



McCausley report due this week

Special Prosecutor John Ours said he would provide a final report on the investigation into Deputy Tommie McCausley to Hardy County Sheriff Steven Dawson by Wednesday, April 13. Dawson has allegedly said McCausley was cleared of charges and, "would be back in uniform by the end of the month."

"It amazes me how accurate rumors in small towns can be," Ours said. He said that, while the rumors had jumped the gun slightly — he was drafting his final report as he spoke to the Examiner — the essential premise was correct. Ours said he would forward his final report to Dawson

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Robotics Presentation, Technology Survey Highlight BOE Meeting

By Ken Bustin
Moorefield Examiner

Two special reports added some spice to an otherwise fairly routine agenda at last Monday's meeting of the Hardy County Board of Education.

The first, a very well-choreographed presentation by middle and high school robotics students, described in detail their current project, illustrated by the prototype robot they built and brought to the meeting. In turn, each of the students outlined a different facet of the program and project to an attentive Board.

The narrative began with a short overview of the "core values" that were the cornerstone

of the program — service, outreach and teamwork — and then proceeded to explain the project's performance parameters.

The project culminated in entry into a competition, in which each robot would be given 2-1/2 minutes to complete as many "missions" as possible. The robots had to be autonomous, pre-programmed to be able to complete tasks without being touched or controlled in any way. The group's entry was able to complete 11 missions, using only two programs. Most of the robots in the competition were required to return to "home base" after completing their tasks.

The robot the group built incorporated two arms with which to lift and rotate objects, and

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Moorefield Jackbots bring home the prize

By Milda M. Mullins
Moorefield Examiner

The Moorefield High School and Moorefield Middle School robotics teams, both called the Jackbots, won the first place innovation project for the W.Va.

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Arbaugh sentenced to prison for sex crimes

By Jean A. Flanagan
Special to Examiner

David A. Arbaugh, 45, formerly of Moorefield, will spend the next four years in prison, will have to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life and will be under extended supervision for 30 years after the discharge of his prison term.

Arbaugh pleaded guilty in February to one count of distribution of sexually explicit material to a minor and one count of soliciting a minor using a computer. According to testimony of Hardy County Assistant Prosecutor H. Orrin Staggers III, the West Virginia State Police received information from the National Centers for Missing and Exploited Children that Arbaugh had solicited sex from a 16-year-old. Upon investigation, the West Virginia State Police found text messages and photographs that were sexually explicit.

"NCMEC receives reports of sus-

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Park helps Little League, ice skating planned for Winter

By Hannah Heishman
Moorefield Examiner

Jared Funk, representing Moorefield Little League, asked the Moorefield Town Council for financial help to build a 40 foot by 70 foot batting cage facility at the Town Park when the Council met April 5.

Ultimately, Funk said, the plan is to enclose the batting cages and make it useable year-round. It will have two batting lanes with a central pitching lane, similar to one at Michael Brothers Field near Petersburg.

There are currently 350 children in the league. Between donations, registration fees, and money from concessions the organization has a little over \$12,000; \$10,000 already went to 84 Lumber for wood.

Mayor Carol Zuber said the Park was full on opening day, April 2, and noted the League rarely asks for money while "definitely" adding to the Park.

In response to a question about facility usage, Funk said, "I'm not opposed to letting anyone use anything we've got," adding that other facili-

ties often allow Moorefield teams practice space.

The Council approved a \$15,000 donation, because the item was on the agenda for discussion aside from Funk's presentation as a visitor. Because it will come from the general fund, though, and requires a budget adjustment, final approval must be held until the next meeting.

The Town received six building applications in March; all were approved. Eleven have been approved this year, with a total \$249,600 improvement value.

According to Building Inspector and Zoning Officer Vic Shockey, this amount has increased in this time frame each of the last few years.

Shockey contacted 30 property owners about 39 property violations in March; 23 are resolved and 16 are pending. Most of those 16 are junked or abandoned vehicles.

April 18 to 21 is Spring Clean-up. There will be zones again, just like in Fall 2021. Citizens don't have to call the Town office to coordinate, just put items on the curb on the designated day. Elsewhere in this edition is a story with more information.

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Examiner sports editor Carl Holcomb was honored by all those in attendance at last Wednesday evening's softball game at Sager Field, with an organized surprise birthday celebration. A large three-tier cake was decorated with bat, ball, cap and several pairs of red socks, to commemorate Carl's favorite baseball team, the Boston Red Sox. "I was named after Carl Yastrzemski," he explained, grinning. Given the number of people in attendance, the secret was well-kept. Holcomb said he was told he needed to remain after the game for a special presentation, but believed it was to honor veterans, and was caught completely off guard when he walked around the corner of the fence and saw the poster and cake, and a large gathering of well-wishers. "I feel beyond blessed to live in such a wonderful and caring place as Hardy County," he said, adding "I was very surprised by the special celebration my friends had organized, and feel very honored by this outpouring of support." "And I absolutely loved the exquisite decoration of the Red Sox cake. I want to thank everyone for making my birthday week absolutely wonderful," he said with a big grin. Happy Birthday, Carl!

Commission votes on ARP funding, hears county updates

By Milda M. Mullins
Moorefield Examiner

The Hardy County Commission approved several American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding requests, starting with a request from Valley View Golf Course.

A previous Examiner article reported the golf course and other items were denied funding, but Commissioners said the items were tabled because they did not meet guidelines that would qualify them to obtain ARP funding. Commissioner David "Jay" Fansler said rules for ARP funding have changed repeatedly, and changed again re-

cently, providing an opening to help fund the course. Fansler noted Commissioners were in favor of supporting the golf course.

Multiple economical issues have created challenges at Valley View including rising gas prices and the increased use of disinfectants during the COVID pandemic.

"Until you're on the inside, you don't know how much it costs to run a golf course," said golf course board member Bill Ours, who also serves as the Hardy County Health Department Administrator.

Commissioners listened as attendees including Ours and Hardy County Community Emergency

Response Team (CERT) Coordinator Fran Welton spoke highly about the value Valley View brings to the community.

After hearing public comments, Commissioners unanimously voted to provide \$20,000 to the golf course from ARP funding.

Commissioners approved five other requests for ARP funding, mostly on the eastern side of the county.

Mathias-Baker Volunteer Fire Department received \$5,000 in ARP funds, the Wardensville War Memorial building received \$10,000, and the Mathias Ruritan Community Center received \$25,000.

Bean Settlement Ruritan Club received their requested \$709 and Wardensville Warrior Fitness Center received \$3,050 from ARP funds.

A request from Hickory Hill couldn't be addressed because it's a water project. Commissioners said water projects must go through the Hardy County Public Service District (PSD), so no action was taken.

COVID Update

According to Ours, there are no active cases of COVID-19 in the county.

"It's been a long, long time," he said, noting he was happy to report the update.

Ours also said the Health Department is providing the fourth booster according to Center of Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, focusing on individuals who are 50 years old and above, as well as those who are immune-compromised.

A fourth booster is recommended four months after the last booster.

"I'll keep my personal opinion to myself. Fran (Welton) asked me: 'Should you get it now or wait?' The downside of getting it now with no activity is your immunity will wane by the time the fall comes," Ours explained.

"By the fall there may be a fifth

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Wardensville candidates share thoughts ahead of election

By Milda M. Mullins
Moorefield Examiner

Town of Wardensville candidates running for election this year gathered at the War Memorial Building in Wardensville on Wednesday, April 6, for a "meet the candidate" event hosted by the Hardy County Chamber of Commerce.

Incumbent mayor Betsy Orndoff-Sayers and incumbent council members Ed Klinovski and Charlotte Bowman are all running for re-

election to 4-year terms.

The event saw a modest crowd of a few people aside from the candidates, but all three are running unopposed with each seeking their second term.

Each candidate gave some insight into why they're continuing and stood ready to answer questions from community members.

Betsy Orndoff-Sayers

"This is going to sound really crazy; I think I'm in a good place at a crazy time with great

prior skills and I say that being a retired teacher. A lot of what we're doing is: We do a lot of research to help us make informed decisions with the challenges that our community is working with, that we're facing, whether it's Corridor H or it's water. We have a great park; it's been neglected. You know, we had a wonderful, I call him a community champion — Red Funkhouser passed away — and when he did we just didn't have anybody to step up and fill his shoes. I'm fortunate where I was in my professional career as a teacher, I was

able to retire when the town is doing these big water and sewer projects. There's an awful lot to managing a town and I am blessed to have a really good council and a really good staff. We're a very good team."

Ed Klinovski

"I started out as a volunteer just helping out because I've seen the guys working on Public Works; they were doing a heck of a lot to get things done. When I learned about what

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Comprehensive plan continues, windmill proponents quiet

By Milda M. Mullins
Moorefield Examiner

The Hardy County Planning Commission has begun edits on the fourth chapter of the comprehensive plan, which involves infrastructure.

The commission previously finished their third government chapter, continues work on the comprehensive plan.

Recent updates and available sections of the comprehensive plan can be found online at <https://hardyvwplanning.weebly.com> or under the "Hardy County Planning Commis-

sion" in the "Hardy County Development" section of <http://hardycounty.com>, which links to the Planning Commission website.

In other news, the Planning Office received 25 permits in March for a total of \$2,600,000. "We had several new homes in there this month," Hardy County Planner Melissa Scott explained.

There will also be a rezoning hearing on April 19. According to Scott, a citizen living very close to a commercial zone with part of the property within the commercial zone, would like to have the property

around their business — referred to during the meeting as "The Broken Spoke" — rezoned to commercial, including the property housing the business so the citizen can expand. Scott said the rezoning change is not significant.

Baker Windmill Project

According to Scott, there has been no additional communication with the planning office regarding the Baker Windmill Project, a project led by Chicago, Ill. based company Invenery. The project would construct large wind turbines in a residential

zone along Short Mountain in Baker. "We've talked about this openly before; it seems for now they've stopped spending advertising money. With the senate bill that was defeated, I'm not seeing advertising since then," said Scott.

Scott added that no one from Invenery has contacted the planning office recently and noted the office has received a plethora of letters opposing the project, but no letters of support.

Planning Commission board member Greg Greenwalt said there's a Facebook page called "Hardy

County for Wind" that is still present, but noted most of the comments are negative and against the project.

Scott said a citing permit and a pre-application with the Public Service Commission that Invenery applied for have both expired at this point, with no further action reported from the company.

"The final step now may be to go to court and file into circuit court," said Scott. "If they thought the decision from Planning was an error, they could appeal."

She also told board members that she contacted the WVU Law Clinic

to get a legal opinion on the process and to interpret the local and state codes to ensure the Planning Commission followed the correct steps in providing an avenue for Invenery to move forward, in part by obtaining a 50 percent resident approval petition to start petitioning for a change in the zoning ordinances.

"It's pretty much what we thought it would be, but we wanted to make sure," Scott noted.

WVU Law confirmed the correctness of the process, affirming the Planning Commission's stance on their decision regarding the project.

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OPINION

MY UNBASED OPINION

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN



From other editors' desks ...

Vulnerable: Stress Levels Make Us Easy Prey

If you have been feeling as though, after two years of the pandemic, political and social justice turmoil, economic struggles and one major news event after another (including a return to Cold War-like relations with Russia), you are more stressed than it seems you should be, you are not alone.

In fact, here in West Virginia, we are the 4th most stressed state in the country, according to the WalletHub report "2022's Most and Least Stressed States."

Not all stress is the same, of course, and the Mountain State is middle-of-the-pack in terms of work-related stress (26th). But West Virginia is fourth for money-related issues, tenth for family-related stress, and an upsetting first in the nation for health- and safety-related stress

To give some idea of the kinds of places WalletHub says are living the relaxed life, South Dakota is 48th, Minnesota is 49th and Utah is the least stressed state in the Nation.

But here in West Virginia we are second worst for average hours of sleep per night, worst for the percentage of adults in fair/poor health, and fourth for the percentage of population living in poverty.

Financial health, mental health, emotional health and just plain old physical health are a problem here. And it is wearing on us. Our criminal justice system is full to overflowing with those who have broken because of it. Our children are suffering, and families no longer have the emotional capacity to help them cope.

It has left West Virginians vulnerable to predatory politicians who further exploit voters by stoking fear, anger and confusion. Wouldn't it be wonderful if elected officials and bureaucrats spent as much effort in looking to foster hope, confidence and a clear path forward?

If we don't abandon those who have profited by keeping us as stressed and off our game as they can manage, the only place West Virginians will rise is closer to No. 1 in reports such as this one.

~ The Elkins Inter Mountain

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:
On Tuesday, May 10, Republican voters in Hardy County will go to the primary polls and face a rare scenario — a choice between two incumbent congressmen.

West Virginia currently has three seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. But as a result of the once-a-decade congressional redistricting process that recently concluded, the Mountain State will have only two representatives starting next year. Alex Mooney, who currently represents Hardy County and the rest of the Eastern Panhandle, is running against David McKinley, who represents the Northern Panhandle and Morgantown.

On issue after issue, Mooney is the stronger candidate — and would do a better job of representing the people of Hardy County and the rest of the new 2nd congressional district, which will encompass the entire northern half of the state.

Consider the most pressing concern on many voters' minds: inflation.

Prices for everything from gas to groceries are rising at the fastest rate in more than 40 years, driven by two factors — supply chain snafus caused by the pandemic, and unprecedented government spending. You don't need a Ph.D. in economics to understand that by pumping an additional \$5 trillion into the economy over the past two years, the government caused demand for goods and

services to outstrip supply. Prices soared as a result.

Mooney, a member of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, has consistently voted against wasteful spending. McKinley, meanwhile, was one of just 13 Republicans to join Nancy Pelosi and the Democrats in voting for an unnecessary \$1.2 trillion spending bill last fall, despite economists warning it would worsen inflation. That supposed "infrastructure" bill contained a laundry list of liberal priorities, including billions for electric vehicle subsidies.

Or consider another top issue for Republican voters: immigration.

Mooney has a stellar 98% A+ lifetime rating from NumbersUSA, a grassroots advocacy group that aims to protect American workers from the harms caused by excess immigration. McKinley, by contrast, has a middling 86% lifetime rating — relatively low compared to other Republicans, largely because he has voted multiple times to grant amnesty to illegal immigrants.

Mooney has also won the endorsement of former President Trump.

The new 2nd District is heavily Republican, so the winner of this primary will almost certainly go on to win the November general election and represent us in Congress. It's up to Hardy County Republicans to choose wisely.

Colin Valentine
Hardy County

Last week I wrote about Parkinson's disease, dreams and Greenbrier Military School, from which I graduated. That column jump started more small memories of my years in a regimented private school for boys. I'll share a few more thoughts of those days with you this week.

Day before first day of my Junior year of school, 1960, my bus was a Greyhound out of Winchester, Virginia to Lewisburg, West Virginia. I called the school from a downtown drug store/bus stop pay phone. They sent a car and driver to pick up me and my trunk.

Second day at Greenbrier, I bought my first ever carton of Marlboro cigarettes from Wally Songer who operated the school post exchange (PX), laundry, dry cleaner, deli/snack bar and general store. Cadets were allowed to smoke, but only in their rooms or in one restaurant down town. We could visit that restaurant Saturday afternoon if our grades were good and we had no demerits to work off. I smoked close to a pack of

Marlboros or Camels per day for the following 10 years.

PX was source of essentials to cadet living. Spiffys were small spring loaded wire contraptions which fit under a neck tie to keep shirt collar points stiff and straight down. Ties were straight, not "clip ons." Any suspicious tie detected at morning formation walk-through inspection was promptly yanked by inspector to insure it was a hand tied, standard Double Windsor knot. I remember passing school bulletin board one morning and seeing a scribbled notice that uniform for the following day would be "Jock Straps, Spiffies and Shower Shoes."

Button boards kept Brasso, brass polish, from being absorbed into wool uniform "blouses" which were worn when anything more formal than the everyday classes was scheduled. Sundays, we wore them twice. Every cadet had to attend church of their choice Sunday morning and the Old Stone Presbyterian Church across Lewisburg for Sunday night

services. Church services were nice, because we got to see and talk to real live girls from the Greenbrier College for Women.

Kiwi black wax shoe polish was absolutely essential for the high spit shine required on all uniform boots and shoes every day. Most cadets maintained two sets of shoes. One pair for normal wear and another pair sequestered under their bunk bed waiting for next formal inspection.

A good spit shine took hours beginning from scratch. Simple touch-up perhaps only a half hour. Many afternoon/evening bull sessions took place over opened cans of Kiwi, tops containing water beside them. Nothing ruined a Greenbrier day more than a scuffing accident which likely required a two or three hours full stripping, application of a new base and final polish with multiple overlapping small rubbed on dots of wax.

