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Wind turbine project stalls, County Planner warns of upcoming legislation

By Milda M. Mullins
Moorefield Examiner

Community members opposing the Invenery wind turbine project proposed for a property along Short Mountain in Baker were at the County Commission meeting and Planning Commission meeting held last week on Tuesday, Feb. 1, citing issues with the project.

"There are things Invenery is and is not doing and there are things they're not being forthright on. As far as I'm concerned, dis-

cussing the presentation they gave the school board, it's fraught with misrepresentations and misrepresentations of property values," said Ron Frost, a Baker community member who is helping to lead a grassroots charge against the wind turbine company, during Tuesday's Planning Commission meeting.

"They're using different statistics. I had one call with them and asked them how big they are. Four hundred and fifty (450) feet was the answer. I said 'what's the setback?' and they said 500 feet. They presented to the school board that (the wind turbines) are 607

feet tall with a 500 foot setback."

Frost continued, "It doesn't make sense. It's like putting a round peg in a square whole. When one of those comes down – and they will, one out of 100 falls or catches on fire – when it falls, it would completely obliterate a home. There's something wrong with the data they're presenting and what they're trying to achieve."

Also in attendance was Baker land owner George Spence who currently resides in Sunderland, Md. He noted issues that could affect him as a landowner such as the require-

ment to create a much more significant sized road to transport the turbines – something he says could go right through his property.

"To get up the ridge with those great, big turbines you'd need great, big turn off areas," said Spence, saying a larger road and other adjustments would be necessary to haul equipment of that size.

"Right now there's a Jeep trail going through my property to access that. I don't see how they can blast a road through my property without my permission."

Frost also provided thoughts on the poten-

tial damage to wildlife, such as eagles and other birds that could have fatal accidents with the propellers, as well as the danger of high noise decibels for those within a close radius to the site.

Despite active voices from community members, mostly opposing the project, Commissioners and Planning Commission board members said they have not heard new updates from Invenery.

Hardy County Planner Melissa Scott reported to the Planning Commission that no

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COVID-19 death toll rises to 46

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Two more community members, an 88 year old male and a 69 year old female, have passed from COVID-19, lifting the county death toll to 46 confirmed deaths as of Monday, Feb. 7.

As of Sunday, Feb. 6, the latest available data from the Hardy County Health Department shows 5 new cases, 19 active cases, 1 hospitalization, 4,198 confirmed cases, and 4,133 recovered patients.

During a briefing on Friday, Feb. 4, Governor Jim Justice announced that West Virginia officials have identified the first cases of the BA.2 Omicron sub-variant, also called Stealth Omicron, in Berkeley and Ohio Counties.

Hardy County has not yet reported a case of the Omicron sub-variant, but samples within the state are randomly tested, which could mean the county may have the sub-variant and not have any positive confirmed tests yet.

Previously, cases of the Delta and Omicron variant were found in the county with cases of COVID-19 still steadily occurring countywide.

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:

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

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

For more information, to get a COVID-19 vaccine or booster, or to get a flu shot, call the Health Department at 304-530-6355.

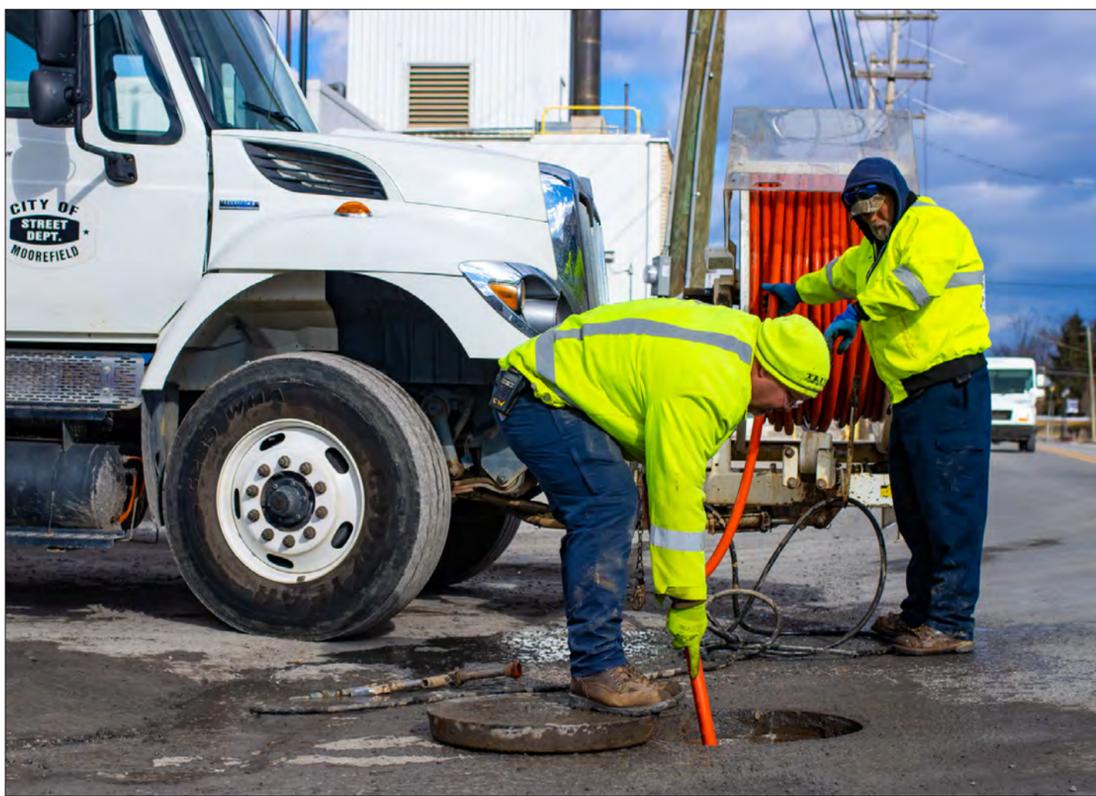


Photo by Milda M. Mullins

It's a dirty job...

Town of Moorefield Public Works employees C.W. Nesslerodt, center, and Bruce George, right, work towards opening up a main sewer line along S. Main Street in Moorefield on Tuesday, Jan. 25, after a sewer backup.

Hardy County Rod and Gun Club, others request funding from County Commission

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The Hardy County Rod and Gun Club, Potomac Valley Conservation District, and the Office of Emergency Management requested funding from the County Commission on Tuesday, Feb. 1.

Bill Liller, president of the Hardy County Rod and Gun Club, and other members made an initial request for funding to rebuild needed facilities at the Moorefield site, namely a kitchen and bathrooms.

"I grew up there with my father at the Rod and Gun Club and with my uncles and all my family and, you know, it's a landmark. As you know, it was established in 1944," said Liller.

"About 3 years ago we just about lost it. We had an accident, a fuel leak underneath the building, and we lost our bathroom and our kitchen."

Liller and fellow club member in attendance, Public Service District General Manager Logan Moyers, explained a timeline of events to Commissioners, noting the importance of the club.

"When it spilled, it spilled under the building. The DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) stepped in and they told us that we had to tear down the building and remedy the soil, which was quite expensive," said Moyers.

"I think it was over \$100,000. The Club had about \$10,000 available to them at the time. When we told the DEP we couldn't afford to do this, they started talking about Eminent domain. They'd come in and clean it up, but they would own the property. We would essentially lose the club to the DEP."

He continued, "we were able to stretch that \$10,000 into getting it done, working with local groups, but we were then bankrupt. Since that time, we've been raising the money to rebuild."

Moyers said the current higher cost of materials and labor could see the previously estimated cost of the project rising.

For example, a previous estimation of \$18,600 to lay a foundation could see an additional 25 percent cost increase, which could mean a \$4,650 increase totaling to an estimated \$23,250 to just lay the foundation.

Moyers and Liller added that several clubs, agencies, and organizations have utilized the grounds in the past including police for the Town of Moorefield and the Hardy County Sheriff's Department as well as the Division of Natural Resources who held hunter safety courses at the site.

Additionally, the club was an internet hub for Hardy County Schools for area students and residents.

"Not just that, there's a lot of social activities

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Hardy PSD appeals to Commission for letter of support to oppose water rate changes

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The Hardy County Public Service District, represented by General Manager Logan Moyers, requested a letter of support from County Commissioners at their recent meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 1 to oppose a proposed water rate increase from the Public Service Commission.

Moyers' provided background to Commissioners regarding recent rate increases – an increase that already took place in Moorefield and a soon-to-be increase in Wardensville.

"In September of last year, we raised our rates following the Moorefield water plant project. The town of Wardensville is also in the midst of doing a multimillion dollar water project," said Moyers.

"The Moorefield water plant project is what brought about the increase to us and we actually received a 120 percent increase to what we pay to Moorefield to purchase water. That equates to nearly \$200,000 a year."

He continued, "We didn't have any choice but to raise our rates to recoup those funds and get to the point where we can break even."

The PSD had a previous rate of \$12.99 per thousand gallons prior to September 2021. In September, water rates rose \$2.01 to \$15 per thousand gallons.

Hardy County currently has a minimum bill of 3,000 gallons of water for \$45, previously \$38.97 before the rise. Moyers explained that the proposed increase from the Public Service Commission would see the minimum bill rise to an estimated \$52.50.

The proposed change would create a rate increase of \$4.50 for lower tier users, those who have a usage rate under 50,000 gallons. For higher tier users, those over 50,000 gallons a month, the rate would slightly decrease by \$1.00 according to Moyers.

"We just don't feel it's appropriate to spread it out that way," he said to Commissioners.

"There are two things you have to keep in mind: all customers of the PSD pay the same rate. Regardless of residential, commercial, or industrial, everyone pays the same rate schedule. So, you know, whether you're the largest business in the county or if you're an elderly widow who only uses a few hundred gallons a month, everybody pays on this same rate schedule."

Moyers continued, "The other thing you need to understand: we don't have a disagreement with the Public Service Commission on the amount of money that needs to be generated to break even, to reach our break even point. We agree with them on that. We have a difference of

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County voting system security policy adopted, candidates set

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County Commissioners unanimously approved a county voting system security policy and appointed Rodney Keller and Ralph Dean as ballot Commissioners for the upcoming election.

The security policy is meant to "secure voting equipment, limiting access to prevent tampering or vandalism or violating the secrecy of the ballot," said County Coordinator Wendy Branson, reading off the

policy.

Some security measures include having voting equipment locked away in a room within the courthouse, protected by locks and daytime security, as well as access to the equipment being limited to Clerk Ely and the election commissioners.

Additionally, the room will not be accessible without prior approval from Clerk Ely.

Workman made a motion to support the policy with Schetrom seconding. Commissioners unanimously approved the policy and appointments.

Candidates who have filed for the 2022 elections

- Hardy County Commission**
 - David "Jay" Fansler, Republican, Mathias
 - Greg Greenwalt, Republican, Old Fields.
- Hardy County Clerk**
 - Gregory L. Ely, Democrat, Moorefield.
 - Trevor Southerly, Republican, Moorefield.
- Wardensville Mayor**
 - Betsy Omdoff-Sayers, Non Partisan, Wardensville.
- Wardensville Town Council**
 - Charlotte Bowman, Non Partisan, Wardensville.
 - Edward R. Klinovski, Non Partisan Wardensville.
- Hardy County Circuit Clerk**
 - Kelley J. Shockey, Democrat, Moorefield.

- Hardy County Board Of Education**
 - Dixie Bean, Non Partisan, Old Fields.
 - Doug Hines, Non Partisan, Moorefield.
 - Melvin F. Shook Jr., Non Partisan, Lost River.
- Conservation District Supervisor**
 - Ronald L. Miller, Non Partisan, Baker.
- County Republican Executive Committee**
 - Sheri Hof, Republican, Wardensville.
 - Breanna Malcolm, Republican, Old Fields.
 - Heather Lee Mills, Republican, Mathias.
 - Joyce L. Schetrom, Republican, Moorefield.
 - Elizabeth H. Smith, Republican, Old Fields.

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OPINION

MY UNBASED OPINION

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN



From other editor's desks . . .

West Virginia lawmakers should reject limit on access, vote no on House Bill 4260

As they have since 2019, a few lawmakers in Charleston want to make sure you have reduced access to what government at all levels is doing. It has become an annual tradition for a clutch of them to support changes in the way required legal advertisements are made available to you, the taxpayers.

This year, Delegate Brandon Steele, R-Raleigh, is pushing for House Bill 4260, which would establish a centralized website clearinghouse for county and municipal legal advertisements, requiring the State Auditor's Office to build and maintain the site. It would also reduce time limits for certain kinds of legal ads to remain published in newspapers.

Much of that action was addressed last year in Senate Bill 642, which is now law. However, that legislation increased public notice by adding online publication through the yet-to-be-completed government website without reducing print publication in local communities.

Oddly, Steele's mission to reduce your access to public information hinges largely on the idea that said information will be available on a website. This during the same legislative session in which we have repeatedly been told internet access in West Virginia is woefully inadequate — 300,000 of the approximately 700,000 addresses in the Mountain State do not have adequate broadband service, according to West Virginia Department of Economic Development Secretary Mitch Carmichael.

Lawmakers also have repeatedly lamented that our state has among the oldest populations in the country. More than one-fifth of the population is over 65 — a population that still tends to get more of its information from newspapers than do younger generations.

Steele is fully aware of these numbers. One almost gets the feeling he is hoping to take advantage of them. Increasing the opacity of government, but particularly for those, one could argue, who have the most interest in knowing what their governments are doing, serves only the government and King Bureaucracy, and Steele knows it.

Taxpayers should have as many ways as possible to see what governments are doing. After all, THEY are paying for it. Limiting one of those options, and making the other option a fox-guarding-the-henhouse centralized website to whom not everyone has access is intentionally poor stewardship of our money. Surely lawmakers who understand that will toss this bill into the trash, where it belongs.

~ Parkersburg News and Sentinel

NEWS BRIEFS

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Moorefield on Friday, March 4. Donors will be taken at the Moorefield Church of the Brethren at 115 Clay Street from 12:30 until 6 p.m. Both Power Red and whole blood donations will be taken. Power Red donors must meet specific eligibility requirements and have type A Neg, B Neg or O blood. The Red Cross is reminding donors of the great need for blood, so please consider the gift of life.

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WV DACH) is seeking nominations for the 2022 Governor's Arts Awards. This biennial awards program celebrates the best of the Mountain State by recognizing artists, art educators, and arts organizations. The Governor's Arts Awards include 11 categories with individual and organizational components. Nominees must be residents living in West Virginia and organizations based, or doing the majority of business in the state. Nomination forms and complete descriptions of award categories are available online at <https://bit.ly/GovArtsAwards2022>. All nominations must be submitted to the State Arts

Office by Feb. 18, 2022. Mail nominations to Governor's Arts Awards Nomination, The Culture Center, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, WV 25305 or email to Paul.R.Neil@wv.gov with the subject line Governor's Arts Awards Nomination. For more information contact the State Arts Office at (304) 558-0240.

According to AAA last week, the average price for regular gas in West Virginia was at \$3.211. The national gas price average was \$3.399. Uncertainty over Russia's intentions toward Ukraine is contributing to higher crude oil prices. "At the moment, only one person knows why Russia is threatening Ukraine, and that's Russian President Vladimir Putin," said Andrew Gross, AAA spokesperson. "And the tensions along the Ukrainian border have helped push crude oil prices higher almost daily." Across the state Beckley was high as \$3.297 and Wheeling was low at \$3.062. Hardy County's gas average was \$3.379. Area prices were Hampshire \$3.334. Mineral \$3.230. Grant \$3.379. Pendleton \$3.379.

