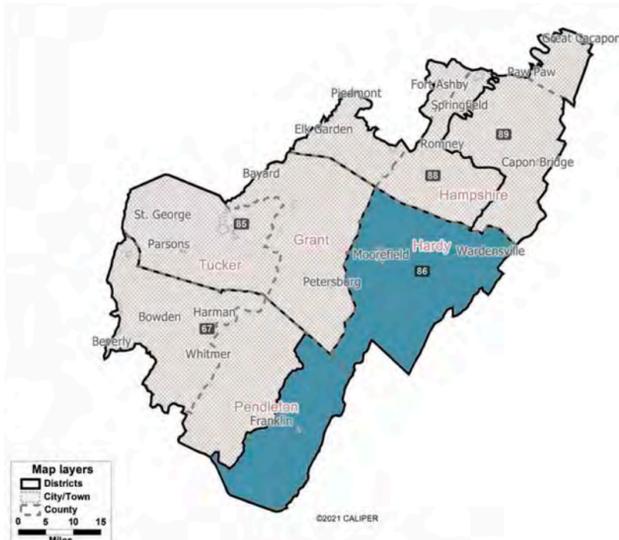
## Six file locally for primary election



State map of updated Congressional Districts



State map of updated Senatorial Districts



Regional state map showing updated House of Delegates District 86

Field	Value
District	86
Population	17069
Deviation	-466
% Deviation	-4.81%
White	15449
% White	90.51%
AP_Blk	641
% AP_Blk	3.76%
AP_Ind	312
% AP_Ind	1.83%
AP_Asn	91
% AP_Asn	0.55%
AP_Hwn	22
% AP_Hwn	0.13%
AP_Oth	635
% AP_Oth	3.72%
2+ Races	733
% 2+ Races	4.29%
Hispanic Origin	694
% Hispanic Origin	4.07%
18+ Pop	13587
% 18+ Pop	79.6%

By Milda M. Mullins  
Moorefield Examiner

Six candidates have filed locally for various county positions on the ballot for the May primary election.

Gregory L. Ely from Moorefield, registered as Democrat, has filed for the County Clerk position and David "Jay" Fansler from Mathias, registered Republican, is running for County Commission.

Kelly J. Shockey from Moorefield, registered Democrat, has filed for Circuit Clerk and Melvin F. Shook Jr. from Baker, registered Non-Partisan, has filed for the Hardy County Board of Education.

Joyce L. Schetrom and Joseph

Roy Dodd, both in Moorefield and registered Republican, have filed for the County Republican Executive Committee.

Hardy County is in Congressional District 2 for the U.S. House of Representatives, Senatorial District 14 for the W.Va. State Senate, and Delegate District 86 for the House of Delegates.

Angela J. Dwyer from Martinsburg, the only Democrat candidate who has filed as of Saturday, Jan. 22, is running for the U.S. House of Representatives in Congressional District 2.

Four Republicans have also filed for District 2: Susan B. Lochocki from Morgantown, David B. McKinley from Wheeling, Alexander X. Mooney from Charles Town, and Mike Seckman from West Union.

Republican Jay Taylor from Grafton has filed for State Senate District 14 and Republican Bryan C. Ward from Fisher has filed for Delegate District 86.

Hardy County is in the 22nd Judicial Circuit and as of Jan. 22 there were no filings for the one available seat.

Candidates can still file up until midnight of Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022.

Additional information can be found on the W.Va. Secretary of State website, <https://apps.sos.wv.gov>, and the W.Va. Legislature website, <https://www.wvlegislature.gov>.

## Arbaugh pleads guilty to sex crimes with minor

By Jean A. Flanagan  
Special to Examiner

David A. Arbaugh, 45, formerly of Moorefield, pleaded guilty to two felony counts involving solicitation of a minor. Senior Status Judge Charles Parsons presided in the absence of 22nd Circuit Court Chief Judge H. Charles Carl III on Wednesday, Jan. 19.

Arbaugh entered his plea on an Information petition, waiving his right for a Grand Jury. He pleaded guilty to one count of distribution or exhibiting sexually explicit material to a minor and one count of using a computer to solicit a minor for sexual activity. The penalty for the first count is a determinate sentence of not less than two years and a fine of not more than \$2,000 or both. The penalty for the second count is not less than two years and not more than 10 years in prison, a fine of not more than \$5,000 or both.

According to charging documents, in January, 2020, the West Virginia State Police received information from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children that Arbaugh was the recipient of child pornography.

According to Assistant Prosecuting Attorney H. Orrin Staggers III, during the investigation by the WV

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## West Virginia voters will return to using paper ballots

By Jean A. Flanagan  
Special to Examiner

"We've come full circle," said Hardy County Clerk Gregg Ely. "We went from paper, to electronic, and now we're back to paper."

In recent elections, voters had two options to cast their votes in person - they could use a traditional paper ballot, or they could vote electronically. This year, West Virginia voters will use ExpressVote terminals in the upcoming Primary Election scheduled for Tuesday, May 10. The ExpressVote machines will create a paper ballot, based on the voter's choices.

Here's how it works:

After the voter's identification is verified, they will be given a pre-numbered, blank ballot and escorted to the ExpressVote machine.

A poll worker will insert the blank ballot into the machine.

The voter will engage the machine and a list of candidates and ballot questions will appear on the screen.

The voter will cast their votes by touching the indicated boxes.

The voter will confirm their votes on the screen and request the ballot be printed.

After the ballot is printed, the voter can again review their votes.

If correct, the ballot will be placed in a security sleeve and deposited into a locked ballot box.

If the ballot is not correct, the ballot is "spoiled," or voided and the voter is given a new blank ballot to repeat the process.

After the polls close, the ballots will be collected and counted by

inserting them into an electronic counter.

"There is nothing anyone can hack," Ely said. "The machines are not connected to the Internet."

Ely said there was nothing wrong with the former electronic voting machines. But they were getting old. "There was no lack of confidence in the machines, but we've had them since 2005 and they were taking more and more maintenance each year," he said.

The ExpressVote machines are handicapped accessible. There is a keypad available for individuals who cannot reach the touch screen. There are headphones for the visually impaired.

Each precinct in Hardy County will receive at least two machines. "Some will get three, based on previous voter turnout," Ely said.

Every ballot is numbered and all ballots must be accounted for at the end of the day. This includes spoiled and provisional ballots. They are kept separate from the official ballots.

"I'm excited," Ely said. "These machines make the process less expensive. It will take less time to vote. The screen is easier to read."

Ely said the old machines were sold for scrap.

Voters may receive a postcard from the West Virginia Secretary of State's office, Ely said.

"The Secretary of State's office is cross-checking voter registrations," he said. "If you moved and didn't cancel your previous voter registration, you'll get a card. If you haven't voted in the last two federal

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Hardy County Clerk Gregg Ely demonstrates the ExpressVote voting machines.

Photos by Jean Flanagan

## COVID-19 cases still occurring across the county

By Milda M. Mullins  
Moorefield Examiner

COVID-19 continues in Hardy County with 26 new cases and 97 active cases as of Sunday, Jan. 23.

The Hardy County Health Department also reports 3 hospitalizations, 3,897 positive confirmed cases, and 3,756 patients who have recovered.

The county still has a reported death count of 44 residents, showing no new deaths since last week.

Vaccines for COVID-19 as well as booster shots are being given by appointment on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at the Health Department depending on who is receiving the shot and what kind of shot is being received. COVID-19 vaccines and boosters are free to receive.

The Health Department is also still giving flu shots. To get 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:

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## Moorefield Town Council discusses funding for water projects

By Hannah Heishman  
Moorefield Examiner

The Moorefield Town Council primarily discussed USDA draw 30 and the upcoming budget schedule at their meeting Jan. 18.

The USDA draw for the water plant project is for almost \$400,000.

It primarily funds the rest of the river work at the Brighton Park intake and punch list items. These are items that still must be brought to contract standards.

Public Works director Lucas Gagnon estimated there will be two more draws, and that 'final completion' will be Feb. 28.

Once finished, Gagnon said there

will be approximately \$430,000 left in the contingency fund, which can only be used for contract-related items.

The Town plans to use this money to build the pump station at Brighton Park.

Regarding the 2023 budget, City Clerk Rick Freeman said he would start collecting information from the

community.

"The State says we can't start until March 7," Freeman said.

"We'll start at the first meeting in March, and continue at our second meeting," Freeman said. He said a third meeting, if required, will be March 22.

The budget is due to the State by March 28.

Freeman updated the council on Michele Moure-Reeves efforts regarding grants to pay for work on the Higgins House.

"We're still moving along," he said, adding that most of the money will focus on work needed to make the building usable.

Before closing, the council remembered Donald Eye, a long-time

Town employee and former Town council member who died Jan. 16. Eye worked for the Town from Dec. 1989 until May 2013.

The council will meet again Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Moorefield Town Hall. The public is encouraged to attend. Social distancing is observed, and masks are optional.

### WEATHER

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## OPINION

From other Editor's desks . . .

# Almost Heaven Impact of 'Take Me Home, Country Roads'

Many West Virginians, when returning to their beloved Mountain State, share a tradition of playing John Denver's "Take Me Home, Country Roads" when crossing the state line, singing along to the state's unofficial anthem.

We all know the impact the song has had on West Virginia, providing a sense of pride and identity to our state and its residents. However, what many may not realize is that it's not just a song for West Virginians, but one that everyone can relate to as they yearn for home.

Sarah Morris, an English professor at West Virginia University, who has studied the broader impact of Denver's song, told those in attendance last week at the Ohio County Public Library's Lunch with Books program that the song "evokes a kind of nostalgia . . . for an idealized, unrealistic memory, associated with perpetual homesickness."

"Country Roads has this distinctive simple melody that's easily sung, with a message of universal heartache for a home, whether the listener is from West Virginia or not," she said. "...It's a felt sense for a place, a person, a home we know, but an idealized home. One that we can quite return to, but the home of our memories and hearts that exists in a tangible space."

"When we think about the home in Country Roads, it's not about the house or the town or the state . . . where we grew up, but the place we belong. Country Roads gives us a framework to talk and think about our identity as West Virginians in a new way, and it can influence the stories that we tell about ourselves."

~ The Elkins Inter Mountain

## NEWS BRIEFS

West Virginia is slated to receive more than \$500 million to repair and upgrade bridges across the state, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation. Federal officials announced last week that the state would receive the funding over the next five years, according to the Charleston Gazette-Mail. The state has one of the highest percentage of structurally deficient bridges in the country, according to an analysis of federal data by the American Road and Transportation Builders Association. The number of West Virginia bridges that need repair increased from 1,222 in 2016 to 1,545 in 2020, the organization found.

School February 21-22, 2022 at Cedar Lakes Conference Center. BPCS is a course that has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration as well as the United States Department of Agriculture for processors of acidified and low acid canned foods. There is a \$50.00 registration fee for the school, and space is limited and will be on a first-come-first serve basis to the first 40 students. Registration will close on, Friday, February 4 at 4 p.m. You can sign up at: <https://agriculture.wv.gov/events/better-process-control-school-2/>

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According to AAA last week, the average price for regular gas in West Virginia was at \$3.208. The national gas price average was at \$3.320. Gasoline prices rose a penny last week, driven primarily by the cost of crude oil, which has vaulted above \$80 a barrel. "In the past few weeks, we have seen the price for a barrel of oil slowly work its way from the mid-\$60s to the low \$80s," said Andrew Gross, AAA spokesperson. "And the primary reason is global economic optimism, whether well-founded or not, that the worst of COVID may soon be behind us." Across the state Beckley was high at \$3.315 and Parkersburg was low at \$3.004. Hardy County's gas average was \$3.379. Area prices were Hampshire \$3.337. Mineral \$3.184. Grant \$3.370, Pendleton \$3.349.

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The West Virginia Department of Agriculture will be hosting an Acidified-Only Better Process Control

## MY UNBASED OPINION

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN



Cold. Weather forecast for temperature of 1 degree tonight. It's a winter like I remember from earlier in my life.

No real walking ice on the river yet. At least none below Lost River sinks. River water warms up as it passes under Sandy Ridge when it emerges as Cacapon River.

If I remember correctly, ground water, such as from wells and springs comes out of the earth at approximately 54 degrees all year around. I've often wondered, but never known how much water temperature changes in its subterranean trip. I suppose it depends upon how long that water remains under the mountain.

An engineering problem. How fast does water transit the ridge? How long is water subject to the warming of the earth? On the other hand, how much does the ever flowing water further cool the underground channel thus altering the cooling effect?

I've thought and wondered about those temperature changes most of my life. Many times over the sixty odd years I've ice fished the rivers and driven the roads between Baker and Wardensville, I've seen differences in ice coverage. Driving home from college through the gap at McCauley I look over at Lost River, see square cut holes with bloody splashes beside and think "Hot damn. We've got ice enough to fish."

I touch up the throttle a bit to get on home to sort out my fishing equipment, snares, old tire, river axe, pick handle, screen wire strainer and bur-lap fish sack. Passing Wardensville school, I look down over river bank at the old mill dam pond expecting to see friends out on the ice or evidence that they have been there.

"Whoa Nellie!" No fishermen. No ice. No sign there has been any of either. Invariably I cuss Lost River a bit for warming too much under that ridge. Crossing Cacapon Riv-

er bridge down near home (my Big House) it's easy to see up stream water's surface. Nine times out of ten, if there is open water at the Dam Pond, its open at the bridge too. If it is iced over at the bridge it is likely too thin to fish.

First check when I get to the house is weather forecast. Continued cold overnight temperatures means another day or two and I may miss a college class or two while I fish first of the week.

I think most fun I had snaring was afternoons/evenings when Mom and I went to the river. I did all the work while Mom drove fish to me on her ice skates. She had a wonderful time showing her skating skills and driving fish nuts, skates clicking over their heads. Stirred up, they'd flash through my snare too fast to pull on. Usually not many fish caught, but it was worth it to see her slightly breathless smile as she stroked around me. Her fun lasted until her

watch said time to go home and fix Pap's supper.