Besides math, chemistry, history and public speaking, I learned other things at Greenbrier. I learned to make improvised explosive devices

by poking a hole in a cigarette filter, lighting the cigarette, then inserting a Cherry Bomb firecracker fuse and chucking it through opened window or door to have it explode later after lights out. I learned that some rooms had window sills easily removed under which a daring cadet might hide contraband, such as firecrackers or small half pint flasks. Through my one remembered act of vandalism, I discovered that Gillette Foamy shaving cream was an effective paint remover if left in place on a mirror frame for a couple of months until school was cleaned for following year's occupancy.

My mother sent me to Greenbrier because she wanted to be sure I had sufficient academic preparation for college. Turned out I was smart enough for college, but didn't have gumption enough to do well. Best thing I did gain by going was ability to deal with boys from all walks of life and different backgrounds at an earlier age than many others back home.

GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES



Fifteen Years Ago April 11, 2007

County Commissioners were briefed by Extension Agent Dave Workman on Avian Flu which was already in Pendleton County. A flock of 25,000 turkeys were depopulated. Moorefield's Council was also briefed by Workman. Regional surveillance showed negative results in Hardy County.

The Board of Education learned that two classrooms in Moorefield Middle School had air quality issues.

Natural gas was being stored at the nation's newest storage field at Mathias. The project was a joint venture of Columbia Gas Transmission Corp. and Piedmont Natural Gas Co. Inc.

The public meeting to discuss the intersex and fish kill situation in the South Branch River was postponed due to the Pendleton County farm testing positive for the H5N2 low-path avian influenza.

Alma Walker Doganzes, 84, Wardensville, died March 28... Paul Kuykendall, 69, Bartlett, Tenn., died March 21...Derrick Wayne Grapes, 20, Old Fields, died March 29... Lesley Ray Smith, 41, died April 2...Jackson Porter Simmons, infant son of Stephanie and Jeremy Simmons, Fisher, died April 4... Darley Broome Courtney, 67, Bridgeport, died April 1...Lyle R. Wilkins, 80, Capon Bridge, died April 3...Genevieve Heavner Wilkins, 75, Lewisburg, N.C., died March 18.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Scott Maynard, a daughter, Lauren Grace...to Mr. and Mrs. Derek D. Barr, a son, Elliott Matthew.

East Hardy girls defeated Tygarts Valley 15-0...Moorefield girls defeated Petersburg...MHS boys defeated Tygarts Valley 13-1...EHHS boys defeated Paw Paw 12-4.

Thirty Years Ago April 8, 1992

The Love Clinic announced that Dr. Carmen R. Rexrode had signed a contract to join the Clinic staff.

Mathias parents questioned the closing of the Mathias School.

Wampler Longacre announced it had entered into a contract with Mountaineer Gas for natural gas to the plants as well as to the town.

Ernest F. Cook, 69, Timberville, died April 2...Cecil Ellis Whetzel, 84, Cross Junction, died March 29

...Carrie Parker Whetzel, 81, died April 1.

Connie Lynn Crites and Michael Scott Biser were married Oct. 26.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Hilton Weese, a son, Philip Hilton ...to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller, a son, Richard Benjamin.

The Moorefield Town Park opened a second Little League field.

East Hardy defeated the W.Va. School for the Deaf 25-1.

Forty-five Years Ago April 13, 1977

Assessed valuations in property increased nearly five million to \$61,116,085.

Rockingham Poultry received the carloads of feed for the new mill.

County commissioners were told that rural precincts could have no fewer than 200 voters and no more than 700. This would require the merger of Vaughn and Lost River. Peru, also with fewer than 200 voters, would remain open. Moorefield and Wardensville would have no fewer than 300 or more than 800. One precinct in Wardensville needed redistricting.

The Lost River Watershed project was "shelved" by the state until there was sufficient demand for its consideration.

Julia Gertrude Artz, 91, Woodstock, Va., died April 5... Wilmetta Jenkins Clayton, 66, died April 6... Treva Biller Strawderman, 43, Baker, died April 9.

Elizabeth Kesner and Chester G. Pratt were married April 9...Tamara Wolfe and Glenn Stonestreet were married April 9.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wilkins, a son, Gary Michael.

Wardensville lost to Circleville 6-1...Moorefield lost to Circleville 2-1 and beat Wardensville 12-1.

Sixty Years Ago April 10, 1962

The State Supreme Court ruled that West Virginia's personal income tax was constitutional.

The Community Council joined the Town in urging citizens to raise their sidewalks.

A craft show was being held to educate crafters in how to get their crafts judged and placed in locations for sale.

Dale Lester Ketterman, 21, was killed in an automobile accident on

April 7...Cary Gilkeson Breathed, 61, Petersburg, died April 7.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stine, a son... to Mr. and Mrs. Porter Austin, a son...to Rev. and Mrs. Robert Nair, a son... to Mr. and Mrs. Nim High, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strickler, a daughter...to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Culler, a son, Gary Allen.

Seventy-five Years Ago April 16, 1947

State Road Commissioner E.L. Worthington promised Senator Ralph J. Bean and Delegate G.C. Trumbo that work would be done to widen the pavement throughout Moorefield to at least 40 feet, from the South Fork Bridge to just north of the new school house. A bituminous surface would be applied, new curbs built and drainage added.

The Lions Club was going to organize a group to operate the Children's Recreation Park at the bulwarks for the summer.

Mathias sophomores were to present "Bolts and Nuts" with Winona Jenkins, Doris Moyers, Joyce Bane, Anna Foltz, Jerry Hepner, Bill Wood, Ralph Fogle, Lawrence See, Betty Branson, Wilma Stultz, Gene Stultz and Orville Souder.

Burton Lewis Caplinger, 33, Criders, was killed April 14 in an automobile accident...Solomon S. Wilkins, 77, Lost River, died April 11...Susan Delawer Whetzel, 64, Mathias, died March 30.

Ruth Cora Painter and Thomas Hartman were married April 14.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lew Williams, a daughter, Imogene Lou...to Mr. and Mrs. Paige Sions, a daughter...to Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Strawderman, a daughter, Linda Lou...to Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, a daughter.

Ninety Years Ago April 14, 1932

Hardy County had 11 candidates for Justice of the Peace. William Didawick had announced from Capon District. I.L. Park, M.W. Gamble, Jr., L.L. McNeill, Willard Williams, M.L. Riggelman, N.W. Wilkins, M.F. Poling, J. Harry Dolan, J.F.W. Combs, and Reginald H. Saville all announced from the Moorefield District.

Mrs. Laurene Fisher had left for Indianola, Miss., where she was taking a course in welfare work.

EXAMINER SAYS

Happy Easter

We apologize for missing the Division of Natural Resources Gold Rush fishing for golden trout. Actually, we aren't sure we missed it because the news release gave the dates the DNR was stocking 50,000 of our golden trout, but never gave the dates for the contest. It's possible that you can still catch one of the beauties and possibly win a prize, but we're going to have to leave that up to you. We do know that you could get special rates at state parks from March 23-30, so the fishing contest may've gone through that time period. Sorry,

we can't be more specific. But, the pictures of the trout we saw would make any catch of one of those golden beauties worth the effort.

Happy Easter

There's a new turkey processing plant opening in Winchester. When this was announced a lot of negative comments were heard and read about the odors and poor employment conditions. This before anyone knew what was involved. The new CEO came back with details which pretty much knock down the bad press. Seems TFC Poultry is not doing any

slaughtering. Instead, truckloads of refrigerated turkey thighs will be delivered to them ready for the next step. Bones, fat and cartilage will be removed and the refrigerated meat shipped to the next processor. No mess, no smell, no feathers. Sounds a lot cleaner and less odiferous than what our processing plants do.

Happy Easter

If you like ramps and if you like to collect your own, we have a warning for you. There are lots of ramps in the National Forests and Parks as well on private lands. But the of-

ficials are concerned about people who tear into ramp patches, ripping out roots and leaving nothing behind to reseed and come back. So please don't take every plant you see and don't take more than you really need. Ramps are something special as a spring treat, particularly for West Virginians. But we're apparently not taking care of this gift from our hills. If we don't there may come a time when there are no ramps. And none of us want that.

Happy Easter

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NEWS



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The Examiner has featured several letters in recent weeks in which the writers complain (and whine) about President Trump and his views asserting the unfairness and inaccuracy of the 2020 presidential election outcome. They write as if Trump were unique in this respect. Nonsense, in their vociferous rush to condemn Trump and conservatives in general, they blatantly ignore their own side's contributions to the political divisiveness regarding election fairness. It was handful of Democrats in the U.S. Congress who wouldn't accept the Electoral College results in the 2004 election (CNN headline: "Democrats Challenge Ohio Electoral Results"). It was the Democrats, in particular the Hillary Clinton campaign, who concocted a scurrilous (and now proven false) smear about Russian collusion against Trump to try to explain away her loss to Trump in 2016. Talk about denying election losses! They spent the next four years whipping that horse to death, aided by the media and much of the "intelligence"

community, and in the process causing millions of Americans to lose confidence in formerly sacrosanct institutions like the FBI. One of the left-wing's political icons, Stacey Abrams, who lost the Georgia gubernatorial contest in 2018 fair and square, still won't concede that outcome, but there's nary a peep from these letter writers about her phony accusations of election unfairness. And let's not forget to mention such matters as Democrats fighting against proper voter ID or last minute voting rules changes in 2020 in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and other states that were not authorized by their state legislatures.

I didn't vote for Trump in 2016, but did indeed vote for him in 2020, precisely because I feared what we now confront: a total left-wing take-over of American institutions and loss of basic liberties and freedoms. We're seeing this now in social media censorship of dissenting conservative views, corporate America going total woke (Disney is a prime example), an incessant and hugely divisive one-sided rant

about racial equality (pushing equality of outcome rather than equality of opportunity, otherwise you're a "racist"), and college and university students shouting down free speech like Maoist Red Guards defining any position they disagree with as "hate" speech.

A recent letter writer says "the real problem has been the stranglehold Trump has on the Republican Party." But he offered up not a word of praise for Vice President Pence for standing on principle in defending the Electoral College. He said the "masses of ever-loyal Trump supporters" were "scary." But nary a word about masses of Black Lives Matters supporters who blockaded highways and city streets. He said he worried about the "destruction of democracy" but it apparently doesn't bother him that high-ranking officials in the FBI repeatedly lied to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court in the Russia-gate "coup" they attempted against President Trump.

Sure, there's a lot to critique about President Trump and I'd be happy to

engage in that discussion, if such a discussion were even-handed and not outrageously partisan and biased. But if it takes a second term of President Trump to counter the modern day thought-police in Hollywood, the deep political bias in mainstream media ("pregnant persons"!; "Black" is capitalized but "white" and "brown" are not), professional sports (boycotting Georgia and Texas?), universities (threatening to fire a medical school professor for saying only women can get pregnant), and most of what I see happening in the country under President Biden, driven by the left-wing crazies, I'm ready for that. If the letter writers want dialogue, that would be constructive. In the meantime, it becomes necessary to defend why a great many of us voted for Donald Trump in the past and why we are prepared to do so in the future. I'd prefer Pence but Trump would have my vote against Biden or Harris.

John Buckley
Mathias

PSD rate case ongoing

By Connie Sherman

Hardy County Public Service District General Manager, Logan Moyers, provided an update to board members regarding the District's ongoing rate case with the West Virginia Public Service Commission at their April 6, 2022 meeting. As previously reported, the District received letters of support from local politicians and community members in support of the District's request to keep its current rates in place. Moyers told board members that following submission of the letters, WVPSC staff reversed course from their original position and issued a case filing recommending the District's current rate block distribution remain in place.

WVPSC staff also recommended a slight decrease to the charges for the District's rate blocks, suggesting a reduction of \$0.29 cents for the lowest usage tier and \$0.06 cents in its higher usage tiers. Moyers said the District responded to WVPSC in a

case filing stating they were pleased that WVPSC staff agreed with the District's position on rate block distributions and that the District maintained their request that the current rates remain unchanged.

A hearing on the matter is scheduled for May 2, 2022 in the hearing room of the West Virginia Public Service Commission in Charleston.

Moyers also told board members that a pre-bid meeting for the District's new facility project was held March 24, 2022 in the Hardy County Public Library meeting room to provide additional information and to answer questions from potential bidders. The bid opening for the project will be April 14, 2022. The facility, to be located in the RCB Industrial Park east of Moorefield, will serve as the District's main office and maintenance shop when completed.

In other news, the final pay requisition for the Baker upgrade project was presented and approved. All

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NEWS BRIEFS

West Virginia's highway cleanup event is set for this month. Registration is required by April 15. Call (800) 322-5530 or email dep.aah@wv.gov. Volunteers must be at least 12 years old to participate in the April 23 event. Individuals and organizations can register to pick up trash on state-maintained roads. The Adopt-A-Highway program provides garbage bags, work gloves and safety vests for workers. Last year, more than 3,500 volunteers removed 240,000 pounds of litter from over 1,000 miles of roadway, the department said.

A former federal prosecutor and West Virginia native who comes from generations of coal miners has been appointed to the state's highest court, Gov. Jim Justice announced Wednesday. C. Haley Bunn of

Oceana, Wyoming County, will join the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. Bunn fills the seat vacated by former Justice Evan Jenkins, who resigned to return to private law practice in February. She will serve the remainder of his term, which ends in 2024. Bunn would have had to run in a special election in November, but lawmakers passed a bill this year that would allow pending West Virginia Supreme Court appointees to remain on the bench longer.

According to AAA last week, the average price for regular gas in West Virginia was at \$4.046. The national gas price average was \$4.164 per gallon. President Biden's decision to release one million barrels of oil per day for six months (180 million barrels) from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) helped send the glob-

al oil price tumbling. "The upward push on oil prices caused by Russia's war in Ukraine is meeting stronger downward pressure from the planned SPR oil release and increased COVID fears in China," said Andrew Gross, AAA spokesperson. "And lower global oil prices are reflected in falling pump prices for consumers in the U.S." Across the state Beckley was high at \$4.099 and Wheeling was low at \$3.942. Hardy County's gas average was \$4.276. Area prices were Hampshire \$4.106, Mineral \$3.953, Grant \$4.193, and Pendleton \$4.259. In Moorefield, Sheetz was \$4.18, Exxon was \$4.30 and BP was \$4.20. Pure at Mathias, Kerr's Shell in Wardenville were \$4.30 as was BP at Baker.

FRAN WONDERS

By Fran Welton

I have to wonder about the pre-occupation President Biden or the Democratic Party has about children's sexual orientation education. They sound like a bunch of sex perverts to me. Do they not have any practical knowledge about raising children and the phases children go through naturally as they develop?

I was raised in a family where we were in one way or another musicians, conductors, song writers, in off-Broadway productions, who did TV commercials in the D.C. area, painted houses and pictures, played numerous musical instruments, performed and entertained for family occasions, sang in choirs, entertained service men during WWII at the Martinsburg VA and D.C. Soldiers Home. It made no difference what color you were or your sexual identity or your political affiliations, if you could play a musical instrument you were in and a part of the family.

I and my two younger siblings had our own cap guns, vests and cowboy hats for our pretend cowboy activities. We all three, brother included, had our own doll houses for our pretend town, they were cheaply made and we made some of the dollhouse furnishings. We had a wardrobe of dresses, pants, jewelry to use when we played dress-up pretend. And we pretended to be all kinds of people. We played cops and robbers, mothers

and dads, babies and old people. Our parents had gays and lesbian friends and no one ever talked openly about sex change back then to us or in front of us.

Our five children and my two younger siblings, played all kinds of pretend activities. So we had boy majorettes, girl cowboys, pretend families with their Barbies and GI Joes and they all played baseball, football, and rode horses. All seven had their favorite dress or crinoline with full skirts that flared out when they jumped off the back of the wrought iron yard furniture. They were skilled riders who rode in their dresses flaring behind them and never got them caught in their bike chains.

One of the girls was a "Tom Boy" who wore jeans, cowboy boots and tee shirts most of the time until puberty set in. At a very early age she could not understand why she could not pee off the back porch like her brothers. When we had our conversation with her as to the difference in how they were born she was still determined to be a boy until she got tired of wearing wet socks and shoes every day. I wonder if we were raising those precious individuals in this day, would we be expected to have her go through a sex change before she reached adulthood. She chose to be a mother, but we have great memories of our "Tom Boy."

One summer we had one child who said he was a squirrel and spent time in the ancient hollow oak tree. One of the boys seemed to always be out in space somewhere. At times he never seemed to be tuned in to the real world. During dinner table conversations he did join in by saying something off the wall that at times he had to clarify for us. We just knew he was on the wrong planet but didn't think he needed any kind of medication or mental counseling. Both boys loved to cross dress for the school plays they participated in. We never gave a thought to any kind of sexual body changes for them.

