



## No new reported cases of COVID-19, Health Dept. encourages caution

By Milda M. Mullins  
Moorefield Examiner

Recorded COVID-19 cases in the county have decreased with no new cases reported by the Hardy County Health Department since Saturday, March 12.

As of the last report on March 12, there are 51 deaths, 3 active cases, 4,365 positive confirmed cases, and 4,311 patients who have recovered.

"We don't have any recorded cases, but people have got the home test and we have people that won't get tested so I don't want people to get lax and think COVID is not still out there because it is," said Health Department Administrator Bill Ours.

"Within the last few months we had a couple people die of COVID."  
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Moorefield FFA member Wes Titus stands with Oak Summit auctioneer Michael Thomas as he showed off his grand champion bacon. Photos by Milda M. Mullins

## Moorefield Council moves money in lengthy meeting

By Hannah Heishman  
Moorefield Examiner

The Moorefield Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD) opened the March 15 Moorefield Town Council meeting requesting \$100,000 before the end of the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Chief Doug Mongold, Treasurer Harry Shockey, and Matt Shockey came well-prepared.

Mongold acknowledged that the department has almost \$700,000 across several accounts, but also carefully detailed current, ongoing, and future expenses.

They have a mini-pumper truck on order that will cost \$350,000. Once ordered, it takes more than a year to get a new truck.

The company's attack truck was new in 1999; the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) states that fire trucks are only designed for 20 years of use. The attack truck goes on nearly every call: "It's just worn out," Mongold said. It costs more than \$350,000 to replace it.

Regarding the 20 years standard, Mongold said the newest pumper truck Moorefield has is a 2003, and another is a 1996 truck.

After the mini-pumper, the 1992 squad truck will be the next one replaced. Mongold expects it to cost over \$800,000, especially since it will be what he called a 'wet squad,' meaning it will be able to carry water. That's valuable because there are parts of the MVFD response area that don't have ready water access.

The department is also discussing a ladder truck, which will cost over \$1 million. A ladder truck makes it easier and safer to clean chimneys and respond to flue fires, as well as access upper stories of buildings.

The MVFD spent over \$5000 on training in 2021, and spends about \$1600 testing hoses. It's \$3500 per year to test air packs.

They need a new station; the existing station, built in 1973, is far too small for them, and does not meet NFPA standards. They have to wait on a federal grant program for rural volunteer fire departments in agricultural areas. Likely cost for a new station? Somewhere between \$1 million and \$3 million.

Mongold said the department has a grant writer who applies for grants  
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## Hundreds gather to support FFA members for Ham, Bacon, Egg Sale

By Milda M. Mullins  
Moorefield Examiner

This year's South Branch Valley Ham, Bacon, Egg sale drew hundreds into the Moorefield High School gym on Friday, March 18, when the sale returned in person after a virtual hiatus during the pandemic.

Final sale numbers were not available for reporting by the Examiner's deadline, but FFA (Future Farmers of America) advisors noted the sale went extremely well and could reach record numbers.

Four different high schools were involved: Moorefield High School, East Hardy High School, Petersburg High School, and Pendleton County High School.

Students from all four schools sold a total of 202 items between ham, bacon, and eggs.

FFA members showed their products during the Ham, Bacon, Egg show held Thursday, March 17, and ended the event with the sale on Friday.

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An assortment of hams and bacons included in the sale.

## Library hosts Dressler for meet the author event



Author Mylene Dressler speaks to a gathering at the Hardy County Public Library about her new book, "Our Eyes at Night."

By Milda M. Mullins  
Moorefield Examiner

The Hardy County Public Library hosted a meet-and-greet and book signing with nationally acclaimed author Mylene Dressler last week on Wednesday, March 16.

Presenting her ghost story novels, with her latest being "Our Eyes at Night," Dressler shared her life story with community members in attendance as well as insight on how she came to write her books.

"Each one relates to seeing ghosts," said Dressler about her stories.

"Ghosts want to move, dance across the stage, but we don't want

to see them."

Dressler's novels follow a ghost's story as she navigates the world as well as the corresponding story of a ghost hunter chasing her.

While her stories are centered around ghosts, Dressler told the crowd they're not your typical ghost stories.

"I don't so much look for ghosts as much as look at the history and the potential for ghosts in a location; but they're not horror novels. They're not jump scares, it's just more tense," she said.

Community members in attendance noted they enjoyed the presentation and Dressler thanked the

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## Parsons sentences defendants in Circuit Court

By Jean A. Flanagan  
Special to Examiner

Senior Status Judge Charles H. Parsons heard cases on Wednesday, March 16 in Hardy County Circuit Court.

David A. Hatfield, 22, of Purgitsville, pleaded guilty in February to three counts of sexual assault in the third degree. At his sentencing hearing, his attorney Josh Orndorff argued Hatfield's level of intelligence, his social awkwardness and his extensive use of pornography contributed to his actions. "He does not have malicious intent," Orndorff said.

Hatfield was originally charged with 21 counts, including sexual assault in the third degree, soliciting a minor with a computer and distributing obscene material to a minor.

Assistant Prosecutor Orrin Staggers said these were "egregious crimes" and they equate to "statutory rape." He recommended the sentences of not less than one year and not more than five years for each count be served consecutively.

Judge Parsons sentenced Hatfield to not less than one year and not more than five years on two counts to be served concurrently and not less than one year and not more than five years on one count to be served consecutively. Hatfield will have to register as a sex offender for life and will serve 15 years of extended supervision on each count following the discharge of his prison sentence.

Amanda Broadwater, 35, of Keyser, was sentenced to 60 days in jail for violating the conditions of her parole. According to Judge Parsons, Broadwater was sentenced to one year on home incarceration and three years probation for shoplifting, third offense.

Following her dismissal from home incarceration, Broadwater tested positive for drugs and failed to maintain employment. She owes more than \$750 in fees to the South Branch Valley Day Report Center.

Broadwater's attorney, Jonie Nelson, requested a sanction, rather than the execution of the sentence.

Staggers agreed and recommended 30 days in jail. "This is her first violation and she is not able to pay the fees while she's in jail," he said.

Judge Parsons sentenced Broadwater to 30 days in jail. He also ordered her to find employment and to pay the fees owed within six months.

Tyler Alger, 22, of Moorefield, was sentenced to not less than one year and not more than five years in prison and a mandatory \$1,000 fine. In January, he pleaded guilty to one count of fleeing law enforcement with reckless disregard for the safety of others.

Since Alger is already serving a sentence for crimes committed in Hampshire County, both his attorney, Larry Sherman and Staggers agreed the sentences should be served concurrently.

"He was sent to the Anthony Center," Sherman said. "He wasn't happy at first, but he sees the benefits now."

Judge Parsons suspended the prison term and ordered Alger to the Anthony Center program to be served  
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## Moorefield enforcing abandoned, junk car ordinances

The Moorefield Police Department, in coordination with the Town of Moorefield Code Enforcement Division, is beginning to administer Section 18-102 and Section 18-103 of the City Ordinance regulating abandoned and junk vehicles. Simply, the aforementioned codes restrict storing or maintaining any motor vehicle or major part thereof, without current license and registration, on any property, private or public, within city limits, unless that address has a valid town business license to do so.

According to Moorefield Police Chief S.W.

Riggleman, "The purpose of enforcement of these codes is not to deprive any one person from maintaining, restoring, or repairing any vehicle registered to them. Instead, this initiative is being enforced to simply have junk, unregistered vehicles removed from the Town of Moorefield to prevent pest and vermin habitat, horrid risks to children and others to injure themselves, possible environmental issues, and common nuisance and unsightliness. Ultimately, this campaign will provide and assure for better living conditions for all as we reside together in our small community."

Adds Code Enforcement Officer, Vic Shockey, "The Code does not say a person cannot store a vehicle on their lot. However, it does say the vehicle has to be registered with a current license or be located inside a fully enclosed building. So, ultimately, the easiest and least expensive fix is going to be acquiring minimal insurance coverage for the vehicle and then a yearly license from the DMV."

Mayor Carol Zuber summarizes the need for enforcement of this code: "The Moorefield Town Council and I are completely committed to ensuring proper community image and

quality of living is maintained in every way possible, on both public and private properties. As part of this effort, the Moorefield Police Department and the Code Enforcement Division have been instructed to conduct a sweep to rid the town of junk and abandoned vehicles. Failure to adhere to this code will result in citations and legal actions through our Municipal Court system."

For further information or clarification on this or any Moorefield code, call the Town Office at (304) 530-6142.

### WEATHER

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SUNNY  
High 72°



Friday  
CLOUDY  
High 55°



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## OPINION

From other editor's desks...

## West Virginia should honor our Veterans

West Virginia has a long and proud history of military service. Families and communities honor those men and women who were willing to give their lives for the rest of us, but the state as a whole has not yet found a way to honor those who have gone above and beyond.

Vienna's Bernie Lyons, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, has been working to change that, and with this year's House Bill 4406 to create a West Virginia Military Hall of Fame, we may be one step closer. It unanimously passed the House of Delegates, and is now on its way through the state Senate's Military Committee.

"I immediately thought that that was just a fantastic idea," said Del. Roger Conley, R-Wood, the bill's lead sponsor. "I was actually a little bit surprised that we did not already have this."

If established, the hall of fame would honor veterans "who have distinguished themselves on the field of battle and for such actions have received Purple Hearts or awards for valor for a specific act of heroism."

As Lyons put it, "They left a piece of themselves in whatever war they fought in."

It seems the least we can do is create a place where they can receive a fraction of the recognition they deserve for such heroism.

Conley was right, this is neither a Democrat nor Republican issue (though, in truth, far fewer issues warrant such division than we are being asked to believe these days).

No. This is a West Virginia issue. We give credit where credit is due. We look forward to watching it sail smoothly through the state Senate so the Mountain State can get to work establishing a fitting hall in which to honor our best and bravest.

~ The Martinsburg Journal

## NEWS BRIEFS

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) has awarded the West Virginia Gold Star Mothers a \$24,000 grant for Living Memorials projects. Living Memorials are places for Gold Star Families to gather and remember loved ones lost in the line of duty. The grant was issued under the WVDA Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture Program. For more information, contact Crescent Gallagher, cgallagher@wvda.us or call 304-558-3708.

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The Governor's Arts Awards are presented biennially to celebrate the state's creative spirit and the amazing talents of the people and groups that produce art. They also recognize those whose willingness to support arts organizations and artists helps to ensure the arts maintain an important place in our communities and schools. A panel of members from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts and staff of the Department of Arts, Culture and History selected winners who were nominated based on the magnitude of their contributions and achievements, the range of individuals or groups served, the length of time and intensity of their

dedication to the arts and their level of excellence. Farms Work Wonders, Wardensville, Hardy County was the organization award recipient in the Arts in Education category.

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According to AAA last week, the average price for regular gas in West Virginia was at \$4.105. The national average was \$4.289 per gallon. After cresting above \$123 per barrel shortly after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the price of crude oil has gradually fallen below \$110. If this trend holds, it may remove some of the extreme upward price pressure consumers have found at the pump, but not all. The national average price of a gallon of gas hit \$4.33 on Friday, March 11, before falling a penny and holding throughout the weekend and Monday at \$4.32. Across the state Beckley was high at \$4.103 and Wheeling was low at \$4.063. Hardy County's gas average was \$4.299. Area prices were Hampshire \$4.243, Mineral \$4.179, Grant \$4.299, and Pendleton \$4.276. In Moorefield, Sheetz, Liberty, Exxon and BP were all at \$4.29. Old Fields Sunoco, Kerr's Shell in Wardensville and BP at Baker were also \$4.29.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,  
I went to get my hair cut the other day. I had let my hair get very long. I wanted to be, at 71 years old, an old hippie. It looked like crap.

So I stopped in at the hair salon located in the Fisher/Heishman building.

It was kind of ironic that I used to get my hair cut next door at Sam

Hinkle's shop when I was a kid. Flat tops were in style at the time.

The name of the shop is "Mane Hair and Beauty." Trust me folks, this beautician knows what she is do-

ing. I have never had a better haircut, and I have had several. This lady is the real deal. I highly recommend her.

Terry Vance

## MY UNBASED OPINION

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN

First day of Spring. Front yard full of yellow Daffodils. Red Belly Woodpecker, Cardinals, Mourning Doves, Blue Jays, Red Wing Blackbirds and assorted other small brown seed eaters in vicinity of my bird feeder. Most are waiting for their turn in the pecking order to feed. A few seem more interested in pecking each other than in picking out their particular seed preference.

A squirrel came through a few minutes ago. Big Fox Squirrel. Looked like he'd wintered well. Paused in a spot perhaps 15 feet out from my window. A short fast dig with front paws and it came out with a Black Walnut.

How did the squirrel know there was a walnut buried there? Closest Black Walnut tree is about 90 feet North of where squirrel dug. Nut obviously must have been carried to and buried in that spot. Did that same squirrel bury that nut in a place it remembered? How many other nuts

has it buried in specific locations it remembers? Do squirrels have that much memory capacity?

Perhaps squirrels use their senses to locate nuts they, or even other squirrels have buried. Do they see or hear some sign or signal that tells them, "Here's a nut?" Is there an odor that gives away nut's resting place?

I'd seen this big, old Fox Squirrel coming from South, headed North across Big House's front lawn. It paused near the bird feeder, head up, looking alert, then turned hard right, heading East. It ran maybe 20 feet toward me, stopped, paused a moment, turned again so it was facing South and began to dig. Squirrel came out with the nut, turned it over several times, shoved it into its mouth and ran off headed back South again.

If squirrel is so smart that it can remember where it buried a walnut, then it should be smart enough to remember that Big House's front yard is my cat, Scoot's territory. Not that

long ago I found smaller squirrel remains on the concrete outside back kitchen door one morning. Big Fox Squirrel is likely more than Scoot could handle in a fair fight or even in a scramble for altitude, but I have seen Scoot hit an eight-foot post three feet from the ground and sit, feet gathered, atop it in four jumps. Still, squirrel looked alert enough, it would likely be in a flat out run before Scoot got close enough to win.

Nearest nesting places for squirrels are about 75 yards South of squirrel's nut dig. Altogether, nesting area is about one hundred yards from nearest walnut tree. So, why had squirrel stopped in front yard to bury its nut? Perhaps because grass is shorter where I mow, but it's same height as under the trees and most of the way to nesting area.

One Fall day, I watched several squirrels crossing back and forth over same route this squirrel was traveling, but they weren't stopping.

## GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES

### Fifteen Years Ago March 21, 2007

The proposed new building at Eastern Community College was put on hold by the WV Council for Community and Technical Education. Gov. Manchin opposed the building and was proposing that Eastern be combined with Blue Ridge Community College. Eastern's president Albert Hoffman resigned.

Of Hardy County's 183 teachers, 83 chose to walk out for one day.

Contaminants in local rivers were suspect in the recent fish kills and intersex issues.

The Frye House in Wardensville was chosen for the 2007 Heritage Weekend Tile.

A second circuit judge was to be added to Hardy, Pendleton and Hampshire circuit.

Sarah Staley was crowned Miss Moorefield.

Thomas Arnold Michael, 83, Fisher, died March 11...Jack B. Gregory, 70, died March 13...Carlton Edgar Cullers, 80, Mathias, died Feb. 28.

Ann Marie Wieck and Joshua Adam Walsh married March 17.

Born to Michelle Stocking and Jordan Pratt, son Lyric Quintyn Todd.

### Thirty Years Ago March 18, 1992

The \$8 million school bond was defeated 1965-930. Only 32% of the vote favored the bond issue; it would have built a middle school in Moorefield and completed the elementary-middle school at East Hardy.

The Community Development Committee was told that natural gas would be coming into Moorefield by summer...that WLR hoped to have a handle on the odor problem and intended to be odor-free...that Dr. Carmen Rexrode would begin her practice at the Love Clinic in August...that there had been no effort by GTE to bring county-wide phone service...that the county needed to consider a zoning ordinance...and that Food Lion would begin construction.