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"My Unbased Opinion" — I selected that phrase as title of my weekly column over twenty seven years ago when it all began.

Back then I was working pretty hard for a living. There were things I wanted to say in Phoebe's Moorefield Examiner newspaper. I simply didn't have time to do a bunch of research and interviewing in order to prepare for writing solid news. I just wanted to be free to run my writing mouth about my thoughts of the moment.

As time went by I'd run out of serious thoughts and wrote more about my life and experiences with no real opinions attached. Growing up on my home farm, my family activities, pet cat, Scoot, my Doghouse cabin on the creek, gardening, and whatever entered my mind was easier. Through it all, I'd occasionally refer to some numbers or facts seen in news stories or heard on broadcast media, but for most part it's been whatever popped into my head on Sunday mornings.

But, today a bit of research enters the picture. Reference is made to a

few facts garnered from sources on the internet.

First source I consulted was the 2020 Census. A web page of quick facts told me there were three hundred thirty-one million, four hundred forty-nine thousand, two hundred eighty-one (331,449,281) people counted in the United States. A bit further down that same page I learned that 13.4 percent of that total number, were Black or African American. My pocket calculator gave me forty-four million, four hundred fourteen thousand, two hundred three (44,414,203) as the number of people reporting only Black or African American.

I've seen several news stories recently concerning representation of Black people in the ranks of National Football League (NFL) Head Coaches. I looked up the NFL on internet and found there are thirty-two (32) teams. I assume each team has a Head Coach. Again by calculation, 32 Head Coaches multiplied by 13.4 percent equals 4.3 Head Coaches, if everything else is equal. By that measure, we'd need three or four

more Black head coaches to meet the standard.

Further, those 32 teams are authorized fifty-three (53) players each. Fifty-three players multiplied by 13.4 percent equals 7.1 Black players for each team. That's seven Black players, on complete team roster, not just offense or defense. I don't know what proportion of current players are Black. I have watched a couple of games on television recently and gained the impression that Black players make up a considerably larger proportion of the total than 13.4 percent.

So, what causes the imbalance? Why are proportions of coaches and players so out of line with population standards and with each other? If too few Black coaches must be brought up to standard then why not too many Black players brought down to standard?

Two reasons, capability and market. Team owners hire coaches. They are likely to spend their money on a coach they judge to be the best available at what they can afford to pay. The coaching market is rela-

tively small. One buyer and a limited amount of talent for sale.

Selection for ability may not consider height, weight, color or any other attribute other than capability and suitability for the job. It's likely one man's decision.

Not every prospective player has the ability to play at levels demanded by the NFL. Those most capable of meeting desired standards, physically and/or mentally make up the selling pool. Only the best of those likely to grow and excel in capability will get an offer and a chance to prove it.

The market chooses who plays and who coaches. Wealthy team owners have the option of spending their money on things such as developing electric automobiles or drilling for oil or a professional football team. The owner pays for whoever he/she decides is the best prospect available.

In professional sports, as in many other business dealings, it is the market that determines winners and losers, not the fickle finger of fate.

GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES

Fifteen Years Ago
February 7, 2007

Residents of Ashton Woods were organizing opposition to the third high-voltage power line to intersect their property, affecting both the value of their property and the view.

Wardensville was planning to build sidewalks from one end of town to the other.

Richard Hughes was named managing editor of the Moorefield Examiner by James O. Heishman, who was appointed assistant general manager of the newspaper.

Charlene Crites retired after 22 years as secretary in the Hardy County Probation Office.

Love Memorial Clinic was awarded a three-year term of Accreditation in Mammography. Mammograms were performed at the Clinic by Penny S. Riffle and Vickie H. Snyder.

Frank Atlee McGee, 75, Baltimore, died Jan. 13. . . Ralph E. Miller, 76, Baker, died Jan. 31. . . Arvella Shoemaker Miller, 87, Romney, died Jan. 26. . . Ralph Wayne Ketterman, 72, Dumpling Run Road, died Jan. 28. . . Mamie Foltz Sager Johnson, 88, Broadway, died Jan. 25. . . Mark Douglas Walker, 28, Baker, died Jan. 31.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tim Zenter, twin sons, Dylan Jacob and Nicholas. . . to Mr. and Mrs. David Arbuthnot, a daughter, Lily Grace. . . to Mr. and Mrs. Jason Keplinger, a daughter, Korbin Saiann.

Moorefield girls defeated East Hardy 36-34 and lost to Keyser 44-29 and Petersburg 58-29. . . East Hardy girls lost to Beall 59-32. . . MHS boys lost to WestMar 58-44 and Frankfort 50-49. . . East Hardy boys were defeated by Petersburg the W.Va. School for the Deaf by 66-45 and by Petersburg.

Thirty Years Ago
February 5, 1992

As the filing deadline passed, the primary ballot was to have more local candidates competing than in recent years. The offices and number filing follows: assessor - 3; county circuit clerk - 2; commissioner - 3; magistrate - 12; sheriff - 6; prosecuting attorney - 1; board of education - 5; surveyor - 1. All but 2 were Democrats.

Moorefield High School was named a "Star School" and received a grant of \$9,324 to support distance learning programs.

William Gordon Hulse was named plant manager of the protein conversion operation at Wampler-Longacre Chicken.

Cletus W. Dolly, 76, Maysville, died Jan. 27. . . Beulah Shoemaker Dove, 66, Bergton, died Jan. 26. . . Elmo Junior Harvey, 53, died Jan. 19. . . Jeffrey Galen Pratt, 26, died Jan. 31. . . Nettie Halterman Teets, 84,

Mathias, died Jan. 31.

Teresa Kay Bittinger and James Allen Rice were married Oct. 19. . . Melissa Lynn Funk and Douglas Franklin Tusing were married.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bradford, a daughter, Emily Clara. . . to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Biller, a daughter, Emily Jayne. . . to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riggelman, a daughter.

East Hardy lost to Petersburg 75-63.

Forty-five Years Ago
February 9, 1977

The Board of Education rescinded its plans to close schools on Mondays and to cut out evening school activities. It was decided to keep thermostats reduced and to investigate alternate fuel suppliers.

Rail users were told they had two courses of action to keep rail service in the Valley: fight the Chessie abandonment petition, or subsidize users.

In presenting its budget request, the Library reported that users could top 20,000 books checked out from the main and branch facilities.

Town officials were to reconsider restricted parking near the Boise Cascade plant.

Due to the shortage of heating fuels, the George Washington National Forest was using permits for fuel wood.

Carolyn Peterson Powers, 73, Romney, died Feb. 5. . . Willie Loving Ludwig, 73, Rio, died Feb. 1. . . Angela Renee Baldwin, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Baldwin, died Feb. 3. . . Sarah Britton Wood, 87, Harrisonburg, died Jan. 24.

Moorefield lost to Frankfort 76-65 and defeated Mathias 77-56. . . Mathias lost to Eastern Mennonite 82-57. . . Wardensville defeated Franklin 88-59 and lost to the WV School for the Deaf 53-50.

Sixty Years Ago
February 7, 1962

The Moorefield Lions Club was investigating a report that school children were going hungry for lack of lunch money.

The Valley TV Co-op Board voted to continue service for the month of February in order to canvass members for dues payment.

The US Treasury Department announced that dollar bills were being printed on tougher paper, increasing the life expectancy of paper money by 40 percent.

Lucy Tanquary Marsh, Hagerstown, died Jan. 29. . . Rev. Harry A. St. Clair, 88, Morgantown, died Jan. 31. . . Edwin H. Bowen, 61, Charleston, died Feb. 3. . . Glen Harry Wright, Jr., 37, died Feb. 1. . . Sarah Kessel Sites, 70, Mendon, OH, died Feb. 25.

Louise Graham Harrington and Mark King Wenzel were married Feb. 3. . . Corrine Estella Grub and

Edgar Gamble Pratt were married Jan. 27. . . Mrs. Winifred Walker O'Rear and Home Van Meter Hack were married Feb. 3. . . Joy Conrad and Rudolph Dove were married.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tusing, a son, Donald Scott. . . to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith, a daughter.

Moorefield beat Circleville 71-59 and Romney 62-60

Seventy-five Years Ago
February 12, 1947

According to the West Virginia Liquor Control Commission, the state liquor store was the most profitable in Hardy County. Moorefield showed a net profit of \$44,073.10 in 1946 on sales of nearly \$211,000. Wardensville had a net profit of \$14,233.32 on sales of \$71,576. A total of 15,925 gallons of spirits were sold along with 8,549 gallons of wine.

The Gilbert Harness dwelling in the Sand Field at Wardensville was completely destroyed by fire. The family barely made their escape as all their household goods, personal belongings, and food were destroyed. The firemen announced that a series of show would be held on Saturday nights at the Inskeep Hall Auditorium and that new curtains had been hung there.

The 13th unexplained fire was set by the unknown fire bug.

Jacob Howe Keplinger, 68, Keyser, died Feb. 3. . . Rebecca Kuyken-dall Wood, 84, died Feb. 9. . . James Lewis Jenkins, 82, Wardensville, died Feb. 3. . . John E. Fishel, 69, Petersburg, died Feb. 3. . . Robert J. Lloyd, 77, died Feb. 9 at Wiley Ford.

Eva Anderson and Oscar Blaine Fitts were married Feb. 1. . . Delores Branson and Gladston Evans were married Feb. 8. . . Juanita Souder and Vernon C. Simmers were married Jan. 25. . . Helen Arey Whetzel and Stanley Bruce Moyer were married Jan. 25.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Riggelman, a son, Lonnie Eugene. . . to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Carr, a son. . . to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arnold, a daughter, Marsha Lynn. . . to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Amos Dispanet, a daughter, Gathelene Mae. . . to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Greenwalt, a son, John Baker. . . to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Franklin Hardy, a daughter, Donna Mae. . . to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Marshall, a son, John Hampton. . . to Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Myers, a son, Ralph. . . to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lewis Phillips, a daughter, Mary Ann. . . to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold H. Sherman, a son, Gerald Rogers.

Moorefield girls defeated Circleville 25-17. . . the boys won 48-40 over Circleville and 41-27 over Piedmont.

Ninety Years Ago
February 11, 1932

West Virginia had been swept by floods. The South Branch Valley was

flooded with landslides between Petersburg and Franklin and three feet of water over the road in the Gap. The newly-laid concrete road north of Moorefield had been undermined and destroyed.

C. C. Wise had announced his candidacy for Clerk of the Court. H. M. Calhoun announced for Prosecuting Attorney.

John Burch had purchased the Lofton land for \$135. . . C.L. Friddle had purchased the C.C. Simmons land.

M. Kline had presented the Tantery Chapel with an organ.

Owen Hahn had opened a barber shop in Mathias.

Mrs. Lillie Long Anderson had died at Wardensville.

Eula Pratt and French Ward were married in Franklin.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Heishman, a daughter. . . to Mr. and Mrs. Otho Hinkle, a son. . . to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Delawder, a daughter. . . to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kelley, a daughter.

105 Years Ago
February 8, 1917

President Wilson had broken off diplomatic relations with Germany and warned the Kaiser that ruthless sacrifice of American lives meant war. . . Passports had been handed to Count Von Bernstorff and Ambassador Gerard. All American consuls had been ordered out of Germany. . . Says the release, "Two years of diplomatic negotiations marked with frequent crises and the loss of more than 200 American lives on the high seas have culminated with an act which in all the history of the world has always led to war. Every agency of the American government has been set in motion to protect the country against acts of German sympathizers. These moves are of necessity being kept secret."

The West Virginia Legislature had passed a resolution endorsing Wilson's stand in the international crisis. The House passed the bill unanimously and there was but one dissenting vote in the Senate.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Swisher, Sedan, had been destroyed by fire with all their property.

A large barn on the farm of A.V. Wilson had blown down during a severe windstorm. Nineteen cattle were killed. Fifty cattle and some hogs were in the barn at the time.

C.E. Parsons was to become postmaster at Peru upon the resignation of J.W. Dasher.

Mrs. J.W. Orndorff had died at her home on Branch Mountain.

Edith Mildred Stickley and John Robert Copp had been married.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Friddle, a daughter. . . to Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Mathias, a son. . . to Mr. and Mrs. C.H. May, a son.

EXAMINER SAYS

February's

It finally happened, or at least was publicly reported. A Boston hospital patient without COVID shots was denied a heart transplant. This may be the sort of action that gets the attention from those refusing to be vaccinated. Hospitals with full beds that are short-handed on staff are doing about the only thing they can to take care of their sick patients and protect them from the unvaccinated. The man may need a heart, but he doesn't need to be heartless about those who are ill and more susceptible to diseases.

Full Moon

The Legislature sent a bill to the governor which will do away with the prohibition on nuclear power plant construction. Senate Bill 4 repeals sections of the state code. The bill had support from both Republican and Democratic lawmakers. They want to make W.Va. more enticing to manufacturers who want to lower their carbon footprint and go green. May be a winner.

On the 16th

With two grandchildren under the age of 5 we were delighted to see the report that the Food and Drug Administration and the CDC are reviewing requests from Pfizer and BioNTech seeking emergency use

authorization of the coronavirus vaccine for children under the age of five years. Let's hope the agencies find a vaccine both safe and viable for the youngsters.

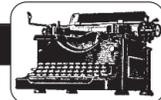
Is Called

One more state Legislature story. . . The elected officials in Charleston are in disagreement about whether or not adults should be penalized for smoking with children in the car. One argument is that parents should have the right to smoke in their own car whether children are present or not. We wonder what kind of parents would smoke around their own children as well as others in a closed up vehicle. Back in the days when we

smoked we got to the point that we didn't even smoke around our children in the house. Then we quit so it wasn't an issue. But we knew smoke was bad for us as well as our children and we were also responsible for keeping our children safe. No questions about smoke in a car any more than we had questions about driving too fast and putting them at risk. It was just common sense.

The Snow Moon

And that's because the month of February usually has the most snowfall. However, after January's wild weather last month, it may not be true this year. Anyway, enjoy the Snow Moon on February 16.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The real purpose of the Short Mountain wind turbine project is domination.

The purpose of this wind turbine project isn't that it's good for the environment. It will chop up the birds and bats that environmentalists claimed to care about before they sold out to Big Socialism. The purpose of the wind turbines isn't job creation. They'll probably hire illegal immigrants for those temporary construction jobs, just like they always do. The purpose of the wind turbines is for Washington, D.C. to put Hardy County in its place.

I'm a retired Army officer. I was privileged to work in Estonia in the 1990s, and played a small part in bringing that nation out of the Soviet Union and into NATO and the European Union.

Estonians were historically Lutheran, but on the very highest hill in Tallinn (Estonia's capital city) you will find the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, a Russian Orthodox church. It dominates the skyline and can be seen from every part of Tallinn. It was put there as a message: Estonia was conquered. Its culture, language and religion were dead. Russia was in charge.

And so it is with the Short Mountain Wind Turbine Project. The project would never be economically viable without huge subsidies from the federal government paid for by your tax money. On an even playing field, wind energy would never turn a profit. But Washington doesn't care.