So I really, really wonder about Joe Biden, his advisors, WOKE folks, medical professionals, educators, gays, lesbians, parents who work diligently to keep up with the "Jones's" who want to educate children from birth to puberty about their sexual identity options. Did any of the parents of the above groups consider changing their child's sexual orientation? I wonder just how many of today's children will do themselves harm later on in life if they do not have an opportunity to pretend until they are adults and then make those decisions for themselves. Remember all the above political folks in your prayers, they're harming today's children.

Moorefield Historic Landmark Commission's national register nomination stall

By Connie Sherman

The Moorefield Historic Landmark Commission (MHLC) met on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 to review certificate of appropriateness applications from property owners on Winchester Avenue and North Main Street.

Luke Kesner, owner of 231 North Main Street, requested to replace his existing chain link fence with a 4-foot black-coated chain link fence. The fence will follow the same fence line as the existing fence. Vic Shockey, Town of Moorefield Zoning Officer, stated the fence would be non-conforming according to town code but it has been approved. The application was approved.

Samuel Smith participated in the meeting by telephone conference to discuss his application for renovations he is planning to the house at

220 Winchester Avenue. The home will be used as an Airbnb following renovations.

Smith requested to replace the front and side porches including the floor, rails and trim with similar designs, repaint the metal roof, add a 24-foot by 30-foot concrete patio, and to replace the vinyl siding. Smith also asked to paint the house. The windows, porches and trim will remain white.

Smith presented color samples and requested the color of the exterior of the house be changed to a deep shade of blue-gray. Following discussion, the application was approved with the exception of the proposed exterior color of the house. Mr. Smith is to get additional exterior color choices, which will be reviewed and approved by Mike Crites and Vic Shockey.

Crites reported that the MHLC's

historic expansion to the national registration nomination has been put on hold due to staff changes in the State Historian and National Park Service, as well as the commission's Mills Group consultant. Once replacements are named the application process will start again. The consultant from the Mills Group has agreed to continue to assist in the process.

The MHLC is developing guidelines to inform the public of what is recommended and preferred prior to planning renovations to homes and buildings located within the Moorefield historic district. It is the intent of the MHLC to create good rapport with property owners to maintain our town's historical value.

The MHLC meets as needed depending on application filing. All meetings are open to the public.

MAYOR'S CORNER

By Carol Zuber, Mayor of Moorefield



Spring is here... I love spring. It is the time when the earth begins to come alive again. Trees begin to blossom, flowers peek through the ground and the sun moves closer to the earth. Daylight hours are longer, and this gives us more time to do our gardening and yard work. I cannot wait for all the colors to burst into an explosion of hues that only the imagination can dream. I love the smell of fresh mowed grass and the smell of Spring rain. It is during this time of year the Town of Moorefield begins their spring cleanup, and they offer a time to pick up your bulk junk items to be taken away FREE of charge to the residents of Moorefield. The week of April 18-21, 2022 has been designated as the week for Spring Cleanup. You will find in the Moorefield Examiner and the Town of Moore-

field Facebook page when they will be picking up items on each town street. Place your items in front of your house in a spot that can be seen by town employees. If you should have any questions, call the Town Office. You do not need to register for pickups, just refer to the map in the Moorefield Examiner and the Town of Moorefield Facebook page.

Once again, I come to the residents of Moorefield asking if you are interested in decisions and codes being enforced in Moorefield. We have openings on the Landmark Commission, the Planning Commission, the Zoning Appeals board and the Revitalize Moorefield committee. Take the time to volunteer for your community. Contact Vic Shockey at the Moorefield Town Office for more information or to sign up. We are looking for a few

good people with good ideas.

Happenings around town... We are currently working to have all old, unused or unlicensed automobiles removed from yards to help with our beautification process. It is lawn mowing time again, and time to remove junk and debris from your property. We also have two officers training at the W.Va. Police Academy. Lastly, we know it is Spring because the Moorefield Town Park is full of children participating in Little League, playing tennis, using our new basketball courts and getting ready to use the town pool. Soon we will smell the wonderful aroma of the Lion's Club chicken barbeques. Exciting things will be happening in the Park in the coming months, and you do not want to miss them. As always, I am hometown proud.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Singleton Honored

The Tamarack Foundation for the Arts and Wheeling's Stifel Fine Arts Center is honoring 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 online from March 18 through April 30.

PHBA Meeting

The Potomac Highlands Beekeepers Association (PHBA) meets Thursday, April 14 at 7 p.m. at the Bank of Romney Community Center, 165 E Main Street, Romney, WV (across the street from the Sheetz in Romney). Meetings are open to the public and no prior experience in beekeeping is required. If you are interested in learning about beekeeping, a beginner or an experienced beekeeper, this is a forum where you can learn and exchange beekeeping informa-

tion. We hope you join us! This is our third meeting of 2022, so please join us as spring is just about to be sprung!

Author Visit

Mike Mallow returns to Hardy County to celebrate his fourth novel's release at Wardenville'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, Wardenville. Free and open to the public; no registration required. For

more information, contact WordPlay at info@wordplaywv.com, 304-897-2233.

PTK Induction Ceremony

The Beta Nu Lambda Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society (PTK) will hold an induction ceremony at 6 p.m. on April 21 at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Moorefield. PTK is an academic honor society recognizing the achievements of students at two-year colleges. Since 2005, 183 students at Eastern have been inducted into PTK, and seven more will be honored on April 21. The public is invited to attend. Eastern is located at 301 Eastern Drive, Moorefield. For more information, email askeastern@easternwv.edu or call 304-434-8000.

Earth Day on the Farm Fest

Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Wardenville Garden Market. This will be our 8th annual Earth Day event but our first-

ever Earth Day festival.

We'll give tours of our certified organic regenerative farm, take wild weed walks, show how we make compost, offer planting demos, a plant sale, live music, food, kids zone, and much more. We've invited many vendors, non-profits, and conservation groups who offer products or services that are in keeping with the environmental spirit of Earth Day, with a focus on recycling, repurposing, and sustainability.

Conservation Poster Contest

The Potomac Valley Conservation District is seeking entries for the 2022 Conservation Poster Contest. The theme of this year's contest is: "Healthy Soil / Healthy Life." Students in grades K-12 are encouraged to participate. The age categories are: K-1; 2-3; 4-6; 7-9 and 10-12. The deadline to submit posters is May 27, 2022. For more information on the contest or to obtain an entry form, please contact the Potomac Valley

Conservation District office at 500 East Main St., Romney, WV or call (304) 822-5174. Information also available online at: www.wvca.us/district/pvcd.cfm

Conservation Photo Contest

The Potomac Valley Conservation District seeks entries for the 2022 Conservation Photo Contest. The contest is open for adult and youth amateur photographers in West Virginia. There are four categories: Conservation Practices, Close Up Conservation, Conservation in Action, and Ag./Conservation Across America. Photos must be taken within the state of West Virginia. The deadline to submit photos is May 27, 2022. For more information on the contest or to obtain an entry form, please contact the Potomac Valley Conservation District office at 500 East Main St., Romney, WV or call (304) 822-5174. Information also available online at: www.wvca.us/district/pvcd.cfm

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.

OBITUARIES

ORPHA H. ORNDORFF



Orpha Halterman High Hutson Orndorff, 95, of Wardensville, died on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at her home.

Orpha was born August 18, 1926, in Moorefield, the daughter of the late Lorenzo Dow and Mary Lorena Henry Halterman. She retired as a registered nurse and was a school nurse for the Hardy County Schools for over 23 years. Orpha was a member of the Wardensville Presbyterian Church, the Order of the Eastern Star # 102 in Moorefield where she was

a Past Matron, and the Moonlighters CEOS.

Orpha was preceded in death by husbands: Loy K. High who died on February 28, 1989; Lorraine M. Hutson who died on October 16, 2000; and John W. Orndorff who died on March 23, 2012; and a son: James A. High and three sisters.

Surviving are two grandchildren: Megan Jean High Haslam of England; Justin Neal High of Ruskin, Fla., and several nieces and nephews. A celebration of Orpha's life will

be held at the Wardensville Presbyterian Church at a future date.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Orpha to the Wardensville Presbyterian Church, C/O the Parish office, 7152 Middle Road, Middletown, VA 22645; Moorefield Presbyterian Church, 109 S Main St, Moorefield, WV 26836; or Petersburg Presbyterian Church, 20 North Main Street, Petersburg, WV 26847.

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

CHARLES DAVID DEAN



Charles David Dean, known as 'Chief Charlie' or 'Mars' by his friends, age 66, of Seneca Rocks, passed away Sunday, April 3, 2022, at Grant Memorial Hospital. He was born Nov. 11, 1955, the son of the late Kelly Dean and Frances Louise (Greenway) Hawkins of Petersburg.

Mr. Dean attended school in Maryland and worked for Pilgrim's Pride in Moorefield. Charles was an avid collector of Indian artifacts; he once lived in a teepee. He also enjoyed camping and hiking with his

family. He will be remembered as a good friend and father.

Charles is survived by: a daughter, Christina Heavner of Moorefield; four sons, Brian Dean (Brittany Snyder) of Moorefield; Jeremy Dean of Hagerstown, Md.; Charlie Dean of Moorefield, and Joshua VanMeter of Moorefield; a brother, Michael Dean of Silver Springs, Md.; and eight grandchildren, Lucca, Willow, Kyla, Everlay, Sage, Kole, Payton, and Ieasha.

Mr. Dean's family received

friends on Friday, April 8, 2022 at the Basagic Funeral Home in Petersburg, before services officiated by Charles Henry. Interment was at the Dean Family Cemetery in Upper Tract. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family, c/o the Basagic Funeral Home P.O. Box 400 Petersburg, WV 26847. Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.

ROGER STEVEN TAVARES, JR.

Roger Steven Tavares Jr., age 49, of Jefferson City, Tenn., formerly of Mathias, passed away on Sunday, March 20, 2022.

He was a member of Valley Baptist Church and a volunteer firefighter in Mathias. He was a beloved husband and father to both of his daughters.

Roger had an infectious sense of humor and a generous heart as well as an unbreakable faith in the Lord. He will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his wife, Angela Wood Tavares; daughters Kylie Tavares and Jessica Tavares; father, Roger Tavares, Sr.; sister Tracy

A. Rodrigues; brothers Stephen N. Tavares and Chris Gluchacki; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Joann Mello Tavares; sister, Tammy Jo Lambert; nephew, Ryan James Pavao; and stepson, Caleb

Stephenson.

A Graveside service was held March 24, 2022 at Seahorn Chapel Cemetery in Dandridge, Tenn. Arrangements were under the direction of Farrar Funeral Home Chapel in Dandridge.

DOROTHY RELLA ERNST



Dorothy Rella Ernst, age 94, of Franklin, formerly of Moorefield, passed away on Sunday, April 9, 2022, at Pendleton Manor, where she resided. She was born Aug. 26, 1927 in Tucker County, the daughter of the late William and Lillie Poling. On March 6, 1948, Dorothy married Christopher Ernst, who preceded her in death on November 9, 2007.

Dorothy is the last of her imme-

diated family. She was preceded in death by: sisters Lessie Watson, Agnes Foltz, Pauline Poling, Ruby Ball, Bessie Knotts, Beulah Heckler, Mary Etta Poling, and Lena Stewart; and her brothers, Hubert "Grant" Poling, Ellis Poling, and Roy Poling.

Dorothy was a faithful witness for her God Jehovah, and worked alongside her husband for many years in the ministry throughout Maryland

and West Virginia. She was a member of the Franklin Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

An online memorial service will be held on Zoom on May 14, 2022 at 2 p.m. Memorials may be made to Pendleton Manor. Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.

AGE IN ACTION

April 18 - 22, 2022

Mathias & Wardensville: Home Delivered Only

To cancel or order a lunch call 304-530-2256, Option 2 or 6
Lunch served from 12 — 12:30
PLEASE CALL BY 9:30 A.M.
TO ORDER A MEAL.

Mon. Apr. 18: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, candied carrots, green beans, apple crisp

Tues. Apr. 19: Beefaroni, garlic bread, side salad, banana

Wed. Apr. 20: Pork loin, sweet potatoes, lima beans, roll, watergate salad

Thur. Apr. 21: Beans, cornbread, fried potatoes, sauerkraut salad, pudding

Fri. Apr. 22: Spinach salad w/egg, tomato, onion, cartwheel macaroni, sweet and sour dressing, mandarin oranges

The Center is now open to serve meals inside. The grab and go meals are still 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. Person under 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 is 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 WV Bureau of Senior Services and Upper Potomac AAA, local government, donations and memorial contributions.

DONATIONS NEEDED: PLEASE READ

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 (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile foundation donates 0.5 percent of purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organizations selected 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. Thank you for your support!

WE HAVE ENSURE.

The price has increased: Regular is \$25.50 and Plus is \$27.50.

Flavors available for both Regular and Plus are chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, and butter pecan. We only accept checks for Ensure, no cash: Sorry for the inconvenience. Any questions, call the center at 304-

530-2256 Option 6.

ITEMS TO LEND OR GIVE

We have the following items:

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

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, because the Center is closed due to COVID-19.

Moorefield Council

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MPD

The Moorefield Police Department responded to 219 calls for service in March. Officers made 16 felony arrests and 36 misdemeanor arrests, and wrote 94 traffic citations and 117 traffic warnings.

Weimer Automotive donated \$600 as thanks to the MPD for tracking down a stolen vehicle. The money bought flashlights for rifles.

Pilgrim's donated \$700 and Partners 1st Credit Union donated \$300; the money bought a ballistic vest for K9 Riso.

Chief Stephen Riggelman applied for a \$2000 grant from Walmart. If received, it'll go towards crime scene equipment.

Riggelman reported the MPD donated seven armored vests to efforts in Ukraine. The vests, which were basically unused, didn't fit any existing officers, were inappropriate for the department's current needs, and were technically expired, were transferred to the W.Va. State Police, who relinquished them to the Department of Defense.

Two new officers have begun training at the State Police Academy. A third joined the MPD too late to be included in this cycle, and will keep working with training officers.

The council agreed to fund new body cameras. Riggelman is working on grants, but their existing cameras are literally falling apart, and

there aren't enough for every officer. The cameras will likely cost about \$55,000.

"Regardless of the grant, we need body cameras," Zuber said. "(Cameras) protect (the officers) first, and us second."

The council informally voted and approved so Riggelman could proceed with acquiring the body cameras, but cannot make it official until the next meeting.

Riggelman also told the council the MPD has increased presence behind Moorefield High School due to increased complaints about speed and reckless driving on Raines Street and Maple Avenue.

Public Works

Water personnel checked for leaks, replaced water meters, and began investigating and surveying pipes.

The Town has until the end of 2024 to complete an inventory of all water service lines, from the main water lines to one foot inside walls of structures, including homes. Water department employees will call customers to see if they know or can determine what type of water line enters their homes.

The inventory is in conjunction with the EPA and DHHR.

This is just one method the Town will use to complete this survey. They're especially looking for lines with lead or copper.

Sewer personnel jetted and flushed lines around Town, including 335

feet of line at Caledonia Heights.

They pulled both pumps at South Branch Inn multiple times in March because they were stopped up with debris.

Public Works Director Lucas Gagnon told the council that wet wipes create the biggest problem.

"Some packages say the wipes are flushable. They aren't. And they're causing major problems in the pumps," Gagnon said.

Parks crews worked on ball field lights, and removed the hoops poles from the old basketball court. They installed new tennis nets, poured new memorial plaques, and readied ball fields for the approaching season. They also started work on and around the pool.

Street crews performed a lot of equipment maintenance. They installed new culverts on Clay Street, Short Street, and Paskell Hill. They also got the mowers ready, as grass started growing again.

The council discussed options for mounting flowers on light poles in Town. Approximately 22 poles will have flowers, and 17 will have flags.

Ultimately, the council approved purchasing two arms for each light pole, with a total cost around \$6700. There's \$20,000 in the Town's budget for beautification, so no further vote is required.

The council also approved renting an artificial ice skating rink from Glice for 90 days, with the intention to buy the rink if it's successful.

The ice skating rink would go into the new basketball court, and would be open Friday evenings, Saturdays, and Sunday afternoons for approximately 90 days starting in November, and ending in January or February.

Skates will be available for rent. The rink can handle up to 80 skaters at a time.

The cost to rent is about \$55,000. If the rink is successful, purchasing it would cost about another \$100,000, as the Town will request that the rental money contribute to the cost of the purchase.

The council heard the first reading of changes to Park Ordinance 2022-1. The public hearing for the changes will be May 3, pending legal notification in the newspaper.