Louis Ray Carper, 48, Fisher, died Feb. 28...Rachel Shockey Hose, 91, died March 13...Barbara Hose See, 38, Baker, died March 6...Edna Poling Shobe, 83, Capon Bridge, died March 10...Cora Kerns Sine 84, Capon Springs, died March 9...Floyd W. Shook, 77, died March 5...Rev. John L. Thomas II, Winchester, died March 12...Estie Dolly Weese, 81, of Woodbridge, died March 12.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Ratliff, a daughter...to Mr. and Mrs.

Edward Sholl, a son, Edward Evan... to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Wesley Weese, a daughter, Mary Katherine.

### Forty-five Years Ago March 23, 1977

Gov. Rockefeller delayed taking action on the railroad abandonment until April 1.

The local theater group chose Inroads Theater as its name. The first production, scheduled for June, was to be "Blithe Spirit".

Engineers recommended that the Town and Hester Industries dissolve the financial agreement that the town would process Hester's waste water. Hester was to consider building its own waste treatment facility.

The Board of Education approved a \$3.1 million budget.

William T. Bergdoll, 74, Westwood, N.J., died March 19...David G. Sherman, 44, Danville, Ky., died March 14...Golda Wratchford Kessel, 54, died March 17...Clara Anderson Brill, 81, Capon Springs, died March 14...Tabitha Harness Rasmussen, 67, Petersburg, died March 14...Roy Herbert Smith, 61, Baker, died March 17...James Nelson Whetzel, 60, Charles Town, died March 20...Nettie Fishel Gray, 64, Wardensville, died March 19.

Born to Lt. and Mrs. Gregory Tharp, a son, Jeffrey Greg.

Wardensville lost to Paw Paw 72-50 in regional play.

### Sixty Years Ago March 21, 1962

Citizens concerned about Olivet Cemetery were to meet and decide whether or not to reactivate that 1850 corporate charter of the cemetery.

The Moorefield High School Choir was to perform an operetta, "The Tall Trees." Dianne Hazard, Marcia Puffenberger, Gwen Bean, Dave Patterson, Bobby Cleaver, Randall Sherman, Dave Vance, Ronald Crites, John Burch, Bill Maxwell, Earl Simms, David Barr, Guy Vaughn, Susan Shobe, Betty Jo Ott, Deborah Sindy, Amby Cleaver, Billy Sites and Robert Clark participated.

Lions Club members heard that broiler production needed to expand due to increased demand for chicken.

Ida Hinegardner May, 84, Timberville, died March 16...Maude Jones Matthews, 78, Nashville, died March 14...Ella Fitzwater Hawkins, 68, Mt. Jackson, died March 14...Randolph Hayden Shumaker, 83, Lost City, died March 15...Irvin F. Kump, 65, Capon Springs, died March 16.

Eva Garrett Shell and Ernest Ford

Kurtz were married March 10.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crawford, a daughter, Angeliqe Kay...to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Funkhouser, a son, Michael Wayne... to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Shanzholtz, a daughter, Elizabeth Allen.

### Seventy-five Years Ago March 26, 1947

Central Telephone told the County-wide Telephone Committee that rural parts of the county could get service within 48 months. They heard that lack of materials and trained men was holding up construction. The Committee was also negotiating with the Bell System and the REA.

The Reynolds Bus Line was to provide daily bus service between Moorefield, Baker, Wardensville, Yellow Springs and Winchester.

Dr. G.E. Hartle moved his office from Wardensville to the McMechen Building.

The South Fork from Moorefield to Harness Ford was to be closed to all fishing for the rest of the year.

The County Salvage group, formed during the war to gather and sell waste paper, was dissolved. Funds had been distributed to the Red Cross, the USO and other wartime drives. Money left in the account was split between the Moorefield and Wardensville fire companies.

Daniel Edward Mongold, 60, South Fork, died March 19...May Hott Farmer, 59, Middleway, died March 19...Bayse Hartman had died in Fresno, Calif.

Geneva Funk and Russell W. Fitzwater were married March 22... Esther Elizabeth See and James Edsel Smith were married March 22... Esther V. Miller and Carl A. Wilkins married Feb. 17...Elma Lee Rumer and Calvin Fitzwater were married March 19...Elta Belle Wilkins and Francis Oliver Black were married March 22.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Daily Shoemaker, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith, a daughter.

### Ninety Years Ago March 24, 1932

W.C. Calhoun was elected mayor of Moorefield with Joe Chipley as recorder, and council members W.F. Friddle, Grover Snyder, W.E. Woy, Harlan Calhoun and Foster Arnold.

Hardy County was to receive \$51,000 for maintenance of highways from the gasoline tax and motor vehicle receipts.

William Kessel and H.S. Pownell purchased the Hardy County Bank

I even ran out Big House back door and stood on back porch watching them drop over the hill, through a fence and go into the woods where they nest. Every squirrel was carrying a walnut going out and returning empty. About 24 hours later, it was snowing. Since then, I've watched for squirrels crossing as indications of bad Winter weather approaching. I suppose it must be okay to stop short, as in my front yard, when there is no urgency of approaching bad weather involved.

But, if squirrels are making full round trips, I'd guess they are carrying nuts home to feed family or simply filling their storage for later use during bad weather. Why not do that all the time instead of stopping part way to bury their food in my lawn?

How much memory, judgement, reasoning and decision making do small animals use in everyday life?



building for \$10,500.

The Junior Class was presenting "All on Account of Polly," directed by Miss Lucy Lee Kuykendall. The cast was Ralph Smith, Richard Calhoun, Harold Bott, Evers Bowers, Glenn Siever, Carl Reel, Elizabeth Wise, Lillie Neff, Juanita Purtebaugh, Catherine Ours, Evelyn Ours, Virginia Ours, Virginia Welton, Anne Keller, Helen Strawderman, Mary Harper and Bonnie Calhoun.

From a Toledo, Ohio, paper dated Oct. 1931: "Prof. Myer Hoboken, astrologist, who claims he predicted Harding's death, the assassination of McKinley, the death of Morrow and Lindbergh's accident, issues his forecast for 1932. They are: repeal of prohibition, most dramatic presidential election since Lincoln's, prosperity by spring, drafting of Calvin Coolidge for president, and 'serious trouble' for John D. Rockefeller, Henry Ford, President Hoover and Colonel Lindbergh, particularly in February, ocean calamities and floods."

Miss Lena Leatherman, Miss Tabitha Huffman, Mrs. H.W. Thompson and Mrs. Wayne Thrush had all been appointed to school in the Mill Creek district of Hampshire County.

Alexander A. Welton, 80, Old Fields, had died. He was survived by his widow and the following children: Mrs. G. Tom Williams, Harry C., James B., Aaron and Carl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stultz, a son.

### 105 Years Ago March 22, 1917

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the South Branch Valley National Bank, M.S. Henkel was elected president to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J.D. Heiskell. G. W. McCauley was elected vice president. George T. Williams and George Fisher were elected directors.

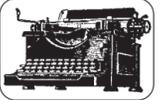
The Lost River Coal and Land Company held a meeting at the South Branch bank.

There was a good deal of petty thieving. Quite a number of chickens had been lost and someone took five stands of bees from Milton Vetter.

John W. Friddle and Harry Dolan advertised new prices effective April 1: hair cut 25c (except after 6 p.m. on Saturdays when the price was 40c); shave 15c; tonics 10c and 15c.

An Akron publisher told us that eggs were selling at 50c a dozen and potatoes at \$4 a bushel.

Hilda Wilkins and Eston Wilkins had been married.



## EXAMINER SAYS

Politics . . .

Everyone is fussing about the rising cost of gas. We had a story in last week's paper from AAA suggesting ways to save gas. If you missed it, go to Google and type in "AAA how to save on gas usage." You'll find some additional information that just might help.

Good

Gov. Justice finally did something we approve of . . . he has asked the WV Law Enforcement Coalition to

collect surplus body armor to donate to Ukraine to help them with their defense against Russia. The Coalition is made up of chiefs of police, county sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, troopers, narcotics officers and the Fraternal Order of Police. Thanks, Gov. Justice: We think Ukraine deserves all the help we can provide, no matter how small.

Bad

And while we're on the subject of gas and Ukraine . . . please don't blame Ukraine for our gas woes. In-

stead, blame Putin and Russia.

And awful

And while on the subject of politicians, we keep receiving mailers from Rep. Alex Mooney. His fancy designed cardboard flyers contain a disclaimer that the money used to mail (and probably print) these unwanted puff pieces has been authorized by the House of Representatives. We don't know how stupid he thinks his constituents are, but this one knows that any funding "authorized" by either branch of Congress

comes right out of money paid by the taxpayers — that's us. For Mooney to claim he's not using tax dollars is truly stupid. Adding insult to injury, one

of his recent mailers in bold headlines proclaimed that he, Alex Mooney, was fighting to stop the Biden-Pelosi big-spending policies! We don't know a whole lot about Republican McKinley who will probably be running against Mooney for the new First District seat, but we can tell you that Republican will most likely get our vote.

## NEWS



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

According to associate Professor Martha Garton at West Virginia University a company called Dakota Power is currently offering farmers and landowners in the Mount Storm area \$10,000 an acre for their land in order to establish a 1,000-acre solar farm. The company will need to purchase at least twice the needed 1,000 acres to obtain enough flat land.

The local cost may be anything but green. Establishing a solar farm involves clear-cutting and the total denuding of the land. This means destroying the habitat for everything from our bears, deer, and turkeys to songbirds, butterflies, and native plants.

Overlooked is the role trees play in our ecosystem. Green plants remove carbon dioxide from the air and give off oxygen which helps reduce global warming. Every 1,000 acres of trees that will be removed for the solar farm could produce enough oxygen for "18,000 people to breathe for a year." One acre of trees annually consumes the amount of carbon dioxide equivalent to that produced by driving an average car for 26,000 miles.

Not discussed is the environmental impact of disposing of wind generator blades and components, old solar panels, and their batteries and batteries for electric cars. It is my hope that we will not find we have

created an environmental hazard that a real threat to the people of West Virginia.

Never will any generation have so much left behind to deal with as those coming of age to vote. It's time for that generation to make the "green scheme" an issue not only in this election but in future ones also. Grant County is already green with clean burning coal and gas. We have never needed "green scheme" junk cluttering our mountains or filling landfills that will have to be created to dispose of the "green junk" that never rots. When buried it takes up that space forever.

Yes, I stand against the "green scheme" and for clean coal and gas.

Jim Hinebaugh  
Maysville

Dear Editor:

As a former resident of Hardy County, I occasionally see letters to the editor of your fine newspaper that might warrant dissenting opinions. Recently I saw one of those, involving the thoroughly disproven issue of voter fraud in the 2020 election.

Trump complained of voter fraud before the election! He asserted that the only way he could lose would be if the election was rigged. Remember? His bluster was despite polling that showed Biden leading in most

"battleground" states, with margins that proved very predictive of final results. How Trump could claim he really won has always amazed me.

That's where all the fraud claims started. He could not accept defeat, so he created his own "reality" — which claimed he actually finished on top — never mind all the evidence to the contrary.

Time after time it has been proven: No widespread fraud, none that would have changed election outcome. For believers in the "Big Lie." How many more Court cases would they like to have seen where no evidence was presented to support that? Consider all those "conspiracy theories" that were tossed around. All of them proved to be nothing more than that — theories — maybe entertaining to those who could not accept defeat, but incredibly damaging to our fragile democracy.

The real problem has been the strangle-hold Trump has on the Republican Party, specifically on those politicians seeking to run for election (or re-election). In most, if not all, cases they know the fraud claims are bogus — many times saying so privately — but they feel compelled to embrace the false narrative out of fear Trump may "primary" them and ruin their careers. And who enables such democracy-smashing behavior among our supposed leaders? It is Trump's "Base" of course.

I have never encountered something as politically scary as this: Masses of ever-loyal Trump supporters — his "Base" — seemingly willing to follow him anywhere, denying all facts, even ready to put him back in office! Why? So he can finish the destruction of democracy he made such progress on doing in his first term? When a democracy slides into autocracy, it's next to impossible to reverse it.

I am thinking that Hardy County, within the very Republican state of West Virginia, may have a substantial number of Trump "Base" individuals. Obviously, the number is not zero; I submit that some letters to this newspaper prove that!

Therefore, speaking directly to any of that "Base" who have read this far: Aren't you aware our hard-won democracy is hanging by a thread right now? Do you care? Don't you see the danger of accepting conspiracies you might want to believe? How about your kids and grandkids: Wouldn't you like for them to have freedom to elect their leaders? Basically what I am asking, from anyone this applies to, is please think more objectively on this "fraud" issue. Stop being caught up in a tide capable of destroying freedom as we have known it for all our lives.

Ray Daugherty  
Myersville, Md.

## Shepherd University signs transfer agreements with Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College

Shepherd University has signed two agreements with Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College that will make it easier for students from Eastern to come to Shepherd to earn their bachelor's degree.

Eastern students who earn Associate of Arts in general studies or the Board of Governors Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) will be able to transfer to Shepherd to earn their Regents Bachelor of Arts degree. The A.A. general studies degree is geared toward more traditional students, while the Board of Governors A.A.S. and R.B.A. degrees are flexible programs designed for busy adult students who have previously earned credits and/or work experience that can count toward a college degree.

"I'm happy to have this 2+2 partnership with Eastern CTC," said Beth Thomas, Shepherd R.B.A. coordinator. "The close proximity of Eastern [to Shepherd] makes this a great fit for the Board of Governors and general studies degrees to help Eastern graduates move on to a bachelor's degree."

In addition, Eastern students who earn an Associate in Applied Science in business management will be able to transfer to Shepherd's to earn a Bachelor of Science in business administration.

"We are excited for the opportunity for business students at Eastern to continue their study of business administration at Shepherd University," said Dr. Kathleen Reid, interim dean, Shepherd College of Business.

For more information about all the 2+2 transfer opportunities offered at Shepherd, visit <https://www.shepherd.edu/admissions/transfer-agreements/>.

## Senate passes eight bills, including film investment tax credit

By Autumn Shelton  
WV Press News Sharing

Members of the West Virginia Senate passed eight additional House bills on Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

These bills, passed on third reading, ranged from initial driver's license permitting to removing the business and occupation tax on new car sales. Of all of the bills brought before the Senators, however, the one that received the most discussion was the engrossed committee substitute for House Bill 2096, which reinstates the film investment tax credit.

According to Sen. Eric Nelson, R-Kanawha, the strike and insert amendment to the bill, adopted by the Senate, eliminates reference to commercials or promotional videos as qualified projects, removes the cap on the tax credit and clarifies that qualified expenses and services should be provided by West Virginia vendors. Lastly, it changes effective dates for taxes and makes technical corrections.

Back in 2007, the legislature passed the West Virginia Film Industry Investment Act to encourage the production of feature films,

movies, television shows, and more, to promote state economic development, but the act was repealed in 2018, said Sen. Eric Tarr, R-Putnam. The reinstatement of the bill now notes that each production "must incur a cumulative amount of direct production cost of \$50,000 or more" to be eligible for the credit.

"The credit is 27% of direct production costs incurred in West Virginia," Tarr noted, with management through the West Virginia Development Office.

Following Tarr's explanation of the bill, Sen. Robert Karnes, R-Randolph, was the only person to express his concerns.

"I am all about economic development and this is legislation that I might, under some circumstances, be very supportive of, but I've got a concern," Karnes began, adding that, in his opinion, those in Hollywood would get the opportunity to make the agenda, but local residents would not be able to do so.

"I have a problem that Bette Midler qualifies for millions of dollars in tax credit, but Betty Shamblyn in Putnam County qualifies for nothing," Karnes said. He also spoke of how he believes the people of West Virginia will foot the bill for Michael Moore coming to do a film on Richard Ojeda, and he men-

tioned the current Governor of California.

"Gavin Newsom's people are getting a little bit of almost heaven with this bill, but God's people are, basically, told to go to hell," he concluded.

Sen. Hannah Geffert, D-Berkeley, then rose in support of the bill, stating that the movie "Sweet Dreams" about Patsy Cline, filmed in Berkeley County, brought a "ton of money to the county."