Washington is sending Hardy County and all of West Virginia a message: "You deplorable hillbillies have lost. Your way of life is dead. Those coal jobs are never coming back. And to rub your nose in it, we're going to put nineteen bird-murdering windmills right on top of the highest hill. Right next to the nests of your beloved Bald Eagle. Let the symbol of freedom die just as freedom itself has died. We conquered you, and just to remind you we're going to turn your beautiful mountain into an ugly monstrosity, and then pipe the energy it generate into our blue ghettos."

It has never been about the environment. It's about making us see the symbol of our subjugation every time we pass by Short Mountain.

I say, "Take those turbines and shove them. Mountaineers are always free!"

Sincerely,
George Spence
Needmore, W.Va.

Dear Friends and Residents of Hardy County:

I want to begin by thanking you for your hospitality and kindness during my recent trips to West Virginia. I have enjoyed my visits to Hardy County - with its warm smiles and clean, fresh air. My team and I, which includes former West Virginia residents, are pleased to have gotten to know many of you personally. We look forward to meeting with many more of you over the coming months to have an open dialog with all local stakeholders regarding the project's attributes and benefits. The Short Mountain Wind Farm Project team

understands that having a successful project in Hardy County means forming long term relationships, being a good neighbor, and giving back to the community.

As I read the letter-to-the-editor section of the Moorefield Examiner recently, I was hoping to respond to some of the incorrect and misleading information about wind energy production surrounding our proposed Short Mountain Wind Farm Project. I appreciate the opportunity to set the record straight. Many of the false claims referenced potential health and safety impacts to people and communities near wind farms. Specifically egregious are claims that wind turbines are known to fall and could injure residents near a wind farm. Invenenergy has developed nearly 30,000 megawatts of clean energy projects around the world, and we are proud of our safe and successful reputation having done so in cooperation with communities and landowners. Furthermore, with the turbines' setback from any structures, the Short Mountain Wind Project will have a 24/7 Operations and Maintenance staff that monitors adverse conditions to shut down the facility if an unlikely abnormal event were to occur.

Another claim was that wind turbines have constant flickering and humming that can negatively impact human health. In fact, dozens of independent, peer-reviewed studies from around the world, including in the United States, have consistently found no evidence of negative health effects from living near turbines. The project team has done significant due diligence with regard to specific Acoustic, Shadow-Flicker, and Visual Impact Assessments for the project. I would encourage anyone who resides near the project area who has specific concerns to reach out to my project team and me to review these studies and their findings and discuss their specific concerns.

Previous letters have also claimed that property values may be impacted by a wind turbine on a neighboring property. In fact, another study conducted by the U.S. Department of Energy's Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, researchers "analyzed more than 50,000 home sales near 67 wind facilities in 27 counties across nine U.S. States yet were unable to uncover any impacts to nearby home property values." And, the land leased for the construction of Short Mountain is privately owned - and has been for well over one hundred years. The owner can allow people to hunt, hike, and bird watch on this private land; it will continue to be safe to host visitors after construction has concluded. Perhaps more specifically, the project team has procured a 3rd party, subject matter expert property value report from a firm that does property value studies for a multitude of clients such as counties, municipalities, and developers. Among other items, the study notes that market data from West Virginia supports the conclusion that the project will not have a negative impact on rural residential or agricultural property values in the surrounding area.

With regard to claims that the project will impact local wildlife - as a renewable energy development firm largely focused on improving the en-

vironment, many steps are taken to ensure our projects are design and built appropriately. These steps include procuring significant ecological due diligence studies and having detailed coordination with federal and state agencies such as US Fish and Wildlife, the Army Corps of Engineers, and West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection. Our internal team of environmental scientists take this very seriously - Invenenergy, the parent company to the Short Mountain Wind Project, is an active partner in the American Wind Wildlife Information Center, a first-of-its-kind initiative to analyze wind-wildlife data to provide insights that not only benefit future wind developments, but also wildlife conservation.

It was also suggested that the Short Mountain Wind Farm project would not create local jobs. In fact, during construction, the project is expected to employ approximately 150 people - a lot of union jobs. While some of these employees could potentially commute in from neighboring communities, they will still spend their hard-earned money supporting local restaurants, businesses, and hotels. The project is expected to employ four to eight permanent operations and maintenance employees.

There has been much conversation about the community benefits, or suggested lack thereof, of the Short Mountain Wind Farm Project. But, the facts are clear: if approved, in addition to the job creation, the project will invest nearly \$8 million dollars into the local economy through tax-revenue, wages and benefits, and landowner payments. The Short Mountain Wind Farm will produce enough electricity to power 28,000 American homes and increase the power generation mix of the local energy grid that powers your homes and businesses.

As we continue our development efforts, I hope to work with community leaders to review these project details and discuss more ways in which the project could contribute to the local community with such contributions benefiting police, fire, specific public initiatives, or other uses. Please reach out to a member of our team at info@shortmountainwind.com at any time. We look forward to building a sustainable world with you.

Sincerely,
Josh Hreha
Short Mountain Wind Project - Senior Renewable Development Manager

Editor:

Calls to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline from West Virginia have increased significantly in recent years. Between 2018 and 2021, call volume in the state rose from 6,543 to 10,691 - an increase of 63%. Fortunately, the suicide rate in West Virginia has not had a corresponding increase. Lata Menon, CEO of First Choice Services, the Charleston-based company that provides Lifeline services for West Virginia, says this may be because people at risk of self-harm can quickly reach a crisis counselor, but she expressed concern that this may soon change.

To address this crisis, Congress

unanimously enacted the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020 which created the three-digit phone number, 988 as the universal number for the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Hotline System. Congress mandated a deadline of July 16, 2022 for 988 to be available nationwide.

In July 2022, 988 will be implemented nationwide to facilitate quick access to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The scope of the line will additionally be marketed not only as a number for those in suicidal crisis but also for anyone experiencing mental health distress or crisis. The easily recalled number, the broader scope of the line, the accessibility via chat and text, and a national marketing campaign are factors that will increase the volume of Lifeline contacts throughout the country.

Too often, when individuals experiencing a mental health crisis need help, they are met by law enforcement, resulting in unnecessary incarceration, trauma, or worse. Between one-quarter and half of all fatal law enforcement encounters involve individuals with a serious mental illness.

Vibrant Emotional Health, the administrator for the national hotline, estimates the number of West Virginians seeking Lifeline help may exceed 30,000 annually. Menon said, "We are heartened to know the changes will make access easier and offer help to many more people who are suffering, but we are concerned our current program will simply not be able to meet such high volume. Without additional staff, help seekers will experience longer waits and eventually reach support out of our state. In suicide prevention, we know that every second counts. And we know that it works best when West Virginians respond to West Virginians."

988 will be critical to managing an anticipated significant increase in call volume due to the pandemic, preventing deaths, and stopping the criminalization of mental illness. To fund this overhaul, Congress authorized states to pass user fees on telephone lines - the same source used to fund 911.

Several states have already passed legislation to ensure they are ready to handle needs within their state, but West Virginia has yet to do so. Menon reports a solution may be at hand. West Virginia Senate Bill 181 shores up long-term stability for the Call Center as well as its connection to regional crisis centers where those seeking help can receive evaluation and treatment. She said, "When you or your loved one is in crisis, instead of calling the police or going to an emergency room, you should be able to immediately reach a crisis counselor who has the training to provide needed support and referral. Senate Bill 181 will ensure that West Virginia's Crisis Call Center is prepared to answer the need in our state."

Anyone feeling depressed, suicidal, or in need of emotional support can reach the National Suicide Lifeline 24/7 at 1-800-273-TALK.

Sheila Moran
Director of Communications
First Choice Services

PSD opposes State's recommendation for rate increase

The Hardy County Public Service District board met for its first meeting of 2022 on Feb. 2. General Manager, Logan Moyers, provided updates on a variety of PSD projects and other matters.

Moyers updated the board on the status of the PSD's water rate case that is ongoing with the West Virginia Public Service Commission. The PSD raised water rates to their customers in Sept. 2021 after receiving a 120% increase in purchased water costs from the Town of Moorefield as a result of the Town's new water plant project. The W.Va. Public Service Commission is now suggesting that the PSD's increase to residential customers was not adequate and a greater portion of the increase should fall on those customers. The PSD disagrees with the State's assessment and does not feel any further increase should be levied on residential customers. Moyers told PSD board members that the District will fight to keep the current rates in place and to prevent the State from imposing any further increases, but ultimately that decision rests solely with the Public Service Commission. He told board members the PSD will be sending letters of support from local leaders requesting to keep the rates in their current form without being modified by the Commission. Moyers said the PSD followed Public Service Commission guidelines and worked with a CPA and its attorney to carefully develop appropriate rates with the best interest of Hardy County and its residents in mind. Moyers told board members this dispute with the State was an unusual occurrence, in that typically the utility is fighting to raise rates and the Public Service Commission is attempting to keep rates as affordable as possible, but in this instance the opposite was happening, as the State is suggesting rates for residential customers should be increased and the PSD is fighting to keep those rates at their current level. Moyers said the PSD's present rate structure is generating adequate revenue to cover expenses and that if the Public Service Commission opts to modify the rates from their current form, they would be creating a problem where one doesn't currently exist. The Public Service Commission's deadline to provide its proposal for the PSD's rate structure is March 3, 2022 and a final decision, ultimately setting the rates, is due no later than May 20, 2022.

In other news, the PSD board also entered into an engineering services agreements with The Thrasher Group for two upcoming projects. The first project involves the construction of a new water storage tank north of Moorefield. This tank will be located immediately adjacent to the PSD's water tank near the Carla Acres subdivision.

The second project will develop groundwater wells as a backup water source for the Baker water system. In the event a situation would prevent the use of the primary water source, the Parker Hollow Impoundment, these groundwater wells would be used as a backup source, so that service to customers on the Baker water system could be maintained. Due to situations that have happened in other areas of the State, specifically the Elk River contamination event that left the Charleston area without public water for several days in 2014, the W.Va. Bureau for Public Health is urging all community water systems to develop a secondary water source. Both projects are being funded through an allocation of American Recovery Plan Act funds from the Hardy County Commission.

The PSD board also approved a water purchase agreement with Central Hampshire PSD for water to be sold to Hampshire County at the county line for a yet-to-be constructed Purgitsville water system. Central Hampshire PSD expects to begin construction on their Purgitsville system later this year or in early 2023. All expenses related to this project are being covered by Central Hampshire PSD.

Moyers also reported the work to resolve flow issues from the new organics removal system equipment to the main water plant facility in Baker has been completed and that project would soon be closed out.

The next meeting of the PSD is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. at the District office. All board meetings are held at the PSD office and are open to the public.

USDA Provides tips on food safety during Super Bowl Sunday

On February 13, millions of Americans will come together to watch Super Bowl LVI and feast on hot and cold snacks throughout the four-hour event. This uniquely American tradition scores big on entertainment, but it is also rife with opportunity for foodborne illness.

"As families and friends safely gather to watch the big game, keep food safety in mind. No matter who you're rooting for, foodborne illness is a dangerous opponent we face during the game," said Ag-

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Potomac Valley Conservation District accepting seedling orders

The Potomac Valley Conservation District is accepting orders for tree seedlings.

The seedlings may be used for wind-breaks, forest products, erosion control, landscaping or wildlife cover. The following va-

rieties are available: Colorado Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce, White Pine, Red Oak, White Oak, Black Walnut, Chinese Chestnut, and American Redbud. Most of the seedlings are 2-year-old stock and range in size from 8-18

inches in height.

We are also offering a variety of fruit trees. All will be bare root and approximately 3 - 5 ft. in height. Quantities are limited; we suggest placing your order EARLY to

ensure availability.

Orders will be accepted until March 18, 2022. The seedlings must be picked up at the District office in Romney on Friday, April 8, 2022.

For more information or to obtain an order form, please call the District office at (304) 822-5174, or email: pvcdd@wvca.us. Order forms are also available on the District web page: www.wvca.us/districts/pvcdd.cfm

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

HCEAA Rescheduled

The Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority meeting originally scheduled for Feb. 9 is rescheduled until Feb. 16.

Hardy County RDA

The Rural Development Authority Board Meeting will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 23, in the RDA Conference room.

WVAG Representative

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey announced Richard Dennis, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist from his office, will meet with Hardy County residents on Feb. 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Hardy County Committee on Aging, 409 Spring Ave. in Moorefield, to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions.

WV SILC

The next WVSILC meeting is

Wednesday, Feb. 9th, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. by Zoom. Please use the link below to log in at 9 a.m.

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PHBA Meeting

The Potomac Highlands Beekeepers Association (PHBA) meets Thursday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Bank of Romney Community Center, 165 E Main Street, Romney (across the street from the Sheetz in

Romney). All meetings are open to the public. If you are interested in learning about beekeeping, are a beginner or an experienced beekeeper, this is a forum where you can learn and exchange information. We hope you will join us! Please note: We changed our meeting date to the second Thursday of each month. This is our first meeting of 2022: Please join us!

Tri-County Fair Meeting

The annual Tri-County Fair meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the fairgrounds meeting room. The meeting will include electing a director for a 3-year term from Grant, Hardy and Pendleton counties, and reviewing the 2021 financial report. The wearing of masks is strongly recommended and there will be limited seating.

Youth Rally

All teens and youth are invited to attend a youth rally at Moorefield High School on Feb. 19 at 4 p.m.

Free admission and free food, with a musical guest. Contact DJ Taylor for more information.

E911 Advisory Board

The Hardy County E9-1-1 Advisory Board will meet Monday, Feb. 21, 2022 at 7 p.m. at the 9-1-1 Center in Moorefield.

County Commission Extras

The Hardy County Clerk has received a \$10,000 grant from the W.Va. Culture and History Records Management and Preservation Board, which will focus on creating an online index for deeds and grant books from 1973 to 1985. Additionally, the Jail Bill for December 2021 is \$41,060.75 and Farmland Preservation monies collected totaled to \$18,975 for January.

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 Mon-

day 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

Get the cat or dog spayed or neutered! Spay Today, (Main Office:

Charles Town, WV) is our area's non-profit, reduced-fee spay and neuter program. MANY participating vets over a WIDE area! Gift certificates can be purchased and used later. Spay Today: 304.728-8330 or <https://spay-today.org>

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 Moorefield 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.

Wind Turbine Project

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new proposals or requests have been provided in writing since the Planning Commission told the wind turbine company they would need at least 50 percent of residents to approve of the plan before they could move forward.

Scott also warned of a new bill, House Bill 4553, that is currently being discussed in the West Virginia Legislature. The bill would amend a W.Va state code that would allow exemptions for "wholesale generators" to operate in any zoning district.

The Planning Commission denied Invenergy's request to construct 19 turbines on the proposed Baker property due to the property being in a residential zone. Planning Commission members unanimously decided that the turbines would be a better fit in an industrial zone.

House Bill 4553, which could include wind energy and solar companies like Invenergy, would allow companies to pass over zoning restrictions despite county laws.

"There is a House Bill that has been introduced that will exempt privately owned power generation facilities (what they call "exempt wholesale generators") from local zoning regulations. This is going to have huge implications for residential desirability, tourism, and agriculture," said Scott.

"This not only means that Invenergy will be able to site wind turbines anywhere they want, with no conditions on the development, but it also means that utility scale solar "farms" will also have the same exemption. I want people to understand that we

are not opposed to smaller wind/solar projects, or utility scale projects in appropriate locations and of reasonable scale, but we believe the locals should have some say in where and how they are built. I also want people to understand that these solar facilities, some of which are hundreds or even thousands of acres, are going to become a huge risk for agriculture as the owners for any open land who may currently lease land for pasture, hay or crops will instead find it much more lucrative to allow solar development."