Other

The council approved the following appointments: Luke Kesner to the Town Planning Commission; Mike Crites and Connie Sherman to the Historic Landmark Commission; and Denny Shoemaker to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Following an executive session, the council hired Cara Reel as Pool Manager for the 2022 season, and approved an adjustment to a public works employee's pay.

The next meeting is April 19 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room. The public is encouraged to attend. Social distancing is generally observed, and masks are optional.

Services for
Kenneth James Dutch Frye
Saturday April 30th at 10 A.M.
at St. Peters Lutheran Church
60 West Main St. in Wardensville

*Graveside service immediately following.
Luncheon at War Memorial Building in
Wardensville. In lieu of flowers, please make
donations EH Scholarship Fund in care of
Hardy County Community Foundation.*

Dearly Loved & Sadly Missed

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

Church Services

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.riggassemblyofgod.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
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Moorefield Spring Clean-Up set for April 18-21

The Town of Moorefield's annual Spring Clean-Up has been scheduled for April 18-21. As a special service to residents, the Town of Moorefield will sponsor collection of select bulk trash items. Collection date is based on the zone in which one resides. All participants must find their location on the Zone Collection Schedule to determine your neighborhood's pick-up day. Those participating must place items for pick-up on the curb in front of their residence, in an easily accessible area, the night before their collection date.

This is a free program offered strictly to residents living within town limits and only material generated from that residence will be accepted. Absolutely no household trash, hazardous materials, batteries, tires, paint, oil, liquids of any type, or items containing freon will be collected. All brush and boards must be bundled in four-foot maximum lengths. Separate salvageable metal as it will be recycled. Participants are reminded to be cognizant of collection amounts, as anything deemed excessive will not be collected.

Moorefield's Code Enforcement Officer,

Vic Shockey, said "Spring Clean-Up" week is much more than a free way for residents to get rid of bulk trash items. It is a committed effort from every resident and property owner to accept the responsibility you have to your community and do your part to assure for the beautification and safety of our town."

Shockey reminds all residents the Town of Moorefield has an enforceable Code of Ordinance to which every citizen must abide. For instance, any accumulation of litter, trash, junk, or garbage on any property is strictly prohibited. There are codes regulating the

height of grass and weeds and making accumulation of brush piles on any property illegal. There are codes requiring each citizen to maintain and keep clear all sidewalks and culverts that adjoin their property. Codes regulate storing unlicensed vehicles and forbid unsafe, unsanitary structures on any property. There are also codes requiring all exterior property improvements first secure proper permitting from the Town of Moorefield, especially those within designated flood-control areas. There are codes regulating the number and type of yard or garage sales each

address can conduct.

Shockey said the best reference to research codes is the Town website, www.townofmoorefield.com, which includes a user-friendly online copy of the Code of Ordinance, including a search box for quick reference. Shockey said he'll assist constituents on an individual basis to better learn and manage the town codes and is most easily reached by contacting the Moorefield Town Office at (304) 530-6123 Ext. 9624.

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light sensors which would permit it to recognize various colors.

Building robots for the knowledge to be gained, or even to win awards in competition, is one thing. But the end goal of this knowledge is practical application, and the team's work with this project has put them on track of such a practical application: improvements in handling shipping containers.

These improvements, if implemented, could help reduce or eliminate the \$54 million in annual losses from shipping containers lost into the sea from container ships, the team believes. They have devised a system of folding pegs which would lock containers to ship decks. And they are pursuing manufacturers and shipping companies to market their idea.

Hardy County has fielded a robotics team in competitions for four years, and each year they have brought home a first place in at least one category. This year, they hope to make it all the way to the global competition. The team competed in a regional competition in Hampton Roads, Va. this past weekend. If they placed in the top four, they earn a spot at the international event.

When their presentation was finished, the students received an enthusiastic round of applause from the Board.

Next, the Board heard the results of a technology survey undertaken by Bonnie Crites, to evaluate technology usage in Hardy County schools' daily lessons, attitudes towards its

use, and issues encountered in implementation and use. Backed by charts and statistics, the presentation disclosed that 90% of faculty members believe that the use of technology has made teachers more effective. Ninety-seven percent felt that the administration encouraged and supported its use. Only six percent reported that they never used technology in their classrooms.

But despite its value, the use of technology was not without problems. Twenty-nine percent of those who responded said they encountered issues with the technology on a daily basis, while 45 percent said this occurred, if not daily, at least weekly.

Topping the list of issues encountered were Internet problems, with updates and student login problems following in second and third place, respectively.

The agenda's next item was public comments, but there were none, so the Board moved on to approving the minutes of two prior meetings, ratifying both sets without further discussion with a unanimous vote.

Next on the agenda was unfinished business, in this case work orders. Facilities Director Josh See reported that a new computerized system for tracking work orders is being implemented. The system was designed primarily for planning and tracking preventative maintenance programs, he said, but they were attempting to expand its application to repair projects, as well. To date, they had applied it to monitoring equipment and components of HVAC systems, as well as playground equip-

ment.

Related to work orders was a repair project that became troublesome. The cable on a chairlift, which janitors used for carrying equipment between floors, was broken, and they were having trouble obtaining support from the supplier. The costs of service calls were exorbitant: In one case, they were charged \$2500 for a call that did little more than change a light bulb, but in-house staff were not certified to repair the equipment without voiding the warranty and maintenance agreement. Meantime, it remained out of service. Board President Melvin Shook suggested it was time to "read the contract very carefully" as they pursued efforts to have the device repaired.

"They are giving us a complete runaround about why they can't fix it," said See.

Other maintenance and repair issues included a cut water line from a drinking fountain to a bottle filler, an air conditioning system at Moorefield Elementary School that needed parts which have been backordered since 2020, and a freezer that required three service calls to finally repair – the solution being to apply heat tape to a blocked, frozen line.

The need to sort and prioritize these projects was discussed briefly.

A seven-acre parcel of land adjacent to the bus garage is for sale, and it was proposed that the Board should investigate its purchase. The parcel could be divided into smaller parcels as needed, and one suggestion was that a

portion of it could be used as a location for a softball field.

The contractor who provides fleet maintenance for the buses may be unable to obtain the liability insurance needed to renew the contract, and the school system may have to take over the maintenance task with its own personnel.

In new business, the Board unanimously approved a Panhandle 8 Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. This consortium of eight school systems will not carry any cost, and will permit the group to negotiate for better prices with suppliers.

The Board considered possible future agenda items, including a discussion of how best to meet students' needs, and an update on Pilgrim's building financials.

The Board announced upcoming meetings. A regular meeting will be held at the Board of Education building on April 19 at 5 p.m., and a special session will be held on April 28 at 8:30 a.m. to hear school data reports by principals. On May 2, there will be a budget retreat from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The final agenda item was a consideration of personnel issues; the Board voted to enter executive session. They returned to public session a short time later, at 6:46 p.m., and quickly made and unanimously passed a series of motions approving days without pay, employee suspensions, an employee termination, and its Personnel Agenda.

At 6:48, with business concluded, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Jackbots

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State Tournament Innovation Award.

The teams were invited to apply to the Global Innovation Challenge. The high school team will compete in a regional completion in Hampton, Va. where they will compete against teams from Maryland, Virginia, and parts of West Virginia.

The robots, which are part of the LEGO league, compete in four areas with students working on enhancing the robot's performance and design as well as working on an innovation project.

The high school team and middle school teams had their own robots that had to complete 11 missions as part of the tournament. The team's innovation project challenge was finding a solution to keep shipping containers from falling off of ships.

Students presenting to the members of the Board of Education shared their success and said they received a lot of praise for their shopping container solution.

The Jackbots also won first place for their innovation project in the 2020 to 2021 school year state tournament. In 2019 to 2020 they won first place for core values at the state tournament and won first place for robot performance at the regional tournament.

In the 2018 to 2019 school year, they won first place for core values at the state level and first place for robot design at the regional level.

April 26 is Children's Memorial Flag Day at Brighton Park

Eastern Regional Family Resource Network & Hardy County Family Issues Task Force calls for an end to violence against children and youth in America to communities all across the United States.

Hardy County will join with other states, counties, and community organizations April 26, Children's Memorial Flag Day 2022, to remember the thousands of children lost in the last year to preventable causes. There will be a ceremony for the Children's Memorial Garden at Brighton Park at 10 a.m., with the centerpiece being the Children's

Memorial Flag: a simple, moving image of paper doll-like children in blue against a red field, with one child missing.

Please take the opportunity on Children's Memorial Flag Day to reflect on keeping kids safe. You can:

Report abuse. It is your business.

Volunteer your time to get involved with other parents or local schools. Start a neighborhood children's group or youth activity.

Encourage the creation of parent education classes, mentoring programs, and respite care programs in

Hardy County.

Invest in your children. Take an interest in who their friends are, what they do daily and set limitations. Discipline them thoughtfully. Remember, words and actions can inflict deep, lasting wounds so never discipline your child when upset. Allow yourself time to calm down.

April 26 is Children's Memorial Flag Day. Please show the children in your life that they are special and have the right to be safe.

For more information, visit www.cwla.org.

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booster, or if you're not in a highly contagious area, you may want to wait to get your fourth booster... It's a personal decision; we'll give it to you either way."

Ours did note that vaccines come as ten shots in one vial. As a result, the department is wasting a lot of vaccines.

"If someone wants a shot they come in and get one and then the rest is wasted. We're wasting vaccine like crazy," said Ours. He said the situation is distressing and unfortunate.

He noted the need for a single-vial vaccine is high. Otherwise, the Health Department is still providing vaccines and boosters by appointment.

To schedule, call Health Department staff at 304-530-6355. The Health Department is located at 411 West Spring Street in Moorefield. For more information follow "Hardy County Health Department" on Facebook and visit <https://www.hardycountyhealthdepartment.com>.

Emergency Services Update

Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority director Derek Alt updated Commissioners on the HCEAA, noting a total revenue of \$133,212.37 and a total expense of \$129,398.89 for March.

Water Rate

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work associated with this project is now complete and the project can be closed. The fiscal year 2021 financial statements were approved and will be distributed to the necessary enti-

"Since we started in 2017, the average has went up something like 30 calls a month and transports are like 10 calls a month," said Alt.

Commissioners approved a \$65,000 drawdown, the regularly monthly amount, for the HCEAA.

Paul Lewis, director of the 911 center and the Office of Emergency Management, updated commissioners on towers around the county, noting his office is still working on a tower in Lost City. He said he's applying for \$100,000 for siren equipment through a state grant.

Lewis also said two programs in the county, Stop the Bleed and Project Lifesaver, are progressing.

Stop the Bleed kits, which will go in county schools, were purchased and are in. Twelve people have been trained for Project Lifesaver, which focuses on tracking technology and search procedures for individuals with dementia, memory loss, or other disabilities.

CERT coordinator Fran Welton said the board is still looking for shelters and working on having them officially identified. She discussed some potential options for shelters in emergencies, particularly flooding, with Lewis and Commissioners also noting some options and needs regarding shelters, such as the need

for generators.

HCEAA also had an update of board members, two renewals and one added member. Tim Thorne and Fran Welton were approved as reappointments and Jean Flanagan has joined the HCEAA to serve a 3-year term after board member Tim Ramsey resigned.

Other passed motions

Commissioners agreed to provide a letter of support for a Wardsville solar lagoon project. They also approved a fair housing resolution from Region 8.

Commissioners approved funding for West Hardy EMS — \$10,000 for January and \$20,000 for April, for a total of \$30,000.

The next County Commission meeting will be 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 3, at the courthouse at 204 Washington Street in Moorefield.

Eastern marks 23rd anniversary College community gathered March 21 to celebrate

By Thomas Striplin

Eastern WVCTC

Staff, students, and members of the community met March 21 on the campus of Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College to celebrate the school's 23rd anniversary.

Eastern, founded on March 21, 1999, originally operated from the basement of the Hardy County Courthouse, and later used the Harco Building (now known as the Summit Center building) near Moorefield Middle School. In 2008, the college moved to 316 Eastern

Drive, located between the Moorefield and East Moorefield exits of Corridor H (U.S. 48/WV 55).

At the celebration, Greg Greenwalt, chairman of the college's Board of Governors, and Thomas Striplin, president of Eastern, spoke briefly about the college's history and achievements. The anniversary event included refreshments and live music by a classic rock band that featured college employees.

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College, based in Moorefield, serves six counties in the Potomac Highlands with a variety of programs. For more information, email askeastern@easternwv.edu or call 304-434-8000.

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Our goal is to get fresh produce into the hands of anyone that wants it! Vendors will need to supply their own tables and electricity if needed. No charge for the space. Vendors must sign a hold harmless agreement and provide proof of liability insurance.

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New Fiction

A Family Affair by Robyn Carr – Anna McNichol knows how to take charge. Raised by a single mother, she's worked to ensure her three children have every advantage she didn't. And while her marriage has its problems, she values commitment and believes in "till death do us part." Now an empty nester, she's at the peak of her career and ready to seize the opportunity to focus on her future.

Summer on the Island by Brenda Novak – Returning to a small island off the coast of Florida to help her mother settle the family estate, Marlow Madsen finds her idyllic getaway shattered when her father's will reveals a shocking secret that tarnishes his impeccable reputation and everything she thought she knew about her family.

Robert Ludlum's The Treadstone Transgression (Treadstone; 3) by Joshua Hood – The most pressing issue on Adam Hayes' mind is planning his son's upcoming 5th birthday party. After years of operating in the world's most dangerous spots for Treadstone, he's ready to call it quits, but the feeling isn't mutual. Levi Shaw, Treadstone's director, calls

Hayes back for one more mission. When the mission is blown only Hayes is left alive, and everyone, it seems, is determined to correct that oversight.

Once a Thief (Simon Riske; 4) by Christopher Reich – Facing enemies at every turn, private spy Simon Riske dashes across Europe to find the truth behind a mysterious investor.

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus – In 1960s California, a female scientist whose career is constantly derailed by the idea that a woman's place is in the home, finds herself starring as the host of America's most beloved TV cooking show.

Empty Vows (Lexington, Alabama; 2) by Mary Monroe – Popular, generous, forty-something widow Jessie Tucker decides to make herself indispensable to recently widowed Hubert Wiggins but is disappointed when he is not everything she dreamed he would be and instead turns her attentions to a much younger man.

True Biz by Sara Novic – The students at the River Valley School for the Deaf just want to hook up, pass their history finals, and have politicians, doctors, and their parents stop telling them what to do with their

bodies. As a series of crises both personal and political threaten to unravel the students and staff at the school, they'll find their lives inextricable from one another — and changed forever.

Memphis by Tara M. Stringfellow – In the summer of 1995, 10-year-old Joan, her mother, and her younger sister flee her father's violence to the only place they have left: her mother's ancestral home in Memphis. Over the next few years, she is determined not just to survive, but to find something to dream for. Longing to become an artist, she pours her rage and grief into sketching portraits of the women in her life — including old Miss Dawn from down the street, who seems to know something about curses.

Sister Stardust by Jane Green – From afar Talitha's life seemed perfect. In her twenties, and already a famous model and actress, she moved from London to a palace in Marrakesh, with her husband Paul Getty, the famous oil heir. When Claire arrives in London from her small town, she never expects to cross paths with a woman as magnetic as Talitha Getty. Yearning for the adventure and independence, she's swept off to Marrakesh, where

the two become kindred spirits. But beneath Talitha's glamorous facade lurks a darkness few can understand. As their friendship blossoms and the two grow closer, the realities of Talitha's precarious existence set off a chain of dangerous events that could alter Claire's life forever.

The Younger Wife by Sally Hepworth – Stephen Aston is getting married again. The only problem is, he's still married to his first wife, even though she is in a care facility for dementia. But he'll take care of that easily, by divorcing her — even if his adult daughters protest. With their mother unable to speak for herself, Tully and Rachel are determined to get to the truth about their family's secrets, the new wife closing in, and who their father really is. But will getting to the truth unleash the most dangerous impulses...in all of them?

New JR Fiction

Katt Loves Dogg (Katt vs. Dogg; 2) by James Patterson – During a family reunion at the Eastern Wilderness Reserve, adventurers and expert trackers Molly the Katt and Oscar the Dogg must outsmart the rule-makers when two of their cousins run away together.

Heidi Heckelbeck and the Wild Ride (Heidi Heckelbeck; 34) by Wanda Coven – Heidi takes a road trip with her best friend Lucy Lancaster to the Wacky Wonders Adventure Park where there are water slides, wild rides, and plenty of friendship drama between Heidi and Lucy.

Sunlight on the Snow Leopard (Magic Tree House; 36) by Mary Pope Osborne – The magic tree house is back with a message from Morgan le Fay telling Jack and Annie to seek out "The Gray Ghost" and listen to her story, and immediately they are whisked away to Nepal where they meet Tenzin, a climber who has recently lost his family, and who takes them up the mountain to meet a snow leopard and renew himself.