"This is not necessarily a bad thing for our state," she continued. "Many people come here, see our state, love it, want to come here for vacations, buy homes up here. So, I wouldn't reject this out of hand just thinking it's about Bette Midler."

Sen. Mike Caputo, D-Marion, also rose in support of the bill stating that as the "The Feast of the Seven Fishes" was being filmed in Rivesville, it brought a lot of excitement to the town. Now, another \$4.5 million production is being planned in the town as well. Sen. Robert Plymale, D-Wayne, stated he was in favor of the bill because he didn't want productions like "We Are Marshall" or the "Hatfields and McCoys" to be filmed, or partly filmed, in places other than West Virginia, as those two were.

Karnes was the only no vote on the bill.

Other bills passed on Wednesday include:

The Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4113, which modernizes the law relating to local health departments. Sen. Ron Stollings, D - Boone, spoke in support of the bill, stating that local public health departments have not "been treated very well financially." He noted that two or three years before the pandemic, the budget was cut by 25%. "I am certainly aware of many local public health offices that have gone from say eight nurses down to two," Stollings said, adding that "in order for local public health to really stand up and be robust, we're going to have to think about the funding mechanism." He encouraged that, going forward, members of the legislature look at funding issues.

The Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4567, which eliminates the business and occupation tax on new automobiles purchased after July 1, 2023. The elimination would include three phases, beginning with a 50% reduction on July 1, 2023. The remaining taxes would be reduced by another 50% on July 1, 2024, and by July 1, 2025, the tax would be eliminated. Used cars are not included in the elimination of the business and occupation tax.

The Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4257, which adds language allowing visitation for a patient in a healthcare facility "once the patient is stable following a surgical procedure."

Engrossed House Bill 4396, reducing federal adjusted gross income relating to electronic tolls paid for travel on West Virginia toll roads.

Engrossed House Bill 4410, which extends market based sourcing for flow-through entities, including partnerships, S-Corporations and sole-proprietorships.

The Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 4451, eliminating the requirement that otherwise qualified investment assets be located or installed at or within two miles of a preexisting manufacturing facility.

Engrossed House Bill 4535, which, following amendment, clarifies that any first time driver's license applicant or current licensee who fails to meet school based attendance and academic performance is only eligible for a restricted license. The amendment also gives the Division of Motor Vehicles the authority to restrict a license. Students will still be able to file an appeal in certain circumstances including work, medical care or religious reasons.

## West Virginia communities receive funding for flood protection, rural water supply projects

Several communities in West Virginia have received funding for flood protection and water supply infrastructure projects as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). These projects will help communities protect lives, property, and the watershed as a result of climate change and extreme weather events.

The first round of projects funded by the IIJA was announced last week by President Joe Biden and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) investing more than \$166.5 million in 108 infrastructure projects in 23 states, including West Virginia.

Through this first round, NRCS prioritized projects in communities heavily impacted by drought and other natural disasters as well as historically

underserved and limited resource communities.

"The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to building back better, and this starts with our infrastructure," Vilsack said. "Protecting our watersheds and saving lives is paramount. These investments in our watershed programs will provide much needed support for communities to build resilience in the face of climate change."

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, signed in November by President Biden, provided \$918 million for NRCS watershed programs, which includes the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO) Program, Watershed Rehabilitation Program (REHAB), and Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program. Through NRCS watershed programs, NRCS works with local, eligible sponsors, in-

cluding state government entities, local municipalities, conservation districts, and federally recognized tribal organizations.

Watershed Rehabilitation projects in West Virginia focus on repairing existing infrastructure, and they include:

North & South Mill Creek Site 3 (Grant Co.)

North & South Mill Creek Site 4 (Grant Co.)

Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations projects in West Virginia focus on new infrastructure, and they include:

New Creek Watershed (Grant/Mineral Cos.)

Patterson Creek Watershed (Grant/Mineral Cos.)

South Fork River Watershed (Hardy/Pendleton Cos.)

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### Singleton Honored

The Tamarack Foundation for the Arts and Wheeling's Stifel Fine Arts Center will honor TFA's Master Artist Fellow Robert Singleton's work and artistic contributions with a virtual gallery exhibition of his Sixty Year Retrospective. Additionally, Kandi Workman wrote an essay about Singleton titled, "The Art of Living: 60 Propositions on Becoming." Singleton's work will be on display in the Stifel Fine Arts Center from March 18 through April 30.

### RDA Board Meeting

The next Rural Development Authority Board meeting is planned for Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 11 a.m. in the RDA Conference Room.

### 4-H All Star Meeting

There will be a virtual Hardy County 4-H All Star Meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 31, on Zoom. The link is available at [www.padlet.com/Hardy4H/4H](http://www.padlet.com/Hardy4H/4H).

### Author Visit

As part of a national book release tour, author-illustrator Scott Magoon will visit WordPlay in Wardensville on Saturday, April 2 at 2 p.m. Magoon will sign, draw, and talk about "The Extincts: Quest for the Unicorn Horn" (Abrams Books), the first book in his new middle-grade graphic novel series about a team of extinct animals on top-secret missions around the world. No registration is required; event is free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

### Author Visit

Mike Mallow returns to Hardy County to celebrate his fourth novel's release at Wardensville's WordPlay on Saturday, April 16 at 4 p.m. "Burning Without Knowing" is set in West Virginia. When a band of copper thieves is exposed, the leader sends his daughter in search of a

legendary crime lord. The college student unknowingly wanders into a power vacuum forcing her into the fray between corrupt officials, psychotic criminals, trigger-happy women, and a reclusive publisher who may hold the key to the madness. Mallow's previous book, "In a Country Dark," and "Burning..." will be available for purchase and signing on April 16. The event will be on WordPlay's side porch at 50 West Main Street, Wardensville. Free and open to the public; no registration required. For more information, contact WordPlay at [info@wordplaywv.com](mailto:info@wordplaywv.com), 304-897-2233.

### Flu and COVID Shots

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

Flu shots will be given on Monday and Wednesday only, from 8 – 11:30 and 1 – 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 are scheduled on Thursday or Friday, depending which shot you need. Call the health department at 304-530-6355 to schedule an appointment.

### Dead Animals

The West Virginia Division of Highways has a 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) is our area's non-profit, reduced-fee spay and neuter program. MANY participating

projects. The total grant funding available is \$24,000. Applications are due April 1, 2022.

As we continue to see the age of the farmer rise, we need to identify the next generation of those who

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## MAYOR'S CORNER

BY CAROL ZUBER, MOOREFIELD MAYOR

Calling all volunteers willing to roll up their sleeves and get wet and dirty. Revitalize Moorefield is having an organizational meeting on Monday, March 28 at 4 p.m. at the Town Office. If you would like to be part of a group that is making a difference, please mark your calendar now. I am sure you will have lots of plans and things need to be done in phases. First phase, we need a committee. The first phase also includes general clean-up and planting flowers. We need YOU.

To become a member of the committee, you do

not have to live in town, but you need to attend this organizational meeting. I know we can make a difference. What does Revitalization mean? It's the act or process of giving new life or vitality or energy to something. As I have shared before, it is my dream to make fresh Moorefield a destination. We can do this. I believe the residents of this community desire to live in a well-maintained and beautiful place. Let's do this together. Together is always stronger. I am hometown proud!

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

### 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 through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information check the Moorefield Police Department Facebook page or call 304-530-1777.

### Food Pantry

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

### Heritage Tiles Available

### Honor Veterans

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

### Free Classes

Earn your WV High School Equivalency diploma. Prepare for college and careers. Call Hardy County Adult Education at 304-434-8000, Ext. 9234.

## OBITUARIES

### RAYNETTA SUE RIGGLEMAN



Raynetta Sue Riggleman, age 63, of Cove Hollow Road, Petersburg, passed away Thursday evening, March 17, 2022 at her husband's homeplace near Moorefield. Born May 20, 1958 in Harrisonburg, she was the daughter of the late Ray Maynard Rohrbaugh and Mildred Florence Alt Rohrbaugh.

Raynetta was a true farmers wife. She enjoyed her time on the farm, caring for her chickens, raising vegetables she would can herself, and just being barefoot and carefree. Her true love was her grandchildren, cherish-

ing every moment with them and cooking up wonderful meals to satisfy their young appetites.

Surviving is her loving husband, Gordon Layne Riggleman; a daughter, Jennifer Crites of Petersburg; two sons, Gareth Berg of Petersburg, and Kelton (Kaitlyn Defriece) Riggleman of Moorefield; two sisters, Kathy (Eddie) Rohrbaugh of Cabins and Marlene "Kay" (Dlae) Dolly of Petersburg; a brother, George Rohrbaugh of Maysville; five grandchildren, Trevon Crites, Rylan Crites, Kahlyndra Berg, Jesslyn Berg and

Rennick Riggleman; her faithful, furry companion, Cimee; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were conducted Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Lynn Rohrbaugh officiating. Interment followed at the Riggleman Family Cemetery on the homeplace. The family received friends before services on Tuesday.

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

### SARA LANE STEVENSON



Sara Lane Stevenson, 60, of Mathias, passed away on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 in Mathias.

Born Aug. 7, 1961 in Winchester, she was the daughter of the late Norman Biller and Lorene Mongold Biller of Mathias.

She worked as a CNA at E.A. Hawse Health & Rehab Center in Baker for 13 years. She was an EMT for the former Mathias Baker Rescue Squad and went on many calls. She

enjoyed being outdoors and working in her flower gardens.

She was preceded in death by her father and a brother, Keith Biller.

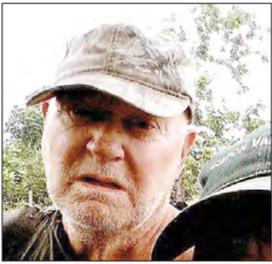
Along with her mother, she is survived by her children, Kevin Stevenson (Patricia) and Shawn Stevenson of Mathias and Chanel Stevenson of Harrisonburg; a brother, Norman Biller of Criders, Va.; a sister, Deborah Staggs of Mathias; three grandchildren and an unborn grandchild.

Funeral services were Saturday, March 19, 2022 at McKee Funeral Home in Baker with Pastor Jonathan Hedrick and Pastor Dale Smith officiating. Interment was in the Jenkins Chapel Cemetery, Mathias.

The family before Saturday's service.

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

### JIMMY DAVID MAY



Jimmy David May, 66, of Purgitsville, passed away Monday, March 14, 2022, at home.

Born July 8, 1955, in Bergton, Va., he was the son of the late Otis Lee and Gracie (shoemaker) May. He was also preceded in death by one sister, Nina See, and four brothers, Donnie, Harlen, Garland, and John May.

Jimmy was a laborer and was a member of Crab Run Church of the

Brethren in Mathias.

He is survived by his loving wife, Anne Louise Hudgins-May; five sisters, Janice Fulk of Sandyville, W.Va., Edna Dispenet of Timberville, Va., Kathryn Combs of Broadway, Va., Ellen Lloyd of Mathias, and Deloris Miller of Broadway, Va.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was conducted on Saturday, March 19, at Elmore Funeral Home in Moorefield.

Burial followed in the Perry Moyer Memorial Cemetery in Bergton, Va.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Elmore Funeral Home, 217 Winchester Avenue, Moorefield, WV, 26836, to help defray the cost of the funeral.

Elmore Funeral Home is honored to be assisting the family with his arrangements.

### NOAH "JACK" MICHAEL



Noah "Jack" Michael, 73, of Kirby passed away Friday, March 11, 2022 at Winchester Medical Center in Winchester.

Born February 7, 1949 in Romney, he was the son of the late Grover Michael and Francis Haines Michael.

Jack was a graduate of Hampshire High, Class of 1968. He retired from the meat department of A&P/Superfresh and then worked at Loudon Heights Mulch. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and mowing his grass. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He attended

Kirby Assembly of God Church.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant grandson, and granddaughter Taylor Michael.

He is survived by his wife, Irene (Fitzwater) Michael; 3 sons, Marvin Michael and wife Tracy, of Old Fields, Kenneth L. Michael and wife, Shenandoah, and Jason Michael and wife Brook, both of Kirby; sisters Margaret Yokley of Martinsburg, Mary Lou Hott of Kirby, and Judy Reynolds of Aiken, S.C.; brothers Marvin Michael and Grover "Junior"

Michael, both of Capon Bridge, and Dickie Garber of Augusta; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at Kirby Assembly of God church with Pastor Jed Metzler officiating. Interment was in Hott's Chapel Cemetery, Kirby.

The family received friends Monday at the church.

All arrangements are handled by McKee Funeral Home, Augusta.

### REKA M. SLATER



Reka M. Slater, 94, of Alexandria, Va., passed away peacefully March 15, 2022 at Brandywine Living in Alexandria. Reka was born in Hardy County, daughter of the late Paul and Grace Mathias. She was preceded in death by her two beloved brothers, Herman (2008) and Mansfield Mathias (2014). Her love is carried on by her two daughters, Deborah Simonich and Cynthia Slater, and granddaughters, Stephanie and Melanie Simonich.

After moving to Washington D.C. during the final years of WWII to work for the Federal Communications Commission, Reka had a successful career in the Federal Government spanning more than 50 years. She enjoyed a well-earned retirement, traveling and spending time with her daughters and granddaughters. Reka was a loving and beloved mother, grandmother, and friend, who was deeply involved in her local community. She maintained a fierce

and independent spirit throughout her long life, one that still buoys those she loved.

The family will receive friends at the Cunningham Turch Funeral Home, 811 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 from 10 AM until the time of her Life Celebration at 11 AM. Interment will follow at Mount Comfort Cemetery.

## AGE IN ACTION

### Mathias & Wardensville Home Delivered Only

To cancel or order a lunch call 304-530-2256, OPTION 2 or 6  
Lunch served from 12 to 12:30 p.m.

PLEASE CALL BY 9:30 A.M. TO ORDER A MEAL.

Mon. Mar. 28: Chicken sandwich, lettuce, tomato, mayo, french fries, lima beans, and glazed fruit.

Tues. Mar. 29: Beans, cornbread, coleslaw, spinach, and applesauce.

Wed. Mar. 30: BBQ pork chops, creamed peas and potatoes, side salad, roll, and pie.

Thur. Mar. 31: Hotdogs and sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, and peas.

Fri. April 1: Chef salad w/ lettuce, tomato, cucumber, onions, eggs, carrots, and fruit cocktail.

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.

Meals are to be eaten here at the center or at E.A. Hawse Community room in Baker on Thursdays only.

People under the age of 60 are welcome to come eat with us at a cost of \$5.25 per meal. "That's A Deal." Any donation over \$5.25 would be greatly appreciated.

Those making donations were Food Lion and the Moorefield Examiner.

We would like to thank each and everyone of you for your donations: They are greatly appreciated. Have a safe and happy week.

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

### DONATIONS NEEDED

Hardy County Committee on Aging is participating in the AmazonSmile program. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices and convenient shopping features as on amazon.com. The difference is when customers shop at AmazonSmile (smileamazon.com), the AmazonSmile foundation donates 0.5 percent of purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organizations select-

ed by customers. Please remember us as you do your online shopping. AmazonSmile is an easy and convenient way to donate to your local Senior Center.

Donations are used to offset the expenses of our nutrition program, which provides on-site meals, as well as home-delivered meals to eligible seniors in Hardy County.

For more information, please call us at 304-530-2256 Option 5 or stop by the Senior Center at 409 Spring Ave. Moorefield, WV Thank you for your support!

### ENSURE

The price has increased-regular \$25.50, plus \$27.50.

Flavors available are chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, and butter pecan. Regular and Plus in same flavors. The cost has increased. We only accept checks for Ensure, no cash: Sorry for the inconvenience. Any questions, call the center at 304-530-2256 Option 6.

## Ag Heroes

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will grow our food. Active or retired veterans and emergency response personnel are the perfect group to target as they often seek hands-on careers," said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. "We hope to provide some support to those organizations who seek to help these groups through agriculture."