"With no restrictions or public input regarding location, or conditions, such as setbacks, it is obvious how this would make tourism and residential investments in areas like Hardy County much less desirable. It should be noted that other states are passing legislation giving localities more of a local voice in these decisions including ways to benefit from higher taxation - while the state of West Virginia is stripping away local, county powers. This just makes W.Va. less and less desirable for the kind investment West Virginia claims it wants," Scott concluded.

"Ninety percent of the counties in West Virginia have no zoning, they have made that choice; this kind of development should be located in those counties, not in the counties that have spent decades developing policies to protect their citizens from scenarios just like this."

For more information on House Bill 4553 and other bills currently in the legislature, visit www.wvlegislature.gov and search under "bill status" in the website menu.



Tell Your Delegate you oppose House Bill 4260

Government is doing big things in West Virginia, but House Bill 4260 will make it harder for you to know it.

Just last year, the West Virginia Legislature passed a law to create a government website to add online publication of the state's public notices and legal advertisements to the traditional newspaper publication.

That law increased public notice. All West Virginians benefited.

Now this year — before that website is even complete — some Delegates want to change the law and reduce public notice.

HB-4260 could eliminate the second and third public notice you now get in the local newspaper, making it less likely residents will see news about items such as property forfeitures, tax sales, changes in mineral and natural gas rights, plans to locate waste facilities and many other issues that could impact you.

Let your Delegate know you oppose HB-4260
Find your representative's contact information at wvlegislature.com

It's simple:

Keep public notice about your community in your community

Candidates

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- Rob Class, Republican, Moorefield.
- Joseph Roy Dodd, Republican, Moorefield.
- Stephen Garth Smith, Republican, Old Fields.

U.S. House of Representatives, Congressional District 2

- Susan Buchser-Lochocki, Republican, Morgantown.
- Angela J. Dwyer, Democrat, Martinsburg.
- Rhonda A. Hercules, Republican, Wheeling.
- David B. McKinley, Republican, Wheeling.
- Alexander X. Mooney, Republican, Charles Town.
- Mike Seckman, Republican, West Union.

- Barry Lee Wendell, Democrat, Morgantown.

W.Va. State Senate Senatorial District 14

- Angela M. Iman, Republican, Mount Storm.
- William J.R. Keplinger, Republican, Moorefield.
- James Lough, Republican, Keyser.
- Amanda Jo Pitzer, Democrat, Thornton.
- Stephen Garth Smith, Republican, Old Fields.
- Jay Taylor, Republican, Grafton

House of Delegates, Delegate District 86

- Jameson Paul Freeman, Democrat, Moorefield.
- Bradley "BJ" Rinard, Democrat, Wardensville.
- Bryan C. Ward, Republican, Fisher.

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Get Tech Ready

Download the FEMA app to get real-time alerts, safety tips, and locate open shelters. Sign up to receive text or email alerts about emergencies from your local Office of Emergency Management. Snap photos of important documents and save them online or in a secure place you can access during an emergency. Set up group text lists so you can communicate with friends and family at the same time during emergencies. Download money saving apps to help you save for a rainy day. Have external power sources available in case of a power outage. #ResolveToBeReady #PrepTips

Preparedness Tips

Include cash in your emergency supply kit. During an extended power outage, ATMs and credit card machines may not work. Check-in with neighbors to see how you can help each other out before and after

a storm. Pick an out-of-town person for everyone to contact during an emergency. Preparing your family for an emergency is as simple as having a conversation over dinner. Make a plan tonight. As part of your family's emergency supply kit, include games and toys to keep children entertained. Get prepared by having an emergency supply kit already stored: www.ready.gov/kit Snap pictures of your property and make an inventory for insurance purposes. 30: The number of days it takes for flood insurance to begin. The time to buy is when it's dry. If you rely on public transportation, contact your local emergency management agency about evacuation procedures before a hurricane. Make a list of the things you would need or want to take with you if you had to leave your home quickly. Prepare your car for winter: keep your gas tank near full to help avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines. Make a plan to check on neighbors if extreme cold or winter weather knocks out your power. Learn how to shut off the utilities where you live, including water, electricity, and gas. Take a first aid and CPR class: www.ready.gov/safety-skills Plan how you will leave and where you will go if you are advised to evacuate. Don't forget to include pets in your plans: www.ready.gov/evacuation Assemble supplies for a "go-bag" you can carry if you need to evacuate: www.ready.gov/evacuation Make a portable emergency kit for your car www.ready.gov/car Save. Save. Save. Your emergency savings can help you get life saving items like food, shelter, and water in an emergency. Saving tips: www.ready.gov/financial-preparedness 48% of people have an emergency fund, which gives them the savings to overcome simple emergencies.

Planning With Pets

Take a current photo of you and your pet together in case you get separated during a disaster. www.ready.gov/pets Search online today for local pet-friendly evacuation locations in case you need to evacuate. Update your pet's microchip registration info so you can be contacted if your pet gets lost in a disaster. Put your name and contact information on your pet's ID tag in case you're separated in an emergency. Remember to include your pets in your family's emergency plans.

Winter Safety

Winter storms create a higher risk of car accidents, hypothermia, frostbite, carbon monoxide poisoning, and heart attacks from overexertion. Winter storms including blizzards can bring extreme cold, freezing rain, snow, ice and high winds. A winter storm can last a few hours or several days; cut off heat, power and communication services; put older adults, children, sick individuals and pets at greater risk.

How to Protect Yourself from Winter Weather

IF YOU ARE UNDER A WINTER STORM WARNING, FIND SHELTER RIGHT AWAY.

Know your winter weather terms: A Winter Storm Warning: is issued when hazardous winter weather in the form of heavy snow, heavy freezing rain, or heavy sleet is imminent or occurring. Winter Storm Warnings are usually issued 12 to 24 hours before the event is expected to begin. A Winter Storm Watch alerts the public to the possibility of a blizzard, heavy snow, heavy freezing rain, or heavy sleet. Winter Storm Watches are usually issued 12 to 48 hours before the beginning of a Winter Storm. A Winter Weather Advisory is issued for accumulations of snow, freezing rain, freezing drizzle, and sleet which will cause significant inconveniences and, if caution is not exercised, could lead to life-threatening situations. Know your risk for winter storms: Pay attention to weather reports and warnings of freezing weather and winter storms. Listen for emergency information and alerts. Sign up for your community's warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.

Preparing for Weather

Prepare your home to keep out the cold with insulation, caulking and weather stripping. Learn how to keep pipes from freezing. Install and test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors with battery backups. Gather supplies in case you need to stay home for several days without power. Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication. Remember the needs of your pets. Have extra batteries for radios and flashlights. If you are unable to afford your heating costs, weatheriza-

tion or energy-related home repairs, contact the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for help.

In Case of Emergency

Be prepared for winter weather at home, at work and in your car. Create an emergency supply kit for your car. Include jumper cables, sand, a flashlight, warm clothes, blankets, bottled water and non-perishable snacks. Keep a full tank of gas.

COVID-19

Sign up for email updates about coronavirus from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Learn the symptoms of COVID-19 and follow CDC guidance. If you are able to, set aside items like soap, hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol, disinfecting wipes, and general household cleaning supplies that you can use to disinfect surfaces you touch regularly.

Stay Safe During Winter Weather

Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Only use generators and grills outdoors and away from windows. Never heat your home with a gas stove top or oven. Stay off roads if at all possible. If trapped in your car, then stay inside.

Limit your time outside. If you need to go outside, then wear layers of warm clothing. Watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia. Reduce the risk of a heart attack by avoiding overexertion when shoveling snow and walking in the snow.

Learn the signs of, and basic treatments for, frostbite and hypothermia.

Frostbite causes loss of feeling and color around the face, fingers and toes. Signs: Numbness, white or grayish-yellow skin, firm or waxy skin. Actions: Go to a warm room. Soak in warm water. Use body heat to warm. Do not massage or use a heating pad. Hypothermia is an unusually low body temperature. A temperature below 95 degrees is a medical emergency. Signs: Shivering, exhaustion, confusion, fumbling hands, memory loss, slurred speech or drowsiness.

Actions: Go to a warm room. Warm the center of the body first: chest, neck, head and groin. Keep dry and wrapped up in warm blankets, including the head and neck.

PSD

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opinion on how to get there, which is how to spread the rates across those tiers to get to that bottom line number."

After presenting, Commissioners asked Moyers questions regarding how those changes would affect county citizens.

"Is there a great number of users who get your minimum bill?" asked Commissioner Steve Schetrom.

"Well, yes, it's a large percent of our users. In the difference in the two rates here, everybody that uses 15,000 gallons or less a month will pay a lower fee per month based on the current rates versus the rates the Public Service Commission is proposing," replied Moyers.

"Probably at least 95 percent of our customer base uses less than 15,000 gallons a month."

Schetrom asked why the PSC would pursue the proposed rate structure; Moyers replied, "It's just their policy."

Moyers continued, "that was part of our complaint and why we responded. Their suggestion to raise the rates the way we anticipate they will, from our point of view, they are trying to apply a one size fits all policy in a situation where we don't feel that's appropriate."

After the discussion, Commissioners unanimously passed a motion to draft a letter of support for the Hardy County Public Service District for their stance opposing the PSC rate increase changes.

Funding Requests

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that have taken place there. Family reunions, get togethers, funeral services – it's a great asset to the community," added Fran Welton, a member of the county Emergency Ambulance Authority board and Community Emergency Response Team.

Liller and others did not request a specific amount from the Commission, but made a general request for financial help.

"We'll keep it under consideration," said Commissioner David 'Jay' Fansler who told Liller to gather more information and provide specific details to the Commission. Liller and Moyers acknowledged his request, noting earlier they would pursue a formal application.

In other news, the Potomac Valley Conservation District board requested funding as part of a previously held dam funding agreement the Commission partakes in.

"We're here to thank you for your support of the dam agreement and we're asking for your support this year for your donation to support the dams. It's \$8,800, same as last year – same as the last couple years. We have three dams in the Lost River area and four in the South Fork," said PVCDD board member Ronald Miller.

Fellow board member George Leatherman added, "Some of the dams, a lot of the South Fork dams, are getting age on them and they're

requiring some work done to them other than just yearly maintenance, I mean."

Commissioner Steve Schetrom made the motion to support the funding agreement with Commissioner Dave Workman seconding. The Commission unanimously passed a motion to support the dams and provide the requested funding.

Also requesting funding was Office of Emergency Management and 911 Center director Paul Lewis who asked that Commissioners set aside approximately \$300,000 to help fund a new tower.

The funds from the Commission are meant to supplement what the Office of Emergency Management doesn't receive in state funding according to Lewis.

"I hope to keep reducing the cost of that after the tower is built, but I'm still going to have siren equipment for that radio system to go on that tower to hit Potomac Rock, which is fairly expensive because it's Motorola," said Lewis. "If anyone knows anything about Motorola, it's top dollar on that."

Schetrom asked, "When you say fairly expensive, what kind of number are we talking about?"

"Around \$300,000 just for equipment," Lewis replied.

Commissioners acknowledged Lewis' request and told him they had already set aside the \$300,000 in American Rescue Plan funds for the project. No motions were made on the matter.

AT THE LIBRARY

New Fiction

City of the Dead (Alex Delaware; 37) by Jonathan Kellerman – The past comes back to haunt psychologist Alex Delaware and Detective Milo Sturgis when they investigate a grisly double homicide and uncover an even more unspeakable motive.

Abandoned in Death (In Death; 54) by J. D. Robb – Homicide detective Eve Dallas must untangle a twisted family history while a hostage's life hangs in the balance.

Dark Horse (Orphan X; 7) by Gregg Hurwitz – When a vicious cartel kidnaps a drug dealer's innocent 18-year-old daughter, spiriting her away into the armored complex that is their headquarters in Mexico, he has no other way to rescue his daughter but to call on The Nowhere Man.

A Lullaby for Witches by Hester Fox – Accepting a dream job at the Harlowe House estate museum in New England, Augusta Podos discovers a Harlowe daughter who was almost completely removed from the family historical record and digs deeper, awakening a sinister power.

A Game of Fear (Inspector Ian Rutledge; 24) by Charles Todd – Scotland Yard's Ian Rutledge is faced with his most perplexing case yet: a

murder with no body, and a killer who can only be a ghost.

Foundation of Love (Amish Legacy; 1) by Amy Clipston – An Amish widower with three grown sons discovers that another chance at love may be waiting for him.

The Accomplice by Lisa Lutz – Everyone has the same questions about best friends Owen and Luna: What binds them together so tightly? Why weren't they ever a couple? And why do people around them keep turning up dead?

Brothers of the Wind by Tad Williams – Two princes of the immortal Sithi – beloved Hakatri and mercurial Ineluki – are bound by pride and love in their quest to slay the greatest of the monstrous dragons, as Ineluki has vowed to do, this traps Hakatri in a never-ending cycle of indescribable pain and prophetic dreams, while Ineluki is destroyed by guilt and self-hatred for his role in his brother's agony.

The Family by Naomi Krupitsky – The tangled fates of two best friends and daughters of the Italian mafia is compromised by the disappearance of one's father, driving a whisper-thin wedge between the girls as they grow into women, wives, mothers,

and leaders. One fateful night their loyalty to each other and the Family will be tested. Only one of them can pull the trigger before it's too late.

The Wolf (Black Dagger Brotherhood: Prison Camp; 2) by J. R. Ward – Forced into bartering drug deals for the infamous Prison Colony, wolveren Lucan finds things getting hot when he meets Rio, the second in command for the shadowy Caldwell supplier who needs his protection--and his love.

New Non-Fiction

Miss Independent: A Simple 12-Step Plan to Start Investing and Grow Your Own Wealth by Nicole Lapin – Lapin takes the fear out of money management and investing by showing readers all the different ways and paths they can take to become financially free at last.

The Redemption of Bobby Love: A Story of Faith, Family, and Justice by Bobby and Cheryl Love – An account of an escaped convict and his wife of 35-plus years who never knew his secret.

The Vaccine: Inside the Race to Conquer the Covid-19 Pandemic by Joe Miller – The story of the married scientists who founded BioN-

Tech and developed the first vaccine against COVID-19.

Toxic Positivity: Keeping It Real in a World Obsessed with Being Happy by Whitney Goodman – Goodman shares the latest research along with everyday examples and client stories that reveal how damaging toxic positivity is to ourselves and our relationships, and presents simple ways to experience and work through difficult emotions.

Life Force: How New Breakthroughs in Precision Medicine Can Transform the Quality of Your Life & Those You Love by Tony Robbins – The life and business strategist discusses the scientific solutions that will help maximize energy and strength, prevent disease and extend the health span.

Who Are You Following?: Pursuing Jesus in a Social Media Obsessed World by Sadie Robertson Huff – Huff dives deep into exploring who we are allowing to influence our daily thoughts and actions.

New YA Fiction

Here's to Us by Becky Albertalli – Even as first loves Ben and Arthur try to shake off the past, they keep running into each other in the present. Is this the universe trying to tell them there's a do-over in their future?

Within These Wicked Walls by Lauren Blackwood – As a debtera, 19-year-old Andromeda performs exorcisms to cleanse households of the Evil Eye, but when she agrees to work for handsome, young heir Magnus Rorschach, her job becomes truly terrifying.