Operation Sisterhood by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich – Eleven-year-old Bo is used to it being just her and her mom in their cozy New York apartment, but when her mom gets married, Bo must adjust to her new sisters and a music-minded blended family that is much larger, louder, and more complex than she ever imagined.

Bad Kitty Gets a Phone (Bad Kitty) by Nick Bruel – Kitty will not be good until her owners cave and

get her a cell phone.

The Unforgettable Logan Foster (Logan Foster; 1) by Shawn Peters – Logan, an undersized 12-year-old orphan with a photographic memory and no filter, discovers that his foster parents are superheroes in grave danger and only Logan's highly logical mind can save them.

Wayward Creatures by Dayna Lorentz – A troubled young boy befriends a wayward coyote after a forest fire changes both of their lives.

Middle School: It's a Zoo in Here! (Middle School; 14) by James Patterson – Rafe Khatchadorian is horrified that because of a missed science assignment he has to go to summer school; but instead of three weeks in a school room, he finds himself as a volunteer at BushyTail animal refuge, which is really hard, smelly work — and somehow he needs to use the experience (and the help of a girl he meets there) to produce a first-class science report.

Northwind by Gary Paulsen – When sickness decimates his fishing village, an orphan named Leif flees north in a cedar canoe, journeying along a brutal but beautiful coastline.

Arbaugh

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had to leave the state. She had to change schools.

"Registering as a sex offender is not enough. He gets to be with his family, to see his children. Taking away his freedom is the only way this doesn't happen again."

The victim's mother read a lengthy statement to the court.

"Mr. Arbaugh has known my daughter since she was six years old," she said. "She and his children were friends. He has lied about his crimes. He preyed on her, so much that she was convinced he was in love with her. He threatened and harassed her and our family. He mentally abused her, then violated her. He was a 44-year-old man and she was a 16-year-old girl. She has been changed forever. She had to change schools. She couldn't graduate from Moorefield High School, with her friends. She couldn't play sports with her friends.

"How would you feel if it was your daughter?" Judge Charles E. Parsons said he was the father of twin daughters.

"People make impassioned pleas to not go to the penitentiary," he said. "My focus is on the victim. We're here to make justice."

Parsons sentenced Arbaugh to two years in prison for the distribution of sexually explicit material to a minor and not less than two years and not more than 10 years for soliciting a minor via computer for sexual activity. The sentences are to be served concurrently.

Parsons denied the motions for home incarceration and probation. "I will allow reconsideration of the sentence after he has served four months," he said.

Arbaugh was immediately remanded into custody.

Natasha M. Kuhn, 22, of Moorefield, pleaded guilty to one count of child abuse resulting in serious bodily injury, one count of gross child neglect, creating the risk of serious bodily injury and one count of malicious assault. She was also originally charged with attempted murder.

According to court documents, West Virginia State Police were called to Grant Memorial Hospital to investigate a 7-month-old child with sig-

nificant injuries, including a fractured skull. Upon investigation, and several versions of the events leading up to the child's injuries, West Virginia State Police obtained a confession from Kuhn that the baby was "fussy" and she threw the child into a dresser, located across the room.

Although the incident happened in the morning, Kuhn did not seek medical attention for the baby until the child's father came home that evening.

The child abuse charge is punishable by a sentence of not less than two years and not more than 10 years in prison. The child neglect charge has a penalty of not less than one year and not more than five years in prison. The penalty for malicious assault is not less than two years and not more than 10 years on prison. Kuhn will have to register as a child abuser for 10 years after the discharge of her prison sentence.

George H. Johnson, of Moorefield, was sentenced to not less than one year and not more than 15 years for possession with intent to deliver a Schedule II controlled substance. That sentence was suspended and Johnson was placed on seven years probation.

Johnson's sentence was initially held in abeyance, but he relapsed and applied to the Drug Court Program. A condition of his probation is that he complete the South Branch Valley Drug Court Program.

Judge Parsons ordered a pre-sentence evaluation for Anthony T. Andrews, 24, of Old Fields. Andrews was convicted of fleeing law enforcement with reckless indifference for the safety of others. He was sentenced in August 2021 to not less than one year and not more than five years in prison. The sentence was suspended and he was granted five years probation.

In February, a motion was made to revoke Andrews' probation for lack of compliance, including not paying his Day Report Center fees and not appearing for therapy. Judge Parsons revoked the probation, but gave him an opportunity to get a job, pay his legal fees and comply with the terms and conditions.

"At the last hearing, this court gave Mr. Andrews an ultimatum," Stagers said. "You gave him an opportunity to get his house in order, and he did not do that."

Andrews argued he has done everything the court asked him to do. He got a job, he paid his fees. He tried to contact the South Branch Valley Day Report Center to comply with his therapy sessions, but was scheduled for safety orientation that day. "I'm doing everything I possibly can to do right," Andrews said.

Stagers suggested Andrews would be a perfect candidate for the Anthony Center for Youthful Offenders. "He doesn't understand consequences," Stagers said.

Andrews appealed again to the court, saying he has done everything asked of him.

Judge Parsons sentenced Andrews to the Anthony Center, but said he

wanted to review an updated pre-sentence evaluation before remanding him.

The case was continued to June 13.

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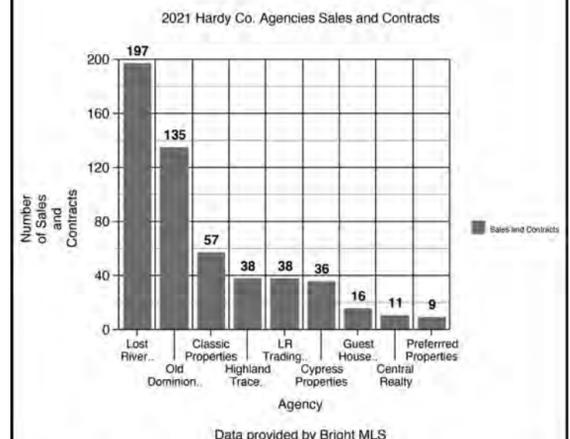
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Wardensville Candidates

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they actually did, I was blown away on the amount of work they had to do. So, I started volunteering, a couple other people started volunteering and mowing, that led to a part time job with Public Works and then I was asked to be a water and sewer operator, which I finished my sewer operation certification last year. My water operator certification will be complete as soon as I get the paperwork. I go back to a little adage I had in the military, no matter what mission you're on or you're doing, you improve upon your position and move forward. Don't ever go back. I've always stuck with that and the team we've got right now in place,

I think we have a team that believes that. The council we have right now is pretty much on board. It's a good group. We're able to talk, we're able to discuss things, we're able to debate things. You know, we throw ideas out — we just have a good group right now, which is great. It's a positive group moving forward."

Charlotte Bowman

"I'm an active member in the community. I want the community to thrive and I feel like I have the expertise to help it do that. I'm very dedicated to this position and I am looking forward to getting the water project completed, to see the town have adequate water supply

and so that we can serve the community better. I'm also excited about the park plans that will benefit the entire area."

This event was specifically for the Town of Wardensville; all three candidates will appear on the May 10 ballot for the upcoming primary election.

"On behalf of the chamber, we're happy to support the Town of Wardensville and the Chamber is happy to see all the new businesses and existing ones," concluded Chamber of Commerce board member Tessa Foltz, who was in attendance at the event.

For more information, contact the Town of Wardensville by phone

at 304-874-3950, and follow their "Town of Wardensville" Facebook page. Wardensville Town Hall is located at 25 Warrior Way in Wardensville.

For more information on the Hardy County Chamber of Commerce, call 304-530-1886, email staff at chamber@hardynet.com, and visit their website at hardycountychamber.org. The Chamber of Commerce is located at 122 North Main Street in Moorefield.

For more information on the upcoming election, follow the Examiner and visit the West Virginia Secretary of State website's election section at <https://sos.wv.gov/elections>.

Apartment Fire

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"The fire appeared to be out. The only thing we needed to do is some ventilation to remove smoke from the residence and use the thermal imager to make sure there wasn't anything in the walls," said Mongold.

"The stove will need to be replaced and a little bit back behind the stove, but other than that it's still livable so that's great."

Mongold said the situation was handled quickly. Ultimately, the fast response kept damage low.

"We just had a good response from all our members and that always helps as well."

There were no reported injuries from the incident and the fire affected only one apartment in the building.

McCausley

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"on Wednesday," and recommended a call to Dawson Wednesday afternoon for more information.

Dawson and McCausley are allegedly scheduled to meet with their lawyers in Elkins on Wednesday, regarding a civil lawsuit against them.

On Friday, April 8, Dawson told the Examiner that, while he could not comment at that moment, "...the lawyers are working on it, and I'll be able to tell you more next week." He promised to call the Examiner once information was in his hands.

In the August 18, 2021 edition of the Moorefield Examiner, Ours was quoted, saying the W.Va. State Police investigation into McCausley was complete, and that he would receive a report soon.

The investigation, however, continued into 2022.

Ours said he was incorrect when

he reported the investigation complete. He said when he made that statement, it was before he received and reviewed the final report of the investigation from the West Virginia State Police.

"I had satisfied myself about items A, B and C," he said, adding, "But there was an important item, D, which I wasn't aware of," and which required further review.

In Fall 2020 Hardy County Sheriff Bryan Ward asked David Maher to investigate oddities in department computers, including unattended computers 'waking up,' and files listed as 'recent' that deputies had not accessed. Maher conducted a scan on computer equipment and allegedly discovered back doors into computers and digital images of child pornography on McCausley's computer.

In 2018, Ward restricted McCausley from investigating child pornog-

raphy and officially relieved him of duties relating to it. The restrictions were still in place in 2020.

After Maher found the images in 2020, the Sheriff's Office turned the investigation over to the State Police. Grant County Prosecuting Attorney Ours was appointed Special Prosecutor. McCausley has been on paid administrative leave since December 2020.

McCausley has accused Maher, who was fired by Sheriff Steve Dawson in February 2021, of planting the images on his computer, and denies knowledge of them.

Civil lawsuits are pending in both directions.

McCausley operates TJM Enterprises, LLC, conducting electronics repairs and establishing and supporting security systems.

At press time, a call to McCausley for comment had not yet been returned.



Tannery Chapel
S. Fork Rd., Moorefield
Sunday, April 17
Easter Sunday Service 8:45 a.m.

Oak Dale Chapel
Rig Road
Sunday, April 17
Easter Sunday Service 9:45 a.m.

**Pine Grove, Asbury,
Baker Church,
Sperry's Run**

Thursday, April 14
Maundy Thursday: 7 p.m. Pine Grove UMC
A night of communion in which we reflect on the PAS-
SION OF JESUS CHRIST.

Friday, April 15
Good Friday: 7 p.m. Asbury UMC
A service of meditation and self-reflection. Christ's lament against His faithless church, and the readings of His seven last words.

Sunday, April 17
Easter Sunrise Morning Service: 7 a.m. Baker Church.
Individual Church Easter Services will be conducted at their regularly scheduled worship times. Sperry's Run UMC 9 a.m. Asbury UMC 11 a.m.

Moorefield Presbyterian Church

109 S. Main St., Moorefield
Thursday, April 14
Maundy Thursday Soup supper & Service w/communion 6 p.m.

Sunday, April 17
Easter Sunday Service
10:55 am Town Church (109 S. Main St.)
Church services also live-streamed on Zoom and Facebook Live (contact the church office for Zoom information)

Moorefield Church of the Brethren

Sunday, April 17
Sunrise Service, 6:30 at Olivet Cemetery

Duffey Memorial Church
At the corner of Winchester Ave. and Elm Street in the heart of Moorefield

Thursday, April 14
Maundy Thursday communion 7:30 p.m.
Preaching by Pastor Harold George
Celebration of Holy Communion led by Pastor Mark Flynn

Friday, April 15
Good Friday service of darkness 7:30 p.m. with scripture, dramatic readings, special music, and extinguishing of candles

Sunday, April 17
Easter Egg hunt and Bible Lesson for children, 9:45 a.m. (come to sanctuary)
Sunday School for adults, 9:45 a.m.
Radio broadcast on WELD-FM (101.7), 10:30 a.m.
Morning worship, with Pastor Mark Flynn preaching, 11:00 a.m.
Watch live-stream on Duffey Memorial Facebook page
Evening worship, with special music by Madison and Dakota Sherman, 7:00 p.m.

Believer's Victory Center

Friday, April 15
Community Good Friday Service at 7pm. The event will be at the Moorefield High School Auditorium

Sunday, April 17
Sunrise Service at 7 a.m.
Easter Service at 10 a.m.

Bass United Methodist Church
Ten miles south of Moorefield, on Wolfe Mountain Road within sight of South Fork Road

Sunday, April 17
Easter worship with Pastor Mark Flynn preaching, 7:00 a.m.
Breakfast following worship

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The Moorefield Examiner will be closed in observance of Good Friday, April 15th!

Will resume normal hours Monday, April 18th.

Deadline for the April 20th Edition will be April 14th due to the holiday.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY
EASTER EGG HUNT

It will be held at
2:00pm on Sunday, April 17th
at the Moorefield Elementary School.

Community Easter Egg Hunt for children 12 and under sponsored by the American Legion Post 64 Family, VFW Post 9606 Family and the Forty and Eight Voiture 1623.



Librarian Carol Koontz (left) and Friends of the Library President Sue Nichols greeted those who attended the Chamber After Hours session last Thursday evening.

Friends of the Library kick off fundraiser at Chamber After Hours

The Friends of the Hardy County Library kicked off their annual Spring fund drive last Thursday during National Library Week, at a Chamber After Hours event. The drive, which continues until June, aims to raise money to fund the purchase of acoustic material for the meeting room located in the rear of the library. If it raises more than needed for the acoustic material, head librarian Carol Koontz said some of the proceeds may be used to purchase additional lighting for that room, as well.

The fund drive is held annually to raise money for needed items in the library. In previous years, the funds raised have been used for a variety of purchases, ranging from tables for the meeting room, to other furnis-

ings, to much of the metal shelving.

The proceeds of these drives also fund a majority of the costs of the Summer Reading Program, which has been a popular offering in years past. Koontz said that, prior to the pandemic, the program served close to 400 people each year. Although those numbers declined during the past two years, she said she looks forward to 2022 being a better year. She estimates that attendance may exceed 300, with at least 200 of them being children.

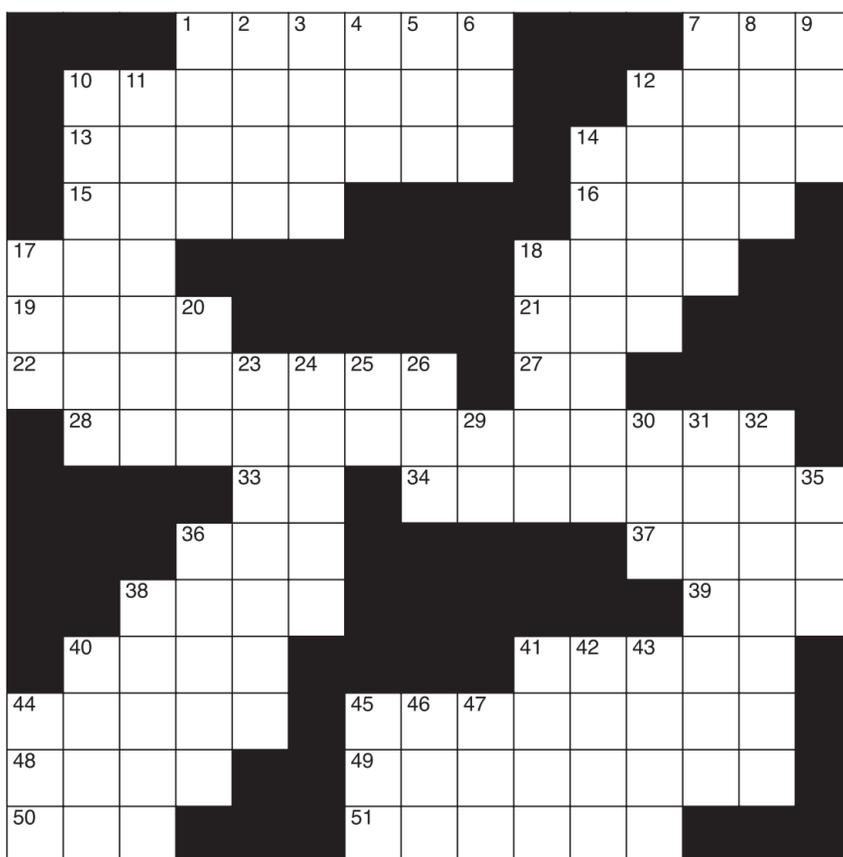
That program welcomes persons of all ages. "We have babies being read to," Koontz said, "along with children of all ages and adults up to any age." At age 13, she said, participants can choose whether they will remain in the program for young

people, or move up to the adult offerings.