The purpose of the VHAGP is to provide funding to organizations around the state who work directly with or provide support to law enforcement, fire fighters, emergency medical service, first responders, veterans, active-duty military and/or their spouses and family within an agricultural capacity. The grant pro-

### ITEMS TO LEND OR GIVE

To Lend: Walkers, wheel chairs, bath benches, potty chairs  
To Give: Incontinent briefs.

### MEDICARE HELP

Part D, prescription drugs; Part A, hospital; Part B, Doctor; Part C, advantage plans. Call 304-530-2256 Option 4 Extra help through Social Security, Department of Health and Human Service.

### HCCOA NEEDS HOMEMAKER AIDES

Aides provide services in the home of eligible participants. Please call us at 304-530-2256 Option 1 or 3 for more information.

### GRAB AND GO MEALS

Grab and Go meals are for Seniors 60 and older; donations accepted. Anyone under 60 can get a meal also at \$5.25 per meal. We'll need your name, address, and birthday. Must call by 9 a.m., 304-530-2256, Option 2 or 6. Pick up your lunch between 12-12:30.

gram provides an opportunity for organizations to develop and enhance programs and activities targeted at our veterans and heroes entering or currently working in agriculture to benefit their health and welfare, as well as the state's agricultural economy. The program also seeks to further promote the development of agricultural industries, products, and marketing opportunities across the state.

Applications can be found at Veterans & Heroes to Agriculture: West Virginia Department of Agriculture ([wv.gov](http://wv.gov))

For more information, contact Crescent Gallagher at [cgallagher@wvda.us](mailto:cgallagher@wvda.us) or 304-558-3708.

## With Great Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for their many acts of kindness during this difficult time. Words cannot express our appreciation. May God bless you!

The Elva Bobo Family

In Loving Memory of the 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday of

## Kaylee Grace Whetzel

March 20, 2004

*You were a blessing to us all  
you were a special child  
And we're so glad God sent you  
to be with us awhile.  
You filled our home with happiness  
and made our life complete  
The time we had with you  
was far too short, but oh so sweet.*

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

Forever Loved and Missed.  
Daddy, Maw Maw, Pap Pap and family.

## Church Services

**Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church**  
Rt. 55, Moorefield, WV  
304-434-2547  
Saturday Mass 5:00 PM  
Sunday Mass 8:00 AM

**Moorefield Seventh-Day Adventist Church**

504 Trough Road  
Moorefield, WV  
Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
304-703-8997

*Rig*  
Assembly of God Church  
Rev. Brad Taylor

- Sunday Morning Service at 10 a.m.
- Sunday Night Service at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday Night Service at 7:00 p.m.

10 Queens Drive  
Rig, WV 26836  
(304) 434-2073  
[www.rigassemblyofgod.org](http://www.rigassemblyofgod.org)

**WALNUT GROVE Church of the Brethren**

Rt. 55 East, Moorefield just before Corridor H exit

Pastor Gary Shirk, Jr.  
304-749-8899 or 307-220-6495

Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Church Service - 11 a.m.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

**Moorefield Assembly of God**

139 CHIPLEY LANE  
MOOREFIELD WV 26836  
304-538-6055  
SUNDAY MORNING - 10:00AM

CHRIST DISCIPLES  
SUNDAY EVENING  
RADIO PROGRAM:  
103.7 FM 7:30 - 9:00PM  
FACEBOOK:  
@MOOREFIELDASSEMBLYOFGOD  
FAITH HOPE LOVE

Wade Armentrout, Pastor  
EVERYONE WELCOME

**Moorefield Presbyterian Church**

Tannery Chapel  
S. Fork Rd.  
Worship 9 a.m.  
SS - 9:45 a.m.

Oak Dale Chapel  
Rig  
Worship 10 a.m.  
SS - 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Worship - 11 a.m.  
Pastor James Yao

109 S. MAIN ST. MOOREFIELD  
304-530-2307  
[www.moorefieldchurch.org](http://www.moorefieldchurch.org)

## CPR Training Held

The March 7 CPR First Aid, AED training was attended by 10 students, all needing to renew their CPR cards for work or taking the training to stay current with the latest skills recommendation.

The American Heart Association training was provided by Myra Kessel, Billie Jo Biddle and Dave Pratt, instructors with the Hardy County Training Center. Anyone needing CPR, First Aid, or AED training can call West Hardy EMS, Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority or Grant Memorial Hospital. The trainings are also offered online.

The training was sponsored by the GVVWC Moorefield Women's Club and West Hardy EMS. Co-Sponsors were the Hardy County Office of Emergency Management, Hardy County LEPC and CERT and held at the National Guard Armory. Internet sites for the trainings are [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org) and [www.americanredcross.org](http://www.americanredcross.org).

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# Original musical to play at Landes Arts Center

'These Months of Our Lives' is an original musical scheduled to hit the stage this April, telling the story of a small West Virginia town and its determination to overcome the Covid-19 pandemic. The play is based on the real stories of community members and follows them as they overcome the fear, mistrust, frustration and uncertainty that shook the community.

The play's creation started with a simple question: "How were you impacted by the COVID pandemic?"

When Vana Nespor first asked this question to residents in the tiny community of Petersburg, she had already seen the impact the pandemic had in the region. Located in Grant County, W.Va., the town's small, critical-access hospital was straining under the weight of an aging population already susceptible to illness. The county was reporting a higher death-toll-per-capita than much of the surrounding area, and outcries about closed schools and mask mandates dominated local discourse and created rifts among neighbors.

Nespor is an educator and a director who worked and lived in the area for many years, but left decades earlier. She was in Grant County during the Flood of 1985, which left the community rebuilding, and she had seen their resiliency. But now the stories she sought were different.

Earlier in the pandemic, Nespor was contacted by an old friend, Phyllis Cole, who told her about another casualty of COVID: the Landes Arts Center, the town's theater and art gallery. The Center was constructed as a community effort, with fundraising from around the county and dedicated grant-seeking by Cole and others who saw the deep interest in art that thrived in the region. However, the center was shuttered due to the spike in positive cases in the state and was staring at a deep financial wound that might not heal.

Cole's request was simple. She asked Nespor to put on a play, something that would draw attention to the Center and remind community members who were distanced from the programs the Center offered. Nespor was less convinced than Cole: She knew the Center housed its own acting troupe, West Virginia Theater East, which boasted an array of talented community directors. No, she told Cole, it would have to be something original. But it was difficult to look past the pandemic that had already claimed the minds of the world, that impacted every community member in some way. The tone and the mood of the community was set and no production, no matter how lively, could change that. So instead of trying to distract the viewer, Nespor decided to meet them where they already were - to talk about COVID.

Nespor and Cole then set about opening a dialogue with the community, meeting the residents of Petersburg to interview them and discuss how COVID had impacted them.

During her interviews, Nespor heard and felt it all: from children feeling isolated from friends, facing loneliness while parents did their best to keep bills paid despite a time of nationwide layoffs; to recovering addicts watching their sobriety support system crumble around them; to small family-owned businesses watching helplessly as their doors closed and their customers retreated; and to government officials desperate to reassure a population that increasingly distrusted their guidance and turned toward conspiracy.

It was the story of Petersburg and the people who called it home. It was a story of West Virginians overcoming adversity during a time of uncertainty and remembering to love their neighbors even while political disagreements work to rip them apart.

To purchase tickets and for more information regarding the play, please visit [www.thesemonthsofourlives.com](http://www.thesemonthsofourlives.com)

For additional ticket information and information about the Landes Arts Center please contact Julia Hartman at (615)-504-9698 or [juliawhartman@gmail.com](mailto:juliawhartman@gmail.com).



## Landes reels large Rainbow Trout

Adam Landes of Mathias caught this Rainbow Trout while fishing with his stepdad, Bradley Nesselrodt, and friends. It weighed 5.4 pounds and was 21.5 inches long

## Attorney General launches sixth Kids Kick Opioids Contest

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey announced Tuesday the rollout of his office's sixth Kids Kick Opioids contest, a public service announcement partnership with elementary and middle schools that encourages students to raise awareness of prescription painkiller abuse.

Kids Kick Opioids has drawn more than 14,400 entries since its inception. The sixth contest launched this month with the mailing of entry forms and details to schools and superintendents across West Virginia.

"Every year, the Kids Kick Opioids contest exposes the immeasurable talent and creativity of the students in our elementary and middle schools," Attorney General Morrissey said. "Their entries viscerally demonstrate that the opioid epidemic resonates in classrooms across West Virginia. Kids Kick Opioids gives students an outlet to express their concerns, while using the creativity and talent of all participants to raise awareness of the epidemic."

The contest provides an opportunity for students to learn the dangers of prescription painkiller abuse. It has also given many an outlet to express the personal impact of opioid abuse upon their lives and that of their loved ones.

Students can work individually or in groups. Submissions may include drawings, poems, letters or anything that would promote awareness.

The winning entry will appear as a statewide newspaper PSA. Regional winners will be displayed in the State Capitol.

Thousands of West Virginians have lost their lives to drug overdoses, many of which were opioid related.

Reversing this trend has been a top priority for the Attorney General. He has fought the epidemic on multiple fronts, including a lawsuit against the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration that achieved sweeping reforms to the nation's drug quota system. The Attorney General also has battled the opioid crisis with civil litigation, multi-state initiatives, funding to target

opioid abuse, criminal prosecutions, new technology, engagement with the faith-based community and education.

Contest entries must be post-marked by May 6 by mail to the Attorney General's Office at 1900 Kanawha Blvd. E., State Capitol Building 1, Room 26-E, Charleston, WV 25305, or sent by email to [AGPSA.contest@wvago.gov](mailto:AGPSA.contest@wvago.gov).

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## Moorefield Council

often; the last grant they received purchased \$82,000 of battery-powered extrication equipment, excellent for use if a victim is trapped too far from safe fire truck access.

The department receives a lot of assistance from the community. "M&M (Transportation) helps us out tremendously with fuel," Mongold said, and went on to acknowledge other local businesses, such as R. Thomas & Associates, who either reduce costs or donate services.

The MVFD also does near-constant fundraising, and receives donations from private citizens and businesses.

Additionally, in April the department is switching to the W.Va. state P-Card system.

Mongold said any money the Town provides will go to the truck fund, specifically the new mini-pumper.

The council gave the fire department \$100,000 for 2021-2022, and \$125,000 for 2022-2023.

### West Hardy EMS

West Hardy EMS assistant chief Dusty Wratford and vice president Myra Kessel asked for additional as-

sistance with payroll. Council member Mary Jo Johnston, also president of West Hardy, abstained from discussion.

In January, West Hardy, a non-profit organization, took over emergency medical coverage of the area formerly served by Fraley Ambulance Service.

In January, the group requested and received \$50,000 from the Town to help cover payroll. They are still waiting for Medicare/Medicaid credentialing. Until they have that, they cannot be paid by Medicare, Medicaid, or most private insurance companies, meaning they have no income.

It takes three to six months to be credentialed, so they have from one to four more months to wait.

"We would like to ask for whatever you would like to give us," Kessel said.

Council member Roger Pratt asked if they requested a one-time donation, or a regular one.

"Whatever you want," Wratford replied.

Kessel acknowledged West Hardy has also received some donations that have helped, such as new tires.

Public Works Director Lucas Gagnon asked about the ambulance fees the county receives.

"We get \$60,000 per year," Kessel said. "(Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority) gets \$60,000 per month, and their call volume is about half of ours."

The County keeps one crew in station all the time, but sometimes struggles to get a second crew out. West Hardy has a crew in-station from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. every day, with additional personnel on call the rest of the time, including to take second and third calls when the first crew is already on a call.

The council tabled further discussion until their next meeting.

### Budget

"You have about \$800,000 left to expend" for the 2022-2023 budget, City Clerk Rick Freeman told the council.

Council members agreed to give Potomac Valley Transit \$1500. The Chamber of Commerce will receive \$6000, up from \$5000 last year.

EACHS normally receives \$2500 for head start; the council increased it to \$3000. Civil War Trails will

receive \$800. The Lions Club will receive \$3000, as opposed to last year's \$2000, to compensate for increasing fireworks costs.

Hardy County Childcare got \$3000. Hardy County Health and Wellness Center asked for and received \$30,000 as a one-time amount.

The MAC House will get \$1000. The Committee on Aging got \$8000 last year and requested \$9000 this year; the council gave them \$10,000.

The Health Department gets \$5000.

The council set aside \$25,000 to start building a fund for Moorefield's 250-year birthday in 2027.

They scheduled a meeting on March 21 to finalize the budget.

### Other

The Council approved signing a letter of support for the Hardy County Convention and Visitors Bureau to assist with grant applications.

They approved USDA Draw #32 for the water plant project, for \$4530. They also approved Change Order #7 for \$64,640.95. Gagnon said that leaves \$368,000 in the contingency fund, which is enough for the South Branch river intake. Final comple-

tion is planned for Oct. 31, 2022.

Precision Pumping made the only bid to conduct South Branch Inn pump station renovations. The renovations would increase two-inch pumps to four-inch pumps. The two-inch pumps are pulled so often, it's nearly one each day. The council approved the bid for just over \$133,000.

The council renewed a lease agreement with Pilgrims regarding Park Street and Potomac Avenue. Per a 2010 agreement, which expired in 2020, Pilgrims rents the roads from the Town and maintains them.

Mongold, also the Assistant Public Works Director, confirmed the Town does "nothing" on those streets. The council renewed the agreement for

another 10 years for \$1. Council member Scott Fawley, a Pilgrims employee, abstained from discussion and voting.

Freeman briefed the council on what he'd learned from the State Auditor regarding lump-sum payments, or Heroes Pay: The only option is to pay a premium over at least two pay periods. Employees must sign affidavits acknowledging they know their pay will return to the lower level.

Spring Clean-Up will be the week of April 18, and will be in zones, again, the same as in Fall 2021.

The Council's next regular meeting is April 5 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. The public is encouraged to attend. Social distancing is observed; masks are optional.

## COVID-19

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We need to not let our guard down because the numbers look good and people are getting back to normal: We need to keep an eye on surges."

Ours continued, "from what I'm hearing, there's a new variant that could possibly pop up here in the next few months."

Ours explained that a surge is a real threat and could again lead to heavy masking or calls for social distancing, among other things.

He also said that while most are not wearing masks, he still encourages mask-wearing for those who are immune compromised or otherwise vulnerable.

COVID-19 testing will end in March unless there's a surge. For the rest of the month testing is still free and open to the public at the following times and locations:

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

at 401 North Main Street in Moorefield.

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

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.

The Health Department is still giving flu shots. To get a flu shot, bring an insurance card. Individuals without insurance can still get a flu shot.

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

## Dressler

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library for hosting her.

"It means so much to be able to come to a community that knows nothing about me and I know nothing about the community and to come to such a hospitable place where we can come together over something we love, which is stories, while supporting our local library," said Dressler.

"What a joy it was to be here; how beautiful Moorefield is; that's part of why I found it incredibly inspiring and I'm honored I got to come and be here a while with you all."

Dressler is based out of North Carolina, Utah and Oregon. She started her first book, "The Last to See Me," in 2012 and finished five years later in 2017.

Her next novel, "I See You So

Close," followed a couple years later with her third novel, "Ours Eyes at Night," newly released this month.

For more information on Dressler and her novels, visit her website at <https://mdressler.com>.

In other news, the library will hold its summer reading program.

Sign-up for the program is from June 11 to June 25, with the event running from June 11 to Aug. 6 this year.

The theme is "Oceans of Possibilities" and the program is open to the public of all ages. There will also be a host of prizes available again this year.

Community members who do not have a library card can obtain one for free at the library at 102 N. Main Street in Moorefield.

## Circuit Court

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concurrently with the Hampshire County sentence. If he completes the program, he will be released on probation.

Judge Parsons agreed to modify the terms of probation for Kammie Markwood, 31, of Old Fields. Markwood pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit a drug offense in August 2021. She was sentenced to eight years on probation and home incarceration.

"She hasn't given us a reason to oppose," Staggers said. "She agreed to testify against a co-defendant and was more than forthcoming."