I'd know all about that temperature change business if I'd raised my children at the farm. All those years I coached Hannah, Hilary and James through science fair projects, we'd have nailed that old Lost River sinks down. Temperatures going under and temperatures coming out. As part of the science fair board explanation of the projects, we'd note that the main point where Cacapon River rises is shown erroneously on official topographic maps.

I'd have had a wonderful time letting my children do the hard work of answering my questions. Now I suppose I'll never know those answers because I'm too old and decrepit to climb slippery river banks in search of information I can't use anyway for my all time favorite winter sport, Snaring Suckers through the ice.

## GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES



### Fifteen Years Ago January 24, 2007

Moorefield Elementary was Number One in the Nation for raising money with the Direct TV-4 Schools Program. MES had raised \$9,200 for the program.

Fish kills were continuing in area rivers with no obvious cause. Citizens were becoming involved in reporting, which could aid those trying to track down reasons.

In another story on fish, scientists found pesticides and flame retardants in the egg-producing male fish.

The County Commission got reports from the PSD, county planner and the RDA chair at their monthly meeting.

The Board of Education renewed Superintendent Ron Whetzel's contract for 4 years. They also received an update on the Crisis Management Team.

Delcie Ketterman Siever, 84, Criders, died Jan. 14. Richard Glenn Harman, 73, Dorcas, died Jan. 12. Wilson Omar Valladares-Alvares, 22, Misty Terrace, died Jan. 13.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Riggelman, a son, Joseph Edward. to Trista Mowery and Joshua K. Sions, a daughter, Elektra Jaye.

### Thirty Years Ago January 22, 1992

Governor Gaston Caperton announced that American Woodmark would be expanding their operation and increasing employment by 100 jobs.

The Community Development Committee learned the following: that the location of Corridor H had not been determined; that the levee project was still running behind due partially to the archeological finds; more than 500 applications had been received by Wampler-Longacre for the jobs created by its

expansion; Dr. Michael Riggelman and Dr. Elizabeth Hynes were both expected to be in the Love Clinic; that Valley View Golf Course planned to add six holes to become a full 18-hole course; that Food Lion expected to break ground in the spring; and that Hester told the natural gas company that it did want gas unless it was offered to other businesses and private residences in Moorefield.

Morris Mitchell Homan, 70, Franklin, died Jan. 15. Edward S. Beams, 58, died Jan. 17. Gladys

Shipe Brown, 79, Broadway, died Jan. 16. E. Virginia Earle, 77, Winchester, died Jan. 11. Louis Wood Loving, Jr., died Jan. 16. Carl Roosevelt Funkhouser, 76, Baker, died Jan. 15. Michael G. Kuykendall, 38, Cresaptown, died Jan. 17.

East Hardy lost to Franklin 68-37 and to Moorefield 48-34. Moorefield defeated Circleville 58-39, Union 74-52 and Frankfort 39-33 and lost to Petersburg 58-54.

### Forty-five Years Ago January 26, 1977

Finalists in a drama contest sponsored by the AAUW were to present their one-act plays for a final competition. Proceeds from the performances were to go to the establishment of a Community Theater project.

A record number of soil and water conservation projects were reported as more than 150 farmers and landowners participated in applying the practices.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steddings opened the Sportsmen's Inn near the Golf Course.

Anna Rohrbaugh Wolfe, 89, South Fork, died Jan. 20. Frank R. Lofton, 79, South Fork, died Jan. 21. Samuel W. Clower, 61, Trough, died Jan. 15. Robert D. Wilson, 73, died Jan. 23.

Jane Ellen St. Clair and William McGoldrick were married Jan. 13. Susan Elizabeth Smith and Steven Allen Link were married Jan. 5.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brightner, a daughter, Carrie Ann. to Lt. and Mrs. Ross Webster, a son.

Moorefield defeated Mathias 104-71 and lost to Keyser 81-63.

### Sixty Years Ago January 24, 1962

The Moorefield PTA unanimously to endorse the special county school levy.

A March of Dimes Telerama was to be seen via WSA-TV. Local citizens were to help man the phone banks. A number of New York and Hollywood performers were to be on hand and some would greet youngsters at the Channel 3 studios.

Orville Riggelman had purchased South Branch Truck and Implement Company and the International Harvester agency from Woodrow Brill.

R.J. "Mose" Douglas, 59, Stillwater, OK, died Jan. 23. Mintie Bean Evans, 89, Roanoke, VA, died

Jan. 15. Lula Kerns Purtlebaugh, 67, Gore, die Jan. 20. Commodore P. Miller, 60, Winchester, died Jan. 19. John A. Shipe, 82, Mathias, died Jan. 20. G. Frank Miller, Mathias, died Jan. 19.

Loretta Deanne Dasher and Robert Michael Glorioso were married Jan. 6. Mary Helmick and George Dean were married Jan. 5. Thelma Caplinger and Sloan Kuykendall were married Jan. 15.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Vause See, a daughter. to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Southerly, a daughter, Charlene Elaine. to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Jenkins, a son. to Mr. and Mrs. Burr Hartman, a daughter. to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mayle, a daughter. to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Sherman, a daughter. to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lamp, a daughter.

Moorefield defeated Wardensville 56-39 and Petersburg 54-40.

### Seventy-five Years Ago January 29, 1947

C. B. Hiatt reported to the Lions Club on the value of education in dollars and cents to businessmen in the state. West Virginia ranks in the last quarter in the states of the Union in voted average income, per capita wealth and home valuation. It was pointed out that by raising the average education, incomes would automatically increase.

Thompson Mahogany Co. workers were granted a 3 cents an hour pay raise as a result of negotiations between the company and union officials.

Carl Welton was reelected president of the County Court.

The new Boy Scout troop held its first meeting with 13 boys qualifying as members.

Loy High and Edwin Allen had started work at the Examiner.

Alice Virginia Shoemaker Robey, 89, Rada, died Jan. 22. Abraham Scotland Landis, 80, Romney, had died. James William Miller, 88, Baker, died Jan. 21. Rev. Nathaniel White Kuykendall, 64, Buckingham Court House, VA, died Jan. 26. Mary Nesselrodt Whetzel, 94, Brock's Gap, VA, died Jan. 23.

Lena Sherman and Marvin Zirk were married Jan. 4

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Simcox, a daughter, Celesta Starr. to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Shanholtz, a daughter, Betty May. to Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Halterman, a son. to Mr. and

Mrs. Ervin Teets, a daughter.

Moorefield defeated Piedmont 45-27, LaSalle 45-43 and Ridgeley 41-30. MHS girls defeated Wardensville 26-18 and Ridgeley 24-21.

### Ninety Years Ago January 28, 1931

A release stated that Public Utilities in West Virginia had placed more than fourteen million dollars in the public treasury.

Jimmy Wolfe who had been in charge of the Coffman Fisher Store since it opened had moved to Cumberland. C. H. Poole of Kitzmiller had come to Moorefield to take charge of the store.

Charles High's store at the Junction had been broken into and robbed of between \$300 and \$400 worth of merchandise.

Elmer Bott had installed another gasoline tank at his store at Baker and was planning for a lighting plant.

The Misses Edna Kuykendall and Essie Wratford had started a Sunday School at Powder Springs.

James William Kuykendall, 77, had died at his home. Mrs. Glenn Crites, 26, had died from typhoid fever.

### 105 Years Ago January 25, 1916

General Pershing was withdrawing his troop from the Mexican border.

The Wardensville correspondent had report a great stir over moving the post office from the H. R. Orndorff building to the B. C. Orndorff building.

A. D. Walker had been in Mathias taking options on land for a coal company.

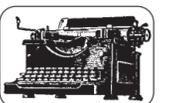
Pete Russel had returned to his home in Wardensville and was planning to open an up-to-date barber shop.

G. R. Miley had purchased the Copp property for \$1,800.

Work on the Dasher house was nearly completed and Mr. Dasher was planning to move in to it.

R. N. Fout, Purgitsville, had died. His was the third death in the family in less than six months.

A double wedding in Mathias. Verdie Sherman and Cletis Shell and Beulah Basore and Carson Shell. Ora Laura Doman and Otis Bradfield were married.



## EXAMINER SAYS

### Happy Birthday

Temperatures below 20 degrees, a six-inch plus snow and high winds pretty well have nailed winter as arrived. We haven't had much real winter for a couple of years and we've decided that we really don't want a lot more of it this year. Mother Nature has again reminded us that she rules, so let's just let her have it if she'll just back off and be nice until spring.

### To Daughter Hilary (Today)

Heads up for Kentucky Derby fol-

lowers . . . the Derby Festival will return to live and in-person events this year. There will be dozens of events from mid-March to Derby Week which leads up to the race on May 7. Let's just hope the anti-vaccers aren't responsible for another increase in COVID which in turn could again cancel this fun event.

### And Brother Sam (Tomorrow)

An AP story reported that a study on roadkill in California named the San Francisco Bay Area highway as the state's deadliest for wildlife. Across the state tens of thousands of

mountain lions, bears, bighorn sheep, squirrels, birds and lizards have met their fate with vehicles. Note there is no mention of deer. The study covered from 2009 until 2020 and listed more than 44,000 traffic accidents involving animals. There were also more than 65,000 reports from the public made to the California Roadkill Observation System. That's a lot of critters. As a result, the Center mapped some 15,000 miles of state roads and identified the areas where wildlife and vehicles were most likely to collide. Five of the top 20 hot spots are costing the state about \$5.8 million. But it gets better. In the

past five years, collisions between wildlife and vehicles cost the state an estimated \$1 billion. However, when accidents reported to insurance companies and not to the police, the estimates rose to \$2 billion for 2016 through 2020. Not good for the state or the drivers or the insurance companies. So what's California going to do to improve the situation? They are going to build dedicated bridges for animals. If the idea works, then it's good for the animals and the drivers. But, how do you train wild animals to cross a bridge instead of a road?

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## NEWS

# Valley Health Distributes COVID Test Kits to Community Partners

## Federal government provides free at-home kits to rural health centers and larger community

By Carol Weare

Valley Health

At a time of high community COVID-19 positivity, Valley Health is distributing more than 150,000 free COVID-19 test kits throughout its rural service area, courtesy of the federal government.

The 2-test kits began arriving last week through a Biden Administration initiative of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), in an effort to address the needs of residents in medically underserved areas.

Valley Health operates 19 federally-designated Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) in Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland to ease a shortage of primary medical care. HRSA's program provides test kits through its net-

work of RHCs to clinic staff, patients and surrounding communities.

In addition to offering test kits to RHC staff and patients, Valley Health is distributing them to other physician practices and dozens of community agencies and organizations for use by their staff and those they serve. The distribution includes law enforcement, fire and rescue, free medical clinics, health departments, churches, and detention centers, shelters and other congregate settings.

"We are entering our third year of caring for patients with COVID-19 and trying to protect the community from the ravages of this virus," said Jeffrey Feit, MD, Valley Health Population and Community Health Officer. "The current Omicron variant is particularly contagious and there's an overwhelming demand for testing. We are thrilled

to be the conduit for these do-it-yourself test kits from the U.S. government to help our community take decisive steps if they are positive: isolate and protect others, and seek care if they have significant symptoms or underlying health conditions."

Each test kit box contains two tests with clear instructions and the nasal swab and reagent needed to obtain fast, easy-to-understand results in 10 minutes. It is recommended that individuals use the second test over two to three days, with at least 24 hours and no more than 36 hours between tests.

Jason Craig, EdD, Valley Health Director of Community Health, has delivered thousands of test kits this week and learned first-hand how vital the rapid tests are for community agencies struggling to make safe decisions during the pandemic. The Salvation Army's residential program manager,

Deborah Moody, expressed her appreciation and offered insight on the value of the rapid tests to an organization trying to serve as many individuals as possible.

"We are currently running at half capacity because we were unable to know if someone was coming in with COVID and needed to isolate them for five days before releasing them into the population," Moody explained. "This will allow us a shorter isolation time. Being the winter, it is crucial that we offer services to individuals experiencing homelessness. Thank you for helping to make that happen."

Valley Health's six hospitals are working on a plan to give kits to patients on discharge from the hospital, Craig added. "We are putting them in the hands of many local family medicine and specialty care practices to help distribute throughout our communities. We

want to be a good community partner and are eager to put the test kits we requested from HRSA to use for the health and safety of our friends and neighbors."

Valley Health is also asking employees to take two kits for their family and give two to a friend or neighbor "so that we can extend into the communities where our employees live," Craig said.

Craig suggested that anyone unable to find a COVID-19 test kit through one of the practices or community organizations on Valley Health's initial distribution effort should submit a request to receive by mail from [www.covidtests.gov](http://www.covidtests.gov).

For more on Valley Health COVID-19 services and visitation guidelines, visit [www.valleyhealthlink.com/coronavirus](http://www.valleyhealthlink.com/coronavirus). For information on testing and return to work guidance, visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

## ARC and U.S. EPA Announce Partnership on Community Capacity-Building Pilot Program

By Ashley Hill

Appalachian Regional Commission

During a meeting of the Interagency Working Group (IWG) on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization, the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced their partnership on the Community Capacity-Building Pilot Program, which will help local development districts (LDDs) and local elected officials strategically deploy American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to reignite their regional economies.

"We are so pleased to join forces with the EPA on the Community Capacity-Building Pilot Program. The ARC-EPA partnership will strengthen the depth and reach of the pilot program to help our Appalachian communities maximize this historic infusion of federal funding through the ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Fund," said ARC Federal Co-Chair Gayle Manchin. "With this initiative, ARC will be able to better support communities across Appalachia in making investments that will reverberate throughout the Region long-term."

"EPA is excited to partner with ARC on community-driven solutions that will expand our engagement and ensure that local communities can play a meaningful role in planning for and revitalizing their own neighborhoods and towns," said EPA Deputy Administrator Janet McCabe. "By collaborating on the Community Capacity-Building Pilot Program we can bring significant investments directly to Appalachian communities."