If the joy of reading isn't enough to entice everyone to sign up for the program, there are some additional incentives. "We've given away some pretty good things," said Koontz. In past years, this has included tents, a fire pit, portable air compressors, Go-Pro cameras, a drone, and a grill.

For more information about the fund drive or the Summer Reading Program, readers may visit the library's website: <http://hardycounty.martin.lib.wv.us/>, find them on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/hardycountypubliclibrary/>, or contact them by telephone: (304) 538-6560.

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Bushong Auction

Tractors
John Deere 7520 (purchased new) w/ 741 self-leveling loader, 5200 hrs, triple remotes, 4wd, 20.8-38 tires, cab, power quad, left hand reverser. John Deere 6430 (purchased new) 4wd, 18.4-34 tires, 2130 hrs, triple remotes, power quad, left hand reverser, cab. John Deere 7800 (purchased new) 2wd, 20.8-42 tires, 7500 hrs, triple remotes, cab. John Deere 7600 (purchased new) power quad, 2wd, dual remotes, 9425 hrs showing, open station, roll bar, 18.4-38 tires. John Deere 6310 (purchased new) 2wd, dual remotes, power quad, 2000 hrs showing, 18.4-34 tires, open station. John Deere 2950 2wd, open station, 6660 hrs showing, Hi-Lo range, 18.4-34 tires, dual remotes. 17 John Deere suitcase weights. John Deere 3pt quick hitch. Top links. John Deere quick-tach bale spear and pallet forks. New set of tractor tire chains.

Skid Loaders/Attachments/Backhoe/Generator
Bobcat 5220 Hi-Flow, 4650 hrs, foot controls. Bobcat 753 Topcut. Pallet forks. Bale spear. Grapple. 6ft bucket. Manure scraper. Winco PTO generator, trailer mounted, 35 KW. Case 580 C Backhoe 4 in 1 bucket, Cab.

Vehicles/Zero Turn Mower/4 wheeler
1994 Ford F-250 4wd, V8 gas, 82,150 mi, automatic, single cab, gooseneck hitch. 1999 Ford F-350 cab and a half, 4wd, short bed, V8 gas, 63,000 mi, automatic, w/ western plow, purchased new, gooseneck hitch. 1988 Ford F-700 grain truck w/ 16ft grain dump, 5 w/ 2 spd. Knapheide bed. 2014 Nissan Versa Note 85,000 mi, purchased new. Grasshopper 618 zero turn mower, 471 hrs, purchased new. Yamaha 4 wheeler

Trailers
1994 Altmeyers aluminum stock trailer, 24ft, 2 cut gates. 16ft equipment trailer, tandem axle, tilt top. 30ft tri axle flatbed trailer. 16ft bumper pull stock trailer, no top, as is.

Tillage Equipment
Sunflower 18ft folding disc, new disc and bearings. Sunflower 5 shank V ripper. Farm Hand WP42 cultipacker. DMI Tiger Mate field cultivator, 13ft. Taylorway 10ft offset disc. White 348 4 bottom plow - 3pt.

Manure Handling
New Holland 679 TA, single beater, litter pan. Honeywagon 1500 liquid spreader. Super Mix 3300 liquid spreader. Howle manure agitator, pump.

Haymaking Equipment
John Deere MoCo 946 mower/conditioner flails, 13ft center pivot. John Deere 468 round bailer silage special, mega wide net wrap, flotation tires. Vermeer TE170 4 basket tedder. Vermeer WRX wheel rake 12 wheel. Mayrath 35ft elevator. Diller 28ft bale wagon, TA gear. 18ft metal sided kick wagon.

Planting Equipment
John Deere 1590 sod drill, 15ft foam makers, scales, (nice). John Deere 7200 corn planter, 6 row vacuum, frame mounted coulters, folding markers. Case IH 5300 10ft grain drill.

Harvesting Equipment
John Deere 3970 chopper w/ processor. New Holland 3 row corn head, (3RN). John Deere 2 row snapper head. John Deere 7ft pickup head. John Deere 6ft direct cut head. Case IH 600 silage blower. Meyers 16ft TA silage wagon w/ roof. Assortment of wagon quick hitches.

Feeding/Livestock Equipment
(4) Silage/hay feeder wagons. (3) Easy Way mineral feeders. Pequee 510 feeder on skids. 12ft livestock panels, 3 pt round bale unroller. (2) running gear. Shaver HD10 post driver, front mount, hyd table. Danuser post auger, w/ 2 augers. Enterprises 3pt fence stretcher. Electric fence chargers.

Brush Hogs/Sprayers
Bush Hog 2615 Legend batwing 15ft. Bush Hog 10ft offset rotary mower. Trailer mounted field sprayer. ATV electric sprayer.

Shop Tools
Lincoln AC-225 arc welder on cart. Acetylene/oxygen tanks w/ controls. Small Snap On tool box. Oil drums w/ pumps. Hyd press. Heavy duty band saw. Battery charger. Space heaters. Assorted metal shelving. Hyd jacks. Floor jacks. Assorted wrenches, ratchets, sockets, grease guns, pipe wrenches. Milwaukee cordless drill. Milwaukee side grinder. Milwaukee 1/2" electric drill. Bench grinder. Bolt bins.

Misc.
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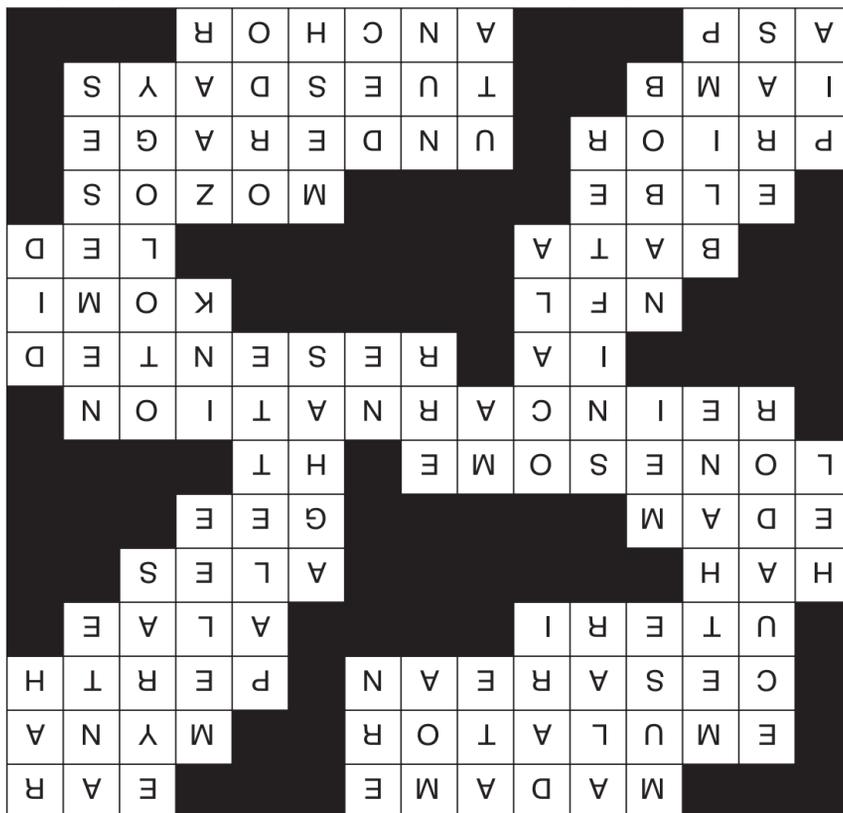
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1. A woman of refinement
7. Body part
10. One who imitates
12. Tropical Asian starlings
13. A type of delivery
14. W. Australian capital
15. Many wombs
16. Wings
17. Expression of amusement
18. Brews
19. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
21. Mild expression
22. Solitary
27. Distance to top
28. The rebirth of a soul in a new body
33. Police who investigate police (abbr.)
34. Begrudged
36. Popular sports league
37. Autonomous republic of Russia
38. Double-headed drum
39. Type of light bulb
40. Czech River
41. Male servants (Span.)
44. Previously
45. Minor
48. Metrical foot
49. Days that follow Mondays
50. Small European viper
51. News shows have one

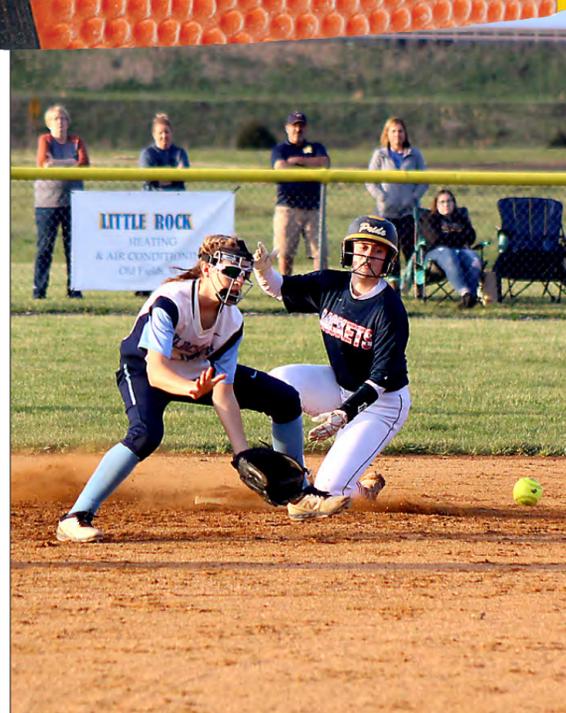
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1. Inspiration
2. Resembling wings
3. Form of Persian
4. Consumed
5. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
6. Sea eagle
7. Jaguarundis
8. Poker stake
9. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
10. South American nation
11. A colorless, odorless gas
12. Disturbance
14. Artist's tool
17. Polish peninsula
18. Ottoman military leaders
20. Bird-like dinosaur
23. Drinking glass
24. Central Florida city
25. One's mother
26. To do it is human
29. Atomic #10
30. Used to write
31. The branch of medicine concerned with the ear
32. Adversaries
35. Have already done
36. One of conspicuous wealth
38. It flies over sporting events
40. Geological times
41. Net
42. Musical phrase
43. Chadic dialect
44. Private Internet Access (abbr.)
45. Lizard genus
46. Woman of the church
47. Having ten



HARDY COUNTY

SPORTS



Moorefield Softball team donned patriotic uniforms in honor of the military veterans in attendance and waited as they were recognized.

Moorefield's Carlee Haines steals second base against the Wildcats as shortstop Avery Thompson waits for the ball.

Moorefield softball salutes military veterans during battle against Wildcats

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

Moorefield Softball players donned patriotic hues as the team honored military veterans from Hardy County and Pendleton County during an 8-3 win over the Wildcats on Wednesday.

The Yellow Jackets provided a picnic for the veterans and talked with them prior to the game, then each veteran with branch of service was announced as players escorted these heroes out on the field for the national anthem.

There were 30 military veterans honored on the loud speaker prior to the veterans appreciation game: Thomas See Denney (Army), Roger Champ (Army), George Sherman (Army), Gerald Sherman (Army), Charles Vetter (Navy), Donald Hott (Navy), David Burton (Navy), Josue Sanchez (Army), Larry Funk (Army), Albert Crites (Army), Bill Barb (Army), George Tusing (Navy), Todd Snyder (Army), Sheldon Sions (Marines), Mike Sions (Marines), Larry Mowery (Army), James Cole (Navy), Ed Porter (Navy), Jim Burton (Air Force), Turk

Cole (Army), Jeff Fraley (Coast Guard), Justin Evans (Army), Josh See (Army), Shawn Lockard (Army), Jeannette Lockard (Air Force), Richard Gardner (Navy), Don Hedrick (Army), Sarah Stewart (Army), James Shipe (Army) and Burley Runions (Army).

The Yellow Jackets gave a gift bag with homemade cookies to each veteran upon entering the field.

Army veteran and game umpire Kevin Markwood threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

Moorefield starting pitcher Emily Kuykendall commenced the game with three straight strikeouts against Pendleton County's Avery Thompson, Natalie Hedrick and Elizabeth Alt.

Moorefield leadoff batter McKenna Crites hit a line drive which was snatched by Wildcats shortstop Avery Thompson off a pitch from Ally Vance.

The Yellow Jackets got on base as Sterling Kump bunted safely for a single, then advanced to third base as Kuykendall hammered a single into right field.

Moorefield's Allie Biser executed an RBI groundout and almost beat the throw after it was bobbed for a 1-nil edge, then Marissa

Ward grounded out back to the pitcher.

Pendleton County's Baylee Beachler kicked off the second inning with a triple hit to the center field fence, but was stranded on a strikeout and two pop-ups (Amber Williams and Kuykendall).

The Yellow Jackets were kept off the base path in the bottom half of the frame on groundouts by Malina Price and Carlee Haines before Korbin Keplinger popped out.

The Wildcats couldn't find the bases in the third inning which started off with a sensational diving catch by Moorefield shortstop McKenna Crites, then Kuykendall notched a strikeout and Crites fielded a groundout.

Moorefield's Daleny Crites reached base on an error, then Vance struck out McKenna Crites and Kump.

Kuykendall hit the ball up the middle for a single and advanced to second base on the late throw to third base, then both runners were stranded on a pop-out by Biser.

Kuykendall struck out Pendleton County's Hedrick to begin the fourth inning before issuing a walk to Alt, then Beachler hit into a fielder's choice and narrowly stole second base moments later prior to being stranded on Smith's foul tipped bunt for a strikeout.

Ward struck out on a dropped third strike for the first Yellow Jackets out.

Moorefield's Price got into the groove with a single into left field and Aryana Wachter came in as a courtesy runner.

Haines executed a bunt single, then Wachter scored on an errant throw to second base on a steal for a 2-0 lead.

Keplinger flew out to right field and Crites had a zinger snatched in the air by Townsend at shortstop.

Vance singled for the Wildcats to start the fifth inning, then Gardner reached on an error.

Hedrick garnered a game-tying two-RBI single with the help of an error and advanced to second base on the miscue.

After a timeout, Hess made a sacrifice bunt and the runner was stranded on two strikeouts from Kuykendall.

Moorefield's McKenna Crites reached base on an error as the ball sailed over first base and advanced to third base on the play.

During a bunt by Kump, Crites was chased on a rundown and safely slid back to third base.

Kuykendall stepped up to the plate and ripped a two-run producing double to left

field as the Yellow Jackets regained the lead 4-2.

Biser plated one run during an error on a bunt prior to a strikeout to Ward.

Price delivered an RBI single into left field to give Moorefield a 6-2 edge.

Haines bunted and was tagged out on the sequence.

Keplinger smacked an RBI double to put the Yellow Jackets ahead 7-2, then the Wildcats ended the inning with a groundout.

Moorefield pitcher Amber Williams struck out the Wildcats' first batter of the sixth inning, then allowed a solo home run by Beachler for a 7-3 score.

Williams induced two groundouts around a single by Vance to retire the side.

Kump smashed a triple into left field with one out in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Kuykendall swatted the ball up the middle for an RBI single to put Moorefield up 8-3, then Biser hit into a fielder's choice and Ward popped out.

Pendleton County was sent down in order to end the game. Pop-ups were caught by Kump and Crites before Williams recorded the final out with a strikeout to seal the Yellow Jackets 8-3 win honoring the veterans.



The Yellow Jackets hosted their annual military veterans appreciation softball game with the heroes coming out on the field for the national anthem along with Pendleton County prior to the contest.

Moorefield Tennis growing despite losses to Vikings and Indians

Moorefield Tennis has dealt with the adversity of losing matches to Petersburg and Berkeley Springs over the past two weeks by learning from the miscues on the court to develop growth and determination moving forward.

The Yellow Jackets lost to Petersburg in the boys matches 4-3 and the Viking girls won 6-1 on March 29 in Petersburg.

Berkeley Springs Boys Tennis swept the Yellow Jackets 6-nil last Monday, while the Indians Girls Tennis squad garnered a 6-1 team win.

Moorefield Girls Tennis No. 1 singles Jadelyn Hinger earned the lone victory for her squad in both matches in defeating Petersburg's Chloe Iser 8-4 and ousted Berkeley Springs' Traly Henry 8-4.

Moorefield Girls Tennis No. 2 singles Madalynn Clayton lost 8-1 against Petersburg's Madison Kirby, but maintained a positive spirit showing good sportsmanship and smiling during the match in addition to commenting on



Moorefield's Jocelyn Taylor returns a volley against Berkeley Springs during top seed doubles competition at the Moorefield Town Park last Monday.