Probation Officer Aura Brill said Markwood was doing well on home incarceration.

Judge Parsons released Markwood from home incarceration, but reminded her she was still on probation for eight years.

"I don't mind," Markwood said. "I like the people and without this court, I would be dead."

Edward Gibson, 38, of Upper Tract, was continued to Thursday, April 7. Gibson was charged with two counts of failure to register as a sex offender, second offense.

"Mr. Gibson has some cognitive deficits," his attorney Larry Sherman argued. "Frankly he is too dumb to follow directions."

"There was a competency hearing and he was found competent," Staggers said.

The case against Natosha Kuhn, 22, of Moorefield was continued to Thursday, April 7.

The case against Jason Allison, 43, of Fisher was continued to Thursday, April 7.



## Gennaro's Hold Grand Opening

The Hardy County Chamber of Commerce, Moorefield Town Council, and Gennaro's family and friends gathered to celebrate the official grand opening of Gennaro's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria on Saturday, March 19, 2022. The restaurant actually opened with a limited menu in March 2020, just as COVID-19 started shutting down the county. Saturday was a celebration of the restaurant's survival and success.

## Notice To Taxpayers

Local appraisers from the Hardy County Assessor's Office will visit all properties in the Lost River District and the Moorefield District this year.

Legislative Law 11-1c-7 of this article states that each assessor shall maintain current values on the real and personal property within the county. In repeating three year cycles every parcel of real property shall be visited by a member of the Assessor's staff who has been trained pursuant to Section Six 11-1c-6 of this article to determine if any changes have occurred which should affect the valuation of the property.

However, we will not be visiting poultry houses due to the avian flu outbreak. If you have made any changes to your poultry houses or litter sheds please contact the Assessor's office and we can make adjustments over the phone.

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# MMS Jackbots win award at State Robotics Competition

The Moorefield Middle School Jackbots competed in the W.Va. First Lego League State Championship held Sunday, March 20, 2022 at Fairmont State University, where they received the Innovation Award. The event was sponsored by the West Virginia Robotics Alliance, which is funded by a grant from the NASA Katherine Johnson IV&V facility located in Fairmont. The award-winning Moorefield Middle School Jackbots team has been active since 2017 under the leadership of Moorefield Middle School teacher and robotics coach, Alicen Adkins. Past awards include the Innovation Award at the W.Va. State Robotics Competition in 2021, the Inspiration Award at the W.Va. State Robotics Compe-

tion in 2019 and the Robot Performance Award at the W.Va. Regional Competition in 2019.

The Jackbots compete in the FIRST® LEGO® League challenge where team members design, program and build an autonomous LEGO robot that navigates the missions of a robot game using light and color sensors. Each challenge consists of the robot game where points are scored on a themed playing field, the Innovation Project where students work to identify and develop a solution to a problem, and Core Values by displaying the FIRST core values of discovery, impact, innovation, teamwork, inclusion and fun.

This year's Innovation project was to develop a solution to a problem

in the shipping and transportation industry. Following much research, the team learned that steel shipping containers were falling off the cargo ships, resulting in millions of dollars of damaged and lost goods. The team decided to upgrade the design of the shipping containers by adding a foldable rod that would allow the crates to be stacked. This would eliminate the need for exterior locks, which in turn would save time and money, as well as keep the containers more secure on the ships.

Students spend hours after school researching, problem-solving, coding and engineering their robots in preparation of the competition.

"I want to provide opportunities to kids to excel in sports of the mind.

When I was a kid, I wasn't very athletic, but I was really into LEGOs and robots and rockets. I didn't have an outlet for my interest and now students do," Todd Ensign, NASA IV&V program manager said. These important skills help students acquire knowledge that is vital in helping them to become leaders in today's technology-driven economy.

"The last two years have been messed up due to COVID so it is nice to be back doing robotics full time and in person," said Coach Adkins. "It is really helping the kids to learn teamwork and engineering skills."

Team members include Carter Sherman, Danica Wolfe, Marcus Cremann, Zin Myat and Caitlin Walters.



## Ham, Bacon, Egg

FFA members in attendance said they thought the sale went well and added they enjoy participating in their local FFA chapters.

"I feel like it ended up very well," said Moorefield FFA member Wes Titus, who earned Grand Champion for his bacon. "(FFA is) a great experience. It teaches you a lot and gives you experiences that a lot of kids don't get to do. FFA is just a great thing to get into."

East Hardy FFA members Brooklyn Miller, Brooklyn Tinnel, and Holly Snyder echoed this sentiment, each saying they felt the sale went well and they, too, enjoy participating in FFA.

Buyers in the crowd agreed the sale went well. "I thought it was excellent. The prices were great for the kids," said Eugene Markwood, of Markwood Construction.

Another buyer, Greg Mitchell of Moorefield's Farm Credit of the Virginias, agreed. "We're a proud supporter of 4-H and FFA and this is a really good sale. We're glad to be a part of it. It was a strong sale, prices were good," said Mitchell.

Donations were made in honor of two students for scholarships. East Hardy's Joshua Hahn and Erica Crites from Moorefield and Petersburg, who both died as a result of vehicular accidents, were honored with some funds being given in their honor by buyers and FFA members.

The next edition of the Moorefield Examiner will carry final sale numbers.

## Thoughts from the FFA advisors

### Lacee Kesner, East Hardy FFA Advisor

"I think it's going really well. It's been nice to go back in person this year. COVID, the last couple years, has changed the look of our show. We shut down on March 13; we had our show in 2020 right before COVID hit. We would much rather have it in person. We get to have that sense of community; we missed that last year. Our members get to talk to buyers and have that conversation that they otherwise wouldn't have. Overall in the Tri-County area we have wonderful supporters that really make the effort to show up and support these kids and we're very thankful for those supporters."

### Cody Dent, Moorefield FFA advisor

"I think it went exceptional. This is an event the community always comes out for and you can definitely tell it. ... This is something they look forward to, some of their kids work all year for, and this is a really big night for them. It rivals the Tri-County Fair as far as the kids just getting to show off what they're doing so far. 2020 was one of the last shows in the state before everything shut down and that was our record year as far as sales. We have less meat products this year, but I think at the end of the day the numbers are going to be higher. Thank you to the Tri-County area for coming out and making this special. A lot of kids, talking to them before it started, a lot of them

last year was kind of a wake up call that this is something that is not always guaranteed. A lot of them were really excited because they didn't realize it could be taken away."

### Ron Hudson, Pendleton County High School FFA advisor

"The support is tremendous. Every year it amazes me. I have people who want to support and the support is already here. To be back in person, I think it's more meaningful; they can meet with the buyers and see them and build those personal relationships. (We're) trying to get the youth ready for what's out there in the next chapter of their life: (When they) see the community supporting them and their future, they're going to end up supporting the community when they have the opportunity."

### Missy Whetzel, Petersburg High School FFA advisor

"It went excellent; we're so happy to be back in person. Last year we did this virtually. This is awesome to be here and see friends we haven't seen in forever it seems like, because we've all been, you know, isolated in our own areas. So we're anxious to get back to see everybody. I think (the sale) went exceptionally well. A lot of kids were worried about doing a project, that we wouldn't have a place for them to go and an outlet for them to sell and everybody pulled together and made this happen so we're very fortunate. We're blessed by a good community."

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**The Element of Love** (Lumber Baron's Daughters; 1) by Mary Connealy – After learning their stepfather plans to marry them off, Laura Stiles and her sisters escape to find better matches and claim their father's lumber dynasty. Laura sees potential in the local minister of the poor town they settle in, but when secrets buried in his past and the land surface, it will take all they have to keep trouble at bay.

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someone else. Can US Secret Service Agent Gil Dixon work with her to help save her work – and her life?

**Under the Golden Sun** by Jenny Ashcroft – A soul-searching young woman takes a leap of faith and answers a newspaper advertisement for a companion to accompany an orphaned child to Australia. There she discovers a place to call home and someone to share her heart.

**The Book of Cold Cases** by Simone St. James – A true crime blogger gets more than she bargained for while interviewing the woman acquitted of two cold case slayings.

**Nine Lives** by Peter Swanson – Nine strangers receive a cryptic list with their names on it – and then begin to die in highly unusual circumstances.

### New Non-Fiction and Bios

**Lessons from the Edge: A Memoir** by Marie Yovanovitch – Yovanovitch, the U.S. ambassador to the Ukraine, whose life and work have taught her the preciousness of democracy as well as the dangers of corruption, details her involvement in President Trump's impeachment inquiry and her response to his smear campaign.

**Pay Up: The Future of Women and Work (and Why It's Different Than You Think)** by Reshma Saujani – Saujani confronts the "big lie" of corporate feminism and presents a plan to address the burnout and inequity harming America's working women today.

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**Rodney Was a Tortoise** by Nan Forler – When her beloved pet tor-

toise, Rodney, dies, Bernadette feels all alone until a special friend helps her overcome her sadness.

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**Good Job, George!** by Jane O'Connor – George tries to be the best helper he can be, but when his parents paint the garage and their hungry dog finds her way in, the mess is George's fault and he learns he must listen to directions to succeed as a helper.

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ferent birds, Lou feels unfulfilled with the laid-back lovebird lifestyle. With his adoring parents cheering him on, Lou decides to spread his wings and see what else he can accomplish.

**No Nibbling!** by Beth Ferry – Derwood the goat has planted a garden and is prepared to defend it from all nibblers, including Tabitha the bunny, whom Derwood is convinced has designs on his growing vegetables; she teases him as the months go by, but after she helps him with the weeding the two become friends and share the feast.

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For assistance during this time, the public may send emails to [jwvatchford@wvassessor.com](mailto:jwvatchford@wvassessor.com)

## EMT

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**March 24, 2022 at 6 p.m.**

Wardensville Rescue Squad – 35 Oak Street (Behind 7-11)

This will be a meet and greet session to see if there is enough interest to run a full program. If so, class days will be determined at a later date and sessions will be held in class. Instructor will be Tina Lee. Class is open to 16-year old and above. Volunteers are in need. If you have any questions prior to this date please reach out to us on our Facebook page.



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# HARDY COUNTY SPORTS 2022 Spring Sports Preview

Stories and photos by Carl Holcomb

## Moorefield Baseball Preview

# Yellow Jackets looking to keep the championship streak alive

The Yellow Jackets won their third consecutive state baseball championship last season and lost seven seniors, but the sky is the limit learning to expect the unexpected with the talent growing under a veteran coach leading the team to success in a consistent basis.

Every season a team goes through growing pains whether it is through losing members to graduation or injuries, so it takes a village to overcome the obstacles.

“The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it,” Moliere, a French playwright stated.

The Yellow Jackets are guided by skipper Wade Armentrout entering his 22nd season with a career record of 401-192.

“Every year is a new beginning,” Moorefield Baseball coach Wade Armentrout remarked.

Moorefield finished as the state champion last year with a record of 22-5 overall.

Moorefield Baseball lost seven seniors to graduation: All-American pitcher/shortstop Isaac Van Meter, who is now playing at Mount St. Mary’s University; first team all-state pitcher/third baseman Hayden Baldwin, who is playing at Potomac State College of WVU; first baseman Jaydon See, who is playing football at Fairmont State; third baseman/DH Jake Frederick; center fielder Mat-

thew Jenkins; catcher John Lahmeyer and right fielder Jayden Moore.

Despite those numbers, the Yellow Jackets have plenty of experience with nine current seniors taking charge: Bryce Hines (Alderson Broaddus commit, pitcher/infielder), Silas Inskeep (pitcher/outfielder), Coleman Mongold (infielder), Karson Reed (future collegiate player, pitcher/outfielder), Gavin Wolfe (outfielder), Garrett Strickler (pitcher/outfielder), Ryan McGregor (pitcher/outfielder), Branson See (designated

hitter) and Matthew Delawder (infielder).

Hines, Mongold, Reed, McGregor, Inskeep and Strickler had some powerful plate appearances last season and the team will look for their momentum throughout the season.

Hines, Strickler, Reed, McGregor and Inskeep bring talent to the pitching mound and will provide quality innings for the Yellow Jackets.

Wolfe is quick on the base path and will be a factor during the season.

See is returning from an injury, but had experience as a pitcher and infielder in previous years and will be looking at plate appearances for his consistency.

Delawder traded in his tennis racket for a baseball bat this year and has shown good skill as an infielder during practice and has had prior experience in youth programs.

“The seniors know what it takes to play at a high level and be successful. Leadership from players is very important,” Coach Armentrout com-

mented.

Moorefield junior Finan Teklom is a new at the sport, but has been quick in the infield during practice and has taken some pitching duties.

Moorefield sophomore catcher Alex Miller fills the shoes of Lahmeyer and has a good stance at the plate.

The sophomore infield/pitching trio of Adam Landes, Michael Cost and Tyson Arnold bring a special dynamic to the squad.

Moorefield sophomore outfielder

and pitcher Gary Weese will fulfill a quality role on the team.

The Yellow Jackets freshmen class consists of Chayse Myers (P/OF), Dylan Colasessano (OF), Brody See (P/IF), Jean Gonzalez (OF), Keaton Redmon (OF), Guyan Kahangirwe (IF) and Ben Watts (P/IF).

Myers, See, Redmon, Watts and Colasessano have been playing in the little league programs gaining valuable experience leading up to this level.

There is no shortage of pitching talent on the squad this season.

“We will be using several pitchers each game,” Coach Armentrout explained.

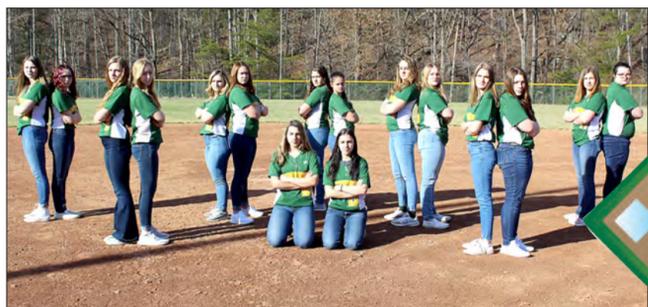
Moorefield started its title defense with a 12-nil shutout against Berkeley Springs this past weekend.

Southpaw pitcher Michael Cost threw eight strikeouts in three innings and combined with Gary Weese for a no-hitter.

Tyson Arnold led the Yellow Jackets with three hits and one RBI, followed by Bryce Hines with two hits and four RBI, and Alex Miller made two hits with two RBI.

Coach Armentrout grooms more than just players, but citizens who care about their community as proven by the beautification projects at local parks and golf course plus helping those in need after the recent

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## East Hardy Softball Preview

East Hardy Softball is building the foundation for success through diligent work and focus with a myriad of talent painting the picture this season.

The Cougars will be led by Kelly Heishman entering his second year in charge and looks to improve on last year’s debut record of 8-11 overall.

“Presently the outlook is promising, our main goal is to keep our student athletes committed to a successful regular season on into post season play. It’s all about the postseason, regular season is practice for the postseason. We emphasize EHHS softball is a conglomerate team. If each of our student-athletes can get a real grasp on that meaning and strive to enhance their efforts to the team day-in, day-out, we can achieve any challenge presented before us,” East Hardy Softball coach Kelly Heishman remarked.

Coach Heishman looks for the team’s faith to grow with preparation yielding victories noting his philosophy as the following: “the key is not the will to win...it’s the will to prepare to win that is important.”

The Cougars lost three talented seniors to graduation: Erin Riggle, Perry Whetzel and Emily Moyers.

East Hardy has a plethora of talent gearing up to make an impact in the Potomac Valley and beyond.

The Cougars have three seniors on the squad: Victoria Ames (infielder), Madison Heishman (outfielder, pitcher) and Makenzie Blair (outfielder); five juniors: Autumn Crites (pitcher, infielder, outfielder), Emma Heishman (catcher), Jenna Combs (outfielder), Tori Pratt (pitcher, utility) and Gabreanna Miller (pitcher, infielder); three sophomores: Bryce Miller (catcher, utility), Jace Thompson (infielder) and Amber Summerfield (outfielder); five freshmen: Gracie Mapphis (outfielder), Addison Armentrout (infielder), Chelsea Mills (outfielder), Jessica Dove (pitcher, infielder) and April Dove (outfielder, utility).