This partnership will lead to better collaboration and communication that will help pave the way for future engagements and investments in local communities including the once-in-a-generation investments that the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will make in creating millions of jobs, modernizing our infrastructure, improving drinking water, cleaning up contaminated sites, and turning climate change into an opportunity.

"Two agencies coming together to help energy communities make best use of the American Rescue Plan's historic infusion of funding goes right to the heart of our mission of supporting economic transformation," said IWG Executive Director, Brian Anderson, Ph.D.

ARC and EPA also announced the selection of Center for Regional Economic Competitiveness (CREC) to implement the initial phase of the Pilot Program, which includes 1.) facilitating ARPA best practice sharing among LDDs, and 2.) developing a virtual training series designed to help communities identify catalytic projects that are eligible for ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. The National Association of Counties, Entrenworks Consulting, and the Development District Association of Appalachia will also work with CREC to implement the training and best practice-sharing. Registration for the Community Capacity-Building Pilot Program training sessions will open in early 2022 to local development districts and local elected officials.

"This partnership with the EPA and the Community Capacity Building Pilot Program is great news for communities throughout Appalachia," said ARC States' Co-Chair Virginia Governor Northam. "The federal ARPA funding provides a unique opportunity for communities to build new capacity and spur regional economies, and this support will provide the tools they need to build on the Region's strengths and drive growth and opportunity throughout Appalachia.

"Helping communities build capacity and empowering them to create a vision for a stronger and healthier future is key to achieving environmental and economic resiliency," said EPA Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator Adam Ortiz. "I look forward to the efforts of this EPA-ARC partnership to help drive environmental and economic transformation in the Appalachian Region."

ARC is also in the process of seeking proposals from qualified organizations for the next phase of the Community Capacity-Building Pilot Program, which will provide technical assistance to communities deploying American Rescue Plan Act Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Proposals are due January 14, 2022, at 5 p.m. EST.

The Appalachian Regional Commission is an economic development agency of the federal government and 13 state governments focusing on 423 counties across the Appalachian Region. ARC's mission is to innovate, partner, and invest to build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in Appalachia to help the Region achieve socio-economic parity with the nation.

## Farm Credit of the Virginias Makes \$15,000 Christmas Donation to Local Charities

Farm Credit of the Virginias (FCV), a lending cooperative that provides financing to farmers, agribusinesses and rural homeowners in Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland, pledged a Christmas donation this month of \$15,000 which will be divided amongst 19 charities local to their tri-state territory.

The annual holiday donation was made on behalf of their valued customer-owners and business affiliates. The recipients included several Toys for Tots locations, community farms, food banks and homeless shelters which support the rural communities in their 96-county footprint.

Brad Cornelius, Chief Executive Officer of Farm Credit of the Virginias, said, "Our association is proud to back these organizations and support their endeavors to strengthen the rural communities we serve. Each of the programs selected this year bring good people together to achieve a greater common good. We're honored to play a small role in advancing their efforts."

The following organizations received a holiday donation on behalf of Farm Credit of the Virginias' customer-owners and business affiliates: God's Pit Crew (Danville, Va.), Franklin

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Farm Credit team members present holiday donation to Valley Open Doors Director of Shelter Operations, Ashley Robinson.

## W. Va. lawmakers introduce 15-week abortion ban

By Leah Willingham

Associated Press

West Virginia lawmakers have introduced a bill to ban abortion after 15 weeks — a proposal nearly identical to the Mississippi law currently under review by the U.S. Supreme Court.

As the nation waits for the court to make a decision later this year in the abortion case that could overturn its landmark Roe v. Wade decision, at least two states — West Virginia and Florida — have introduced bills mirroring Mississippi's.

Both the Florida and West Virginia bills would prohibit abortions after 15 weeks except in a medical emergency or in the case of a severe fetal abnormality. Neither would provide exceptions for victims of rape or incest.

Republican Del. Ruth Rowan, lead sponsor of the West Virginia bill, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that West Virginia has an obligation to protect the unborn as "a Christian state where people care about their families and their children."

Rowan carries two wallet-sized photos around with her in the Capitol: One is of her 17-year-old grandson, a junior at the West

Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind; the other shows him in a hospital incubator when he was born early — at 28 weeks.

When Rowan's daughter was pregnant, she said, doctors told her daughter the pregnancy would be risky and gave her some options. Among them, they said, she could end her pregnancy. Rowan said the choice was clear. Years later, the family is grateful she decided to keep him.

"He's our miracle. He's why I'm so committed to what I'm doing right now," Rowan said, speaking through tears during an interview on the House floor. "Life is precious, and we need to respect that."

Rowan said adoption is always an option for women who don't want to be parents, saying "God has a reason for all of our children."

Like Mississippi, there is only one facility in West Virginia's state capital that performs abortions. That's down from 2014, when there were five abortion-providing facilities in West Virginia, according to the Guttmacher Institute.

Katie Quinonez, executive director of Women's Health Center of West Virginia — the state's sole facility currently performing

abortions — said the legislation would make abortion harder to access in a state where such access is already severely limited.

Current law in West Virginia prohibits abortions after 20 weeks and requires women to undergo state-directed counseling and wait 24 hours before the procedure is provided. Parents must be notified before a minor receives an abortion.

As it is, women have difficulty making the trek to Charleston to have an abortion before 20 weeks because West Virginia is a rural state without access to robust public transportation, according to Quinonez. Further restrictions would mean hundreds of people would have to travel out of state for abortion care, she said.

"Abortion bans, by default, are racist, are sexist, are rooted in white supremacy, particularly the exploitation of Black women and controlling women's bodies and decisions," she said.

Quinonez said abortions restrictions fall hardest on people who "are already marginalized by our healthcare systems." She cited people of color, young persons, low-income earners and people who live in rural areas.

"Our legislators should be working to expand access to

healthcare for those marginalized folks, not take their healthcare away," she said.

Quinonez said she had two abortions in West Virginia — one when she was in high school at age 17 and the other at age 22.

During her first pregnancy, she was dating an older man who was emotionally abusive. She wasn't able to get her abortion until after 15 weeks. She said she had to try to save money from her part-time pizzeria job to pay for the procedure.

"That's why this 15-week ban is particularly upsetting because I just remember myself as a teenager and how daunting that would have been to have been told, 'Well, you have to travel somewhere out of state to get the care that you need,'" she said. "I knew that I didn't want to be a parent."

West Virginia's abortion bill has cleared the House health committee and will go to the judiciary committee. If it passes the judiciary, it will go to the full House.

If Roe v. Wade is overturned, at least 26 states are expected to have abortion restrictions quickly go into effect or pass new ones, said Kristin Ford, the vice-president of communications and research for NARAL Pro-Choice America.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### 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 Office. Please call 304-530-5511 for an appointment.

### PVCD Board Meeting

The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting will be held on

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 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, WV. The public is invited to participate.

### 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.

### Spay and Neuter

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### Drug Take Back

The Moorefield Police Department maintains a permanent collection site for unwanted or expired prescription medication, located within the Police Department. It is located at 206 Winchester Ave. and is available to the public Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information check Moore-

field Police Department Facebook page or call 304-530-1777.

### Food Pantry

The Moorefield Church of God Food Pantry is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The church is at 212 S. Elm St. in Moorefield. They provide commodities in accordance with federal USDA policy.

### Heritage Tiles Available

The 2021 Heritage Weekend Tile House tiles are now available for purchase at the Hardy County Public Library. The tiles are \$15 each, with all proceeds benefiting the ongoing efforts of the Hardy County Tour & Craft Association.

### Honor Veterans

The American Legion wants to make sure they honor each Veteran who is buried in Hardy County with a flag on their grave for Memorial Day. Please contact Karen Malcolm at 304-257-6458 with the name and grave site of these honored veterans. You can text the name and site or leave her a voicemail. You can also email her at [kcmalcolm@hardynet.com](mailto:kcmalcolm@hardynet.com).

### Project Hello There

Lost River Projects invites people of all ages to send greetings to residents of EA Hawse Nursing Center who have been without visitors due to the Covid-19 pandemic. 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 or by email to [lostriverprojects@hardynet.com](mailto:lostriverprojects@hardynet.com). Lost River Projects will deliver your notes and letters to EA Hawse Nursing Center in Baker. Thank you!

### Free Classes

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### Hardy County Public Meeting Schedule

- Hardy County Commission - First Tuesday of each month - 9 a.m. Hardy County Courthouse
- Hardy County Board of Education - First and Third Monday of each month - 5 p.m. Hardy County Board Office, 510

Ashby Ave. Moorefield

- Wardensville Town Council - Second Monday of each month - 6:30 p.m. - Conference and Visitors Center, Main Street, Wardensville

- Moorefield Town Council - First and Third Tuesdays of each month - 7 p.m. Inskip Hall, 206 Winchester Ave., Moorefield.

- Hardy County Planning Commission - First Tuesday of each month - 6 p.m. Planning Office, Hardy County Courthouse, Lower Level

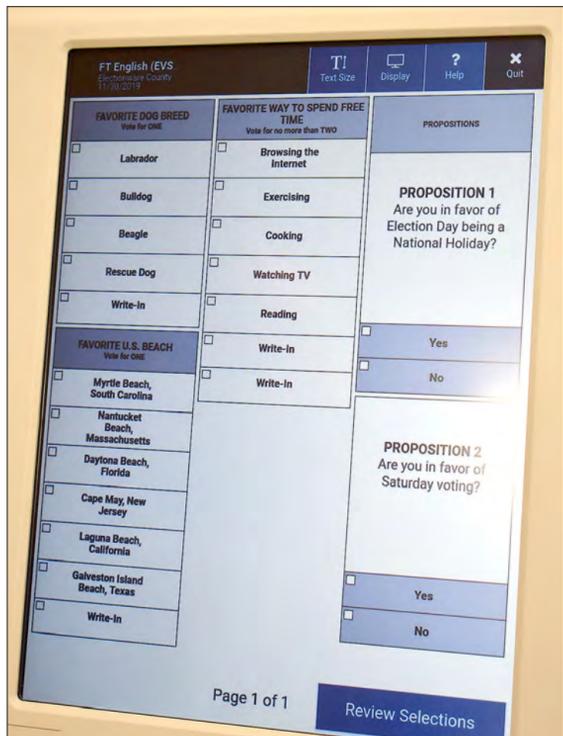
- Hardy County Public Service District - First Wednesday of each month - 4:30 p.m. PSD Office, 2094 U.S. 220 South, Moorefield

- Hardy County Ambulance Authority - Second Wednesday of each month - 6:30 p.m. alternates between Moorefield 911 Center and Baker building.

- The Hardy County Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Board - Third Wednesday of each month - 1 p.m. - Planning Office, Hardy County Courthouse, lower level

- Hardy County Rural Development Authority - Does not publish a regular schedule of meetings. RDA Office, 223 N. Main St., Suite 102, Moorefield

# Paper Ballots



The ExpressVote machines feature easy-to-read screens.

A paper ballot is printed after the voter casts their votes.

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elections, you will get a card." The last day to register to vote in the Primary Elections is Tuesday, April 19.

Absentee ballots must be request-

ed by Wednesday, May 4. "We also got a new counter for absentee ballots," Ely said. The last day absentee ballots can be hand-delivered to the courthouse is Monday, May 9. Mailed absentee ballots must be postmarked by Elec-

tion Day, Tuesday, May 10 and must be received by the date of the canvass, which is Monday, May 16.

Early voting begins on Wednesday, April 27 and continues through Saturday, May 7. The Hardy County Courthouse will be open from 9

a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday. The courthouse will be open on Saturday, April 30 and Saturday, May 7 for early voting.

# COVID

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• 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.

• 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 booster, or to get a flu shot, call the Hardy County Health Department at 304-530-6355.

# Farm Credit

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County Humane Society (Rocky Mount, Va.), Bedford Christian Ministries (Bedford, Va.), Hampshire County Sheriff's Annual Christmas Toy Drive (Romney, W.Va.), House of Hope (Oakland, Md.), Central WV Community Action (Clarksburg, W.Va.), Ripley Rotary Toys for Tots (Ripley, W.Va.), The Jane Jones Food Pantry (South Boston, Va.), Healing Strides (Boones Mill, Va.), Fau-

quier SPCA (Midland, Va.), Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Virginia (Charlottesville, Va.), JK Community Farm (Purcellville, Va.), Open Doors Homeless Shelter (Harrisonburg, Va.), Our Community Place (Harrisonburg, Va.), Boys Home of Virginia (Covington, Va.), Creative Works Farm (Waynesboro, Va.), Project Grows (Staunton, Va.), Toys for Happiness (Petersburg, W.Va.), Toys for Tots (Lewisburg, W.Va.).

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## THIS WEEK IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY



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1937 flood in Huntington



Bernard L. Coffindaffer



Frank Buckles



Joanne Dru



Miners Hospital No. One

By Michael Keller  
WVa. Humanities Council

Jan. 26, 1850: Wyoming County was formed by the Virginia General Assembly from a part of Logan County.

Jan. 26, 1960: Burnsville High School basketball player Danny Heater scored 135 points in a varsity game against Widen, setting a national record. Heater went on to receive an academic scholarship to attend the University of Richmond.

Jan. 27, 1925: Bernard L. Coffindaffer was born in Nicholas County. In the 1980s and 1990s, Coffindaffer erected clusters of crosses along the highways of West Virginia and much of the Southeast.

Jan. 27, 1933: Folk artist George Connard Wolfe was born in Standard, Kanawha County. A self-trained sculptor, he made his own tools from automobile leaf springs and engine valves and worked in

stone and wood.

Jan. 27-28, 1998: Flat Top on the Mercer-Raleigh county line received a record snowfall of 35 inches in a 24-hour period.