Wings of Ebony (Wings of Ebony; 1) by J. Elle – Half-god, half-human Rue is snatched from her Houston home to Ghazan, a secret land of gods, by her estranged father, then must face an evil determined to steal everything from her.

Our Violent Ends (These Violent Delights; 2) by Chloe Gong – Though secrets and lies keep Juliette and Roma apart, a monster still prowls the city of Shanghai, and the

two are going to have to put aside their differences to end this threat once and for all.

The Ivory Key (Ivory Key Duology; 1) by Akshaya Raman – When magic runs out, four estranged royal siblings must find a new source before their country is swallowed by invading forces.

Echoes and Empires by Morgan Rhodes – Snarky 17-year-old Josslyn Drake gets infected by a dangerous piece of forbidden magic and teams up with wanted criminal Jericho Nox to remove the spell corrupting her soul.

When You Get the Chance by Emma Lord – Millie Price deals with her lovable but introverted dad, her drama club rival, Oliver, and her "Millie Moods," the feelings of intense emotion that threaten to overwhelm, but when an accidentally left-open browser brings Millie to her dad's embarrassingly moody journal, Millie knows she must find her mom.

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OBITUARIES

WANDA MAY WRATCHFORD



Wanda May Wratchford, age 69, of Moorefield, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022, at Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg. She was born Sept. 22, 1952, the daughter of the late Burl Randolph Barb and Evelyn Peggy (Kisamore) Barb. On April 24, 1976, Wanda married Steven L. Wratchford, who survives in Moorefield.

Wanda was a graduate of Moorefield High School and a member of the Bible Baptist Church in Fisher. She worked at Pilgrim's Pride for 37 years. Upon retirement she went to work at Walmart for an additional four years before officially retiring. She was a former member of the

VFW Ladies Auxiliary in Petersburg and Moorefield. Wanda was loved by many and will be remembered as a caring lady, always willing to help a friend in need.

In addition to her husband, Wanda is survived by: 2 sons, Steve L. Wratchford, Jr. (Laura) of Cabins, and Burl Randolph Wratchford (Kristy) of Petersburg; 1 sister, Betty Ours of Purgitsville; 1 brother, Norman R. Barb (Mary) of Old Fields; and 8 grandchildren, Branden, Dylan, Maverick, Landen, Riley Wratchford, Sarah Wilson, and Nathaniel and Noah Travis. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Brian Keith Wratch-

ford. Mrs. Wratchford's family received friends on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022, at the Basagic Funeral Home in Petersburg. Funeral services were Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022 in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Gary Crislip officiating. Interment was in the South Branch Valley Memorial Gardens in Petersburg. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society at <https://www.cancer.org/> or by calling 800-227-2345, or to the donor's choice. Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.

A Sincere Thank You

We want to express our gratitude to each & every one of you who have helped and supported us during the illness and passing of our beloved Debbie. She was such a kind & lovable person to everyone she met. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

May God truly bless each of you!

Sincerely,
Danny, JL, Katie, Matt & Daughters
Nancy and Kathy & Families

We look forward to celebrating her life in Spring, 2022.
Details will be announced

WILLIAM F. "BILL" TRIPLETT



William Frederick "Bill" Triplett, 94, died at home in Wardsville on Jan. 28, 2022, surrounded by his beloved family.

He was born at home in Mountain Falls, Va., on Dec. 8, 1927, to the late Lawson Sylvester and Ethel Estelle (Hodgson) Triplett. He lived most of his life in the Mountain Falls and Winchester area, until he came to live in Wardsville with his daughter in 2018.

Bill was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving from 1945-1946, until being called home to care for family following his father's death. He later served in the Army in 1947 and was awarded the Victory Medal in

his time of service. He was a foreman at Brakeshoe (Abex) in Winchester for many years and did construction and masonry in his free time. Later in his career, Bill assumed his uncle's mail route, serving Winchester, Va., through Baker, W.Va. until he retired in 1992. In retirement, Bill continued farming and construction until he was in his late 80s.

Bill was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Mountain Falls (Winchester), the Moose Lodge 1283 and American Legion Post 21 in Winchester, and VFW Post 2102, Wardsville. He was a past commander of the VFW. He led the family's country band, "Sounds of Country," in the 1970s/80s, playing for local dances/events. Bill believed in and acted on helping others in need throughout his life, and he was known for his many wonderful stories, wit, and tremendous humor. He was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan! He loved people. He loved his family. He loved life.

Bill married the love of his life, Genevieve Joann Smith, on June 14, 1951, in Winchester. They celebrated 48 years of marriage until her death Aug. 12, 1999.

Surviving are his four children: Gerald E. "Butch" Triplett (Nan-

cy), of Seminole Fla.; Sharon J. "Josie" Borden (Wayne), of Martinsburg; Patricia A. T. "Pat" Pittsnogle (Keith) of Wardsville; and Deirdre L. "Dee" Dillon (Mike) of Woodstock, Va. Also surviving are seven grandchildren: William J. "BJ" Dellinger of Martinsburg; Jeremy L. Tharp of Portland, Ore.; Robert G. "Bobby" Triplett (Katie) of Brandon, Fla.; Justin L. Tharp of Wardsville; Amy T. Ross (Tyler) of Seminole; Halley J. DeBusk (Cody) of Imperial, Neb.; and Kelly L. Zander (Jordan) of Cameron, N.C. Bill had 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild, and expected another great-grandchild this summer. Bill is also survived by two very special friends, Becky Kitts of Clearbrook, Va. and Eadline Renner of Star Tannery, Va.; and his granddaughter-in-law, Rachel L. Tharp of Wardsville.

In addition to his parents and wife, Bill was pre-deceased by his grandson, John Lawson Tharp, and all his siblings: Elsie T. Jones; Georgeanna Triplett; Nancy T. Orndorff; Lawson S. Triplett, Jr.; and Wesley "Frankie" Triplett.

Friends and family called at Loy-Giffin Funeral Home in Wardsville on Thursday, Feb. 3. A wor-

ship service was held Friday, Feb. 4, 2022, at St. John's Lutheran Church. Burial followed in St. John's cemetery, including military honors by Winchester VFW Honor Guard, Post 2123. Pallbearers were Wayne Borden, B.J. Dellinger, Mike Dillon, Martin Steger, Jeremy Tharp, and Justin Tharp.

Memorial gifts may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, 3623 Back Mountain Road, Winchester, VA 22602. In lieu of flowers, please consider remembering Bill with this gift that will continue to help others.

The family thanks Loy-Giffin Funeral Home in Wardsville for their care in arranging our Dad's service. In addition, we thank so many who cared for him in his later years: Liz Houghtaling of Wardsville; granddaughter-in-law Rachel Tharp; Pastor Sonja Williams-Giersch; his V.A. Home Based Primary Care Team; Home Instead of Winchester; Greenfield Senior Living in Woodstock; and Grant Memorial Hospice in Petersburg, W.Va.

Always love those God gives you as precious gifts in life.

To view Bill's tribute wall, please visit www.loygiffin.com.

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One day as you're brushing the hair out of your little boy's eyes or wiping the jelly off his sticky fingers, he looks up and gives you a smile that lights him up from the inside out and you think to yourself it doesn't get any better than this, but it does because he grows up and becomes a good man and a good friend whose smile still lights up the world.

Loved and Missed Always Mom, Dad, and Katie

SHIRLEY JANE MCKINLEY



Shirley Jane McKinley, age 79 of 7th Street, Moorefield, passed away Monday evening, Jan. 31, 2022 at her residence. Born Nov. 25, 1942, in Kingwood, she was a daughter of the late James Edward Moats and Elsie Goldie Sisler Moats. Her husband, William Franklin McKinley, Sr., preceded her in death in November 2016. Three brothers and two sisters also preceded her in death.

Shirley enjoyed crafts, puzzles, puzzle books and the old Westerns on

television during the colder months. Her passions were camping and fishing, which is where you would find her in the warmer seasons. She was an avid angler and could out-fish most of her family.

Surviving are two daughters, Cathy J. McKinley of Moorefield and Crystal D. (John) Carroll of Mt. Vernon, Texas; a son, William F. "Billy" (Connie) McKinley, Jr. of Fayetteville, N.C.; two sisters, Cora Wilson of Reedsville, W.Va.

and Dora Lea Everly of Kingwood; a brother, Arthur Moats of Albright, W.Va.; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022, at the Moorefield Assembly of God Church, with Pastor D. J. Taylor officiant. Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on Shirley's Tribute Wall at www.fralefuneralhome.com.

LENA MAE HINKLE



Lena Mae Hinkle, age 94 of Moorefield, passed away Monday evening, Jan. 31, 2022, at the residence of her sister in Chester, Va. Born on Feb. 28, 1927, in Hardy County, she was the daughter of the late Ervin Jeremiah Wratchford and Bessie Lee Gochenour Wratchford. Her husband, Harold Wendolyn Hinkle preceded her in death in May 1992. Four brothers and a sister also preceded her in death.

Lena was a member of the Moorefield Church of the Brethren, where she was a faithful attendee of Bible study, enjoyed worshipping in church

and faithfully read her Bible. She enjoyed crocheting, making afghans, and her quilting abilities along with her quilts were amazing.

Surviving is a daughter, Delores (Larry) Kolodzi of Tarpon Springs, Fla.; a son, Dewaine W. (Diana Foster) Hinkle of Rio, W.Va.; grandsons, Mike (Gretel) Kolodzi & Tom (Kim) Kolodzi; a great-grandson, Harrison; sisters, Bonnie Hines, of Moorefield, Lila Ann Sine of Winchester, Alice French of Baltimore, Dorothy Ritchie of Harrisonburg, and a very special sister, Phyliss Shobe of Chester, Va.; and a brother, Walter Wratch-

ford of Walkersville, Md., along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were conducted Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022, at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastors Russell and Lucy Webster officiants. Interment followed in the Olivet Cemetery. The family receive friends before services.

Memorials may be directed to the Moorefield Church of the Brethren, 115 Clay Street, Moorefield, WV 26836. Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on Lena's Tribute Wall at www.fralefuneralhome.com.

WANDA FAY MAY

Wanda Fay May, 77, of Baker, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022 at E. A. Hawse Nursing & Rehab in Baker.

Born on Oct. 6, 1944 in Mathias,

she was the daughter of the late Ira Smith and Gladys Reedy Smith.

She is survived by two daughters, Brenda Kimble of Petersburg and Dianne Earls of Broadway, VA; two

sons, Bill Smith of Mathias and Larry Dispanet of Woodstock, VA; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren and several brothers.

A private graveside service will be held at Caplinger Cemetery, Crider, VA. All services will be private and handled by McKee Funeral Home, Baker.

LISHA ROSETTA RUNIONS

Lisha Rosetta Runions, age 60, of Fisher, passed away Friday morning, Feb. 4, 2022, at Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg.

Born on Sept. 3, 1961, she was a daughter of the late Cecil Wendoline Smith and Martha Rebecca Reel Smith. A son, Chad Runions; sisters, Judith Suder and Helen Crites; three brothers; and three sisters also preceded her in death.

Lisha enjoyed planting, gardening and searching for Indian relics. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and was a happy go lucky individual that was friendly to everyone. Her family was blessed to have her instill loyalty and the ability to love and forgive in them as her family was everything to her.

Surviving is her husband of 40 years, Howard "Lester" Runions; a son, Jeremy Smith of Fisher; a daughter, Rachel R. (Jeremy Buck-

ler) Runions of Fisher; two sisters, Eva (John) Paugh of Fisher and Hiawatha "Hop" Smith of Moorefield; a brother, Robert "Beanie" Cook of Fisher; four grandchildren, Zaiden Stonestreet, Axton Runions, Jase Buckler and Ayla Smith; and other siblings, Carmaleta Kreiser, Juanita Smith (Bob) Trichel, Orpha Smith Cowgil, Heiskell (Betty) Smith, Evers (Diana) Smith and James (Nancy) Smith.

Funeral Services will be conducted 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022, at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel at 107 Washington Street in Moorefield with Pastor Steve Snyder officiating.

Interment will follow at the Kessel Cemetery in Fisher. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8, at the funeral home. Due to the current COVID-19 recommendations, wearing of masks

and social distancing by individuals unvaccinated is recommended.

Memorials may be directed to the family at 68 White Tail Drive, Fisher, WV, 26818. Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on Lisha's Tribute Wall at www.fralefuneralhome.com.

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



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ASHLEY ANNE MOWERY

Ashley Anne Mowery, age 21, of Baker, passed away as a result of an automobile accident in Mathias on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022.

She was born on March 21, 2000, in Petersburg, the daughter of Russel Mowery Jr. (Kimberly) of Moorefield and Rebecca Anne Mowery of Baker. She was engaged to Tyler Olmsted, the father of her infant child, who survives in Moorefield.

Ms. Mowery was a 2018 gradu-

ate of Petersburg High School and attended the Cutting Edge School of Hair Design at the South Branch Career and Technical Center. She was a Personal Care Aide at The Last Minute Lily's in Wardensville where she found her passion for helping the elderly and had just enrolled in nursing school. She played softball for Hampshire High School, enjoyed fishing, and spending time with her brother, Hunter. Ashley will be remembered for

her many fine qualities including her big heart. She was the kind of person who would do anything for anyone, never meeting a stranger.

In addition to her parents and fiancé, Ashley leaves behind to cherish her memories: 2 brothers, Joshua Park of Baker and Hunter Nelson of Baker; 1 step-brother, Levi Crites of Keyser; her grandparents, Lewis Marquis of Cabins and Twyla (Myers) Mowery of Moorefield; several aunts, uncles,

and numerous cousins; and her pet cat, "Luna." She was preceded in death by an infant child; and grandparents, Dianne (Clark) Marquis and Russel Mowery Sr.

"Those we love never truly leave us. There are things that death cannot touch." — Jack Thorne.

Ashley's family will receive friends on Friday, Feb. 11, 2022, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Basagic Funeral Home in Petersburg. A celebration of life will follow in the funeral

home chapel at 6 p.m. with Minister Shaena Crossland officiating.

Memorials may be made to the family in care of the Basagic Funeral Home, P.O. Box 400 Petersburg, WV, 26847. Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.

Basagic Funeral Home in Petersburg is handling arrangements.



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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 through all of the changes.

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SCHOOLS

MHS introduces new robotics team DEP accepts Make it Shine applications

By **Connie Sherman**
Special to the Examiner

Participants call it the "hardest fun you will ever have" and as of November 1, 2021, West Virginia became the eighth state in the nation to recognize robotics as a varsity school activity meaning students involved in robotics can receive the same amount of recognition as other sports and school clubs. There are various robotics leagues, all designed to engage students in complex robotics challenges.

The Moorefield High School robotics team participates in events and activities sponsored by the world's leading youth-serving nonprofit organization called FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) and includes students who learn to design, build, program and operate robots to compete in various activities and challenges. These robots are the vehicle that encourages science, technology, engineering and math, also referred to as STEM, skills to students that will have a lasting impact on their future. Students who excel in STEM programs acquire knowledge that is vital in helping them to become leaders in today's technology-driven economy.