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## Moorefield Softball Preview

The Moorefield Softball program has the potential to make a deep run into the playoffs this season, despite losing six starters as the current Yellow Jackets have been diligently preparing to buzz ahead of the Potomac Valley contingent.

Bridget Sions enters her third season at the helm for the Yellow Jackets with the initial year being wiped out due to the pandemic.

Sions earned a 23-12 record last season and finished as the sectional runner-up behind Petersburg.

Moorefield Softball lost All-American catcher Alyson Simmons, pitcher/infielder Lauren Arbaugh, infielder Hailey Biser, outfielder Remi Hinkle, infielder/pitcher Tori Humphries and infielder Gracie O’Neill to graduation.

“My goal for this season is for the players to grow and get better each day. Not only as an individual but as a team. I believe an important life lesson for anyone to learn is that nothing in life is handed to you. If you want something, you must work hard to earn it. As a coaching staff, we also teach the importance of having a positive attitude and outlook on every situation,” Moorefield Softball coach Bridget Sions remarked.

Coach Sions wants her team to show good sportsmanship and to lead by example.

“My coaching philosophy is to lead by example. I want to build a successful program that is competitive year after year but is also well known for their character and good sportsmanship,” Coach Sions noted.

The Yellow Jackets make an impact on the community through food drives, honoring local military members and veterans and will be mentoring youth with a special softball camp this year.

“We give back to our community year around. This winter we participated in State Farm’s food drive and this Spring we are having a Mini-Jacket Softball Day where young players in grades 3-7 can come prac-

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## East Hardy Baseball Preview

The Cougars strolled down the trail with four wins last season under a new coach and this year have been preparing to make a journey of growth turn into positive outcomes as East Hardy Baseball moves forward with experience built.

East Hardy Baseball skipper Tyler Mongold enters his second year at the helm along with assistant coaches Calvin Mongold and Kevin Price.

“My goals for the season are to improve each and every game. As long as we are playing our best ball towards the end of the season, then I’ll be happy with that. We are a young team; goal is to improve as the season progresses and compete for a championship,” East Hardy Baseball coach Tyler Mongold stated.

“We gained so much experience last year with 3-4 different freshmen starting. I believe as young as we were last year will help us in the long run. The more varsity experiences these young guys get, the better we will be. They’ve got some experi-

ence under their belt and that will help us. I believe if we can compete like I know we can, we will be just fine.”

The Cougars lost four seniors to graduation: Peyton Whetzel, Andrew Lazo, Alex Miller and Riley Mongold.

East Hardy has six returning starters: Gabe Henderson (senior), Dawson Price (junior), J.W. Teets (sophomore) Levi Mongold (sophomore), Nate Smith (sophomore) and Brandon Jones (sophomore).

Filling in the roster for the Cougars will be Kollin Quarles (senior), Brennen Miller (junior), Jayson Padgett (junior), A.J. Swisher (sophomore), Noah Sager (sophomore), Damien Dellinger (sophomore), Jordan Teets (freshman), Logan Sager (freshman) and James Garland (freshman).

The Cougars are flexible and are testing positions for each player with the current general projection for spots not yet narrowed to specific positions, but the following outlook is what was provided:

Infielders: Levi Mongold, Nate Smith, Dawson Price, J.W. Teets, A.J. Swisher, Noah Sager, Logan Sager, James Garland, and Kollin Quarles.

Outfielders: Brandon Jones, Gabe Henderson, Nate Smith, Brennen Miller, Jordan Teets, A.J. Swisher, Noah Sager, Jayson Padgett, and Damien Dellinger.

Catchers: Logan Sager, Gabe Henderson, Brandon Jones.

Pitchers: Gabe Henderson, Levi Mongold, Nate Smith, Dawson Price, Jordan Teets, A.J. Swisher, Noah Sager, Damien Dellinger, Logan Sager.

Henderson and Price were the most versatile last year with fielding and pitching as Henderson roamed the outfield, commanded the mound and backstop, while Price hurled the ball from shortstop and the mound.

The fielding from the team is fast and the accuracy has been improving on each series.

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# East Hardy Baseball

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J.W. Teets, Levi Mongold, Nate Smith and Kollin Quarles have made great strides working the infield and contact at the plate.

Brandon Jones and Nate Smith add to the versatility as outfielders, while also providing skills as a catcher and pitcher, respectively.

Dellinger, Miller Padgett, Swisher and Noah Sager bring back experience for the outfield and have been rotating into various roles to help the Cougars.

Coach Mongold knows how passionate his players are for the game of baseball and have developed a good bond working together.

"Players are very passionate to get things started. They were eager to get practice started when we first started practice, and now they are eager to start playing games. Team chemistry is great, they love being around one another and they love practicing/playing as a team. Even last year when games didn't go the way we wanted, they were happy to be around baseball and around their team. That will only help us," Coach Mongold commented.

Coach Mongold hopes his players learn to become respectful gentlemen and become solid teammates.

"One important lesson that I want them to learn as they go through my program is to become a respectful man as they grow up. As they go

through my program, they come to me as a young boy. When they leave my program, I want them to leave as men. Another life lesson that I want them to learn is to play as a team. They will have to do this when they go out and get a job, so I believe that is important. If I have a bunch of team players, then that is a successful team," Mongold noted.

Henderson and Quarles are seniors who know what is expected and have been good leaders in practice.

"They have shown great leadership for the upcoming season and will help the team grow.

"They understand what to expect from me in terms of what I want. They help the underclassmen understand what is expected from this baseball program. Their leadership in practice is what stands out. They keep the practice running smoothly," Mongold said.

Coach Mongold feels his team is very coachable and willing to accept the lessons given in practice.

"Each player brings a lot to the team. Some bring leadership, some bring pitching, some bring knowledge of the game. Something that impresses me about my team is that they are willing to learn and that they are coachable. If you have a coachable team, then they will be successful on the diamond," Coach Mongold remarked.

Having patience is a virtue and the key to winning is throwing strikes as

a pitcher.

"Patience is important for both a hitter and a pitcher. For a hitter, having patience and hitting the correct pitch will help a hitter/team down the stretch. For a pitcher, hitting the location and having patience with that pitch will be key. I told the boys at the beginning of the season: The key to winning ball games is throwing strikes. My guys have been throwing strikes and I am very pleased with that. If we can limit walks and at-bats, you have a chance to be successful," Coach Mongold explained.

Coach Mongold went on to say, "it is important for hitters to understand the situation that they are in."

Having three potential catchers is a luxury, but the Cougars are willing to pounce on the opportunity to grow in each aspect of the game and communication is vital for a catcher directing the game action.

"The most important position is the catcher because the catcher is the manager of the game. If the catcher knows the game, then he can direct the other players to do the right thing. Communication is key for the catcher and pitcher to be on the same page throughout the whole game," Coach Mongold added.

After a season opening loss to Class AAA Martinsburg, East Hardy's second game of the year was yesterday in Petersburg against a talented Vikings squad.

The Cougars have their first dou-

bleheader against Keyser in Baker tomorrow.

East Hardy will play county rival Moorefield at home on April Fool's Day (really, honest) and travels to George Hott Field on April 20.

There are just two out-of-state competitors for the Cougars this year against Maryland's Northern Garrett and Southern Garrett teams.

East Hardy starts a five-game home stand on March 30 against Hedgesville, then greets Moorefield, Martinsburg and Pendleton County.

East Hardy will compete at the annual Clatterbuck Memorial Tournament in Berkeley Springs at the end of April.

The Cougars have games against Randolph County teams: Tygarts Valley and Harman.

East Hardy battles Pocahontas County and Tucker County this year with the home season finale against the Mountain Lions on May 6.

"I am very excited about our schedule. There is a not a team on the schedule that you would say "We are going to get this win." If you play tough teams, you are going to get better in the long run. This will help us when we face adversity in the post-season," Coach Mongold concluded.

The Cougars are preparing for the season's journey to become better stretching the paws forward on the trail to success.



## East Hardy Baseball Roster

Name	Grade	Nate Smith	10
Jordan Teets	9	Damien Dellinger	10
Brandon Jones	10	Logan Sager	9
Gaberial Henderson	12	Frederick Garland	9
Andrew Swisher	10	Brennan Miller	11
Noah Sager	10	Kollin Quarles	12
Levi Mongold	10	Dawson Price	11
Jayson Padgett	11	James Teets	10

## East Hardy Baseball Schedule

Date	Time	Grade	Opponent
3/16/22	7 p.m.	A	MARTINSBURG HIGH SCHOOL
3/22/22	5:30 p.m.	A	PETERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL
3/24/22	5 p.m.	H	KEYSER HIGH SCHOOL
3/24/22	7:15 p.m.	H	KEYSER HIGH SCHOOL
3/26/22	12 p.m.	A	NORTHERN GARRETT HIGH SCHOOL
3/28/22	5 p.m.	A	POCAHONTAS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
3/30/22	6 p.m.	H	HEDGESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
4/01/22	6 p.m.	H	MOOREFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
4/05/22	6 p.m.	H	MARTINSBURG HIGH SCHOOL
4/07/22	6 p.m.	H	PENDLETON COUNTY HS
4/11/22	6 p.m.	H	PETERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL
4/12/22	5:30 p.m.	A	TUCKER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
4/14/22	4:30 p.m.	A	TYGARTS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
4/14/22	6 p.m.	A	TYGARTS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
4/18/22	6 p.m.	H	SOUTHERN GARRETT CO HIGH SCHOOL
4/20/22	6 p.m.	A	MOOREFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
4/22/22	6 p.m.	A	PENDLETON COUNTY HS
4/25/22	6 p.m.	H	NORTHERN GARRETT HIGH SCHOOL
4/27/22	6 p.m.	A	HEDGESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
4/28/22	5 p.m.	H	POCAHONTAS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
4/30/22	9:30 a.m.	A	BERKELEY SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL
5/02/22	4:30 p.m.	H	HARMAN HIGH SCHOOL
5/02/22	6:30 p.m.	H	HARMAN HIGH SCHOOL
5/03/22	4:30 p.m.	A	SOUTHERN GARRETT CO HIGH SCHOOL
5/05/22	6 p.m.	A	KEYSER HIGH SCHOOL
5/06/22	6 p.m.	H	TUCKER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

# Moorefield Baseball

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flooding.

"[My philosophy] Develop athletes to be great citizens and be accountable. Live, work, play like a champion," Coach Armentrout stated.

It is in practice where these play-

ers will be molded to improve on certain skills and game time there are critiques of plays to develop each player to the best possible form, while the team chemistry solidifies.

"We motivate players to improve skills each day. Players are excited to begin playing games and eager to improve," Coach Armentrout noted.

"They are coachable and have great team chemistry."

Coach Armentrout has been most impressed with the squad's eagerness to learn and improve on their skills for the game.

The Yellow Jackets have two out-of-state teams on the schedule this year with a home game against

Maryland's Southern Garrett this past Monday and battling twice against Strasburg, Virginia on April 21 (home) and April 27 (away).

Moorefield's scheduled opponents include Berkeley Springs, Tucker County, Jefferson, Pendleton County, East Hardy, Frankfort, Petersburg, Tygarts Valley, Musselman,

Pocahontas County, South Harrison, Greenbrier West, Keyser and Hampshire (season finale on May 5).

The Yellow Jackets visit cross county rival East Hardy on April Fool's Day (no joke) and host the Cougars on April 20.

"We always play a challenging schedule, so our players are ready for

difficult situations," Coach Armentrout concluded.

Moorefield Baseball has the talent and depth to defend the state crown and will take each game one day at a time in building towards a stronger Hive to buzz for glory.

## Moorefield Baseball Roster

Name	Grade	Ryan McGregor	12	Jean Gonzalez-Rivera	9	Karson Reed	12
Bryce Hines	12	Tyson Arnold	10	Garrett Strickler	12	Brody See	9
Guyan Kahangirwe	9	Keaton Redmon	9	Coleman Mongold	12	Chayse Myers	9
Adam Landes	10	Branson See	12	Dylan Colasessano	9	Alexander Miller	10
Ben Watts	9	Silas Inskoop	12	Matthew Delawder	12	Jay Weese, III	10
		Michael Cost	10	Gavin Wolfe	12	Finan Teklom	11

## Moorefield Baseball Schedule

Date	Time	Grade	Opponent
3/19/22	2 p.m.	A	BERKELEY SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL
3/21/22	6 p.m.	H	SOUTHERN GARRETT CO HIGH SCHOOL
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4/23/22	12 p.m.	A	GREENBRIER WEST HIGH SCHOOL
4/26/22	6 p.m.	A	PENDLETON COUNTY HS
4/27/22	7 p.m.	A	STRASBURG HIGH SCHOOL
4/29/22	6 p.m.	H	PETERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL
4/30/22	2 p.m.	A	MUSSELMAN HIGH SCHOOL
5/03/22	7 p.m.	A	KEYSER HIGH SCHOOL
5/05/22	7 p.m.	H	HAMPSHIRE HIGH SCHOOL

# Moorefield Tennis Preview

Moorefield Tennis features 50 players for the 2022 season and the squad is ready to swing for success.

The Yellow Jackets started the season with a strong showing against Notre Dame last Friday.

Moorefield No. 1 Girls Singles senior Jadelyn Hinger defeated Notre Dame's Zyla Lunham 8-3 and teamed up with No. 2 seeded senior Madalynn Clayton for a doubles victory in the top seeded match before both headed to a pageant rehearsal.

Clayton secured an 8-6 win over Notre Dame's Haley Parsons in singles competition.

Moorefield No. 3 Girls Singles junior Erika McCauley lost 8-1 in her first match of the season and there is potential of being moved in the rankings.

Moorefield No. 4 Girls Singles freshmen Courtlynn Ault beat Notre Dame's Jolee Snyder 8-4.

Moorefield No. 3 Girls Doubles of junior Sicily Dunn and sophomore Savannah Hose won by forfeit against the Irish.

The Yellow Jackets Boys team picked up several forfeit victories against Notre Dame starting with No. 2 seed sophomore Edwin Gonzalez, then No. 1 Doubles of freshmen Hunter Mongold and Hayes Sherman plus No. 3 Doubles pair collected the forfeits.

Moorefield No. 1 Boys Singles sophomore Alex Lopez garnered an 8-2 victory over Notre Dame's Aaron Abbruzzino.

The Yellow Jackets are scheduled to host Berkeley Springs on March 28, then visit Petersburg on March 29 and travel to Philip Barbour on March 30 prior to returning home against Frankfort on March 31.

Moorefield Tennis plays at Petersburg on April 7 and greets Grafton on April 8, then travels to Elkins on April 13.

The Yellow Jackets visit Parkersburg Catholic on April 14 and Lincoln on April 18.

The Potomac Valley Conference Tennis Championships will be held

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## Moorefield Tennis Roster

Name	Grade	Madalynn Clayton	12
Malachi Hinger	12	Aleigha Wyman	11
Caden Blizzard	12	Sicily Dunn	11
Gavin Berry	12	Erika McCauley	11
Loy Kesner II	11	Jasmyn Riggleman	10
Albert Aleman	11	Chloe Weikle	10
Gregory Hartman	11	Anna Bowen	10
Dominic Lumia, Jr	10	Jocelyn Taylor	10
Cameron Lumia	10	Kimberly Zelaya-Castro	10
David Martinez-Cruz	10	Jerica Coleman	10
Edwin Gonzalez-Cardona	10	Savannah Hose	10
Bail Jose	10	Amelia Gagnon	9
Zachary Wilhelm	10	Nebiat Teklom	9
Jorge Hernandez	10	Baylee Coleman	9
Colten Limpcomb	10	Kathy Hedrick	9
Alexander Hernandez-Lopez	10	Mitzy Zelaya-castro	9
Trestin Alley	10	Emily Vinoski	9
Quincy Combs	10	Courtlynn Ault	9
Hayes Sherman	9	Leah Jo Davis	9
Lyrice Pratt	9	Allison Staggs	9
Lian Mung	9	Brianna Romero	9
Hunter Mongold	9	Martina Nesselrodt	9
Levi Malcolm	9	Silmary Ramos-ortiz	9
William Keplinger, III	9	Makayla Moyers	9
Evan Haggerty	9	Sydney Kimble	9
Derek Torres-cruz	9	Lilly-ann Jones	9
McKayla Coon	12	Bethany Coon	9
Oliver Alley	12	Mariah Redman	9
Jadelin Hinger	12		

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# Cougars chew up Martinsburg in opener

By Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

East Hardy Softball came out swinging and kept the Bulldogs off-balance during the season opener en route to a 20-4 victory in four innings in Baker on Wednesday.