Jan. 28, 1902: Miners Hospital No. One opened at Welch, with a young Dr. Henry Hatfield as president. The legislature had passed a law requiring the building of state hospitals for those engaged in dangerous occupations, and eventually three hospitals were built in different sections of the state.

Jan. 28, 1937: In a flood that drove a million Ohio Valley residents from their homes, the Ohio River crested at Huntington at 69.45 feet, more than 19 feet above flood stage. By the time the water receded, five people were dead, and the city was in ruins.

Jan. 29, 1903: The great rhododendron was designated the official state flower of West Virginia, after being recommended by the governor and voted on by students in the public schools.

Jan. 30, 1818: Nicholas County was created by the Virginia legislature from parts of Greenbrier, Kanawha, and Randolph counties. The county was named for Wilson Cary Nicholas, a Virginia governor and U.S. senator who lived from 1761 to 1820.

Jan. 30, 1895: Mingo County was created from the southern part of Logan County. Mingo is the youngest county in West Virginia.

Jan. 31, 1878: Educator William Woodson Trent was born in rural Nicholas County. He served as state superintendent of schools from 1933 until 1957.

Jan. 31, 1922: Movie and television actress Joanne Dru was born Joan Letitia Lacoock in Logan. Her movie career included more than 40 films.

Jan. 31, 1945: Sergeant Jonah Edward Kelley of Mineral County was killed in action while leading his squad against German positions during World War II. He was awarded

the Medal of Honor for his "superb courage."

Feb. 1, 1832: Education reformer Alexander Luark Wade was born. Wade reorganized rural Monongalia County schools to require progress through eight prescribed levels with a graduating exercise and receipt of a diploma. Wade's system worked so well, it was copied in other counties and states.

Feb. 1, 1901: Frank Buckles, the last known American veteran of World War I, was born in Missouri. Buckles purchased a farm in Charles Town in 1954 and continued to live there until his death in 2011.

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## Sidelined by COVID, governor's address read by clerk

By John Raby  
Associated Press

West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice on Wednesday proposed a \$4.65 billion budget for the upcoming fiscal year that includes a previously announced pay raise for teachers and other state workers.

The Republican governor's State of the State address, scheduled for Wednesday night, was called off after he was diagnosed with COVID-19 on Tuesday. Instead, the remarks were read to lawmakers by the House of Delegates clerk Wednesday evening.

Justice said he still wants to address a joint session of the Legislature after he recovers.

The governor's office said in a statement that, according to state archivists, it's the first time in modern history that a governor delivered a State of the State speech by written message.

The governor's budget proposal calls for a 1.4% increase, or \$65.5 million, in spending. Justice said the budget is essentially flat for the fourth straight year. After his speech was read, the House referred the governor's budget to its finance committee before adjourning.

West Virginia started the new year strong fiscally, thanks in part to federal stimulus payments. Justice said

revenue collections to date for fiscal 2022 are \$475 million above estimates.

The average 5% pay raises for state employees, announced by Justice last month, is expected to cost \$114 million. Justice also proposed a \$41 million infusion for inmate medical care.

The governor's proposal didn't include anything like last year

when his top priority was a state income tax cut for most earners. That suggestion failed to make it through the Legislature.

But this year's legislative session has already started out with a bang. Earlier Wednesday, Justice announced that a North Carolina steelmaker will build a \$2.7 billion mill in Mason County, creating an estimated 800 manufacturing jobs, and a Canadian electric school bus manufacturer will produce buses in South Charleston, bringing up to 200 jobs.

"We are shedding our image of being uneducated, dusty, poor and backward," Justice said. "We are shedding our image of being bankrupt and a place business cannot operate because of our legal system. Together, we will continue to shed the dead weight that has been holding us back for years so we can continue to climb higher and higher on our journey to prosperity in West Virginia."

## Arbaugh

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State Police, they observed lewd messages between Arbaugh and the minor, including images of the juvenile that were sexual in nature. "Mr. Arbaugh also solicited the juvenile to engage in sexual activities," Stagers said.

In February, 2020, the WV State Police interviewed Arbaugh and he admitted being in possession of nude photographs of a 16-year-old female.

In court, Arbaugh admitted he was in possession of the sexually explicit pictures. The juvenile was a friend of Arbaugh's girlfriend's daughter. "I knew her," he said. "I initiated the contact."

When Judge Parsons asked Arbaugh why he did it, Arbaugh said he has been asking himself that question for some time.

"I've worked with kids all my life" he said. "I've coached every sport there is. I've never done anything like this before. I can't tell you why, other than I was going through

a divorce and my head wasn't right."

According to the plea agreement, the State will not pursue additional charges against Arbaugh. He will have to register as a sex offender for life and will be subject to extended supervision for up to 50 years.

Because of scheduling conflicts with the court and Arbaugh's attorney, he will be sentenced on Thursday, April 7. Arbaugh remains in post conviction bond and home incarceration at his parent's home in Pendleton County.

Judge Parsons ordered a pre-sentence evaluation and a psycho-sexual evaluation.

"The Internet is a wonderful thing," Parsons said. "At the same time it's a dangerous thing. Sometimes, I think it's more dangerous than advantageous. It's because of the Internet that we're here today."

Judge H. Charles Carl III is resting comfortably after a medical procedure. He will return to the bench in accordance with doctor's orders.

## AT THE LIBRARY

## New Fiction

**Desolation Canyon** (Margaret Nolan; 2) by P. J. Tracy – LAPD Detective Margaret Nolan is struggling to move forward after the death of her brother in Afghanistan and taking a life in the line of duty. A moment of weakness leads to cocktails with a colleague at the luxurious Hotel Bel-Air bar, followed by a stroll through the grounds which leads to a grim discovery beneath the surface of Swan Lake: the body of a successful attorney who made his fortune in international trade.

**The Ex-Husband** by Karen Hamilton – A woman fleeing her past as a con artist finds herself trapped aboard a cruise ship with someone who not only knows about that past, but will stop at nothing to get revenge.

**"The Good Son"** by Jacquelyn Mitchard – A mother struggles to help her son after he is convicted of a devastating crime.

**Lighting in a Mirror** (Fogg Lake; 3) by Jayne Ann Krentz – Olivia LeClair's experiment with speed dating is not going well. First there was the nasty encounter with the date who tried to murder her and now the mysterious Harlan Rancourt—long believed dead—sits down at her table and tells her she's the only one who can help him locate the legendary Vortex lab. Neither trusts the other but Olivia and Harlan soon realize they must work together to survive and unlock the Bluestone Project's most dangerous secrets before more

innocent people die.

**The Runaway** (Peter Ash; 7) by Nick Petrie – When Peter Ash rescues a stranded pregnant woman, he finds she's in far deeper trouble than he could ever imagine and he must use everything he has learned during his time as a Marine, including his knowledge of human nature, in order to escape a ruthless killer with instincts and skills that match—and perhaps exceed—his own.

**One Step Too Far** (Frankie Elkin; 2) by Lisa Gardner – Frankie Elkin heads into the woods in search of a lost man—and the shocking truth about why he went missing in the first place.

**Gods and Dragons** (Wake the Dragon; 3) by Kevin J. Anderson – Two continents at war: the Three Kingdoms and Ishara have been in conflict for a thousand years. But when an outside threat arises—the reawakening of a powerful ancient race that wants to remake the world—the two warring nations must somehow set aside generations of hatred to form an alliance against a far more deadly enemy.

**A Narrow Door** by Joanne Harris – It's an incendiary moment for St Oswald's school. For the first time in its history, a headmistress is in power, the gates opening to girls. Rebecca Buckfast has spilled blood to reach this position. As the new regime takes on the old guard, the ground shifts. And with it, the remains of a body are discovered.

Rebecca will bury the past so deep it will evade even her own memory, just like she has done before.

**Robert B. Parker's Bye Bye Baby** (Spencer; 49) by Ace Atkins – Carolina Garcia-Ramirez is a rising star in national politics, taking on the establishment with her progressive agenda. Tough, outspoken, and driven, the young congresswoman has ignited a new conversation in Boston about race, poverty, health care, and the environment. Now facing her second campaign, she finds herself not only fighting a tight primary with an old guard challenger but also contending with numerous death threats coming from hundreds of suspects.

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**The Doomsday Mother: Lori Vallow, Chad Daybell, and the End of an American Family** by John Glatt – Glatt tells the twisted tale of Lori Vallow, accused of having her two children murdered to start a new life with her new husband, doomsday prepper Chad Daybell.

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## OBITUARIES

### BERNARD ALLEN FANSLER



Bernard Allen Fansler, 79, of Mathias, passed away on Jan. 20, 2022, at his residence.

He was born on Dec. 8, 1942, in Harrisonburg to Winfred S. and Eva

Whetzel Fansler who both preceded him in death.

He was a self employed farmer for Bernard A Fansler Farms and was a member of Garretts Chapel United Methodist Church. He enjoyed going to Misty Valley and the Bergton Store to talk to friends. He was a poultry farmer, did excavating, and loved going to stock sales. He loved having his great grandchildren and loved to talk. He won the poultry grower of the year 2 times in the state of West Virginia.

After two years of dating in high school and then graduating, he married the former Doris "Dottie" Souder who survives and they were happily married for 60 years.

Also surviving are his two sons,

Mike Fansler and wife Glennia of Mathias and Mark Fansler and wife Lynise of Mathias; grandchildren, Tiffany Fansler and husband Justin, Halesa Rexrode and husband Josh, Kathy Nutter and husband J.C., Brooke Taylor and husband Mike, and Brett Fansler; great grandchildren, Blake Miller, Bryce Miller, Paylynn Rexrode, Phynlee Rexrode, Clinton Nutter, Riggins Nutter, and Jameson Taylor; one brother, Roger Fansler and wife Judy of Mathias; two sisters, Mary Miller and husband Jeff of Mathias and Dorothy Strawderman of Mathias; sister-in-law, Ella Biller of Timberville, Va.; nephew, Phillip Phillips "Flip" and wife Cindy of Broadway; niece, Crystal Biller of Broadway; two great nephews, Alex Phillips of Broadway and

Phoenix Biller of Timberville, Va., and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brother-in-law's, Stacy Strawderman and William Biller.

A funeral service was conducted by Reverend Jonathan Hedrick on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at Grandle Funeral Home in Broadway, Va. Burial followed at Laurel Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hardy County Emergency Authority in Baker.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.grandlefuneralhome.com](http://www.grandlefuneralhome.com). Grandle Funeral Home in Broadway, Va. handled arrangements.

### FLOYD R. MILLER

Floyd R. Miller, age 88, died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022, at his home in Wardensville.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War. He attended Faith Mission Church.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Dyer Miller; daughter, Teresa Noakes (Daniel); grandsons, Ethan and Jared Noakes; brother-in-law, John R. Dyer (Catherine); and sister-in-law, Victoria Dyer.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Roy, John Jr., Arlie, Dorsey,

Ward and Hilda; and brothers-in-law, Glendon Dyer and James (Jimmy) Dyer.

Graveside services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Faith Mission Church, 300 Carpenter Ave, Wardensville, WV, 26851 or Grant Memorial Hospice, 100 Hospital Dr., #2, Petersburg, WV, 26847.

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

### BEULAH ANN "BEA" BENNETT



Beulah Ann "Bea" (Simmons) Bennett, age 79, of Petersburg,

passed away on Monday, Jan. 17, 2022, at her home. She was born on June 29, 1942, in Rig and was a daughter of the late Garfield William Simmons and Grace Lulu (Kile) Simmons.

In addition to her parents, Bea was preceded in death by her husband, Roy M. "June" Bennett in 2019; one daughter, Tina Moore; one grandson, Tyler Moore; one great grandson, Max Nettles; and two sisters, Mary Belle Watts and Martha Louise Bogan.

Bea is survived by one son, Bill (Nancy) Moore of Maysville, W.Va.; one granddaughter, Danielle Nettles; two great grandchildren, Abi-

gail Nettles and Lucian Small; one niece, Shanda Bogan of Moorefield; five great nieces, Courtne Butler, Crystan Kisamore, Dakota Wrathford, Latisha Fortner and Shi-An Kline; two great nephews, Aaron Watts and Joshua Wrathford; several great-great nieces and nephews including Brynn and Reese and a special sister-in-law, Alice Walters.

Bea's life centered around her family. Her passion was gardening, baking and cooking. She enjoyed having family gathering at her home. She never missed sending Birthday and Anniversary cards to family and friends.

She was a member of Corner Unit-

ed Methodist Church and attended South Branch Baptist Church.

To honor Beulah's wishes, her body was cremated and a memorial service was held on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, at South Branch Baptist Church at 496 Veterans Lane in Petersburg. Pastor Matt Perrine and Rev. Joseph Gerstell officiated.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Corner United Methodist Church or South Branch Baptist Church, P.O. Box 65, Petersburg, WV, 26847.

Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg handled arrangements.

### ELSIE LOU MCLAUGHLIN



Elsie Lou McLaughlin, age 98, of Huffman Road in Purgitsville, passed away Friday evening, Dec. 24, 2021, at Hampshire Center in Romney.

Born on October 17, 1923, in Moorefield, Elsie was the daughter of Harry Lee Hendrickson and Nelle Blanche Huffman Hendrickson. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Stealey McLaughlin, and their beloved daughter, Gail McLaughlin.

Survivors are Elsie's daughter,

Carol (Stansfield) Vincenti of Louisville, Ky.; her grandson, Brian (Brooke) Stansfield and great-grandson, Ford Stansfield, reside in Roswell, Georgia.

Elsie was the Valedictorian of her class at Moorefield High School when Eleanor Roosevelt dedicated the newly completed high school. She graduated from West Virginia University and became a teacher in Hardy County schools. She was a member of the Moorefield Presbyte-

rian Church.

Private services will be held at a later date with interment in Old Pine Cemetery in Purgitsville.

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

Arrangements are under the direction of the Fraley Funeral Home in Moorefield.