Competing for their first year, the Moorefield High School Jackbots, under the leadership of Moorefield Middle School teacher Bonnie Crites, were created and the team recently participated in a First Tech Challenge robotic competition qualifier, held at Garrett Community College in McHenry, Maryland. The Jackbots' robot placed 4th out of 18 teams in the robot performance competition, received the Design Award for their innovative engineering work on their robot, and will advance to the next level of competition. "I am very proud of the hard work and innovation that I have seen from these

young men so far this season," said Crites.

Team members include William and Ralph Wojtowicz and Adam Sherman. All students were former members of the award-winning Moorefield Middle School Jackbots team which has been active since 2017 under the leadership of Moorefield Middle School teacher Alicen Adkins. This team is the first for Moorefield High School. As a rookie team, there are many expenses including costs for travel and materials. If you would like to become a sponsor, please contact Coach Crites at bonnie.crites@k12.wv.us.

By **Terry Fletcher**
W.Va. DEP

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP) is accepting applications for the 2022 Make It Shine Environmental Teacher of the Year awards. The deadline to submit an application is February 14, 2022.

Winners will be chosen on the elementary, middle and high school levels, with each winner receiving a \$500 personal award, plus a \$1,000 award to be used in promoting STEM (science, technology, engi-

neering and math) programs at their school.

Educators eligible for nomination must teach either full-time or part-time, or volunteer in a classroom setting in a West Virginia public, private or charter school and have had their program established for at least one year. Teachers can be nominated by themselves, colleagues, principals, students, or anyone familiar with their environmental program.

Awards will be presented to educators who have demonstrated exemplary environmental leadership through the creation of lesson plans, implementation of school programs, or participation in activities that pro-

vide environmental stewardship.

To nominate yourself or a fellow educator for the 2022 awards, applications are available at: <https://dep.wv.gov/environmental-advocate/reap/wvmis/Pages/default.aspx>

For more information, contact Annette Hoskins at: Annette.L.Hoskins@wv.gov or call 1-800-322-5530.

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

Student, teacher essay contest has Feb. 25 deadline

By **Jared Hunt**

W.Va. Treasurer's Office

State Treasurer Riley Moore reminded eligible participants to enter the 2022 SMART529 'When I Grow Up' student and teacher essay contest for a chance to win significant prizes.

The annual essay contest gives West Virginia students in grades K-5 the chance to win up to \$5,000 in SMART529 savings for higher education. Teachers have an opportunity to win a \$2,500 cash prize.

"This program stresses the importance of investing early in our chil-

dren's futures," Treasurer Moore

said. Entries will be judged among five regions in three age groups (K-1, 2-3, 4-5), making for a total of 15 regional winners. The 15 winners will be awarded \$500 invested into SMART529 college savings accounts. Out of the regional winners, one grand prize winner will be randomly selected to receive a total of \$5,000 in SMART529 scholarship money. Each winner's school will also receive a \$500 cash award.

Teachers of grades kindergarten through fifth can also compete in the teacher portion of the essay contest. This year's winning teacher will re-

ceive a \$2,500 cash prize.

The When I Grow Up essay contest allows students to submit, in 100 words or less, an essay that explains what they want to be when they grow up. Entries will be judged on originality, creativity and the importance of post-secondary education.

Entry forms for both students and teachers are available at www.SMART529.com. The deadline for entry form and essay submissions is Friday, February 25, 2022. For more information on SMART529 or the When I Grow Up essay contest, go to www.SMART529.com.

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THIS WEEK IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY



'Aunt Jennie' Wilson

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

Feb. 9, 1843: Republican Party leader Nathan Goff Jr. was born in Clarksburg. In 1888, Goff lost West Virginia's most controversial gubernatorial election to Aretas Brooks Fleming. Goff's initial 106-vote majority was challenged by Fleming, and both men were sworn in on inauguration day.

Feb. 9, 1900: "Aunt Jennie" Wilson was born near Henlawson. Wilson was a Logan County traditional musician, considered a master of clawhammer-style banjo playing.

Feb. 9, 1950: U.S. Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's speech to a group of Wheeling Republicans launched the 1950s red scare. McCarthy, a Wisconsin Republican, claimed in his speech to have a list of 205 communists who worked in the U.S. State Department.

Feb. 10, 1904: Jay Legg was shot and killed by his wife, Sarah Ann, in their home in Clay County. The trial, conviction, appeal and acquittal of Sarah Ann led to a popular West Virginia folk ballad, "The Murder of Jay Legg."

Feb. 10, 2010: Frederick Appleton "Fred" Schaus, West Virginia University basketball All-American, coach, and athletic director, died at the age of 84 in Morgantown. Schaus coached at WVU from 1954 to 1960, with a 146-37 record.

Feb. 11, 1903: Artist Grace Martin Taylor was born in Morgantown. In addition to producing an immense body of work in a variety of styles, Taylor enjoyed a lengthy career at the Mason College of Fine Arts and Music in Charleston.

Feb. 11, 1904: Clarence Watson Meadows was born in Beckley. His mother hoped he would become a Baptist minister, but he ultimately entered politics, becoming the 22nd governor of West Virginia.

Feb. 11, 1911: The Charles Town Opera House opened. The 500-seat theater ushered in an era of entertainment and service lasting more than 30 years.

Feb. 11, 1923: Eight members of the Black Hand were arrested in Harrison County. The Black Hand was the name and symbol of an underworld society of Italian immigrants that sought to extort money from other Italian immigrants.

Feb. 11, 1935: The first houses in the Tygart Valley Homesteads were



Karl Myers

ready for occupancy. One of three resettlement projects in West Virginia, the homestead was intended to provide a new start for unemployed farmers, miners and timber workers.

Feb. 12, 1867: Barboursville was incorporated by an act of the state legislature. Originally the county seat of Cabell County, it lost that honor after the C&O Railway was completed to Huntington.

Feb. 12, 1899: Karl Dewey Myers was born in Tucker County with severe birth defects. He never attended school, but he educated himself through persistent self-study. He was named the state's first poet laureate in 1927.

Feb. 13, 1800: General John Jay Jackson was born near Parkersburg. He served in the Seminole War as a member of Gen. Andrew Jackson's staff.

Feb. 13, 1913: Mother Jones was arrested in Charleston after helping union miners on Paint Creek and Cabin Creek.

Feb. 13, 1923: Chuck Yeager was born at Myra, about seven miles from Hamlin. On October 14, 1947, in a Bell X-1 rocket airplane dropped from a B-29 bomber, Yeager broke the sound barrier by flying 700 miles per hour.

Feb. 14, 1866: Grant County was created and named for Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, who later became the nation's 18th president.

Feb. 15, 1898: Musician John Homer "Uncle Homer" Walker was born in Mercer County. Among the last in a tradition of black Appalachian banjo players, he played the five-string banjo in the clawhammer style.

Feb. 15, 1930: Sara Jane Moore was born in Charleston. On Sept. 22, 1975, Moore attempted to assassinate President Gerald Ford in San Francisco.

Feb. 15, 1975: Elizabeth Kee, the state's first female member of Congress, died in Bluefield. Kee was elected to Congress in 1951 after the death of her husband, John. She retired in 1964 and was replaced by her son, James.

e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia is a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council. For more information, contact the West Virginia Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; (304) 346-8500; or visit e-WV at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

USDA

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appetizers, as well as cut fruit and vegetable platters, can only be left out for two hours before they become at risk of bacteria multiplying to dangerous levels. USDA recommends you put out small amounts of food and replenish it frequently.

Here are some food safety tips for Super Bowl Sunday:

Remember Your Four Steps to Food Safety

Clean: Wash hands for 20 seconds before and after handling raw meat and poultry. Clean hands, surfaces and utensils with soap and warm water before cooking and after contact with raw meat and poultry. After cleaning surfaces that raw meat and poultry has touched, apply a commercial or homemade sanitizing solution (1 tablespoon of liquid chlorine bleach per gallon of water). Use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol.

Separate: Use separate cutting boards, plates and utensils to avoid cross-contamination between raw meat or poultry and foods that are ready-to-eat.

Cook: Confirm foods are cooked to a safe internal temperature by using a food thermometer.

Chill: Chill foods promptly if not consuming immediately after cooking. Don't leave food at room temperature for longer than two hours.

Cook Your Food to a Safe Internal Temperature

Using a food thermometer, ensure you reach a safe internal temperature when cooking: meat (whole beef, pork and lamb) 145 F with a 3-minute rest; ground meats 160 F; poultry (ground and whole) 165 F; eggs 160 F; fish and shellfish 145 F; and leftovers and casseroles 165 F.

If chicken wings are on the menu, use a food thermometer on several wings to gauge the doneness of the entire batch. If one is under 165 F, continue cooking all wings until they reach that safe internal temperature.

Avoid the Danger Zone

Bacteria multiply rapidly be-

tween 40 F and 140 F. This temperature range is called the Danger Zone.

Perishable foods, such as chicken wings, deli wraps and meatball appetizers, should be discarded if left out for longer than two hours. To prevent food waste, refrigerate or freeze perishable items within two hours.

Keep cold foods at a temperature of 40 F or below by keeping food nestled in ice or refrigerated until ready to serve.

Keep hot foods at a temperature of 140 F or above by placing food in a preheated oven, warming trays, chafing dishes or slow cookers.

Divide leftovers into smaller portions and refrigerate or freeze them in shallow containers which helps leftovers cool quicker than storing them in large containers.

#4 Keep Takeout Food Safe

If you order food and it's delivered or picked up in advance of the big game, divide the food into smaller portions or pieces, place in shallow containers and refrigerate until ready to reheat and serve. You can also keep the food warm (above 140 F) in a preheated oven, warming tray, chafing dish or slow cooker.

When reheating food containing meat or poultry, make sure the internal temperature reaches 165 F as measured by a food thermometer.

If heating food in the microwave, ensure that contents are evenly dispersed. Because microwaved food can have cold spots, be sure to stir food evenly until the food has reached a safe internal temperature throughout.

For more food safety information, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854), email MPHonline@usda.gov or chat live at ask.usda.gov from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

Access news releases and other information at USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service's (FSIS) website at www.fsis.usda.gov/newsroom.

Attorney General reminds consumers to protect information when filing taxes

By Mary Stortstrom

WVa. Att. Gen. Office

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey reminds taxpayers at the start of the tax season to exercise great caution by protecting their personal, identifiable information when preparing and filing their tax returns.

Sensitive information such as Social Security numbers, finances, birth dates and ad-

resses are some of the many things scammers could easily use to their advantage.

"Scammers are actively trying to steal your sensitive, personal, identifiable information," Attorney General Morrisey said. "That's why it's imperative that consumers be mindful of how they handle tax information and who processes tax-related documents on their behalf. When filing taxes, remember that studies show those more likely to steal your information aren't strangers but people you know."

Consumers can greatly reduce the risk of fraud by filing their return well before the April 18 deadline. This gives thieves less time to file a false return since IRS records would show a return in the consumer's name has already been filed. They also should use a secure Internet connection and never file their return via publicly available Wi-Fi.

Additional tips include:

Cross shred documents. Identity thieves rummage through trash to find information.

Be wary of suspicious emails that may

look legitimate, but are really a means to steal personal information. Look for typos, misspellings and bad grammar.

Know the Internal Revenue Service does not contact taxpayers via text message, email or social media.

A victim may learn of tax-related identity theft when he or she receives a letter from the IRS reporting it has received a return the consumer did not file, or reporting multiple returns filed under the victim's name, or reporting that the victim received wages from

an employer he or she doesn't know.

Anyone who receives a letter from the IRS indicating potential impersonation should immediately call the agency's Identity Protection Specialized Unit at 1-800-908-4490.

Consumers who believe they may be the victim of tax-related identity theft should contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Office at 1-800-368-8808, the Eastern Panhandle Consumer Protection Office in Martinsburg at 304-267-0239 or visit the office online at www.wvago.gov.

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HARDY COUNTY

SPORTS



Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield's Amber Williams and Petersburg's Mickala Taylor battle for a loose ball.

Petersburg claims win over buzzing Jackets

By Carl Holcomb

Moorefield Examiner

The Yellow Jackets started off with an early lead, but the Vikings refused for their senior night to be

ruined and rampaged down the court for a 61-29 victory in Petersburg on Wednesday.

Moorefield (5-10) took a 4-nil lead, but Petersburg (11-2) stormed back for a 21-6 lead at the end of the

first period and a 33-14 halftime advantage en route to the win.

Petersburg's Kennedy Kaposy tapped the ball loose and the Yellow Jackets fumbled their first possession.

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Moorefield evades Falcons' dive bomb

By Carl Holcomb

Moorefield Examiner

The Falcons swooped into Moorefield stirring up the Hive and the Yellow Jackets swarmed ferociously in retaliation to batter Frankfort 67-47 in last Tuesday's sectional battle.

Frankfort poked the Hive with a 3-pointer by Cam Lynch to start the game within ten seconds.

The Yellow Jackets buzzed back with a 16-nil run and took a commanding 18-5 lead at the end of the first period.

"We knew this was a big game coming in. I told them we needed a lot of focus in practice yesterday. They were excited for the game and they came out and played a good four quarters. We came out in the first quarter and got a big lead, then built it back up in the third quarter. They did what we expected them to do tonight. We wanted to put four quarters together. We did that tonight and the score showed it," Moorefield coach Scott Stutler remarked.

Moorefield's Ryan McGregor nailed a jumper in the paint en route to his game-high 18 points in response at 7:15.

Coleman Mongold snatched a rebound

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Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield's Ryan McGregor shoots a jumper over Frankfort's Tyson Spencer in the Hive last Tuesday.

East Hardy Duo Joins Battlers Sprint Football



Photos by Carl Holcomb

East Hardy senior Jacob Combs signs to play Sprint Football for Alderson Broaddus University and is joined by his mother Jacqueline Combs and stepfather Brian Fritz.

By Carl Holcomb

Moorefield Examiner

East Hardy Football senior teammates Jacob "Mario" Combs and Erik Flynn inked the paperwork with their signatures to join the Alderson Broaddus University Sprint Football program last Wednesday in the school library on National Signing Day in Baker.

Combs and Flynn are thrilled to join the Battlers Sprint Football program,

which held its inaugural season in 2019.

These seniors helped East Hardy reach the state quarterfinal playoff games in three consecutive seasons and finished with a career record of 26-16.

Combs played as a defensive back and receiver for the Cougars and was recognized this season as an All-Potomac Valley Conference honorable mention defensive back.

"I just feel really grateful to be able to put pads on for four more years. I'm really excited to have the chance to get a new experience at another level and play for different coaches and with other players," East Hardy senior Jacob Combs remarked.

I think it is really exciting, because I will get to see it grow from the beginning pretty much and just see how it develops and to be part of that development."

Flynn played on the defensive line and offensive line for the Cougars and earned All-PVC first team honors in 2020 and 2021 for his defensive line performance, in addition to All-State honorable mention this year.

"I'm very excited. It's a new program, so I'm looking forward to playing football there," East Hardy senior Erik Flynn stated.

"It's big, I've played football since I was six. I've worked my entire life to this point, so it is a big deal to me."

Alderson Broaddus University is a member of the Collegiate Sprint Football League which was originally formed prior to World War II.

The mascot for the team is the Battlers and named Skirmish the Battler.

There are currently ten teams in the CSFL including the Battlers: Army West Point, U.S. Naval Academy, Cornell University, University of Pennsylvania, St. Thomas of Aquinas College,



East Hardy senior Erik Flynn signs to play Sprint Football for Alderson Broaddus University and is joined by his mother Heidi Flynn and brother Bryan Flynn.