Photos by Carl Holcomb

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Hardy County Sports Scores

April 4

Frankfort Baseball 13, Moorefield 1
Petersburg Softball 3, Moorefield 2
Petersburg pitcher Sam Colaw threw nine strikeouts and allowed four hits in the win.

Moorefield's Emily Kuykendall pitched three strikeouts in the loss and added two hits at the plate.

Martinsburg Baseball 5, East Hardy 0
Martinsburg pitcher D.J. Triggs threw six strikeouts in the win.

Hudson Clement made three hits and had five stolen bases for the Bulldogs.

East Hardy's Gabe Henderson and Dawson Price each had one hit.

East Hardy Softball 15, Martinsburg 0
Tori Pratt pitched three innings with three strikeouts in the Cougars shutout.

East Hardy's Emma Heishman recorded three hits including a triple and three RBI.
Gabby Miller and Madison Heishman each garnered a double and RBI for the Cougars.

East Hardy Softball 19, Martinsburg 8
East Hardy pitcher Jessica Dove collected five strikeouts and allowed one hit to earn the win.

Autumn Crites pitched 1.1 inning with three strikeouts and Gabby Miller made the save

with seven strikeouts over three innings with one hit allowed.

Dove made four hits with two RBI and Mills added three hits with two RBI for the Cougars.

April 8

Ron Mathias Memorial Softball Tournament:

Bishop Walsh Softball 8, Moorefield 0 (Chloe Greise no-hitter, nine strikeouts)

Jefferson Softball 8, Moorefield 0 (R. Munslow no hitter, ten strikeouts)

April 9

Ron Mathias Memorial Softball Tournament:

Keyser Softball 11, Moorefield 0 (Charity Wolfe one-hitter, five strikeouts)

Moorefield's Amber Williams recorded a single in the second inning.

Northern Garrett Baseball 9, East Hardy 8

East Hardy's Brandon Jones had three hits and one RBI, Levi Mongold had two hits with four RBI and Dawson Price had two hits with two RBI. Noah Sager pitched 4.1 innings with two strikeouts and allowed three hits with three runs.

SPORTS

Moorefield has four representatives selected to the North-South All-Star Classic

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

The Moorefield Football program's head coach Matt Altobello has been named an assistant coach for the North Bears competing in the 2022 West Virginia Athletic Coaches Association's North-South Football Classic and will be joined by three of his own players in Charleston on June 11.

Joining Altobello from the Yellow Jackets will be seniors Blake Funk (RB/LB), Malachi Hinger (OL/DL) and Coleman Mongold (WR/DB).

"I am very happy to represent Moorefield. I am honored that coach Brian Thomas asked me to be a part of his staff and have a chance to coach the best players in West Virginia," Moorefield Football coach Matt Altobello remarked.

"Malachi Hinger, Coleman Mongold and Blake Funk were also selected for the all-star game, too. Great representation from the program."

Hinger was a key defensive lineman for the Yellow Jackets recording 38 tackles including seven tackles for loss, made two fumble recoveries

including one resulting in a touch-down against Southern Garrett.

"I got the text at 9:30 in the morning and kind of did like a happy dance. I was not expecting it at all. I don't know how to describe it, it's insane. Coach Altobello has been my dad figure for the past four years in high school and my biggest mentor. To pretty much represent the program and him through this, I hope I can make the school proud," North Bears All-Star Malachi Hinger stated.

Funk was the leading rusher for the Yellow Jackets making 124 carries for 801 yards with seven touch-downs and as a linebacker garnered 34 tackles and notched one fumble recovery.

"It was a great honor to be selected. I was talking to my dad about it and he said he never got to go. It's a big thing for me and I am looking forward to it. I am a little nervous, but I think it will be good," North Bears All-Star Blake Funk noted.

Mongold was the leading receiver for Moorefield, making 28 receptions for 629 yards and scoring seven touchdowns. As a defensive back, Mongold recorded six interceptions and made one touchdown in addition



Matt Altobello

to collecting 41 tackles.

"It's a great honor. Not many people get this opportunity. Only 36 are named to the roster, so it's a big honor. Moorefield is where we always grew up and I love this place. This is where I'll probably stay," North Bears All-Star Coleman Mongold commented.

This quartet of Yellow Jackets are ready to represent Moorefield and the Mountain State in Charleston during the WVACA North-South Football Classic on June 11.

Bob Mullett, game director of the West Virginia Athletic Coaches Association's North-South Football Classic, has announced the coaching staffs and players for its 2022 event.

Brian Thomas of Musselman High School will lead the North Bears. Assistant coaches are Matt Altobello of Moorefield, Paul Burdette of Roane County and Aaron Rule of Hampshire.

Brad Dingess of Spring Valley High School will guide the South Cardinals. Assistant coaches include Billy Seals of Huntington, Ray Brooks of Huntington and Trevor Stacy of Spring Valley.

"We're excited to have two great coaching staffs and teams for this year's North-South Football Classic," said Mullett.

The 2022 West Virginia Athletic Coaches Association's North-South Football Classic, presented by WCHS-TV/FOX-11 will kick-off at 12pm on Saturday, June 11 at South Charleston High School's Black Eagle Stadium. This year's game will once again be televised live on WCHS-TV in the Charleston/Huntington market and on WTOV-TV in the Wheeling, WV/Steubenville, Ohio market with West Virginia Broadcasting Hall of Famer Mark Martin and Ravenswood High School coaching legend Mick Price. The stations are owned by Sinclair Broadcast Group.

Potomac State's Little picks up win 800, Moorefield's Baldwin contributes

Mo Pratt
Sports Information Director
Potomac State College Athletics

Keyser, WV- Potomac State Head Baseball Coach Doug Little picked up another milestone on Saturday as he notched win number 800 in the opening game during a sweep over Scotland Prep.

Morgan Little's two-run single in the sixth inning broke a 1-all tie to give the Catamounts the lead as they went on to a 5-1 win.

PSC starter Robert Kelley was masterful as the sophomore struck out a career high 13 Knights to pick up the win. Kelley allowed just four hits, one of which was a solo home run in the complete game effort.

Trevor Thomas and Josh Hoffman each added two hits as the Catamounts had 10 hits.

PSC scored to open the game when Hoffman singled, stole second, moved up to third on a wild pitch and then came into to score on a sacrifice fly from Anthony Swenda.

Scotland tied the game in the third inning on a solo home run from Jose Fernandez.

The Catamounts waited until the sixth inning to break the tie and give Little the momentous win.

Caleb Taylor led off the inning with a single and then Clay Maholic drilled a double to puts runners at second and third setting the stage for Morgan Little.

Little dragged a ball through the infield scoring both runners making the score 3-1.

Thomas then singled to put two runners on, and Hayden Baldwin doubled to score Little. Thomas then scored on a groundout from Koice Quintanilla.

In game two, Jake Arnold gave PSC another complete game effort on the mound to pick up the win to improve to 5-1. Arnold scattered just five hits, walked one and struck out eight.

Potomac State again had 10 hits with Dakota Miller leading the way with two singles and a double.

Swenda drove in a run and had pair of base hits, while Thomas added a double and triple and a pair of RBI.

Potomac State improves to 20-9 and will next play at Shenandoah University on Monday for a doubleheader beginning at 3pm.

BOWLING NEWS

Larry Walp
Golden Lanes Petersburg

THURSDAY NIGHT MENS LEAGUE 03/31/2022

TEAM STANDINGS: Vetter's Mini Mart 66.5 - 45.5, Builders Center 66 - 46, Strike Force 56 - 56, Petersburg Oil Company 53 - 59, Country Cars & Trucks 52.5 - 59.5, Golden Lanes 42 - 70;

HIGH GAME (SCRATCH): Jon Hedrick 300, Roger Earle 258, Larry Ware 237, Eddie Baldwin 232, Tyler Halterman 226; (HANDICAP): Jon Hedrick 308, Roger Earle 273, Josh Arbaugh 261, Eddie Baldwin 261, Larry Ware 259;

HIGH SERIES (SCRATCH): Jon Hedrick 816, Roger Earle 646, Zachary Arbaugh 643, Josh Arbaugh 639, Larry Ware 624; (HANDICAP): Jon Hedrick 840, Josh Arbaugh 753, Zachary Arbaugh 727, Mike Smith 703, Chris Kesner 693;

HIGH AVERAGE: Terry Wratchford 211.52, Jon Hedrick 211.32, Gary Leatherman 203.37, Roger Earle 202.46, Richie Burgess 200.70, Larry Walp 194.56

ODD COUPLES MIXED LEAGUE 03/29/2022

TEAM STANDINGS: Vetter's Guns & Ammo 83.5 - 36.5, WELD 80 - 40, Strike Force 71.5 - 48.5, Livin on a Spare 65.5 - 54.5, Split Happens 62 - 58, Country Cars & Trucks 59.5 - 60.5, The Tidy Bowlers 54 - 66, Terminators 49 - 71, Lucky Strikes 45 - 75;

HIGH GAME MEN (SCRATCH): Larry Walp 246, Troy McGreevy 234, Floyd Shepard 234, Roger Earle 232; (HANDICAP):

Floyd Shepard 279, Larry Walp 270, Troy McGreevy 257, Roger Earle 252, Jerry Propst 252;

HIGH SERIES MEN (SCRATCH): Troy McGreevy 642, Larry Walp 633, Floyd Shepard 631, Jon Hedrick 623; (HANDICAP):

Floyd Shepard 766, Jerry Propst 714, Troy McGreevy 711, Larry Walp 705;

HIGH AVERAGE (MEN): Jon Hedrick 208.72, Richie Burgess 196.83, Ed Wompler 196.07, Roger Earle 194.84;

HIGH GAME WOMEN (SCRATCH): Carissa Michael 212, Rachel Stark 195, Flecia Brockway 182, Dee Anna McDonald 180; (HANDICAP): Rachel Stark 255, Flecia Brockway 248, Carissa Michael 245, Andrea Landis 236;

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HIGH GAME (SCRATCH): Terry Wratchford 268, Cohan Kesner 247, Troy McGreevy 233, Cam Vance 231, Jeremy Vetter 223; (HANDICAP): Terry Wratchford 275, Cohan Kesner 263, Troy McGreevy 261, Jeremy Vetter 259, Cam Vance 259;

HIGH SERIES (SCRATCH): Terry Wratchford 733, Cam Vance 637, Troy McGreevy 633, Cohan Kesner 620, Larry Ware 605; (HANDICAP): Terry Wratchford 754, Cam Vance 721, Troy McGreevy 717, Josh Arbaugh 709, Randy Thorne 690;

HIGH AVERAGE: Terry Wratchford 213.05, Jon Hedrick 208.07, Gary Leatherman 204.41, Roger Earle 201.96, Richie Burgess 201.60, Larry Walp 194.19

ODD COUPLES MIXED LEAGUE 03/22/2022

TEAM STANDINGS: Vetter's Guns & Ammo 80.5 - 35.5, WELD 78 - 38, Strike Force 70.5 - 45.5, Livin on a Spare 61.5 - 54.5, Split Happens 59 - 57, Country Cars &

Trucks 58.5 - 57.5, The Tidy Bowlers 52 - 64, Terminators 48 - 68, Lucky Strikes 42 - 74;

HIGH GAME MEN (SCRATCH): Jon Hedrick 268, Ed Wompler 242, Terry Wratchford 235, Richie Burgess 222;

(HANDICAP): Jon Hedrick 277, Ed Wompler 262, Floyd Shepard 258, David Robertson 247, Terry Wratchford 247;

HIGH SERIES MEN (SCRATCH): Jon Hedrick 690, Terry Wratchford 679, Ed Wompler 648, Tyler Halterman 601;

(HANDICAP): Jon Hedrick 717, Terry Wratchford 715, Ed Wompler 708, Tyler Halterman 694;

HIGH AVERAGE (MEN): Jon Hedrick 208.76, Richie Burgess 196.83, Ed Wompler 196.27, Roger Earle 194.47;

HIGH GAME WOMEN (SCRATCH): Tonya Keplinger 235, Dee Anna McDonald 203, Sarah Earle 191, Carissa Michael 181; (HANDICAP): Tonya Keplinger 281, Dee Anna McDonald 243, Sue Earle 238, Andrea Landis 234;

HIGH SERIES WOMEN (SCRATCH): Tonya Keplinger 631, Dee Anna McDonald 566, Carissa Michael 506, Sarah Earle 490; (HANDICAP): Tonya Keplinger

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SPORTS

Yellow Jackets Track buzz to victory on senior night

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

Moorefield Track and Field swept the track meet on senior night last Thursday winning a total of 18 events to secure the team victories against East Hardy and Union.

The Yellow Jackets honored their 11 seniors with a special ceremony complete with flowers and gift bags and patiently stood in the rain during the announcements.

The Moorefield Track and Field seniors given recognition at the meet were: Madi Crites, Taylor Harvey, Mackenzie Keplinger, Amaya Redman, Veronica VanMeter, Grace Wratchford, Blake Funk, Mitchell Henry, Dean Keplinger, Jaxen Ratcliff and Malachi Zirk.

Madi Crites plans to attend Potomac State College of West Virginia University to major in pre-veterinarian medicine and continue her education at WVU to become a large animal vet technician.

Crites is a member of the National Honor Society and Distributive Education Clubs of America.

Taylor Harvey plans to attend Potomac State College of WVU to major in child development and family studies.

Harvey is a member of the NHS, DECA and Pep Club. Mackenzie Keplinger plans to attend West Virginia University to study medical astronautical (aerospace) engineering or ventriloquism.

Keplinger is a member of the student council, NHS and DECA.

Amaya Redman plans to finish cosmetology school, then go to college for criminal justice and become a police officer in Petersburg.

Redman is a member of the Future Farmers of America and 4-H Club.

VanMeter plans to attend WVU to obtain a bachelor's degree in marketing to pursue a field in real estate.

VanMeter is a member of DECA, NHS, public relations officer, student council vice president and class secretary.

Grace Wratchford plans to attend WVU to get a degree in health and well being to pursue a career in the medical field.

Wratchford is a member of DECA, NHS, pep club and student council.

Blake Funk plans to go to college and become a teacher.

Funk is a member of the NHS. Mitchell Henry plans to study elementary education at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College.

Henry is a member of the NHS. Dean Keplinger plans to attend college for dentistry.

Keplinger is a member of DECA. Jaxen Ratcliff is currently enlisted in the West Virginia Army National Guard and plans to go to a trade school after training.

Malachi Zirk plans to join the United States Marine Corps or go to college for a business degree. Zirk is a member of DECA.

The Yellow Jackets' field events for the boys were swept by seniors Malachi Zirk and Dean Keplinger. Zirk won the shot put with a distance of 40-09 and discus at 120-06, while Keplinger took top honors in the high jump with a leap of 5-10.

Keplinger attempted to clear the bar at 6-0, but the back of his right calf nudged the bar off its base on the descent. Moorefield boys shuttle hurdles squad upset East Hardy in under one second 1:09.54 versus 1:10.28. The Yellow Jackets team was comprised of Grant Sherman, Jarrett Carr, Finan Grmay and Jaxen Ratcliff. Sherman won the 110 and 300 meter hurdles events.

Moorefield Boys 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams earned first place, but the Cougars denied a complete sweep taking the top honors for the 4x400 and 4x800 relay events. The Yellow Jackets won the sprint races as Diego Taylor (100), Santana Ramirez (200) and Peyton Eye (400) earned the victories. Moorefield Girls Track team won seven events on the evening as the sprint races went to Taylor Harvey (200) and Sydney Rumor (400), but East Hardy claimed the 100 meter dash won by Holly Snyder just edging out Harvey. Keplinger secured the win in the 800 meter run and



Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield Track's Diego Taylor has the edge against teammates Dean Keplinger, Jarrett Carr and Blake Funk during the 100 meter dash on Thursday.

Teia Ray took the top honors for the 100 meter hurdles.

Moorefield's 4x100, 4x200 and 4x800 relay teams won those events, while East Hardy took the 4x400 relay victory.

Moorefield's seniors will be remembered for their determination and dedication as the season continues with a goal to reach the state meet.

Tennis

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the bundled up reporter as if the cool weather was troublesome as the brisk wind howled across the courts.

Clayton was shutout by Berkeley Springs' Emma Christie 8-0.

The Berkeley Springs match started with doubles competition as Moorefield No. 1 Doubles of Jadelynn Hinger and Jocelyn Taylor lost to Truly Henry and Emma Christie 8-4.

Clayton joined Erika McCauley to form the No. 2 Doubles seed for the Yellow Jackets and lost to the Berkeley Springs pair of Kennedy Shives

and Lilly Morgan by a score of 8-0.