### DONALD GERALD EYE



Donald Gerald Eye, age 72, of Lee Street in Moorefield, passed away Sunday evening, Jan. 16, 2022, at Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg. Born on April 22, 1949, in Moorefield, he was a son of the late

Roscoe Ervin Eye and Mary Susan Walters Eye. A brother, Douglas Eye, and a sister, Joan Hogbin, also precede him in death.

Surviving is his loving wife of 49 years, Sharon Elaine Wrathford Eye; a son, Josh (Jackie) Eye of Old Fields; a daughter, Crystal (Rafael) Vega of Williamsburg, Va.; two brothers, Richard Eye of Moorefield and Robert (Anita) Eye of Purgitsville; two sisters, Becky (Monty) Plum of Old Fields and Ellen Hardy of Moorefield; and five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Donald Eye was a man of duty, honor, and integrity. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps, achieving the rank of Corporal, and was awarded the National Defense Service Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal with 2 stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and

the Good Conduct Medal. He was a Life-Member of the Denney-Moyers-Pratt Post #9606 V.F.W.

Donald had a major influence in laying the basic foundational skills and unlocking potential in so many of the youth in Moorefield with over 30 years of coaching both Little League Basketball and Football. He not only volunteered his time in coaching both sports but also volunteered as a referee during basketball games and as a member of the chain crew for Moorefield High School home football games. He also was instrumental in the lives of the children that his wife babysat throughout their 49 years of marriage.

He retired from the Town of Moorefield as a Chief Water Operator and was a member of the Moorefield Church of Christ. He loved

hunting and fishing with his family and friends; but no greater joy than being surrounded by his grandchildren.

Funeral Services were conducted on Friday, Jan. 21, 2022, at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel at 107 Washington Street in Moorefield. Pastor John Leininger officiated. Interment followed with Military Graveside Rites accorded by the U.S. Marines and the Moorefield Veterans Honor Guard at the Bethel Cemetery in Old Fields.

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

Arrangements are under the direction of the Fraley Funeral Home.

### HOWARD RAYMOND CHESHIRE JR.



Howard Raymond Cheshire Jr., 78, of Patterson Creek Road in Burlington, died Monday, Jan. 10, 2022, at Winchester Medical Center in

Winchester, Va.

Born on May 30, 1943, in Romney, he was a son of the late Howard "Sam" and Velma (Rotruck) Cheshire. He also was preceded in death by one great grandson, Carter Cheshire; four brothers, an infant and Roy, Jerry and Harry Cheshire; and two sisters, Patricia "Pinky" Cheshire and Sandra Wilfong.

Mr. Cheshire grew up in Mineral County, W.Va., working hard on his family farm. He retired from American Woodmark as a cabinet maker. He also helped his Uncle Ted at his slaughterhouse in Hampshire County and worked in the apple orchards.

"Junior" as he was known to family and friends, loved spending time in the outdoors, with his greatest

passion being hunting, especially in turkey and buck season. He enjoyed caring for his gardens and farm animals and especially loved his little dog "Molly." He enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Surviving is his wife of 55 years, Lillie "Virginia" (Keplinger) Cheshire; his children, Michael "Mike" Cheshire and Janie of Lahmansville, W.Va., and Lisa Lambert and husband Keith of Romney; four grandchildren, Michael Cheshire, Harmoni Annadale, Heavenli Fleming and Tyler Lambert; and ten great grandchildren, Trae Hartwell, Mchilee, Kayden, Otto and Aubree Cheshire, Trinity Moyers, Layla Miller and Lennox, Sage and Emmett

Lambert. Also surviving is a brother, Billy Cheshire, and six sisters, Ruby Leatherman, Darlene Newhouse, Diane McAvoy, Ruth Leatherman, Marg Rotruck and Mary Lou Rotruck and several nieces and nephews.

At Mr. Cheshire's request, there will be no visitation.

A memorial service was conducted at the Harness Run Church of the Brethren on Patterson Creek Road in Burlington on Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022. Pastor John Ellifritz officiated.

Condolences and personal reflections to the family may be left after Mr. Cheshire's obituary at [smithfuneralhomes.net](http://smithfuneralhomes.net).

The Smith Funeral Home, Burlington Chapel, is in charge of the arrangements.

### DEBRA KAY POLING



Debra Kay (Evans) Poling went to be with her Lord and Savior on Jan. 22, 2022, at her residence in Old Fields with her family at her side.

Born on April 13, 1954, she was the daughter of Agnes Elizabeth Hawse Evans and James Richard

"Pud" Evans, as well as the little sister of Nancy Taylor and Kathy (Michael) Snyder. Debbie was married to the love of her life and high school sweetheart, Daniel Milford Poling, for 46 years and had two children, James Lindsey "JL" Poling of Old Fields and Katie (Matt) See of Morgantown. The joys of her life were her granddaughters, Miss Mollie Elizabeth and Emilie Edna (aka - "Emie the Elf") See.

Debbie retired in October after a long career with the 22nd Judicial Court and Hardy County Probation offices. We thought she would be heading out to Morgantown to frequently knock on her son-in-law's door, but it turns out the Lord had other plans, which we suspect may be that of the official Heavenly yard sale organizer and bake sale locator. She loved yard sales and clearance

racks. And jewelry. She loved jewelry so much that there is a dedicated closet for her costume jewelry and other treasures.

She was an active member of the Moorefield Church of the Brethren, where she dedicated a lot of her time and a fraction of her endless energy to efforts, such as leading the children's story, teaching Sunday school, helping with meals and serving on boards. Her church family was a tremendous source of support throughout her time of illness.

Debbie leaves behind countless friends and friends-like-family. She truly adored the people she worked with throughout her career, beginning with circuit court judges and attorneys and most recently, her Hardy County Probation Office family including her best buddies Pam and Rick.

Debbie left an impression on everyone she met. Everyone who ever met her has their favorite story about their time with Deb. She showed her love in many ways, one of which included showering those she loved with gifts and favorite foods.

At her request, her body will be cremated. A private family service will be held in the coming days, while a celebration of her life for all of Deb's friends will be held in Spring 2022. More details will follow.

Memorials may be made in her memory to the Moorefield Church of the Brethren, 115 Clay Street, Moorefield, WV, 26836. Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on Deb's Tribute Wall at [www.fralefuneralhome.com](http://www.fralefuneralhome.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of the Fraley Funeral Home.

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## COMMUNITY

# West Virginia EZPass Discount Program Beginning, Jan. 1: Turnpike Reminds Drivers to Renew their passes

By W.Va. DOT

Beginning Jan. 1, 2022, drivers who took advantage of West Virginia's E-ZPass Single Fee Discount Plan will be able to renew their plans for one year for \$26.25. If a patron has a valid, unexpired credit card on file, the E-ZPass will be renewed automatically. The E-ZPass gives drivers of the West Virginia Turnpike unlimited use of the Turnpike for an annual fee.

On Jan. 1, 2022, the cash toll for Class I passenger vehicles will be adjusted to \$4.25 per toll booth as provided for in legislation passed by the West Virginia Legislature.

The legislation creating the West Virginia E-ZPass Single Fee Discount Program provides for periodic adjustment of rates. The Parkways Authority thus included periodic inflation adjustments in its June 2018 schedule of tolls and discounts, including a five percent inflation adjustment in the cost of the West Virginia E-ZPass Discount Program for Class I passenger vehicles every three years, and a 1.6 per cent per year inflation adjustment in cash tolls every year, rounded to the nearest quarter, starting on Jan. 1, 2022.

Under the adjusted fee schedule, passenger cars, pickup trucks, motorcycles and passenger vans will pay \$4.25 per mainline toll booth beginning Jan. 1, 2022. Cars or trucks pulling a trailer and motor homes will pay \$5.25. Motor homes pulling a trailer will pay \$6.75.

Larger trucks will pay between \$6.75 and \$25.25 depending on the number of axles on the vehicles.

Discounted commercial E-ZPass plans are also available.

For Class I passenger vehicles, the E-ZPass Single Fee Discount Plan has been a great deal.

"Prior to this program, an E-ZPass could cost \$300-plus a year for access to all three main toll plazas," said West Virginia Parkways Authority Executive Director Jeff Miller.

"We absolutely encourage all Class I passenger vehicle drivers to take advantage of the E-ZPass Single Fee Discount Plan."

Gov. Jim Justice announced the E-ZPass Single Fee Discount Plan in 2018 to give eligible drivers of the West Virginia Turnpike an opportunity to save on the cost of tolls. The previous year, West Virginia voters approved the sale of \$1.6 billion in highway bonds as part of Governor Justice's Roads To Prosperity highway construction and maintenance program. As part of that program, tolls on the Turnpike were raised from \$2 to \$4 per passenger car for cars without this West Virginia E-ZPass. The program was set to include a five percent increase in the cost of the West Virginia E-ZPass discount program for Class I passenger vehicles every three years.

For frequent Turnpike drivers who selected the option of saving money with the E-ZPass, the cost dropped. Drivers recognized significant savings. "As a frequent driver of the Turnpike myself, I experienced that reduced fee as the lifting of a burden," said Miller. "As a young college student, I had to shoulder that burden, but now when the \$0.00 flashes each time I drive through I know the burden has been lifted for drivers who rely on the Turnpike every day."

"The benefits of the West Virginia E-ZPass program far exceed the cost, particularly compared to any other national toll discount program that exists," Miller said. "After just two round trips on the West Virginia Turnpike, the E-ZPass pays for itself. The Governor's visionary idea for this program will pay dividends long into the future."

As an incentive to join the program, about 180,000 people who signed on early for the E-ZPass Single Fee Discount Program had unlimited use of the Turnpike for three years, at a flat rate of \$24. Those who joined after January 2019 paid \$25 a



year.

Anyone renewing or signing up for the West Virginia E-ZPass Single Fee Discount Program for Class I passenger vehicles after Jan. 1, 2022 will now pay \$26.25 a year.

Not only has the program saved West Virginians money, but by issuing new bonds supported by net Turnpike toll revenues, it has also provided funding for other road projects in the 10 counties surrounding the West Virginia Turnpike.

Three years into the program, West Virginia is reaping the economic rewards. With over 75 percent of tolls collected paid by out-of-state and commercial drivers, the program has funded \$595 million in highway projects in those 10 counties.

In 2018, the Parkways Authority approved an initial bond sale of \$172 million to help the West Virginia Division of Highways pay for projects in Fayette, Greenbrier, Kanawha, McDowell, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Raleigh, Summers, and Wyoming counties, as authorized by state law.

In June 2021, the Parkways Authority sold its second issue of toll revenue bonds. Investor response was so strong that the sale was able to generate \$423 million in bond proceeds, \$90 million more than had originally been planned.

That money is now being used to pay for 23 separate projects in the 10 counties surrounding the Turnpike.

Those projects include:

The complete replacement of 15 different bridges.

Construction of the four-lane Coalfields Expressway.

Major upgrades and construction on Beckley's Z-Way project.

Reconstruction of MacCorkle Avenue in Kanawha City.

Construction of the RHL Boulevard connector to alleviate traffic congestion on Jefferson Road and Corridor G in Kanawha County.

To get an E-ZPass, or to renew an existing E-ZPass, visit [www.wvturnpike.com](http://www.wvturnpike.com). Drivers may also apply in person at the West Virginia Parkways Authority E-ZPass Customer Service Center, 3310 Piedmont Road, Charleston, West Virginia 25306, or at the Beckley Customer Service Center located at 12 Pikeview Drive, Beckley, WV, 25801.

If a patron has a valid, unexpired credit card on file, the E-ZPass will be renewed automatically. The E-ZPass Single Fee Discount Plan is good for one year after signing up, so if drivers sign up in March, their E-ZPass will be good until the following March.

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

## ENGAGEMENT



## Coffman and Mathias announce engagement

The Reverend Bert and Suzanne S Coffman of Fairmont, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Alexandra Day Coffman of Petersburg, W.Va., to John Preston Mathias, also of Petersburg. John is the son of Karen and J.D. Mathias II of Wardensville, WV. Alex is a graduate of Grafton High School, West Virginia University and Collegium Civitas in Warsaw, Poland. John is a graduate of East Hardy High School, University of Pennsylvania and Regent University School of Law. John is an executive of a technology company and Alex is the WVU Extension 4-H Agent in Grant County.

## West Virginia University will continue emergency grants

Associated Press

West Virginia University students who are attending classes at least half-time this spring will be considered for emergency grants from coronavirus relief funds.

Students must be seeking a degree and have a 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid on file

by Jan. 26. Graduate and professional students who meet the requirements will also be considered, the university said in a news release. The Office of Global Affairs will international information consideration. Students situation has changed since the 2021-2022 FAFSA was filed can submit an appeal.

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Fri. Dec. 28: Pepperoni roll, cottage cheese, green beans, orange

The Center is now open to serve meals inside. The grab and go meals are still being done at this time. That will end but not sure when. Please call in and let us know if you are picking up or eating in with us. Thank you for staying with us thru all of the changes.

Meals are to be eaten here at the center or at EA Hawse Community room in Baker Thursdays only. Person under the age of 60 are welcome to come eat with us at a cost of \$5.25 per meal. "That's A Deal." Any donation over \$5.25 would be greatly appreciated.

Those making donations were Food Lion and the Moorefield Examiner. We would like to thank each and everyone of you for your donations: They are greatly appreciated. Have a safe and happy week.

HCCOA receives funding from federal and state entities including W.Va. Bureau of Senior Services and Upper Potomac AAA, local government, donations and memorial contributions.

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## DMV Encourages Customers to Take Advantage of Online Services During Winter Snowstorm

By Natalie Holcomb

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# 5 Easy Ways to Enhance Digestive Health

## FAMILY FEATURES

As your social schedule picks up steam and you attend more social gatherings and celebrations, you may find yourself with an unexpected issue: digestive troubles. Problems like this can have a negative impact on your overall wellness, so it's important to make healthy digestion a priority.