Chestnut Hill College, Caldwell University, Mansfield University and Post University.

Matt Perotti is the Alderson Broaddus University Sprint Football head coach and linebackers coach.

Perotti has been with the sprint program since inception as the recruiting coordinator, defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach.

"We're excited to have these guys help us build our program. The more

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Wildcats silence Moorefield with a late rally

By Carl Holcomb

Moorefield Examiner

The Yellow Jackets maintained the lead for a majority of the game, but Pendleton County flipped the switch with a 16-nil run in the final six minutes to rally for a 56-47 victory in Moorefield on Saturday.

"You can't say more about these kids. This was their win. We put them in the spots and they went out and executed. I have a kid, Jacob Beachler, coming off the bench even keel and putting something together. He's hard to stop underneath and I can't say anything bad about the seniors. Everybody who stepped in, played well. We just dug in and it shows you how much they want it," Pendleton County coach Jeremy Bodkin remarked.

"Moorefield is a good team. We played them in the holiday tournament and it was a dogfight and this was an even worse dogfight. We have them again and it will be a battle at our place. Give credit to Coach Stutler, he does a good job with them."

It was a fast start for the Wildcats (11-2) as Cole Day scored 15 seconds into the game, then Clayton Kisamore notched a steal and breakaway layup for a 4-0 lead at 7:29.

Moorefield (6-9) responded with a jumper by Coleman Mongold on the next possession at 7:14.

Moorefield's Blake Funk jarred the ball loose and Dean Keplinger corralled the turnover with a pass to Mongold for an old-fashioned three-point play to take the lead at 6:51,



Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield's Coleman Mongold lifts the ball to the hoop against Pendleton County's Clayton Kisamore last Saturday.

5-4.

A steal by Moorefield's Ryan McGregor resulted in a putback by Blake Funk at 5:48.

Keplinger snatched a defensive rebound and fed Ronald Griest for a bucket to extend the lead 9-4.

Pendleton County's Jacob Beachler netted a putback, then the

Yellow Jackets walked and Beachler drew a foul leading to two charity stripe baskets cutting the deficit to 9-8 at 4:19.

Over the next minute, the Yellow Jackets garnered three field goals with two coming off steals.

Moorefield's Silas Inskip collected a carom and dished to Keplinger

for a jumper.

Mongold knocked the ball loose with Keplinger making the recovery and assisted Mongold on the layup.

Griest made a steal and leaping save which led to a bucket by Mongold to create a 15-8 advantage with 3:09 remaining in the opening frame. Pendleton County needed a timeout to stop the momentum.

McGregor grabbed a defensive rebound, but Pendleton County's Tanner Townsend swiped the ball back and scored at 2:25.

There was a brief break in the action as Mongold went to the bench with some blood and Karson Reed was the substitute.

Beachler blocked a shot, then Griest stole the ball and dished to Keplinger for a basket at 1:22.

The Wildcats answered with a jumper by Kisamore.

The Yellow Jackets responded with a 3-pointer by Griest for the biggest lead of the game with 24 seconds on the clock, 20-12.

Keplinger collected a rebound and the ball was stolen by Beachler leading to an old-fashioned three-point play by Kisamore at the buzzer to cut the deficit to 20-15.

"I thought we had good effort all night. We got in foul trouble early in the second half which hurt us a little bit and we didn't hit foul shots down the stretch. They were playing really aggressive and we couldn't adapt to it. They were running into us and smacking us, they were trying to get the ball away from us. The

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Pendleton shaves Cougars

By Carl Holcomb

Moorefield Examiner

It was a nip and tuck game in the first period, then Pendleton County shaved the Cougars with precision defense and scoring to taper a 75-54 victory in the Baker Den on Thursday.

"We hadn't had much practice with the weather and we had a shoot around before the bus left for the game. It's hard to get kids in the gym. These kids are resilient. I haven't seen a group of kids play like this and come out and play hard. You tell them to do something and they do it. We finally got everything rolling," Pendleton County coach Jeremy Bodkin noted.

East Hardy steadily built an 11-9 lead midway through the opening frame with the help of a 3-pointer by J.W. Teets along with field goals by Noah Lang, Justin Parker and Dawson Price.

A free throw by Noah Lang at the 3:16 mark gave the Cougars a 12-9 edge.

Pendleton County's Jacob Beachler hit two foul shots on the following possession.

Tanner Townsend collected a defensive rebound before being whistled for a carrying violation.

Price knocked down a jumper for the Cougars, but the Wildcats answered with a perimeter basket by Townsend to tie the game at 14-14 with two minutes remaining in the first period.

Beachler blocked a shot by East Hardy's Justin Teets and passed to Clayton Kisamore for a basket.

After East Hardy hit the rim twice, Pendleton County scored on a putback by Beachler.

East Hardy's J. W. Teets notched a free throw with 30 seconds left in the frame, but Pendleton County recorded a jumper by Townsend to close out the period for a 20-15 advantage.

Kisamore notched a field goal to commence the second period after a rebound by Beachler for the Wildcats.

Both teams missed shots with rebounds by Beachler and Justin Teets, then Cole Day swiped the ball leading to a field goal from Kisamore to go up 24-15 at 6:53.

Day grabbed a defensive board and the Wildcats struck again with Kisamore slicing inside the paint.

Kisamore snatched a derisive board, then East Hardy's Dawson Price blocked a shot by Townsend.

Both teams missed a couple field goals over the next minute along with a steal by East Hardy's Justin Parker.

East Hardy's Noah Lang hit a jumper after a defensive rebound by Parker to cut the deficit to 26-17 at the 4:09 mark.

J.W. Teets made a steal and dished to Lang for a layup at 3:17.

Pendleton County missed four straight shots, but possession was kept alive by Beachler who finally added a basket.

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SPORTS

East Hardy Signings

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West Virginia guys that we recruit the more successful we will be and having teammates join our program will just add to that," ABU Sprint Football head coach Matt Perotti commented.

"We got to watch them play a handful of times this season. Offensive Line/Defensive Line is always a need in Sprint Football and I can see Erik [Flynn] fitting in there, where Jacob [Combs] will have an opportunity to compete for a spot at one of our skill positions on defense."

Sprint Football has the similar rules as traditional football, except each athlete must maintain a weight size below 178 pounds.

Combs is undecided for a major at this point, but is considering a degree path in education.

Flynn has chosen to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice.

Combs and Flynn were intrigued by the small size of the Alderson Broaddus University campus.

"It's really small, so the classes and field are really close together. I think that will be a good aspect of the campus," Combs noted.

Alderson Broaddus University's campus is in Philippi and has 170 acres.

"It's small and everything is there, so I don't have to drive from place to place, because I don't have a car yet," Flynn added.

This institution has over 900 students with a class ratio size of 13:1.

Combs and Flynn felt more comfortable attending Alderson Broaddus University coming from a small Class A high school.

"I'm very proud of them. These are two guys who are pieces of a program, students

and athletes of a program. I couldn't speak more highly of these guys. They both came in and neither of them started varsity in their freshman year, but they did everything the right way. They bought in and worked hard from day one and have been through all the off-season stuff. They are guys you dream of having as a high school coach," East Hardy Football head coach Devon Ordorff said.

"We are going to miss them greatly on the field and off the field. We can't be more proud of them and what they aspire to do at the next level. It's Sprint Football, so I see Erik playing his current positions as an interior defensive lineman and possibly defensive end. He is fast enough to play a little edge rusher as linebacker. Jacob Combs should stay at his inside receiver position and somewhere in the secondary. I don't know which side of the ball they will group them on, but they are

very versatile. They can play both ways. It is very humbling and I'm happy to see Sprint Football grow in our area. It offers another aspect to college life that these boys can use to their advantage at the next level. There's a lot of down time in college and idle hands don't usually do good things. I am glad this gives these boys something to keep them involved in their academics and extracurricular activities at the next level."

Alderson Broaddus University was founded in 1871 by Baptist minister Edward Jefferson Willis as Broaddus College in Winchester, Virginia. Broaddus College was named after Rev. William Francis Ferguson Broaddus, a Civil War Baptist minister.

Broaddus College moved to Clarksburg, West Virginia in 1876 before coming to Philippi in 1901.

Alderson Academy and Junior College

was chartered in 1901 by Baptist laywoman Emma Alderson and joined with Broaddus College in 1932 to become Alderson-Broaddus College.

Alderson Broaddus earned university recognition in 2013.

Philippi is known for being the site of the first land battle of the Civil War and having the oldest covered bridge in West Virginia.

The mission statement for Alderson Broaddus University is to provide students with the highest quality education, striving to prepare students to succeed in their chosen disciplines and to fulfill their roles in a diverse society as well-rounded and responsible citizens.

Information about the institution was gathered from the Alderson Broaddus University website.

Moorefield Boys vs Pendleton

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referees didn't call it and we have to be stronger with the basketball and play through contact. It was a good atmosphere and a good game with two good teams. We'll get ready for the next one," Moorefield coach Scott Stutler commented.

Starting the second period, Townsend hauled in a defensive carom for the Wildcats which led to a field goal by Kisamore.

Griest drilled a perimeter basket at the 7:14 mark for a 23-17 edge.

Pendleton County threw the ball awry, then Keplinger attempted to dribble between his legs at the top of the key and Dusty Smith tapped the ball away with Townsend making the steal.

The Wildcats came up empty at the free throw line, but Kisamore kept play alive with a rebound and was hacked leading to one made foul shot moments later.

Smith made a defensive rebound and passed to Cole Day for a jumper as Pendleton County was down by three points, 23-20 at 5:56.

Moorefield created an opening for Griest to knock down a 3-pointer at the 5:16 mark.

It took two and a half minutes before the next point would be made as the Wildcats hit the rim four times, but Beachler made two blocked shots as Moorefield hit the rim twice and forced a turnover.

Kisamore netted a basket off an assist from Townsend at the 2:43 mark, 26-22.

The Yellow Jackets answered with a jumper by Keplinger on the ensuing series.

The Wildcats lost the ball out of play under pressure by Griest, then Beachler blocked the next shot.

Moorefield fumbled the ball away and Kisamore made an offensive board with a pass out to Townsend for a perimeter bucket at 1:32, 28-25.

Both teams missed shots with rebounds by Day and Beachler with the latter leading to one free throw.

McGregor collected a rebound off the second missed free throw, then netted a shot in the paint with a foul added and missed the extra chance.

Griest and Day traded steals, but Day stepped out of bounds with under ten seconds.

Mongold hit a 3-pointer with five seconds remaining in the first half as the Yellow Jackets carried a 33-26 advantage into the locker rooms.

Pendleton County commenced the third period with a jumper by Cole Day.

Moorefield drew iron twice with rebounds by Griest and Townsend.

Day recorded another field goal as the Wildcats cut the deficit to 33-30 at 6:03.

The Yellow Jackets lost the ball out of bounds, then Keplinger knocked the ball loose and chased it down for the steal before being pushed in the back.

Mongold drilled a 3-pointer for Moorefield during the following possession.

Keplinger hauled in a defensive carom, then Griest dribbled down the baseline and found Blake Funk for a bucket at 5:04 as the Yellow Jackets went up 38-30.

Both teams missed two field goals with defensive rebounds by Funk, Kisamore, Mongold and Beachler.

Kisamore drew a foul when making a mid-range jumper, but hit the rim on the free throw.

Moorefield's Levi Thompson collected the rebound and passed to Keplinger, who connected with Griest drawing a foul and adding one free throw.

After a rebound by Beachler, the Wildcats walked.

Thompson made a dive for a loose ball and Beachler dove on top reaching for the ball and Thompson was assessed with a foul.

Beachler connected on both free throws, then Day stole the ball and added a jumper to close the gap, 39-

36 with 2:33 left in third period.

Thompson blocked a shot and came away with the ball, but the Yellow Jackets failed to convert.

Day notched another field goal as Pendleton County made it 39-38 with 1:19 to go in the period.

A fan was shouting at the referee and the referee just pointed to his ear during a timeout.

Day collected a defensive board and found Kisamore for a layup with 29 seconds remaining as the Wildcats regained the lead, 40-39.

Townsend caught a long rebound along the baseline, but fell down out of bounds with two seconds.

Mongold nailed a fadeaway 3-pointer in the corner at the buzzer to lift Moorefield to a 42-40 edge entering the final stanza.

The Yellow Jackets swarmed into the fourth period with Mongold drilling another 3-pointer at the 7:38 mark and made a gesture of eating food.

Keplinger was fouled on a defensive rebound, then the Yellow Jackets worked the ball around the perimeter before Griest drove inside to hit a jumper at 6:20 for a 47-40 lead.

This was the last time Moorefield would score a point as the Wildcats proceeded with a 16-nil run to finish out the game, rallying for the win.

Day started the run with a jumper at the 5:47 mark, 47-42.

Inskip collected an offensive rebound and the Yellow Jackets stalled the offense before missing another shot and the Wildcats grabbed the board.

Pendleton County's Tanner Townsend garnered two free throws with 4:09 left, then Moorefield missed two free throws seven seconds later.

After a jump ball, Townsend was called for a charge and Day stole the ball.

The Wildcats hit the rim and Inskip hauled in the board and was fouled, but missed the one-and-one shot.

Pendleton County's Braden McClanahan snatched the rebound and found Kisamore for a layup to cut the deficit to 47-46 with 3:04 remaining.

Moorefield burned a minute off the clock and timeout was called, then committed a turnover with an errant high pass out of play.

Townsend notched a jumper to give the Wildcats a 48-47 lead with 1:49 left.

The Yellow Jackets missed and Inskip kept the possession alive, before the ball was stolen by Kisamore for a breakaway basket at 1:30.

There was a collision at mid-court as Townsend went for a steal and a foul was called on Keplinger which turned into a technical foul.

Townsend connected on one of the free throws, then a timeout was called.

Beachler garnered a jumper with 40 seconds remaining to put Pendleton County up 53-47.

McClanahan hauled in a defensive rebound and was fouled on a steal attempt by McGregor, then added both charity stripe buckets with 28 seconds on the clock.

Moorefield missed three field goals with rebounds by Reed, Mongold and Beachler as the latter led to a free throw for the Wildcats with 13 seconds to go providing the final score of 56-47.

The Yellow Jackets missed the final shot of the game and the ball bounced out of play as Pendleton County departed the Hive with the sweet taste of victory.

Mongold scored a game-high 21 points for the Yellow Jackets, followed by Griest with 14 points.

Kisamore led four in double figures for the Wildcats with 20 points, followed by Day with 14, Beachler and Townsend added 10 apiece.

Moorefield hosted Keyser yesterday and greets Petersburg on Friday. Pocahontas County comes to the Hive on Valentine's Day.

Moorefield Boys vs Frankfort

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Moorefield started the second period with a jumper ten seconds into the frame by Griest.

Both teams missed shots and the Yellow Jackets walked over the next minute prior to an offensive tip by Silas Inskip keeping possession alive with the ball corralled by Keplinger leading to a layup by McGregor.

David Jackson grabbed a rebound for the Falcons at the 6:23 mark and made the basket.

The Yellow Jackets played stall ball before McGregor drilled a 3-pointer for a 25-7 advantage.

Keplinger snatched a defensive rebound and found Mongold for a jumper.

Mongold stole the ball and netted a breakaway layup to extend the lead to 29-7 at the 4:27 mark.

Frankfort's Tyson Spencer garnered a 3-pointer on the ensuing possession to spark a 12-0 run.