Late in the match, Clayton had a huge smile and gave a thumbs up to her father as her aura of cheerfulness was evident.

"We had fun and that's what matters. Don't worry about the loss, but rather focus on the growth," Moorefield Tennis senior Madalynn Clayton remarked.

Moorefield No. 3 Doubles Sicily Dunn and Chloe Weikle lost 8-1 against Berkeley Springs' Ivy Hale and Bryn Dudash.

No. 3 seed Kennedy Shives of

Berkeley Springs beat Moorefield's Jocelyn Taylor 8-1.

Berkeley Springs kept the momentum going as Lilly Morgan defeated Moorefield's Courtlynn Ault in the No. 4 singles match 8-0.

Kim Castro lost the exhibition match for the Yellow Jackets against Berkeley Springs 6-3.

Moorefield No. 1 Doubles of Alex Lopez and Levi Malcolm lost 8-nil against the Indians top two seeded players.

Moorefield No. 2 Doubles of Hunter Mongold and Hayes Sherman

lost by a score of 8-2 to Berkeley Springs' Beal and Justin Brinegar.

Moorefield No. 3 Jorge Hernandez and Edwin Gonzalez fell 8-1 in their match against the Indians.

Moorefield Boys top three singles players Alex Lopez, Liam Mung and Levi Malcolm each lost by a score of 8-nil against Indians Haden Hincham, Brandon Pindell and Cardin Beal, respectively.

Moorefield No. 4 seed Hunter Mongold earned five points in an 8-5 loss to Berkeley Springs' Alejandro Gomez-Montablo.

Levi Malcolm collected an 8-5 victory for the Yellow Jackets against Petersburg's Caleb George in the No. 3 singles match.

Petersburg No. 1 Boys singles

Bryson Coblentz defeated Moorefield's Alex Lopez 8-5.

Petersburg No. 2 Boys singles Aiden Moyers beat Liam Mung 8-2.

Moorefield No. 4 Boys singles Hunter Mongold garnered an 8-1 win against the Vikings' Raph Hott.

Petersburg Boys Tennis top seed and second seed doubles teams won 8-5 against Moorefield's Lopez/Malcolm and Mongold/Hayes Sherman.

Moorefield's Hernandez and Gonzalez picked up a win by forfeit in the third seed doubles match with a forfeit.

Petersburg Girls No. 3 singles Kaitlyn Berg defeated Moorefield's Jocelyn Taylor 8-2.

Vikings Girls No. 4 seed Anna Goldizen beat Moorefield's Court-

lynn Ault 8-3.

Petersburg Girls Tennis had a complete sweep in the doubles tennis competition against the Yellow Jackets Clayton/ Taylor 8-0, McCauley/Castro 8-0 and Dunn/Savannah Hose 8-1.

Moorefield Girls Doubles exhibition team of Baylee Coleman and Chloe Weikle earned an 8-1 victory against Petersburg.

The Yellow Jackets press on with matches this week against Elkins and Parkersburg Catholic.

The Potomac Valley Conference Tennis Championship will be at Berkeley Springs on Earth Day, April 22.

THE OLD MASTER

By JAY FISHER



WVU baseball is fun to watch this year. They can be capable of playing power ball, with multiple players capable of smashing home runs. They can also play small ball, and are one of the nation's leading stolen base teams. On top of that, they are winning. This weekend, they swept Baylor (the scores were 7-6, 8-4, 7-5), which moved them to the top of the Big 12 standings with a 5-1 record. They still have series with at least 2 Top 10 teams, plus other ranked teams, so don't expect the Mountaineers to stay atop the conference, but they have shown so far that they can compete. I would not be surprised to see WVU join the Top 25 rankings in the near future.

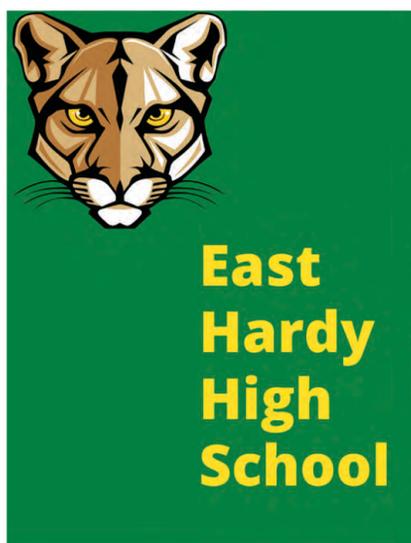
This weekend is a huge opportunity, because they host one of those Top 10 teams: Oklahoma State. The Cowboys will arrive to Morgantown tied for second in the Big 12 at 7-2. If WVU is competitive and can pull out a win or two, that will add even more legitimacy to the team's claim of a national ranking. All three games will be on ESPN Plus, and are scheduled for Friday at 6:30, Saturday at 4:00, and Sunday at 1:00.

Football was fairly quiet - there were more interviews where coaches and players are happy how things are progressing. There were no announcements of any players transferring out, which seemingly counts as a win nowadays. As far as incoming

transfers, there was no news over the weekend, other than both the football and men's basketball teams did host some potential transfers.

Meanwhile, they continue to go through the spring practices, which end with the Blue-Gold Scrimmage on April 23. That game should be on ESPN Plus.

Notes: The rowing team had a good weekend at the Knecht Cup in New Jersey. Four of the five entries advanced to the finals, and the team came away with two silvers and bronze. This Saturday, WVU hosts the Gold and Blue Regatta...Happy Easter to everyone!



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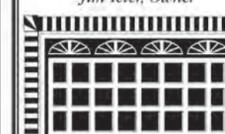
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PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
RONALD C. WHETZEL, Petitioner,
vs.
JACK E. COLLIS and MILDRED ANN HOWARD Respondents,
CIVIL ACTION NO.: 22-C-9
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF HARDY, to wit:

The object of the above styled Civil Action is to Petition the Court to request a Court Order, wherein the Court terminates and releases a "Lease Agreement" entered into between Ronald C. Whetzel and Kimberly D. Whetzel Carter, as Lessors, and Jack E. Collis and Mildred Ann Howard, as Lessees; with said "Lease Agreement" being dated November 5, 1994 and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia in Deed Book 232, at Page 674.

The real estate, which was the subject of the aforesaid "Lease Agreement," is described as a tract or parcel of real estate containing 1.0 acres, more or less, together with any and all rights, rights of way, structures, minerals, easements, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being situate in the Lost River District, Hardy County, West Virginia, and being more particularly bounded and described by a metes and bounds description made by C.M. Fultz on February 10, 1960, with said metes and bounds description being contained in that certain Deed from Gochenour unto Whetzel, dated February 16, 1960 and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 97, at Page 91. At the present time, Ronald C. Whetzel is the fee simple title owner of the aforesaid 1.0 acre tract.

At issue in this matter is the fact that Jack E. Collis and Mildred Ann Howard, as Lessees, vacated the real estate, which was the subject of said "Lease Agreement," about four years after entering into said Agreement and ceased in making the lease payments associated therewith. Upon the Lessees vacating said real estate, Ronald C. Whetzel and his sister, Kimberly D. Whetzel Carter, lost all contact with them and are presently unaware of the whereabouts. In consideration of same, upon a thorough review of the Hardy County, West Virginia land records, it has recently become apparent that the aforesaid "Lease Agreement" was never legally terminated and/or released, and due to a lack of record of the whereabouts, Ronald C. Whetzel is unable to give Jack E. Collis and Mildred Ann Howard, as Lessees, proper notice that they have violated said "Lease Agreement" and therefore same is null, void and, all liabilities associated therewith, released.

It appearing, by Affidavit filed in this action, that there may be persons who could have an interest or may be affected by the decisions in this action and whose whereabouts/location/addresses are unknown to the Petitioner; it is hereby Ordered that each person who claims to have an interest in said property appear and serve upon Petitioner's attorney, James O. Heishman, whose address is 204 North Elm Street, Moorefield, WV 26836, an Answer or other defense to the Petition filed in this action on March 23, 2022; otherwise, judgment by default may be taken against them at any time thereafter.

A copy of said Petition with a more particular description of the subject property can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office located in the Hardy County Courthouse at 204 Washington St. #111, Moorefield, WV, 26836.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 22 day of March 2022.
 Circuit Clerk of Hardy County
 Kelly J. Shockey
 By: Deborah J. Hines, Deputy
 4/6, 4/13, 4/20 2c

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
IN THE FAMILY COURT OF HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
IN THE MATTER OF:
C.D. and A.D. Case No. 19-FIG-17
THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS: PETITION TO SET ASIDE GUARDIAN

To the above named Respondent: It appearing by affidavit in this action that James Davis, residency is unknown, it is hereby ordered that James Davis serve upon Hardy County Circuit Clerk whose address is: 204 Washington St., Moorefield, WV 26836 an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition for Appointment of Guardian filed in this action, on or before May 2, 2022. If you fail to do so, thereafter judgment, upon proper hearing and trial, may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office. Entered by the Clerk of said Court on this 1 day of April, 2022.
 Kelly Shockey
 Clerk of Court
 by Mary Brennsnag

4/6, 4/13 2c

INVITATION TO BID (Newspaper Advertisement)
EASTERN WEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE
Title III Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP) Grant
Advising, Technology, Training, and Innovation (ATTAIN) Evaluation Service Request for Proposal RFP NO. 14395

Technical College is currently accepting bids to retain the services of an external evaluation service provider to establish a framework or model to measure the impact that the Advising, Technology, Training, and Innovations (ATTAIN) student success program has on student retention and graduation rates. ATTAIN is funded through a U.S. Department of Education Title III Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP) grant. Request for Proposal RFP No. 14395 and any appendices are posted at <https://easternwv.edu/business-office/invitation-for-vendor-bids/>. Proposals may be emailed to bid_receipt@easternwv.edu or submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to Eastern WV Community and Technical College, 316 Eastern Drive, Moorefield, WV 26836. Send to the attention of Dr. Thomas Striplin, President/ATTAIN Evaluation Service. Proposals must be submitted on or before May 4, 2022, at 3:00 PM ET. For more information, contact Dr. Thomas Striplin at thomas.striplin@easternwv.edu or 304-434-8000 ext. 9227

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Notice of Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees

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

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

ESTATE NAME:
 RONALD ANDERSON HAHN
 ANTHONY ADMINISTRATOR
 CTA DBN
 WILLIAM C KEATON

56 EAST MAIN STREET
 ROMNEY WV 26757-1817

ESTATE NAME:
 PAUL EUGENE BOCKTING
 EXECUTRIX
 TONA P BOCKTING
 4278 MILL GAP ROAD
 LOST CITY WV 26810-8356
 ATTORNEY
 JACK H WALTERS
 WALTERS & HEISHMAN
 PO BOX 119
 MOOREFIELD WV 26836-0119

ESTATE NAME:
 BRADLEY KAYE SHERMAN
 EXECUTRIX
 CATHY REED
 286 MOUNTAIN ACRES LOOP
 MOOREFIELD WV 26836-8173

ESTATE NAME:
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 EXECUTRIX
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 15 WESTWOOD CT
 NEWMAN GA 30263-4830

ESTATE NAME:
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 KAREN SUE KIMBLE
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 MAYSVILLE WV 26833-8501
 ATTORNEY
 JAMES P GEARY II
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 104 NORTH MAIN STREET
 PETERSBURG WV 26847-1520

ESTATE NAME:
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 ADMINISTRATRIX
 SHARON E EYE
 900 LEE STREET
 MOOREFIELD WV 26836-1084
 ATTORNEY
 KAREN L GARRETT
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 PO BOX 510
 MOOREFIELD WV 26836-0510

ESTATE NAME:
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 STACY A JOHNSON
 8 OUTBACK DRIVE
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 26711-9328
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 AMANDA GREENE
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 82 WEST MAIN STREET
 ROMNEY WV 26757-1638

ESTATE NAME:
 WILLIAM
 FREDERICK TRIPLETT
 ADMINISTRATRIX
 SHARON JOANN BORDEN
 188 GABRIEL DRIVE
 MARTINSBURG WV
 25405-5383

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 04/01/2022
 Gregory L Ely
 Clerk of the Hardy County Commission
 4/6, 4/13 2c

In the Circuit Court of Hardy County, West Virginia
Department of Transportation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JOHN B BOWMAN,
CHARLOTTE D BOWMAN,
Shriffs,
POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY,
HARDY TELECOMMUNICATIONS,
INC. ET AL
Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
 Case No. CC-16-2022-C-10
 TO: The above named Respondent, owner, claimants, or lienors of the land herein referred to:
 You are hereby notified that on the 4th day of May, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, application will be made upon a verified Petition, to be then and there

presented by the undersigned, the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, a West Virginia Corporation, to the Circuit Court of Hardy County, West Virginia, at a session of said Circuit Court to be then held at the Courthouse of said County. The Petitioners will request an order vesting defeasible title to the Petitioners of said lands, rights of way, and easements as the Petition for Condemnation filed in this case, pursuant to Section 14a, Article 2, Chapter 54 of the Official Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended.
 The land to which defeasible title is sought by the Petitioners is located in Capon District, Hardy County, West Virginia, and is designated as Parcel Nos. 1-1 & 1-2. Project No. X316-H-125. 16 02, NHPP-0484(117), on the maps and plans of said project. Said lands, rights of way, and easements are more particularly bounded and described in the Notice filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hardy County, West Virginia.
 At which time and place you may attend and protect your interest if you are so advised.
 /s/ C. Carter Williams
 Circuit Court Judge
 22nd Judicial Circuit
 Note: The electronic signature on this order can be verified using the reference code that appears in the upper-left corner of the first page. Visit www.courtsww.gov/efile/ for more details.
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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Division of Highways
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
 Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until May 10, 2022 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):
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 WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 Division of Highways
 Kenneth T. Given for
 Gehan M. Elsayed, P.E., Ph.D.
 Chief Engineer of Programs and Performance Management
 Deputy State Highway Engineer
 4/13, 4/20 2c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
IN RE: FREEDMANS CEMETERY, AKA OAK HILL CEMETERY,
MERGER WITH OLIVET CEMETERY COMPANY
CIVIL ACTION NO. CC-16-2022-P-10
To: The Descendants of those buried in the Oakhill Cemetery, aka Freedmans Cemetery

NOTICE OF HEARING
 Please take notice that the above styled case will come on for hearing before the Court on May 4, 2022, at the hour of 9:30 a.m. at the Courthouse in Moorefield, West Virginia. The purpose of the hearing will be to have the Circuit Court appoint five Trustees of descendants of those buried in said cemetery and merge Freedmans Cemetery, aka Oak Hill Cemetery, with Olivet Cemetery Company under certain conditions; or appoint said Trustees to take responsibility for said cemetery.
 You have the right to be present, your failure to appear may result in forfeiture of certain rights.
 OMER WASHINGTON, ET ALS,
 PETITIONERS - BY COUNSEL
 William H. Bean
 P.O. Drawer 30
 Moorefield, WV 26836
 Counsel for Petitioners
 4/13, 4/20 2c

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
IN THE FAMILY COURT OF HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
IN THE MATTER OF:
B.S. & M.S.
Civil Action No. 22-FIG-7
THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS:
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT
OF GUARDIAN

It appearing by affidavit in this action that after diligence to determine the address of Angela Lewis & Rebecca Lyons, residency is unknown, it is hereby ordered that Angela Lewis & Rebecca Lyons serve upon Hardy County Circuit Clerk, whose address is 204 Washington St, Room 237, Moorefield, WV 26836, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition for Appointment of Guardian filed in this action, on or before May 13, 2022. If you fail to do so, thereafter judgment, upon proper hearing and trial, may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.
 A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.
 Entered by the Clerk of said Court on this 5 day of April, 2022.
 Kelly J. Shockey
 CLERK OF COURT
 By Deborah J. Hines, Deputy
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HELP WANTED
 The TOWN OF MOOREFIELD is accepting applications for the following full-time position. Applications for this position are available at the Town Office at 206 Winchester Avenue or online at www.townofmoorefield.com under Documents. Applications will be accepted until 4:30 P.M. on April 27, 2022.
 Public Works – The successful applicant will assist in the operation and maintenance of the Moorefield Public Works Department. Applicants with a strong mechanical background are requested and possession of CDL's are recommended. The Town of Moorefield is an equal opportunity employer.

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Family Support Specialist
 We are seeking applicants interested in assisting the community by providing case management services for recipients of public assistance. Individual will work with recipients to overcome barriers and assist to achieve self-sufficiency. They will be responsible for conducting personal interviews with clients, evaluating, and verifying personal information.
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 This position is permanent, full-time, day shift position. Interested applicants may send their cover letter and resume to: Megan Pugh, WVDHHR, 53 Kiess Drive, Petersburg, WV 26847. Must apply online with WVDOP before being hired.

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