"We were running with 11 players, because we had some ineligible players. Some of my freshmen underclassmen performed beyond my expectations. Our five through nine batters did exceptionally well, seeing the ball in the box and making solid contact. We were good on the base path. I am pleased with their effort for the first game of the season," East Hardy coach Kelly Heishman remarked.

East Hardy starting pitcher Autumn Crites jammed Martinsburg's Daysha Cook on a 2-2 count forcing a fly ball into shallow center field where Madison Heishman made the catch.

Crites struck out Martinsburg's Kendall Holben for the second out and put the side down in order as first baseman Gabreanna Miller snatched a line drive by Shelby Henson.

Martinsburg pitcher Daysha Cook caught East Hardy leadoff batter Jace Thompson looking at a third strike during a full-count pitch in the bottom of the first inning.

Crites reached first base safely on an error as the ball was dropped by first baseman Kennedy Nichols.

East Hardy's Emma Heishman singled into center field, then Victoria Ames hit into a fielder's choice with the out at third base.

Miller crushed a two-run producing double into left field for the Cougars taking a 2-nil lead and was stranded on a pop-up.

Martinsburg's Mya Jackson commenced the second inning with a single into left field, then Nichols struck out on a full-count.

The Bulldogs added another baserunner as Kailey Jaston singled into right field to put runners on the corners, then waved after a stolen base.

Martinsburg cut the lead in half as Anna Grove hit into a fielder's choice plating one run with the out happening at third base.

Crites got out of the jam with a strikeout to retire the side.

East Hardy's Chelsea Mills doubled into center field with two outs.

Jace Thompson hammered the ball into right field for an RBI double and the throw home was late as the Cougars increased the edge to 3-1.

Martinsburg's Abby Hannon starts the third inning with a sharp hit deflecting off Crites for a single and beat the throw by Thompson.

Crites went back to work in the circle tossing two straight strikeouts for her fifth overall.

Henson stepped to the plate and ripped an RBI triple just clearing the right fielder's Chelsea Mills's glove.

Jackson connected for an RBI single to tie the game at 3-all.

The Bulldogs kept the momentum going as Nichols singled and Jaston created a 4-3 lead on an error.

The Cougars sent in Miller to pitch and Mills grabbed a fly ball to end the threat.

East Hardy's Emma Heishman hit

a bloop which was dropped by the shortstop for an error and stole second base on a wild pitch.

A pop-up by Ames was caught near the backstop wall by Martinsburg catcher Kendall Holben.

Miller faced a full-count and smashed a two-run home run over the left field fence to lift the Cougars ahead 5-4.

Madison Heishman flew out to center field for the second out of the inning.

East Hardy's Addison Armentrout reached base on an error and stole around to third base before Jessica Dove was given a full-count walk.

Armentrout and Dove scored on passed balls to create a 7-4 advantage before Mills grounded out.

In the top of the fourth inning, Miller struck out Martinsburg's Josephine Mesich prior to walking the next two batters.

Miller refocused and left the Bulldogs stranded on back-to-back strikeouts to finish the side.

Thompson got the fireworks lit in the fourth inning with a leadoff single into center field, then Crites punched the ball past the third baseman for another single.

Emma Heishman delivered an RBI single into center field as the Cougars took an 8-4 lead.

Ames was hit by a pitch to load the bases for East Hardy, then Miller threaded a two-RBI single down the left field line and advanced to second base on the play.

Madison Heishman bunted and just avoided the bouncing ball as the Bulldogs created an out on a fielder's



Photo by Carl Holcomb

East Hardy pitcher Gabreanna Miller prepares to deliver a strike to Martinsburg's Kendall Holben in the season opener.

choice with one run coming home.

Armentrout crushed an RBI triple into right field facing new Martinsburg pitcher Abby Hannon to give the Cougars a 12-4 lead.

Hannon walked Dove and Mills to load the bases for the Cougars.

After a pop-out, East Hardy's Au-

turn Crites knocked in two runs with a single and Emma Heishman added another run on an RBI single for a 15-4 advantage.

Ames was hit by a pitch to load the bases again, then Miller was issued a walk which sent a run home.

The Cougars took an 18-4 lead as

Madison Heishman sent two runners home during an error.

Armentrout sealed the victory

with a walk-off two-RBI double giving the Cougars the 20-4 final in four innings.

# Yellow Jackets find pot of gold in win over East Hardy

By Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

East Hardy donned green hues on St. Patrick's Day, but the Yellow Jackets had the luck of the Irish with a pinch by leprechauns creating a walk-off home run to seal a 12-3 birthday celebration victory for their coach in Moorefield on Thursday.

"We're wearing green. We had the green on. I guess the lucky leprechaun was sitting over there in the other dugout. They got the pinch and we didn't," East Hardy Softball coach Kelly Heishman remarked.

Moorefield Softball coach Bridget Sions was given a victory present by her team on her birthday with the final candle on the cake blown by senior Emily Kuykendall smashing a three-run home run to win the game in the fifth inning.

"Definitely the luck of the Irish today. There's no other place I'd rather be on my birthday. It was really exciting," Moorefield Softball coach Bridget Sions commented.

Kuykendall was elated to have hit a home run to win the game in her first game of this senior campaign.

"It was awesome. That was my first hit of the season. My first hit as a senior was extremely special being a home run. It was my

first game and the last chance I got at it. It was down in the middle about belt high and as soon as I saw it, I knew I was going for it. I was so excited when it went over the fence and didn't even know it walked off the game," Moorefield senior Emily Kuykendall stated.

In addition to tagging the town with the home run, Kuykendall pitched the first four innings for the Yellow Jackets with three strikeouts and allowed four hits.

It was a scoreless first inning which included a sensational defensive play by the Yellow Jackets.

Kuykendall started the game by pitching a strikeout to East Hardy's Emma Heishman.

East Hardy's Autumn Crites launched a line drive which was caught on a diving play by Moorefield third baseman Korbin Keplinger with momentum sending her sliding into the mud.

Moorefield shortstop McKenna Crites collected a groundout off the bat of the Cougars' Gabreanna Miller for the third out of the opening frame.

East Hardy pitcher Jessica Dove commenced the bottom half of the first inning with a strikeout to Moorefield's McKenna Crites, then Cougars right fielder Tori Pratt snatched a fly ball by Moorefield's Daleny

Crites.

Kuykendall drew a walk and courtesy runner Seanna Heavner came in at first base for the Yellow Jackets.

The game remained hitless and scoreless as Dove responded with a strikeout against Sterling Kump.

Moorefield catcher Aryana Wachter snatched a pop-up by East Hardy's Victoria Ames in foul territory to kick off the second inning.

East Hardy's Jace Thompson grounded out to Keplinger for the second out, then the Cougars got on base with a single from Madison Heishman on a full-count hit into center field.

Heishman was stranded on the pond as Tori Pratt struck out against Kuykendall.

Moorefield's Allissa Biser sliced a foul ball which hopped off the fence and was caught by a fan.

Facing a full-count, Biser tapped a bloop just over the pitcher and the ball fell in front of shortstop Jace Thompson for a single.

After a stolen base, Dove issued a walk to Moorefield's Amber Williams.

Keplinger knocked the ball into right field for an RBI single giving the Yellow Jackets the initial lead.

East Hardy's Gabreanna Miller stepped

into the pitching circle and Moorefield's Marissa Ward crushed a two-run scoring double to the left field fence extending the lead to 3-nil.

Miller settled down and pitched back-to-back strikeouts to Wachter and McKenna Crites before closing out the frame fielding a groundout off the bat of Daleny Crites.

The Cougars went down in order during the third inning as Jenna Combs grounded out to Kuykendall, Addison Armentrout was tagged out by Williams after fielding the grounder, then Emma Heishman flew out to right fielder Daleny Crites.

Miller pitched a full-count walk to Kuykendall in the bottom of the third inning, then Kump hit into a fielder's choice with baserunner Heavner out at second base on the throw by third baseman Victoria Ames.

Biser hit a line drive out to second baseman Madison Heishman, then Williams grounded out to Heishman to finish the inning.

East Hardy started a comeback, slicing the deficit to 3-2 in the top of the fourth inning.

East Hardy's Autumn Crites drew a lead-off full-count walk and stole second base before a strikeout to Miller.

Ames smacked an RBI single into left field to make it 3-1.

Thompson ripped a single into the right center gap and the throw to third base wasn't in time as Ames safely slid there to put runners on the corners for the Cougars and time-out was called.

The momentum continued as Madison Heishman knocked a hard grounder into left field for an RBI single as East Hardy closed the gap 3-2.

Kuykendall induced two consecutive groundouts from Pratt and Combs fielded by Biser to Williams to get out of the jam.

Keplinger grounded out to start the bottom of the fourth inning for the Yellow Jackets.

Ward singled past the diving attempts of Ames and Thompson, then Wachter hit a soft single just in front of the plate and by the time Miller collected the ball there was no play to be made checking the runner aboard for the second single of the frame.

McKenna Crites reached base on an error as the throw sailed over first base and one run scored, then Brianna Green came in as a baserunner.

Daleny Crites executed an RBI on a fielder's choice bunt with a slide home safely as the Yellow Jackets took a 5-2 edge.

A double play ended the inning as Combs made a diving catch in center field off the bat

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## East Hardy Softball

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The East Hardy lineup during the 20-4 season opening victory against Martinsburg featured the following: Thompson (shortstop), Crites (pitcher), Emma Heishman (catcher), Ames (third baseman), Gabreanna Miller (first baseman), Madison Heishman (center fielder), Addison Armentrout (second baseman), Jessica Dove (left fielder) and Chelsea Mills (right fielder) with substitutes April Dove and Amber Summerfield.

It was a productive outing for hits throughout the lineup including a home run by Miller.

Miller switched positions with Crites as a pitcher later in the contest. There was a different look for East Hardy in the game against the Yellow Jackets during a 12-3 loss in the second game of the year.

Jenna Combs (left fielder), Autumn Crites (center fielder), Tori Pratt (right fielder), Gabreanna Miller (first baseman), Madison Heishman (second baseman), Thompson (shortstop), Victoria Ames (third baseman), Jessica Dove (pitcher) and Emma Heishman (catcher).

Emma Heishman has been a good catcher and quick at getting up to throw the ball or track it down, while the mix of pitching from Crites, Dove and Miller has shown good promise with a variety of locations marked on

the throws.

Thompson appears to be a natural at shortstop with her fielding skills and has already made an impact at the plate.

Combs had a huge diving play in the outfield getting the cheers from the East Hardy fans, so there is a plethora of determined athletes preparing to make the plays throughout the game.

Ames and Madison Heishman have provided some great reactions with fielding plays and have been consistent at the plate.

This is a well-rounded group gaining the experience to pounce for success and have taken time to mentor youth in the area.

“As our student-athletes transition from high school to college or into the workplace we want them to understand the lessons of winning or losing in a competition doesn’t end when they step off the field. It prepares them for future challenges that are presented before them and how to handle certain situations they may encounter” Coach Heishman said.

East Hardy Softball program has shown support of local girls youth programs through mentoring sessions according to coach Heishman.

The Cougars utilize simple techniques to keep engaged in practice and are enthusiastically focused for

the season.

“We simplify the complexity of the mechanics of certain skill levels they will be performing,” Coach Heishman noted.

Describing their passion for the season, Coach Heishman stated they are “locked and loaded.”

“We have the right competencies in the right places for achieving success. All members of the squad have “bought” into the program,” Coach Heishman commented about the team chemistry.

The varsity squad includes (Sr) Victoria Ames, Madison Heishman, Makenzie Blair; (Jr) Tori Pratt, Autumn Crites, Emma Heishman, Gabreanna Miller; (Soph) Jace Thompson, Bryce Miller, Jenna Combs.

There will be a handful of junior varsity contests this season with younger talent gaining valuable experience including Jessica Dove, April Dove, Addison Armentrout, Chelsea Mills, Gracie Maphis and Amber Summerfield.

The trio of seniors have inspired and encouraged the underclassmen leading up to the season.

“Victoria Ames, Madison Heishman, Makenzie Blair have approached the new season with leadership qualities for the team. They are team driven and push the underclassmen the understanding of

team chemistry to make for a successful season,” Coach Heishman remarked.

Coach Heishman has been impressed with the team’s “willingness to try and learn new skill sets”.

Patience is an important factor in the game and mental strength helps produce positive results whether as a hitter or a pitcher.

“Patience is key. Both positions require mental control. If they can remove the “think” factor and get the brain out of the way and focus on their discipline, all goes well. The main thing we as coaches are concerned with is hitters seeing the pitch placement and making adjustments to execute solid contact on the ball,” Coach Heishman stated.

When discussing the velocity of the pitching staff, Coach Heishman shared the following quote by Confucius: “Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it.”

The best fielding techniques are anticipation and reaction according to coach Heishman and communication is the primary language on the field offensively and defensively.

East Hard will be playing three schools from Maryland this season: Southern Garrett, Northern Garrett and Bishop Walsh.

The Cougars play Martinsburg, Pendleton County, Tucker County,

Petersburg, Pocahontas County, Hampshire and Moorefield.

The cross county rivalry slate against the Yellow Jackets began on St. Patrick’s Day in Moorefield and comes to Baker on April 25.

East Hardy will be competing in the Bub Riggleman Memorial Soft-

ball Tournament on April 8-9.

“I feel the schedule challenges our student-athletes,” Coach Heishman noted.

The Cougars are ready to battle as a squad this season and the team motto is: “One Team, One Fight”

### Moorefield Softball Roster

Name	Grade	Madison Heishman	12
Jace Thompson	10	Autumn Crites	11
Amber Summerfield	10	Emma Heishman	11
Gracie Maphis	9	Jenna Combs	11
Addison Armentrout	9	Victoria Ames	12
Chelsea Mills	9	Makenzie Blair	12
Jessica Dove	9	Tori Pratt	11
April Dove	9	Bryce Miller	10
		Gabreanna Miller	11

### East Hardy Softball Schedule

Date	Time	Location
3/16/22	6 p.m.	H MARTINSBURG HIGH SCHOOL
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4/18/22	5 p.m.	A HAMPSHIRE HIGH SCHOOL
4/25/22	6 p.m.	H MOOREFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
4/26/22	6 p.m.	A TUCKER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
4/28/22	5 p.m.	H POCAHONTAS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

## Moorefield Softball

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tice with us. We are also having our second annual Military Appreciation game on April 6th where we honor Veterans and active-duty members,” Coach Sions said.

Moorefield keeps the players engaged in practices whether it be with ground ball fielding, diving stops or hitting techniques.

“Structure, structure, structure. We plan out each practice ahead of time and make sure we are using our time wisely. We also incorporate new drills and change up our practice routine,” Coach Sions stated.

There are no assigned positions at the moment as the versatility of the team enables multiple roles to be covered.

Moorefield Softball will be led by senior pitcher/infielder Emily Kuykendall, followed by returning players: Daleny Crites (junior outfielder), Allie Biser (junior second baseman/outfielder), Sterling Kump (junior outfielder/infielder), Marissa Ward (junior infielder/outfielder), Breanna Green (junior outfielder/runner), Malina Price (junior catcher/infielder), Aryana Wachter (junior catcher/outfielder), McKenna Crites (sophomore infielder/outfielder) and Amber Williams (sophomore pitcher/infielder/outfielder).