Cam Layton and Bryson Lane sandwiched a pair of free throws around a breakaway layup by Tyson Spencer with the Falcons obtaining four of those points off steals.

Lane hauled in a defensive rebound and dished to Cam Lynch for a 3-pointer as Frankfort cut the deficit to 29-19 at the 2:17 mark.

Moorefield's Blake Funk stole the ball and dished to Keplinger for a basket.

Keplinger and Griest sandwiched perimeter baskets around a jumper by Lynch as Moorefield took a 46-27 lead at 3:38.

Moorefield closed the gap to 37-17.

Petersburg's Kennedy Kaposy recorded six of the next eight points on the Vikings run to go up 45-17.

Rumer notched two free throws for the Yellow Jackets to stop the run with a minute left in the third period.

Williams collected a rebound and was fouled at the buzzer, then hit one free throw for a 45-20 score.

Petersburg continued the pressure and outscored the Yellow Jackets 16-9 in the final stanza to secure a 61-29 victory.

Jaden Cullers started the fourth period with a pair of charity stripe buckets for the Yellow Jackets.

Moorefield's Abby Thorn knocked down a 3-pointer and a jumper three minutes apart in the fourth period.

Cullers made a steal and Thorn drew a foul to add a free throw with 2:43 remaining for a 56-28 score.

The final point for the Yellow Jackets was a free throw by Williams with 37 seconds left in place of Thorn, who was injured hustling for the ball.

Petersburg's Abby Alt drilled a 3-pointer with 14 seconds on the clock for a 61-29 victory.

Corbin led the Vikings with 16 points, followed by Kaposy with 14 points and Taylor with 11 markers.

Williams guided Moorefield with nine points, followed by Kump and Thorn with six points apiece.

Moorefield visits Pendleton County tonight and hosts Southern Garrett on Saturday.

THE OLD MASTER

By JAY FISHER

WVU's losing streak is up to seven, after two more tough losses. Both were to Top 15 teams, and both times the Mountaineers held a halftime lead before imploding in the second half.

The first game was Baylor. It sort of had the makings of a very bad game, coming on the heels of a poor outing against Arkansas. But WVU played hard, and managed to lead at the half, 39-31. They even scored first in the second half to push the lead to double digits very briefly. But WVU had big trouble stopping the Baylor offense, which scored 50 points in

the half, en route to an 81-77 win. The lasting memory of this game, however, was Taz Sherman getting almost knocked out, and leaving the game with a concussion with 3:47 to go. It was a 66-66 tie at that point, but the Mountaineers couldn't keep up without Sherman, who had a career high 29 points.

The concussion kept him out of the Texas Tech game, and WVU could have used his scoring punch against the Red Raiders. The Mountaineers came out strong in this one, with Jalen Bridges (16 points) and Sean McNeil (8 points) leading the

on the Yellow Jackets and the confusion caused passes to go awry.

Hunt made a steal, but the Vikings forced a turnover and Kaposy netted a layup.

Taylor swiped the ball and scored an old-fashioned three-point play to put Petersburg up 13-6 with 3:33 remaining in the first period.

Petersburg's Kaposy and Corbin made two field goals apiece with three coming off steals in a span of a minute to create a 21-6 advantage.

"We made too many mental mistakes. Petersburg's pressure got to us. We just threw the ball away. They scored most of their points off the turnovers," Moorefield coach Paul Keplinger noted.

Moorefield missed several shots and committed five turnovers in the final three minutes of that frame.

Starting the second period, the Yellow Jackets missed free throws, but Williams grabbed the rebound before having the ball stripped by Kitzmiller.

The Vikings stepped out of bounds for a turnover, then McKenna Crites collected an offensive rebound for Moorefield and dished to Kump for a layup at 7:08.

Petersburg hit the rim twice and Williams hauled in the latter rebound.

Kump kept possession alive for the Yellow Jackets with a rebound and fed Williams for a jumper at 6:40.

Moorefield forced two turnovers

After a Frankfort rebound, Mongold swiped the ball and made a breakaway layup for the Yellow Jackets at 1:47.

Lane drilled a 3-pointer for the Falcons with 42 seconds left in the first half.

Frankfort's Tyson Spencer recorded two blocks to close out the half with Moorefield up 31-22.

The Yellow Jackets outscored the Falcons 25-7 in the third period to create the security blanket.

Griest commenced the third period with a steal and score for Moorefield.

Frankfort drew iron and collected the rebound before Moorefield's Ryan McGregor swiped the ball leading to his own layup at 7:02, 35-22.

Griest made another steal, but Moorefield hit the rim.

Frankfort had the ball ricochet off the rim and out of play.

Griest nailed a 3-pointer as the Yellow Jackets took a 38-22 advantage at the 5:46 mark.

Moorefield's Blake Funk stole the ball and dished to Keplinger for a basket.

Keplinger and Griest sandwiched perimeter baskets around a jumper by Lynch as Moorefield took a 46-27 lead at 3:38.

Griest and McGregor (2) added field goals over the next minute for the Yellow Jackets.

Moorefield's Karson Reed and Dean Keplinger recorded two more baskets in the final minute of the third period to build a 56-29 score entering the final stanza.

The Falcons outscored Moorefield 18-11 in the fourth period, but it was not enough to fly out of the hole as the Yellow Jackets kept the Hive intact with a 67-47 victory.

Frankfort's Tyson Spencer nailed two 3-pointers in that last push, while Bryson Lane and Lane Lease added old-fashioned three-point plays.

Moorefield's Coleman Mongold notched a 3-pointer and a jumper, while Griest and Keplinger added one jumper apiece and Blake Funk contributed two free throws in the final frame.

McGregor scored a game-high 18 points for the Yellow Jackets, followed by Mongold with 17 points, Griest contributed 14 markers and Keplinger pitched in a dozen points.

Spencer led the Falcons with 15 points, followed by Lane with ten points.



Wrestling Recap

Single A State Wrestling Challenge

Ritchie County

East Hardy Team - 3rd place

Milton Funkhouser (106) - 2nd place

Shane Riggie (120) - 7th place

Shawn Bodkin (126) - 8th place

Brandon Jones (138) - 4th place

Tyler Tarallo (152) - 3rd place

Damian Iman (160) - 3rd place

J.B. Shipe (170) - 4th place

Mason Miller (182) - 5th place

Matthew Harmon (220) - 2nd place

West Virginia Wrestling Class AA-A Duals Team State Championships

Lewisburg

Championship

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East Hardy Boys Basketball



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East Hardy's Dawson Price blocks a shot by Pendleton County's Tanner Townsend in Baker.

The Cougars responded with a jumper by Lang to slice the deficit to 28-21 with 2:25 remaining in the first half.

Kisamore made a jumper on the next Wildcats series and East Hardy responded with a layup by Justin Teets for a 31-23 score at 1:48.

Parker blocked a shot for the Cougars, but the ensuing basket went awry.

Lang netted a basket with 20 seconds remaining in the first half, but Pendleton County's Cole Day managed to drill a 3-pointer with two seconds to go for a 34-26 halftime advantage.

The Wildcats carried that momentum into the third period, netting nine more points in a row over two and a half minutes with field goals by Townsend (5 points), Kisamore and Braden McClanahan.

East Hardy finally broke the ice with a free throw by Lang at the 4:55 mark, then Price grabbed the rebound and garnered the putback for a 43-29 score.

East Hardy's J.W. Teets swiped the ball and was fouled on the breakaway leading to two free throws made at 4:37, 43-31.

Townsend nailed a 3-pointer for the Wildcats and Beachler blocked two consecutive shots before Townsend added a jumper to create a 48-31 lead at 3:47.

Day stole the ball and notched a 3-pointer to put Pendleton County up by 20 points with 3:28 remaining in the third period.

The Cougars answered with a perimeter shot by J.W. Teets on the following possession.

Pendleton County missed three shots and the last rebound was collected by Price leading to his own bucket on the other end for East Hardy.

Teets stole the ball and fed Lang for a layup at the 2:08 mark for a 51-38 score.

Pendleton County added a jumper by Kisamore and a 3-pointer by Day

in the final minute of the third period to garner a 57-39 lead.

Day commenced the final stanza with another perimeter basket as the Wildcats slashed forward, 60-39.

East Hardy's Justin Teets hit a shot in the paint on the following series, then Price blocked a shot and collected a defensive rebound leading to a layup by Lang at 6:09, 60-43.

J.W. Teets went for a steal and made a leaping save with contact by Townsend near the bench.

There was a technical called on the Wildcats during that sequence and Justin Teets went to the free throw line shooting the technical fouls shots making just one, then remained on the line to shoot the regular free throws as the coach argued with the referee and Justin Teets made one more free throw.

After more discussion and confusion, J.W. Teets was sent to the free throw line and missed the one-and-one free throw.

One of Justin Teets' free throws was erased from the scoreboard.

After all of that, Pendleton County's Dusty Smith made a steal and dishd to Kisamore for a layup at 5:31 for a 62-44 lead.

Pendleton County notched a handful of field goals over the next few minutes including a 3-pointer by Townsend and an old-fashioned three-point play from Kisamore to bolster a 74-50 lead.

East Hardy's Noah Lang netted two layups in the final minute and change for a final score of 75-54.

Lang recorded a game-high 24 points for the Cougars, followed by J.W. Teets with 11 points and Price added 10 markers.

Kisamore and Townsend paced the Wildcats with 21 points apiece in the win.

East Hardy (5-5) hosts Union tomorrow and visits South Harrison on Friday and Saturday for the West Virginia Hometown Invitational Tournament.

BOWLING NEWS

ODD COUPLES MIXED LEAGUE 1/25/2022

TEAM STANDINGS: Vetter's Guns & Ammo 64.5 - 19.5, WELD 60 - 24, Strike Force 48 - 36, Livin on a Spare 46.5 - 37.5, Split Happens 43 - 41, The Tidy Bowlers 42 - 42, Country Cars & Trucks 37 - 47, Terminators 30 - 54, Lucky Strikes 26 - 58.

HIGH GAME MEN (SCRATCH): Richie Burgess 265, Terry Watchford 258, Ed Wompler 248, Larry Ware 236.

(HANDICAP): Richie Burgess 286, Terry Watchford 271, Ed Wompler 268, Larry Ware 260.

HIGH SERIES MEN (SCRATCH): Richie Burgess 710, Terry Watchford 691, Ed Wompler 666, Larry Walp 630.

(HANDICAP): Richie Burgess 773, Tyler Halterman 730, Terry Watchford 730, Ed Wompler 726.

HIGH AVERAGE (MEN): Jon Hedrick 203.10, Ed Wompler 196.00, Richie Burgess 195.75, Roger Earle 193.44.

HIGH GAME WOMEN (SCRATCH): Emily Stark 192, Carissa Michael 168, Peggy Wompler 166, Dee Anna McDonald 162, Denise McGreevy 162. (HANDICAP): Emily Stark 246, Peggy Wompler 232, Sue Earle 221, Flecia Brockway 220.

HIGH SERIES WOMEN (SCRATCH): Emily Stark 505, Carissa Michael 485, Dee Anna McDonald 449, Denise McGreevy 448. (HANDICAP): Emily Stark 667, Peggy Wompler 633, Sue Earle 609, Tiffany Walters 609.

HIGH AVERAGE (WOMEN): Carissa Michael 176.35, Dee Anna McDonald 169.51, Tonya Keplinger 164.56, Denise McGreevy 155.70.

THURSDAY NIGHT MENS LEAGUE 1/27/2022

TEAM STANDINGS: Builders Center 46 - 30, Vetter's Mini Mart 43.5 - 32.5, Strike Force 40 - 36, Petersburg Oil Company 35 - 41, Golden Lanes 35 - 41, Country Cars & Trucks 28.5 - 47.5.

HIGH GAME (SCRATCH): Jon Hedrick 268, Richie Burgess 245, Larry Ware 245, Cohan Kesner 244, Eric Hartman 239. (HANDICAP): Jon Hedrick 280, Eric Hartman 275, Larry Ware 268, Cohan Kesner 265, Kevin Reed 262.

HIGH SERIES (SCRATCH): Jon Hedrick 697, Cohan Kesner 688, Gary Leatherman 677, Terry Watchford 676, Tony Robinson 675. (HANDICAP): Cohan Kesner 751, Randy Thorne 736, Jon Hedrick 733, Tony Robinson 732, Eric Hartman 728.

HIGH AVERAGE: Terry Watchford 209.91, Gary Leatherman 206.59, Jon Hedrick 206.42, Roger Earle 202.93, Richie Burgess 200.74, Larry Walp 198.28.

LEGAL BILLINGS TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee will, by virtue of authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust being dated August 28, 2020 by and between MARSHALL F. COMBS II, to Mark H. Wright and/or Bradford Ritchie, Trustees, securing SUMMIT COMMUNITY BANK, in the payment of a certain Promissory Note, said Note now in default, and said Trust Deed of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 323 at page 364, on Friday, February 18, 2022

beginning at 12:00 Noon, of that day at the Elm Street entrance to the Hardy County Courthouse, Moorefield, West Virginia, offer for sale at Public Auction to the highest bidder the following described real estate:

All that certain tract or parcel of real estate, together with all rights, rights-of-way, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, located and situate on the west side of South Elm Street, near Winchester Avenue, in the Town of Moorefield, Moorefield Corporate District, Hardy County, West Virginia, known as 105 South Elm Street, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds description incorporated in that certain deed to William J. Teets dated October 30, 1946, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 82, at Page 354, to which reference is now made for any and all pertinent purposes.

Being the same tract or parcel of real estate conveyed unto Marshall F. Combs II from Garnett M. Self, widow, by Deed dated May 30, 2000, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 256, at Page 597. Reference is hereby made to the aforesaid deed and other documents therein referred to and same are incorporated herein by reference, for all proper and pertinent reasons.

The real estate is identified for tax assessment purposes in the Hardy County Assessor's Office on Tax Map 3, as Parcel 0088.

The subject properties will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

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Said Substitute Trustee was duly appointed by instrument dated September 30, 2021, and of record in the Hardy County Clerk's Office in Trust Deed Book 334 at page 747.

TERMS OF SALE \$5,000.00 on day of sale and balance upon closing, not to exceed thirty

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Persons interested in the property may contact Tina L. Martin, Summit Community Bank, (304) 530-0522, or James Paul Geary II, 104 N. Main Street, Petersburg, West Virginia 26847, (304) 257-4155.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE HARDY COUNTY EMERGENCY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY (HCEAA) 17940 STATE ROAD 55 BAKER, WV 26801 304-897-6050

The HCEAA is holding a public hearing for the purpose of receiving written or oral public comment(s) pertaining to the operations of the emergency ambulance system within Hardy County. The annual Public Hearing is scheduled for February 16, 2022, 6:30 p.m. at the Baker Building, 17940 State Road 55, Baker, WV.

This required public hearing shall be held in conjunction with the regular HCEAA Board Meeting to provide the Hardy County Ambulance Authority sufficient time to consider any improvements or changes in service and to account for said changes when submitting the annual budget request to the Hardy County Commission.

Please notify the HCEAA at 304-897-6050 in advance for any necessary accommodations.

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Notice of Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees

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

Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner. If no reference to a fiduciary commissioner is listed herein, claims against the estate(s) must be filed in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-1-14A(10). First Publication Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 Claim Deadline: Sunday, April 10, 2022

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