According to Ayurveda, the ancient Indian science of how to live long and be healthy, the health of the digestive system is the core of optimum health. Ayurvedic medicine asserts the digestive system is based on the strength and balance of its Agni (fire), which enables the body to absorb, digest and assimilate food. The teachings suggest an imbalanced Agni creates undigested residues, which form toxins that create imbalances and can lead to disease.

Some of the dietary guidelines for healthy digestion and strong Agni include:

- Allowing 4-6 hours between meals
- Avoiding eating between meals
- Avoiding foods with cold, wet and heavy qualities
- Drinking ginger tea or hot water to stimulate the Agni
- Starting a meal with pungent (hot), sour and salty flavors
- Consuming a small amount of bitter taste before a meal to increase the production of hydrochloric acid in the stomach

Take steps to protect and nurture your digestive health with these tips:

### Add Fiber to Your Diet

Plant-based foods that are high in fiber fill you up faster, so you're less likely to overeat, and they also help with digestive regularity. Increase your intake of high-fiber foods like fruits, vegetables, whole grains, beans, lentils, nuts and seeds. Take a gradual approach to avoid upsetting your digestive tract and bump up your water intake as you go since fiber will absorb it and decrease the likelihood you experience gas or cramping.

### Stay Hydrated

Keeping your body well hydrated is like making sure your car's engine is well lubricated. It keeps all your moving parts in sync and operating for top performance. Some fluids can also help with detoxification, which can be especially beneficial when your social calendar is full and your opportunities to overindulge are greater.

An option like Buddha Teas' Detox Dharma contains detoxifying herbs that stimulate your digestive system. Strengthening and soothing herbs are also incorporated into this balanced formula resulting in an effective yet gentle detox tea. For another solution, Turmeric Ginger Tea contains enough black pepper to make curcumin (the active ingredient in turmeric) bio-available in hot water, helping build healthy Agni.

### Eat Slower

In today's busy world, it's easy to scarf down a meal in record time. However, slowing down gives your body more



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time to process food. You'll give your brain more time to communicate with your stomach and be more aware of when you've satisfied your hunger.

### Start Exercising

If you need one more reason to get moving, your digestive health could be it. Regular physical activity promotes better digestion. However, if you jump into a workout too quickly after eating, you could actually do the opposite. Eat light before exercising then have a protein-rich balanced meal for recovery afterward.

### Manage Stress

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## HARDY COUNTY SPORTS



### Moorefield clobbers East Hardy in girls basketball match

By Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

The Hardy Girls Hardwood Classic featured a rough and tumble game with 36 combined fouls and 55 turnovers as the Yellow Jackets overcame the adversity triumphantly to defeat East Hardy 38-23 in Baker on Wednesday night.

Moorefield committed 19 fouls giving the Cougars the chance to make 11-of-16 free throws, while East Hardy made 17 fouls allowing the Yellow Jackets to score 11-of-24 points from the line.

East Hardy lost the ball 33 times and the Yellow Jackets had 22 turnovers in the contest.

Both teams combined for 72 errant field goals with Moorefield hitting the rim 38 times and the Cougars ricocheting 34 shots.

"We got the ball inside where we wanted it and they were playing zone. Our field goal percentages weren't good and we threw the ball away

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Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield's Sterling Kump stretches to disrupt a rebound attempt by East Hardy's Sarah Merritt as Cougars teammate Gabby Miller comes over to assist.

### East Hardy senior grapplers honored, Miller steals spotlight

By Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

On a special night honoring the East Hardy Wrestling seniors during a quad match in Baker, junior Mason Miller stole the spotlight with his 50th career win milestone accomplished on Friday.

The Cougars hosted grapplers from Frankfort, Moorefield and Central (Woodstock, Va.).

"It was a great evening. It was great to honor the seniors and get recognition for them. It was a good crowd, so I am happy overall. I am ecstatic and very happy for Mason. He is working hard and getting better each day," East Hardy Wrestling coach Steven Miller remarked.

East Hardy clipped the Falcons' wings in the opening match 60-18, then Frankfort departed for home due to distance and number of matches allowed for the season.

East Hardy 106-lb. wrestler Milton Funkhouser took a forfeit prior to winning an exhibition match by decision.

Frankfort evened the match with a forfeit given.

East Hardy's Shane Riggle (120-lb.) lost to Frankfort's Iryll Jones

with a second period pin at 58.1.

Shawn Bodkin (126-lb.) and Samara Pyles (132-lb.) garnered forfeit wins for the Cougars for an 18-12 lead.

Frankfort's Alex Smith pinned East Hardy's Brandon Jones in the second period at 1:29.

East Hardy's Gabby Miller (145-lb.) made two escapes in the first period, but Frankfort's Kristopher Sherman had three takedowns and a near fall prior to earning a pin with 21 seconds left in the opening frame.

Tyler Tarallo (152-lb.) notched a takedown in the first period and made a reversal and pin in the second period over Frankfort's Nicholas Ort.

East Hardy's Damian Iman (160-lb.) and J.B. Shipe (170-lb.) took forfeit wins to go up 42-18.

East Hardy's Mason Miller (182-lb.) sandwiched two takedowns around back points collected prior to recording a first period pin over Frankfort's Nathan Armentrout for his 50th career victory.

"It feels good. Since we didn't have a wrestling season my sophomore year, that's why I am late and behind and just now getting it.

It feels good to get this win," East Hardy junior Mason Miller noted after his 50th career win.

Matthew Harmon (220-lb.) and Brennan Miller (285-lb.) took forfeit wins for the Cougars to finish the match notching the 60-18 win.

East Hardy Wrestling commenced the senior ceremony with assistant coaches Mason Gray and Derek Alt handing out roses to each grappler, then embraces were made by them and head coach Steven Miller.

East Hardy senior Victoria Ames, a three-sport athlete, plans to attend Shepherd University.

East Hardy senior Madison Heishman, a three-sport athlete, plans to earn a master's degree in Early Childhood Education.

East Hardy senior Dale Hockman, a three-sport athlete, plans to join the United States Marine Corps.

East Hardy senior Damian Iman, a two-sport athlete, plans to attend Alderson Broaddus University majoring in Criminal Justice and intends to sign with the Sprint Football program.

Hockman and Iman were state

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Photos by Carl Holcomb

East Hardy junior grappler Mason Miller earned his 50th career win against Frankfort and teammate Courtney Shank held the special sign recognizing the milestone.



Photo by Carl Holcomb

East Hardy's J.W. Teets avoids Petersburg's Bumbly Vanmeter during a layup after a steal.

### East Hardy thwarts Vikings attack

By Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

It was a tight game throughout the first half, but the Cougars gained momentum late in the third period thwarting Petersburg's advancement and stymied a late rally sending the Vikings down the trail empty handed as East Hardy earned a 64-59 victory in Baker on Thursday.

"I thought we rebounded the ball well and we had some good en-

ergy. Noah Lang really stepped up and probably had his best game of the season. Dawson [Price] was on point as usual. We did a better job of getting out in transition and that really benefited us," East Hardy coach Chris Hahn remarked.

Both teams missed shots to start the game including two free throws by the Cougars in the opening minute, but the Vikings struck first with a jumper by Trace Rohrbough at the 7:12 mark.

Petersburg's Zalan Barrick grabbed a defensive rebound, then East Hardy's Justin Teets hauled in a rebound on the other end leading to a bucket by Dawson Price to equalize the game at 6:38.

After a hand check foul, Petersburg's Bumbly Vanmeter netted a field goal to regain the lead.

East Hardy's Noah Lang cut into the paint finding the hoop, then stole the ball and dishd to J.W. Teets for a

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## SPORTS

# Robinson Named to PSAC Fall Top Ten

Graduate student defensive lineman Ricky Robinson (Mathias, W.Va./East Hardy) of the Shepherd University football team has been named to the PSAC Fall Top Ten as announced by the league office today. The honorees are chosen by PSAC's sports information directors. The PSAC Top 10 Awards are designed to recognize student-athletes who excel in both the classroom and in athletic competition. Robinson joins former teammate Deonte Glover as the only Shepherd student-athletes to gain this honor.

Robinson, who recently gained first team Academic All-American honors for the third consecutive year, has a 3.88 grade point average as a business administration major in his undergraduate classes and boasts a 4.00 GPA in his MBA classes. An All-PSAC East second team selection, Robinson recorded 45 tackles (27 solos) as he helped lead the Rams to a 13-2 mark and a national semifinal appearance this season. He added a sack (-11 yards), a pair of quarterback hurries, and a blocked kick.

To be a candidate for the PSAC Top 10 Awards, a student-athlete must have achieved a minimum of a 3.50 cumulative grade point average and must be a starter or key reserve with legitimate athletic credentials for their respective team. The fall sports eligible for consideration for the Fall Top 10 Awards are men's and women's cross country, field hockey, football, men's and women's soccer, and women's volleyball.

At the conclusion of the academic year, all Top 10 Award winners from each season are eligible for the PSAC Pete Nevins Scholar-Athlete of the Year Awards, given to one male and one female candidate.

# Brett Tharp of Mathias named to VaSID All-State Football Team

A trio of Bridgewater College football players added to their year-end recognitions after claiming Virginia Sports Information Directors (VaSID) All-State honors.

Cornerback Chase Rosenthal and linebacker Brett Tharp were selected to the first team, while punter Garrett Graves was picked for the second team.

A native of Chesapeake, Va., Rosenthal earns his second all-state selection with a spot on the first-team defense. The honor adds to his post-season recognition of first team all-conference and third team all-region accolades. Rosenthal was fourth on the team with 52 tackles, including 3.0 TFL. He led the team with three interceptions and broke up five passes. One of those interceptions was returned 35 yards for a touchdown during Senior Day against Guilford. Rosenthal garnered ODAC Defensive Player of the Week honors after totaling six tackles, two pass break-

ups and an interception that was returned 54 yards.

Tharp, a senior from Baker, West Va., picks up his second first-team all-state selection after previously earning first team all-conference and third team all-region laurels this winter. Tharp led the Eagles and finished ranked in the top 10 in all of Division III with 116 tackles, which included 58 solo stops. A 2021 pre-season All-American, he tallied 10.0 TFL and 4.0 sacks to go along with a forced fumble and an interception. He registered 10 tackles in six of his 10 games, including at least 15 stops in each of the last three games of the season. Tharp recorded 23 tackles against Washington and Lee to become just the second player in Bridgewater history to collect at least 20 stops in a game and is the first since Don Buckley in 1960.

A D3football.com Fourth Team All-American, Graves garners second team all-state laurels for the first

time in his career. Graves previously claimed first team all-conference and all-region honors this season. The Chester, Va., native totaled 49 punts covering nearly 2,000 yards in his second season as the Eagles' primary punter. Graves sailed eight punts over 50 yards, including a pair of kicks that traveled over 60 yards with his longest of 62 yards coming against The Apprentice School. In addition, Graves landed 26 of his 49 punts inside the 20, which was the most in the ODAC, and kicked into 21 fair catches. His average punt of 40.3 yards ranks him 11th in the nation and topped the conference this season.

Bridgewater College is a private, four-year liberal arts college located in the Central Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Founded in 1880, it was the state's first private, coeducational college. Today, Bridgewater College is home to approximately 1,500 students.



Photo by Carl Holcomb

Potomac Valley Basketball Officials are prepared to raise funds in the fight against cancer this week. Three of the officials at the East Hardy game have their pink whistles ready for the cause: Corey Haines, Jimmy Taylor and George Geatz. Money can be donated at PVC games throughout Hardy County, Grant County, Pendleton County, Mineral County, Hampshire County, Tucker County, Morgan County and Randolph County.

## Potomac Valley officials blow whistles on cancer

Officials from the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Inc. (IAABO) have joined forces with the American Cancer Society to raise funds to help fight cancer. Officials from around the United States have been asked to donate a portion of their game fees to raise funds to help find a cure for this dreaded disease.

Participating officials will display their commitment to the campaign during the week of January 24th - 30th, 2022, by using a colored whistle while officiating games. Their goal is to not only raise funds for this worthy cause, but to also bring awareness to the basketball spectators and to provide support to those affected by cancer. The officials from the Potomac Valley Basketball Officials, IAABO Board No. 204 are participating in the campaign and will be wearing their colored whistles in contests held throughout the week.

Anyone interested in making a donation to this worthy cause is encouraged to attend a basketball game at a local high school, where they can take in a contest and submit their donation directly. Another way to donate is by visiting <https://raiseyourway.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=629>.

## THE OLD MASTER

By JAY FISHER



WVU had a tough stretch of the schedule, facing three straight Top 20 teams: Kansas, Baylor, and Texas Tech - with only Baylor at home. In each case, WVU played fairly well in the first half, but couldn't come up with the wins.

The toughest one was Kansas, where the Jayhawks broke open a close game with a blistering start to the second half. They absolutely dominated inside, and pulled away for a big 85-69 win. The Baylor and Texas Tech games were similar to each other. Both games were pretty close throughout, but WVU couldn't keep up down the stretch, and the opponent pulled away. Baylor won 77-68, and Texas Tech won 78-65, but both games were closer than the final.

A common theme in all three games was WVU being outplayed in the paint. All three opponents outscored WVU inside, and shot better inside. In fact, all three shot 50% or better. WVU, on the other hand, shot less than 50% in the lane in each game. That is a trend to be reversed.

Things do not get any easier. They play their last non-conference game this Saturday as part of the Big 12/SEC Challenge. They travel to Arkan-

sas to play a pretty good Razorback team (this is also Gabe Osabuohien's team before transferring to WVU). The game tips at 2 p.m. on ESPN2.

Then WVU gets to play the Baylor-Texas Tech combo again. They will be at Baylor Monday night, Jan. 31 at 9 p.m. (TV: ESPN). The Mountaineers return to the Coliseum on Saturday February 5 to play Texas Tech. It will be interesting to see what kind of adjustments West Virginia makes to shore up its inside game.