“Emily Kuykendall is our one and only senior this year. She is a great role model on and off the field and I have no doubt she’ll be a great leader this season. My returning players are

Emily Kuykendall, Daleny Crites, Allie Biser, Sterling Kump, Marissa Ward, Breanna Green, Malina Price, Aryana Wachter, McKenna Crites, Amber Williams,” Coach Sions noted.

Adding to the depth of the Yellow Jackets roster will be: sophomore Alexis May along with freshmen Mattia Auville, Korbin Keplinger, Hannah Snyder, Seanna Heavner, Ginger Combs and Carlee Haines.

During the season opening win against the Cougars last week, Moorefield’s lineup was the following: McKenna Crites (shortstop), Daleny Crites (right fielder), Emily Kuykendall (pitcher/third baseman) Sterling Kump (left fielder/first baseman), Allie Biser (second baseman), Amber Williams (first baseman/pitcher), Korbin Keplinger (third baseman), Marissa Ward (center fielder), Aryana Wachter (catcher/left fielder), Seanna Heavner (courtesy runner), Malina Price (backup catcher) and Breanna Green (courtesy runner).

Kuykendall and Williams showed great poise in the pitching circle and the defense made some great plays including a diving catch into the mud by Keplinger at third base.

Kuykendall hammered a game-winning walk-off three-run home run in her first game as a senior.

Biser, Keplinger, Ward, Wachter, McKenna Crites, Daleny Crites and Williams were active at the plate hitting successfully as the lineup looked

solid.

Each role is just as important as the next one on a team in building success and communication is crucial.

“I don’t feel as though there is one position that is more important than the other. Honestly, I believe each player on the team is just as important as the next. Each position plays a huge role in the team being successful and winning ball games. I could never stress enough how important communication is defensively and offensively,” Coach Sions remarked.

One thing that has impressed Coach Sions the most about the team is the lack of complaining.

“What impresses us the most is that they don’t complain. Usually teenage girls complain about everything, but they work hard, hustle on and off the field, and are willing to do anything we ask. We have a great group of kids in general. We’re very proud to coach them,” Coach Sions commented.

Coach Sions knows how important patience is in the game of softball and having a solid pitching rotation will help the team be effective.

“Patience is key. A hitter must be patient and confident when at the plate. A pitcher must be patient and focus on hitting her spots. I am pleased with my pitching rotation. They complement each other well and we will be able to rotate them in and out effectively,” Coach Sions noted.

It is vital for a batter just to get on base in any way possible and each position on a team matters.

“At this level, I’m just looking for them to get on base, or move the base runner. We do work very hard on hitting inside and outside pitches, if they are able to execute that in a game, then great! If not, I’ll be happy if they get a hit, or do their job in moving the runner,” Coach Sions said.

Moorefield will be hosting the annual Bub Riggleman Memorial Softball Tournament on April 8-9 and will be going to the Ron Mathias Memorial Softball Tournament in Keyser later in the month.

The Yellow Jackets play several schools from Maryland this season including Southern Garrett, Bishop Walsh, Mountain Ridge and Allegany (season finale on April 27).

Moorefield hosted the Cougars last week and will visit East Hardy on April 25.

Moorefield faces off against Washington, Petersburg, Keyser, Tucker County, Frankfort and Pendleton County this year.

“I am pleased with the quality of our schedule and am excited to see where this season takes us,” Coach Sions remarked.

Moorefield’s team motto this season is the following: “It’s hard to beat a team that never gives up.”

Yellow Jackets Softball is ready to swarm the gaps and sting the ball for wins this season.



### Moorefield Softball Roster

Name	Grade	McKenna Crites	10
Hannah Snyder	9	Breanna Green	11
Allissa Biser	11	Mattia Auville	9
Sterling Kump	11	Alexis May	10
Seanna Heavner	9	Marissa Ward	11
Amber Williams	10	Aryana Wachter	11
Ginger Combs	9	Korbin Keplinger	9
Carlee Haines	9	Emily Kuykendall	12
Malina Price	11	Daleny Crites	11

### Moorefield Softball Schedule

Date	Time	Location
3/17/22	6 p.m.	H EAST HARDY HIGH SCHOOL
3/21/22	6 p.m.	H BISHOP WALSH SCHOOL
3/22/22	5:30 p.m.	H SOUTHERN GARRETT CO HIGH SCHOOL
3/25/22	4:30 p.m.	A BISHOP WALSH SCHOOL
3/26/22	12 p.m.	H WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
3/26/22	2 p.m.	H WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
3/29/22	6 p.m.	H PETERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL
3/30/22	6 p.m.	H KEYSER HIGH SCHOOL
4/01/22	6 p.m.	H TUCKER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
4/02/22	2:30 p.m.	A MOUNTAIN RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
4/02/22	4 p.m.	A MOUNTAIN RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
4/04/22	6 p.m.	A PETERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL
4/05/22	6 p.m.	H FRANKFORT HIGH SCHOOL
4/06/22	6 p.m.	H PENDLETON COUNTY HS
4/08/22		BUB RIGGLEMAN TOURNAMENT
4/08/22		BUB RIGGLEMAN TOURNAMENT
4/09/22		BUB RIGGLEMAN TOURNAMENT
4/12/22	5:30 p.m.	A TUCKER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
4/13/22	6 p.m.	A KEYSER HIGH SCHOOL
4/14/22	4:30 p.m.	A SOUTHERN GARRETT CO HIGH SCHOOL
4/18/22	4 p.m.	A FRANKFORT HIGH SCHOOL
4/19/22	6 p.m.	A PENDLETON COUNTY HS
4/22/22		RON MATHIAS TOURNAMENT
4/23/22		RON MATHIAS TOURNAMENT
4/25/22	6 p.m.	A EAST HARDY HIGH SCHOOL
4/27/22	4:30 p.m.	A ALLEGANY HIGH SCHOOL

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# Moorefield Tennis



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in Berkeley Springs on April 22.

The regional tournament is in Clarksburg on May 2-7 and the state tournament is in Charleston on May 12-14.

Moorefield Tennis roster includes: Quincy Combs, Albert Aleman, Levi Malcolm, Hunter Mongold, Lian Mung, Gregory Hartman, Caden Blizzard, Trestin Alley, Jose

Bail, Edwin Gonzalez, Alex Lopez, Jadelyn Hinger, Maddy Clayton, Jocelyn Taylor, Erika McCauley, Courtlynn Ault, Kim Zelaya Castro, Sicily Dunn, Savannah Hose, Anna Bowen, Bethany Coon, Chloe Weikle, Baylee Coleman; David Martinez, Seth Hose, Evan Haggerty, William Keplinger, Lyric Pratt, Hayes Sherman, Jorge Hernandez, Zach Wilhelm, Aiden Jones, Domi-

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Kathy Hedrick, Leah Jo Davis, Emily Vinoski, and Allison Staggs.

### Moorefield Tennis Schedule

3/18/22	4 p.m.	H	NOTRE DAME HS/MS	4/07/22	4 p.m.	A	PETERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL
3/21/22	3:30PM	A	LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL	4/08/22	4 p.m.	H	GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL
3/22/22	4 p.m.	H	KEYSER HIGH SCHOOL	4/13/22	4 p.m.	A	ELKINS HIGH SCHOOL
3/28/22	4 p.m.	H	BERKELEY SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL	4/14/22	4 p.m.	A	PARKERSBURG CATHOLIC HS
3/29/22	4 p.m.	A	PETERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL	4/14/22	4 p.m.	A	WOOD COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
3/30/22	3:30PM	A	PHILIP BARBOUR HIGH SCHOOL	4/18/22	11 a.m.	A	LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL
3/31/22	4 p.m.	H	FRANKFORT HIGH SCHOOL	4/22/22	8 a.m.	A	BERKELEY SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

# East Hardy vs Moorefield Softball

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of Kuykendall, then threw to second base for the last out.

Williams entered the pitching circle in the fifth inning for the Yellow Jackets, while Kuykendall shifted to third base, Wachter went to left field, Kump moved to first base and Malina Price came in as the catcher.

Armentrout ripped the ball into right field past the diving attempts of Kump and Biser for a single as the Cougars were ready to rally.

Emma Heishman stepped up and hammered an RBI double to slice the deficit to 5-3.

Williams calmed down by sandwiching a pair of strikeouts to Crites and Ames around catching a pop-up on the first base line off the bat of Miller to squash the rally.

Miller issued a walk to Kump to commence the bottom of the fifth inning. Biser and Williams smacked back-to-back singles to load the bases for the Yellow Jackets.

East Hardy's Tori Pratt came in to pitch, then Moorefield's Malina Price hit an RBI sacrifice fly to Jessica Dove in right field.

Pratt struck out Ward on a full-count for the second out.

The Yellow Jackets battled with two outs on the scoreboard as Wachter hit into a fielder's choice with the run scoring safely.

McKenna and Daleny Crites delivered back-to-back RBI singles to boost the Yellow Jackets advantage to 9-3.

Kuykendall capped off the birthday celebration with a three-run walk-off blast giving Moorefield a 12-3 win in five innings over the Cougars.

"East Hardy came firing back at us, but luckily we were able to get those three runs early and that helped. The pitching change set us back a little when Gabby came in, but once we adjusted to her, we were able to get after her and hopping on her. We were able to score some more runs and forced them to change pitchers again which is good. It kind of took off. Emily, what an awesome first game of your senior year hitting a walk-off home run. That's fantastic. They really stepped up and played good ball and our defense was solid," Coach Sions concluded.



The Yellow Jackets celebrate senior Emily Kuykendall's walk-off home run against East Hardy on St. Patrick's Day.

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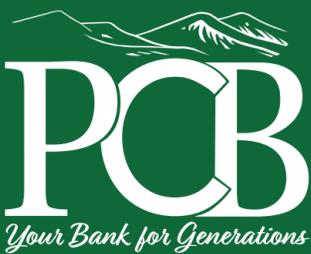


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Parents/guardians should bring the child's birth certificate, immunization record, social security card, health insurance card, and proof of family income (W-2, 1040 Tax Form, Pay Stubs, SSI letter, TANF letter, etc.) to the registration, along with any custody agreements if applicable.

Once the applications are completed, they are scored based upon established selection criteria. Space is limited and applications must be completed by June 3, 2022 to be considered in the initial selection process. Please call for more information or to make an appointment to complete an application with one of our friendly staff members. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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The Town of Wardsville, Hardy County, West Virginia, is in the process of obtaining architectural services to develop, design, and provide construction administration and resident project representation for upgrades and construction at various government facilities on Town owned properties.

Professional services will include (1) preparation of bidding and contracting documents, (2) participation in the evaluation of bids received, and (3) monitoring and inspection of construction activities to insure compliance with plans and specifications. Procurement of said services shall be in accordance with Chapter 5G of the Code of West Virginia. Contracts are to be awarded on a fixed fee basis. All consultants interested in being considered for this project must submit a proposal detailing qualifications, technical expertise, management/staffing capabilities and related prior experience.

The aid of the competitive process is to objectively select the firm who will provide the highest quality of service at a realistic

fee. Accordingly technical qualifications and experience will be weighed heavily. Selected respondents will be interviewed and the firm judged most qualified will be asked to prepare a final proposal which would include fees for said services.

Please submit all requested information no later than 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 6, 2022, to Angie Curl, Region 8 Planning and Development Council, 131 Providence Lane, Petersburg, West Virginia 26847. Interested firms should contact the Region 8 PDC at [www.regioneight.org/projectopportunities](http://www.regioneight.org/projectopportunities), for a copy of the proposal form.

Attention is directed to the fact that the Town will undertake the project with State and Federal funds. The selected firm will be required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246, Section 109 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Conflict of Interest Statement and Access to records provisions and all other requirements as related to federally funded projects.

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Betsy Orndoff-Sayers, Mayor  
3/23, 3/30 2c

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Hardy County Planning Commission

will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 19th, at 6:00 PM in the Hardy County Planning Office located at the Hardy County Court House, 204 Washington Street, Moorefield, WV 26836. The purpose of this hearing is for the Planning Commission to review an application and consider a request for rezoning a portion of a property from a Residential Zone to a Commercial Zone.

The rezoning application was submitted by Ernie Falcone, owner. The proposed rezoning would involve approximately 10 acres of the 28.07 acres of Tax Parcel 4, Map 309, in Moorefield Tax District. This property is located on State Route 55 near Needmore Rd. The proposed rezoning would extend the current Commercial Zoning boundary to include an existing non-conforming commercial business (The Broken Spoke) and provide room for other commercial businesses on the property. The current zoning classification is Residential which does not permit most commercial operations.

Additional information on any of the matters being considered may be obtained at the Hardy County Planning Office

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## THE OLD MASTER

By JAY FISHER



Basketball is over. The WVU basketball team's season came to an end in the Big 12 tournament. The first game was a win over Kansas State. It could have been a reason for optimism, because the Mountaineers played pretty well for the second straight game. They shot the ball well, and outrebounded the Wildcats.

Then came the Kansas game. It was over before it really got started. About halfway through the first half – and WVU already down 19-4 – Taz Sherman was called for a technical foul after briefly complaining about a no-call (Sherman was fouled by a couple of KU players on a drive, but there were no fouls called). That upset Bob Huggins, who was then whistled for two technical and kicked out of the game. There are two things true about this game: first, WVU did not play well, and would have lost even with a well officiated game; second, the officiating was bad.

That made WVU's final record 16-17. The Mountaineers indicated they would accept an NIT invite, but not a CBI tournament invite. WVU did not get invited to the NIT, so its season is

over. There were six teams that made the tourney, including two 1-seeds (Kansas and Baylor). Texas Tech is a 3, Texas has a six seed, TCU is a nine, and Iowa State is an 11-seed. Oklahoma made the NIT. The Big 12 has done well in the Big Dance: they were 6-0 in the first round, and no conference has more teams in the Sweet 16 than the Big 12.

After the season, two players announced they were transferring: Jalen Bridges and Isaiah Cottrell. Both were starters, and neither was an incredibly shocking announcement. That does mean that at least 3 of the regular starters will be lost, with Sean McNeil's decision up in the air. (This would have been his last year, but he has the option to play another year as a super senior – although he could do that elsewhere). With Malik Curry, Gabe Osabuihien, Pauly Paulicup, and Dimon Carrigan exhausting their eligibility, it is very possible that only five players from this year's roster will be on next year's. (Kedrian Johnson did announce he would return as a super senior). If McNeil doesn't return, WVU will have to re-

place over 80% of the minutes, and nearly 90% of its points.

The women's basketball team did make the Women's NIT—sort of. The Big 12 gets an automatic bid from the highest team that does not make the NCAA tournament. Six Big 12 teams made the tournament, and WVU was #7. However, the Mountaineers turned down the bid, due in no small part to having a lot of players unavailable (injuries, and planned portal entries).

Then, the big news hit. Yes, a couple of players announced they were transferring, but Mike Carey retired. He had been the coach for 21 years, and overall, it was a very successful 21 years. The hunt will be on for a new coach, and a name that many armchair observers immediately threw out was Boston College head coach Joanna Bernabei-McNamee. She is a former assistant at WVU and Maryland (when the Terps won a national title). She took over a BC team that was struggling big time in the ACC and has the Eagles in the Women's NIT this year.

The rifle team participated in the

NCAA Championships, and it was not to their usual standards. They struggled on the opening day, ranking only seventh. They managed to move up a spot to sixth, but it was the worst weekend to have their worst smallbore score of the season.

The gymnastics team wrapped up their regular season and competed in the Big 12 Championships this past weekend. They managed to produce their highest score of the year (196.65). That should put them in the NCAA Regionals, and we will see what happens there. They are peaking at the right time, and will have an outside shot at advancing.

Notes: Congratulations to wrestler Payton Hall, who earned All-America honors at 165 pounds in the NCAA Championships. He was seeded ninth, but finished one better at 8th. The team overall finished 32nd...Congratulations also to runner Ceili McCabe who added an indoor track All-America honor to her collection. She finished eighth in the 3000m run.

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