The football team made headlines with some coaching news. First tight ends coach Travis Trickett took the job as Offensive Coordinator at South Florida. It's a nice step up for the WVU alum, but the Mountaineers will miss his recruiting prowess. His replacement was named pretty quickly, and it was a big one. Graham Harrell, who had been the offensive coordinator at Southern Cal will take that position at WVU, where he will also be the quarterbacks coach. He will be in charge of playcalling for WVU too, which means we should see a different offense this fall.

Harrell played at Texas Tech, where he was a record-setting quarterback in Mike Leach's air raid offense. During

his coaching career, he has been the offensive coordinator at North Texas, where took the Mean Green from near the bottom of the NCAA passing stats to the Top 25, and the past three years at USC, where the Trojans have also had a prolific offense with quarterback success.

While he and Neal Brown have not worked together on the same staff before, they have plenty of overlap when it comes to coaches they have worked with. You never know exactly how his offense will evolve - it can depend on the talent on his own offense and also how opposing defense's evolve their strategy - it looks like he will want to throw the ball a good bit. A writer who covered USC noted on Tony Caridi's radio show that he likes to use the short pass to set up the run and longer passes.

It should also be noted that this hire injects a good dose of optimism around the 2022 offense. Harrell has been mentioned for noteworthy jobs as offensive coordinator and even head coach, so he brings a good reputation, and fans can expect more offensive fireworks this year. (Remember how I said WVU football needed to be more fun? This could help a lot).

# Fort Hill, Mountain Ridge dominated All-Area Football team, two East Hardy players selected to first team

By Alex Rychwalski  
Cumberland Times-News

Fort Hill and Mountain Ridge combined to place 18 on the All-Area first team, and seven different schools slotted players on the top squad.

The Sentinels, winners of the Maryland Class 1A state championship, led the way with 10 selections, followed closely behind by the Miners, who were state runner-up to Fort Hill, with eight.

Northern tallied just four players on either the first or second teams, but all four landed on the top squad. Frankfort garnered three selections, followed by East Hardy with two, and Allegany and Keyser with one.

Though the Campers landed just one player on the first team, they slotted seven total on the first and second teams - the third-highest total behind Fort Hill and Mountain Ridge.

The All-Area ballot was compiled by nominations submitted by area head coaches, who then voted on who should be on the squad. Eleven coaches submitted nominations and nine returned ballots.

The quarterback on the top squad was Mountain Ridge's Bryce Snyder, who took home the title of Offensive Player of the Year over the weekend. The 6-foot-2, 210-pound gunslinger set the area on fire completing 157 of 260 passes (60.4%) for an Allegany County record 2,367 yards, 29 touchdown passes to just six interceptions. Snyder also rushed for 521 yards and 12 scores.

His 41 total touchdowns were the highest mark in the area, and his 29 passing scores tied an area record. Snyder was a unanimous selection to the first team.

Joining Snyder in the backfield is Fort Hill fullback Blake White, the area Player of the Year. White rushed for 1,353 yards on 132 carries (10.3 yards per carry) and 21 touchdowns. The 6-2, 180-pound senior was the area's second-leading rusher behind Northern's Jamison Warnick and led the region in rushing scores. For that, he was a unanimous first-team pick.

A pair of Mineral County speedsters fill out the traditional running back selections. Keyser senior running back Sammy Bradfield (5-11, 180) rushed for 1,085 yards and 11 touchdowns on 149 totes, a 7.3 yards per carry average. Frankfort senior back Peyton Clark (5-9, 185) tallied 1,064 yards and 15 scores on 141 carries for a 8.1 yards per rush mark.

Warnick headlines the all-purpose slot with an area-best 1,459 rushing yards and 18 touchdowns on 228 carries. The do-it-all 6-0, 180-pound senior added an area-high 523 return yards and a score and 341 passing yards and five touchdowns to his resume.

Mountain Ridge running back Jaden Lee joins Warnick at the position after accumulating 1,188 rushing yards and 17 touchdowns on 176 carries. The 5-9, 185-pound junior added 417 receiving yards (seventh-best locally) and two TDs on 37 grabs. He also logged 177 return yards.

Lee and Warnick were both unanimous first-team all-purpose back selections.

On the outside, Dawson Price paced the receiver group with eye-popping pass-catching numbers. The 6-3, 205-pound junior was electric for East Hardy with an area-best 1,200 receiving yards and 15 touchdowns on 56 grabs. Price averaged 21.4 yards per catch.

Nate Washington (6-2, 165) starred all season as Snyder's top target for Mountain Ridge, and he gets the other receiver nod. Washington tallied 856 receiving yards and 14 scores on 46 receptions for 18.6 yards a catch.

Fort Hill logged half of the selections on the line, after tight end Jace May (6-0, 168) and offensive linemen Hunter Vanmeter (6-2, 200) and Tyler Wilhelm (5-11, 187) created holes for an offense that rushed for 3,905 yards and 57 touchdowns this season.

They're joined by a pair of Mountain Ridge bullies: Peyton Miller (6-3, 265) and Jacob Wildeson (6-3, 230), who dominated opponents up front as the Miners averaged more than 44 points a game.

Northern senior offensive lineman

Cole Moore (5-10, 275) grabbed the final spot.

Fort Hill kicker Jacob Tichnell earned the first team kicking duties after knocking 3 of 5 field-goal attempts through the uprights for a long of 35 and making 56 of 58 points after touchdowns. Tichnell also booted 16 touchbacks.

Just like Fort Hill dominated the trenches on offense, the first-team defensive line features much of the same with a trio of Sentinels on the unit.

TJ Lee, the Defensive Player of the Year, was unstoppable for Fort Hill accumulating 103 tackles (33 solo), 20 tackles for loss, 12 sacks, one interception, one forced fumble and three fumble recoveries. The 5-11, 160-pound senior was a unanimous selection.

Lee is joined at defensive end by Sentinel teammate Tanner Wertz (5-10, 156), a sideline-to-sideline player that logged 82.5 tackles (43 solo), seven tackles for loss, two sacks, three forced fumbles, two recoveries and a touchdown.

Carter Hess, the Lineman of the Year, presented problems for all of Fort Hill's opponents this season as a 6-2, 278-pound sophomore, tallying 70 tackles (25 solo), 18 tackles for loss, six sacks and two fumble recoveries at defensive tackle.

Frankfort junior defensive end Chase Snyder (6-1, 195) joined the group after recording 81 tackles (44 solo), 18 tackles for loss, 4.5 sacks, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.

Northern end Cam Friend, a 6-1, 195-pound senior, filled out the defensive line. Friend finished the season with 80 tackles (45 solo) and 5.5 sacks.

Northern's Chance Ritchey moved off the line to linebacker this season, and to say the move paid off would be an understatement. The 5-11, 225-pound senior headlines the linebacker unit with an area-best 137 total tackles and 91 solo stops. Ritchey was a unanimous first-team pick.

Allegany sophomore Zach Michael (6-2, 200) joins Ritchey at linebacker after recording 100 tack-

les (27 solo), one tackle for loss, one sack, one safety, one interception and one forced fumble.

East Hardy linebacker Mason Miller, also the second-team quarterback, wreaked havoc on West Virginia's Class A this season. The 5-9, 185-pound junior made 114 stops (32 solo), one sack, three interceptions, two forced fumbles, three recoveries and scored two touchdowns.

A pair of Allegany County linebackers fill out the unit. Mountain Ridge's Hunter Clise (5-9, 205 pounds) had 82 tackles, an area-high 24.5 tackles for loss, two sacks, one forced fumble and one recovery over the course of his junior season.

Fort Hill's Josh Holtman, a 5-11, 180-pound senior, also made the first team after making 93 stops (33 solo), three tackles for loss, one interception, two fumble recoveries and a touchdown.

In the secondary, Frankfort safety Luke Robinette repeats on the All-Area first team after recording 78 tackles (30 solo), seven tackles for loss, one interception, four pass breakups, two fumble recoveries and a touchdown during his junior campaign. At 6-3, 180 pounds, Robinette is also the Falcons' quarterback.

Robinette is joined by another junior defensive back, with Fort Hill's Tavin Willis getting the nod. Willis (5-11, 168) finished with 86 tackles (42 solo), two tackles for loss, one sack, two interceptions, seven pass breakups and one touchdown.

Mountain Ridge's Collin Lowry was the lone senior of the group. The 5-11, 185-pound Miner capped off his high school career with 66 tackles, two tackles for loss, four interceptions, six pass breakups, two forced fumbles, one recovery and one touchdown.

Mountain Ridge special teams star Ashton Shimko, who was also the second-team placekicker, was selected as the first-team punter. Shimko punted just 11 times but logged 442 yards for an area-best 40.2 yards per punt average.

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Hardy County Girls Basketball

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too many times. We got more help inside and passed around better later in the game," Moorefield coach Paul Keplinger stated.

"We got out and ran a little bit. Our defensive pressure got to them in the second half a lot. As for any game, we're going to get after you defensively. Those run outs and inside shots helped in the second half. We got a little energy finishing out the game. They played hard, but our defense wore East Hardy down."

It took nearly two minutes for the first point to be scored in the game as both teams found the rim unfriendly, then Moorefield's McKenna Crites made one of two free throws to start the scoring at 6:03.

East Hardy's Brooklynn Tinnell dribbled down the floor crashing into a defender, but was whistled for a walk trying to shift the ball around.

Chloe Miller snatched a defensive board, then Moorefield's Teia Ray stole the ball.

East Hardy's Emma Heishman swiped the ball back before losing it out of play.

After two fouls by the Cougars, Moorefield's Amber Williams was sent to the charity stripe and made both baskets for a 3-nil edge at 4:27.

"That first half was ridiculous. Everything we touched was called a foul. Come out in the second half, same thing and nothing happened. We just couldn't make shots tonight. That's the way it goes. If you can't make shots, you can't win. We have to play through it and make shots next time," East Hardy coach Calvin Mongold remarked.

McKenna Crites and Heishman traded steals, then the Cougars hit the rim twice with rebounds by Autumn Crites and Ray.

McKenna Crites drew a foul to add one more free throw to Yellow Jackets tally at the 3:56 mark.

A defensive carom was hauled in by Moorefield's Kaleigh Hunt, who found Crites for a 3-pointer on the next possession. Hunt grabbed another rebound and fed Crites again, drawing a foul this time and hit one free throw to make it 8-nil at 3:08.

Both teams committed turnovers, then Chloe Miller made an offensive rebound and putback to place East Hardy on the scoreboard ending the run at the 2:25 mark, 8-2.

After the Yellow Jackets missed two free throws, Tinnell snatched the rebound and dished to Miller for a layup with 45 seconds on the clock.

Moorefield's Sadie Crites collected an offensive rebound and passed to Korbin Keplinger, who drew a foul and added one point with nine seconds to go in the opening frame for a 9-4 lead.

Moorefield started the second period hitting the rim thrice before East Hardy's Sarah Merritt created a steal and passed to Autumn Crites, who was fouled and made both free throws at the 7:31 mark, 9-6.

East Hardy's Tori Pratt blocked a shot and Moorefield missed the next attempt as the ball bounced out.

Hunt swiped the ball and netted a layup with a foul attached, but missed the extra bucket to go up 11-6.

Tinnell made a steal, but the Cougars missed the next three field goals with rebounds by Miller, Tinnell and Hunt.

Williams was called for a walk, then Hunt committed a foul during a trap.

Merritt netted one of two free throws for East Hardy at 6:26.

McKenna Crites walked and quickly stole the ball back leading to two missed free throws by Sterling Kump.

Tinnell collected the rebound and was fouled heading into the paint which created two points at the line for an 11-9 score at 5:53.

Moorefield's Sterling Kump and East Hardy's Sarah Merritt executed blocks over the next minute of action.

There were six combined turnovers over a three minute span with seven missed field goals before Hunt nailed a jumper at 2:25 for the Yellow Jackets, 13-9.

During the final two minutes of the first half, Moorefield missed the rim six times and lost the ball four times as East Hardy committed four turnovers and hit the rim twice.

The only scoring during that final stretch came at the free throw line in a span of 39 seconds.

Kump (M) hit one foul shot at 1:28, Tinnell (EH) made two free throws at 1:22 and McKenna Crites (M) notched one charity stripe basket at 0:49 to give Moorefield a 15-11 lead at halftime.

A jump ball started the third period and the Yellow Jackets hit the rim, then East Hardy's Autumn Crites made the rebound only to have it stolen by Crites.

Moorefield missed two more field goals with rebounds by Williams and Miller, but Hunt swiped the ball leading to a breakaway layup at 7:01.

Autumn Crites notched a rebound and was fouled before adding one free throw.

Crites made a leaping save and assist to Merritt for a jumper at the 6:37 mark as the Cougars cut the deficit to 17-14.

East Hardy's Autumn Crites grabbed the next two defensive rebounds, but the ensuing shots were blocked by Moorefield's McKenna Crites.

Moorefield found the basket moments later with a jumper by Sterling Kump.

The Cougars answered with two foul shots by Chloe Miller to make it 19-16 at the 5:30 mark.

Moorefield's Sydney Rumer snatched an offensive rebound and passed to Hunt for a jumper.

East Hardy stepped out of bounds during a trap, then Kump drilled a 3-pointer for the Yellow Jackets to extend the lead to 24-16 at 4:28.

The Cougars missed two shots and Moorefield collected the board before stepping out. Tinnell netted a jumper for East Hardy with 3:10 on the clock.

A minute later with both teams missing opportunities, Kump drew a foul after a jump ball leading to a pair of free throws made.

The rim wasn't friendly thrice for the Cougars in the ensuing minute, then Kump made a jumper at the 1:11 mark for a 28-18 Yellow Jackets advantage.

McKenna Crites and Chloe Miller blocked shots for their respective teams in the final minute and there was one missed field goal on both sides of the floor to close out the frame.

Moorefield out-scored the Cougars 10-5 in the final stanza.

Both teams missed shots to start the fourth period with rebounds going to Moorefield's Seanna Heavner and East Hardy's Gabby Miller.

McKenna Crites swiped the ball, but the next shot hit the rim and Chloe Miller grabbed the board. Heavner stole the ball, but it was snatched back by East Hardy's Emma Heishman.

East Hardy's Gabby Miller collided with a defender and drew the blocking foul leading to one free throw made.

Moorefield's Amber Williams collected an offensive rebound and added the outback for the biggest lead of the game, 30-19 with 6:55 left.

The Cougars coughed the ball up twice over the next minute, but the Yellow Jackets couldn't convert and Heishman blocked one of the attempts in addition to a steal by Autumn Crites.

Hunt garnered a field goal for the Yellow

Jackets at 4:44, then the Cougars missed two free throws.

East Hardy's Gabby Miller made a steal, but it was swiped back by Moorefield's Teia Ray.

Both teams missed buckets, then Heavner scored in the paint with a trip to the line added, coming up short for a 34-19 advantage with 3:23 remaining.

After two missed East Hardy shots, a walk by the Yellow Jackets led to a jumper made by Autumn Crites off an assist from Merritt at the 2:30 mark.

Hunt lost the ball ricocheting into the bench, but a lane violation gave the ball right back to Moorefield.

Hunt collected an offensive rebound and was tied up for a jump ball switching possession to the Cougars.

Ray stole the ball and dished to Hunt for a jumper making the Yellow Jackets lead 36-21.

East Hardy's Gabby Miller drilled a mid-range jumper with 35 seconds remaining, then collected a defensive carom before having it stolen by Ray.

Williams knocked down a basket at the buzzer to give Moorefield a 38-23 victory.

Kaleigh Hunt recorded a game-high 12 points for the Yellow Jackets, followed by Sterling Kump with ten points.

Chloe Miller and Brooklynn Tinnell paced the Cougars with six points apiece.

East Hardy JV squad edged the Yellow Jackets 28-24.

East Hardy JV's Addison Armentrout netted six points in the win.

Abby Thorn led Moorefield JV team with eight points.

Note: The Moorefield Examiner misspelled Moorefield's Seanna Heavner's name in previous articles and regrets the mistakes from the roster provided.

East Hardy Boys Basketball

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layup as the Cougars took a 6-4 edge at 5:25.

Petersburg's Ian Van Meter knocked down a 3-pointer for a 7-6 lead, but the Cougars responded with a jumper by Price as the lead changed again.

Price blocked a shot before a walk was assessed on the Cougars, then Petersburg was whistled for a charge on a collision inside.

Price drilled a basket from inside the top of the key to keep the momentum going.

After the Vikings hit the rim twice, East Hardy's Justin Teets drilled a perimeter basket for a 13-7 advantage with 3:08 left in the first period.

In the final minute and change of the period, Ian Van Meter recorded seven points and the final shot by the Cougars was a 3-pointer from Lang as Petersburg narrowly held a 19-17 lead entering the second frame.

East Hardy's Andrew Hahn commenced the second period with a

block, then forced a turnover.

Petersburg's Slade Saville denied a shot and the Cougars committed a foul.

There were back-to-back turnovers with steals by East Hardy's Hahn and Petersburg's Ian Van Meter with the latter leading to a bucket by Van Meter.

After an errant shot by the Cougars, Saville went to the line during a block attempt from Price and notched both foul shots to give the Vikings a 23-17 lead at 5:59.

Saville collected a defensive carom, but Vanmeter was called for a charge crashing in the paint.

Price drew a foul and made both free throws.

Lang grabbed an offensive rebound and netted the basket to cut the deficit to 23-21 at 4:52.

Price and Lang created turnovers, but the Cougars failed to convert for points.

East Hardy's Justin Teets swiped the ball and fed brother J.W. Teets for

a game-tying layup with 47 seconds to go in the first half.

J.W. Teets made a steal and Price drew contact on a rebound setting up a free throw for a 26-25 Cougars lead with three seconds remaining before heading into the locker rooms.

Petersburg took the lead for about ten seconds in the third period as East Hardy answered with a jumper by Price at 6:35.

A free throw by the Vikings tied it up, but the edge returned to the Cougars on another shot by Price.

Lang swiped the ball and made the breakaway layup to put East Hardy up 32-28 at 5:38.

After a score by Price and a free throw by Rohrbaugh, there was a lull in the scoring department for two minutes with nine combined missed shots.

A steal by Brandon Parker setup a bucket from Price for the Cougars at 2:10.

Petersburg answered 19 seconds later with a layup from Bumby Van-

meter.

East Hardy's Nate Smith nailed a perimeter basket to create a 39-32 lead with 1:30 left in the frame.

Petersburg's Bryson Coblentz and East Hardy's Brandon Parker notched field goals in the closing minute as the Cougars carried a 41-34 lead entering the final stanza.

It was a scoring bonanza in the fourth period with Petersburg edging the Cougars 25-23, but East Hardy held on for the 64-59 victory.

The Vikings lost the ball out of bounds, then Bumby Vanmeter swatted the ball to the bench before a foul was added.

Price hit one of two free throws on the ensuing play, then Lang grabbed a defensive rebound for the Cougars.

East Hardy's J.W. Teets threaded a pass to Justin Teets for a bucket at 6:48 for a double-digit advantage, 44-34.

Lang added one more point just 23 seconds later which came after an errant free throw by the Vikings.

Ian Van Meter hit a 3-pointer to cut the deficit to 45-37 at the 5:47 mark.

Van Meter stole the ball and was tripped up by Lang on the breakaway, but missed the free throw.

Bumby Vanmeter stepped in the carom and garnered the field goal for Petersburg.

East Hardy answered with a jumper from Price to take a 47-39 lead with 5:06 remaining.

A minute and change later, Ian Van Meter's trey sandwiched a jumper by Price with a bucket by Saville before a turnover setup a score by Bumby Vanmeter closing the gap to 50-46 with 3:45 to go.

Price and J.W. Teets made amazing saves along the baseline, but the ball still found a way to locate the bleachers moments later.

The Vikings drew iron twice and the Cougars' Lang notched the latter board leading to a basket from Justin Teets at 3:04.

After a jumper by Saville, East Hardy's Price recorded an old-fash-

ioned three-point play for a 55-48 edge at 2:42.

Petersburg cut the deficit down to four points on a 3-pointer by Van Meter.

In the final minute and change, East Hardy collected nine points from the free throw line to help seal the win as Price and J.W. Teets netted the last four at the charity stripe sandwiching buckets by Petersburg's Caden Arbaugh and Rohrbaugh.

East Hardy's Dawson Price notched a game-high 26 points, followed by Lang with 12 points and Justin Teets with 12 points.

Petersburg was paced by Ian Van Meter with 17 points, followed by Bumby Vanmeter with 14 markers.

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East Hardy Wrestling team recognized the seniors on Friday: Steven Miller (head coach), Courtney Shank, Caitlyn Ward, Damian Iman, Dale Hockman, Madison Heishman, Victoria Ames, Mason Gray (assistant coach).

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wrestling qualifiers last season.

East Hardy senior Courtney Shank, a two-sport athlete, plans to attend Fairmont State University and pursue a degree in Exercise Science.

East Hardy senior Caitlyn Ward, a two-sport athlete, plans to attend Shepherd University and pursue a degree in Sports Medicine.

Ames, Shank and Ward were members of the girls state wrestling and volleyball runner-up teams.

Central defeated Moorefield 58-15 and edged the Cougars 47-36.

East Hardy concludes the quad match with a 60-16 win over the Yellow Jackets.

Moorefield's Jean Gonzalez-Rivera (106-lb.) took a forfeit win against the Central Falcons.

Moorefield's Tyberious Clayton (160-lb.) garnered a first period pin at 1:17 against Central's Sean Rhinehart with three takedowns prior to the final count.

Moorefield's Matthew Delawder (182-lb.) earned an 8-2 decision

against Central's Ryan Mickelwait to collect three team points.

Moorefield's Riley Pillus lost in an 18-4 decision against Central's Isaac Dodd, while Dylan Colasessano and Brayden Ault lost in first period pins.

East Hardy's Milton Funkhouser collected a forfeit win against Central.

East Hardy's Shane Riggle lost by pin in the third period to Central's Corey Chapman, but kept fighting and making reversals in the match.

Central's Dodd notched a technical fall decision over East Hardy's Shawn Bodkin.

Central's Joseph Lambert pinned East Hardy's Samara Pyles in the first period at 1:06.

East Hardy's Gabby Miller lost by first period pin at 1:40 against Central's William Ayala.

East Hardy's Tyler Tarallo pinned Central's Davon Ridgely in the first period at 0:34.

East Hardy's Damian Iman pinned Central's Rhinehart in the opening frame at 0:17.

The Cougars collected three wins

by first period pin against Central from Mason Miller (1:21), Harmon (1:17) and Dale Hockman (1:20).

East Hardy defeated Moorefield 60-16.

Against the Yellow Jackets, East Hardy's Heishman, Riggle, Bodkin, Jones, Tarallo, Iman, Shipe and Harmon received forfeit victories.

Moorefield's Dylan Colasessano earned a 13-3 major decision win over East Hardy's Gabby Miller.

Brayden Ault took a forfeit win for the Yellow Jackets.

Moorefield's Riley Pillus garnered a first period pin at 1:17 over East Hardy's Samara Pyles.

East Hardy's Milton Funkhouser grabbed a first period pin at 0:09 over Moorefield's Jean Gonzalez-Rivera.

After a forfeit, East Hardy's Tyler Tarallo pinned Moorefield's Grant Sherman in the first period at 1:10 during an exhibition match.

East Hardy's Mason Miller pinned Moorefield's Matthew Delawder in the first period at 0:22.

East Hardy's Dale Hockman pinned Moorefield's Aiden Jones in

the opening frame at 1:17.

"We're dealing with the combination of illness and injury, which happens to a lot of teams this time of year. Adding to other things these day compounding the issue, we have three out of our better wrestlers out of the lineup tonight. No excuses, we're a young team and I am proud of their effort which is always there. Dylan got his first win which is great. We will see East Hardy a couple more times before the season ends. Hats off to Stevie and his staff of Mason and Derek. I put a plug in the last time. I know rankings aren't everything and you prove what matters out here on the mat. They deserve to be in the state rankings. In the past couple years, they have deserved to be recognized in the Top-10. As a pretty new program and not everyone knows they have a program, but they deserve to be in the Top-10 rankings," Moorefield Wrestling coach T.J. Van Meter stated.

East Hardy and Moorefield will be competing in the Viking Smash in Petersburg this weekend.



East Hardy's Mason Miller grabs the leg of Moorefield's Matthew Delawder as his head is being pushed down simultaneously during the match in Baker.



East Hardy's Samara Pyles tries to elude the grasp of Moorefield's Riley Pillus during a match in Baker on Friday.

## BOWLING NEWS

### ODD COUPLES MIXED LEAGUE 1/11/2022

TEAM STANDINGS: Vetter's Guns & Ammo 56.5 - 19.5, WELD 55 - 21, Strike Force 47 - 29, Liv-in on a Spare 40.5 - 35.5, The Tidy Bowlers 40 - 36, Split Happens 38 - 38, Country Cars & Trucks 35 - 41, Terminators 25 - 51, Lucky Strikes 22 - 54.

HIGH GAME MEN (SCRATCH):

Tyler Halterman 253, Jon Hedrick 248, Richie Burgess 237, Randy Thorne 231, Trey

Wratchford 231. (HANDICAP): Tyler Halterman 289, Joel McDonald 266, Jon Hedrick 262, Richie Burgess 261.

HIGH SERIES MEN (SCRATCH): Jon Hedrick 698, Tyler Halterman 665, Richie Burgess 657, Trey Wratchford 653.

(HANDICAP): Tyler Halterman 773, Jon Hedrick 740, Randy Thorne 732, Richie Burgess 729.

HIGH AVERAGE (MEN): Jon Hedrick 204.40, Ed Wompler 194.56, Roger Earle 194.53, Troy McGreevy 192.02.

HIGH GAME WOMEN (SCRATCH): Dee Anna McDonald 226, Peggy Wompler 192, Rachel Stark 191, Carissa Michael 182. (HANDICAP): Dee Anna McDonald 266, Peggy Wompler 259, Rachel Stark 252, Suzie Hawkins 237.

HIGH SERIES WOMEN (SCRATCH): Dee Anna McDonald 573, Rachel Stark 516, Carissa Michael 508, Sarah Earle 485. (HANDICAP): Rachel Stark 699, Dee Anna McDonald 693, Suzie Hawkins 639, Denise McGreevy 636.

HIGH AVERAGE (WOMEN): Carissa Michael 177.27, Dee Anna McDonald 170.80, Tonya Keplinger 164.56, Denise McGreevy 157.08.

### THURSDAY NIGHT MENS LEAGUE 1/13/2022

TEAM STANDINGS: Builders

Center 41 - 27, Vetter's Mini Mart 37.5 - 30.5, Golden Lanes 35 - 33, Strike Force 33 - 35, Petersburg Oil Company 31 - 37, Country Cars & Trucks 26.5 - 41.5.

HIGH GAME (SCRATCH): Larry Walp 269, Jon Hedrick 259, Gary Leatherman 256, Tony Robinson 244, Roger Earle

238. (HANDICAP): Larry Walp 286, Jon Hedrick 273, Gary Leatherman 269, Tony Robinson 264, Eddie Baldwin 263.

HIGH SERIES (SCRATCH): Jon

Hedrick 673, Gary Leatherman 662, Roger Earle 637, Eddie Baldwin 619, Tony Robinson 615. (HANDICAP): Jon Hedrick 715, Eddie Baldwin 712, Gary Leatherman 701, Roger Earle 679, Tony Robinson 675.

HIGH AVERAGE: Terry Wratchford 208.13, Gary Leatherman 204.94, Jon Hedrick 203.47, Roger Earle 202.92, Richie Burgess 200.98, Larry Walp 198.75.

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