

CLASS OF 2022 COMMEMORATIVE EDITION INSIDE

Petition for impeachment of Sheriff Dawson circulating around county

Additional witnesses to threats by McCausley agree to speak with investigators

By Ken Bustin
Moorefield Examiner

A petition calling for the impeachment of Hardy County Sheriff Steve Dawson began collecting signatures over the weekend. The petition, which is directed to the Hardy County Commission, demands "the removal of a Sheriff who retaliates against anyone who stands up for what is right." It also demands that the Commission "immediately cease funding and employment of Deputy Tommie L. McCausley, who is still under active criminal investigation for death threats and improper collection of images of juveniles."

The Sheriff returned McCausley to active duty on May 14, despite two ongoing active criminal investigations into his past actions. The

Deputy was off duty for nearly 18 months on paid administrative leave while West Virginia State Police investigated his alleged improper possession of Sheriff's Department files, including explicit images of juveniles from closed child pornography investigations. These files came to light late in 2020, when then-Chief Deputy David Warren, at the behest of then-Sheriff Bryan Ward, ordered a complete security audit of Sheriff's Office computers, tablets and cell phones, after a "back door" was discovered in one or more of the Department's computers along with evidence that files were improperly accessed and downloaded.

Dawson, who originally placed McCausley on leave shortly after taking office in January of 2021, said

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Moorefield Council cleans up old business

By Hannah Heishman
Moorefield Examiner

The Moorefield Town Council rarely has visitors, but they had three at their meeting on May 17, during which they also cleaned up a lot of older issues.

Michael Mathias, Bill Ours and Joe Fisher asked the council for \$20,000 from American Rescue Plan money to help Valley View Golf Course.

Mathias said the Hardy County Commission gave them \$20,000 and the Town of Petersburg gave \$15,000.

He said Valley View had no income for the last four years except for 2021; they had \$4000 due to Petersburg's donation.

Mathias said the golf course needs nets for the driving range, mowers, fuel for equipment, and repairs to the water system, and that members have donated \$60,000 toward these goals.

Bill Ours added, "It takes a lot of money to run a golf course. We're on the verge of having the best golf course around. Every time we get something fixed, it's one step forward, two steps back."

Mathias told the council the course hasn't shut down either during the winter or COVID, during which they disinfected golf carts after each use.

Mathias reported it takes between



Photo by Ken Bustin

County Prosecutor Lucas See's home under construction outside Brighton Park

\$250,000 and \$260,000 each year to maintain the course.

"We're trying to keep a good product to keep people coming," he said.

Later in the meeting, the council dis-

cussed the request as part of their agenda. Mayor Carol Zuber acknowledged the golf course "definitely" brings tourism to the area and noted Valley View qualifies for ARP funds because it is a

non-profit and aids tourism.

Zuber suggested if the council gives money, they give it for a spe-

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Lacroix, Granese, Alt sentenced

By Jean A. Flanagan
Special to Examiner

Judge H. Charles Carl III presided over circuit court in Hardy County on Friday, May 20.

Lonnie W. Lacroix, 35 of Moorefield was sentenced to not less than one year and not more than five years for each of three counts of sexual assault in the third degree. Judge Carl ordered the sentences to be served consecutively. "In essence, you have a three to 15," Carl said.

Lacroix was arrested after the West Virginia State Police received a complaint of sexual abuse. The 12-year-old victim said the abuse had been happening for two years.

Lacroix will register as a sex offender for life and was ordered to 35 years extended supervision after the prison sentence is discharged.

Shawn P. Granese, 30, of Moorefield was sentenced to not less than one year and not more than 10 years in prison. Granese pleaded guilty to felony destruction of property in March.

According to court documents, the Hardy County Sheriff's office responded to a call from the West Virginia State Rail Authority that a vehicle had been stolen. The next day West Virginia State Police observed the vehicle and attempted to make a traffic stop. Granese crashed the vehicle and tried to flee on foot. He was subsequently arrested.

At the sentencing hearing, a recovery coach testified that Granese was accepted into a drug rehabilitation program, but Judge Carl denied the motion. Granese will also pay a \$2,500 fine.

Wade E. Alt, 30, of Keyser was sentenced to not less than one year and not more than 10 years in prison and ordered to pay \$400 restitution.

In October 2020, Alt was arrested for breaking and entering a local business. He has been in the custody of Allegheny County, Md.

Alt admitted guilt and requested probation so he could go to Maryland and answer charges there. Judge Carl denied the motion for probation, citing Alt's "extensive criminal record."

New Moorefield childcare center opening



Photo by

From left to right: Lizette Martinez; Sarah Sions; Ariaahna Barger; Kayla Halterman; Chelsee Spiker; Roy Hendrickson; Pamela Tennant, Pilgrim's Complex Administrative Assistant; Debra Hendrickson; Gina Fulk, Pilgrim's HR Supervisor; Jackie Berg; Teresa Runions

Pilgrim's partners with Teddy Bear Daycare to expand access to affordable childcare

By Chuck Tarleton
Moorefield Examiner

Pilgrim's, in partnership with Teddy Bear Daycare, plans to open the town's newest childcare center, Little Peeps, this July for 60-75 children 12 years of age and younger.

The center, located at 331 South Main Street, anticipates being open from 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. It will be operated by Debra Hendrickson, owner of Teddy Bear Daycare, and

subsidized by the company to lower the cost for Pilgrim's team members.

Inside, the center offers warm, welcoming, and supportive rooms for children of various abilities, backgrounds, and experiences. From infant daycare to school-age childcare, the space is designed to be an enjoyable place for children where they can laugh, grow, and have fun.

An estimated one third of the U.S. workforce, or an estimated 50 million workers, has a child under 14 in their household. "Childcare short-

ages and concerns in Hardy County are complicating a return to the workplace for many parents, including Pilgrim's team members," said Pamela Tennant, an administrative assistant with Pilgrim's.

"The scarcity and economic realities of affordable, safe childcare for working parents in Hardy County identified how Pilgrim's Hometown Strong investments can best help meet the needs of the community where we live and work."

Now, both Tennant and the families who choose to attend Little Peeps

will have a new childcare home. Recently, the center has done several open house tours for families.

"We're excited to be part of providing greater access to affordable childcare for our team members and their families," Tennant said.

Pilgrim's anchors dozens of rural communities - operating more than 30 meat poultry and prepared foods facilities and employing 31,000-plus people in the United States. The Pilgrim's Moorefield facilities employ

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BOE Rockets Through Light Agenda

By Ken Bustin
Moorefield Examiner

The Hardy County Board of Education made short work of a short agenda at its meeting last Monday.

All members were present - Janet Rose by telephone link, the others in person - when President Melvin Shook called the session to order at 5:02, two minutes after its scheduled start.

There were no presentations or public comments, so the President

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Hardy County has three options for Memorial Day services on Sunday, May 29.

Wardensville VFW Post 2102 will host a ceremony in the cemetery in town at 2 p.m. The speaker is Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) David Stevens, United States Air Force.

He was the W.Va. State Wing Command Chief for the W.Va. Air National Guard, which means he was the senior enlisted advisor to the Assistant Adjutant General and his senior staff.

He deployed to Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm as a Marine in 1990. In the Air National Guard, he deployed to Pakistan and Iraq.

Prior to assuming full-time positions in the WVANG, Stevens was a K9 handler for the Martinsburg Police Department.

Moorefield VFW Post 9606 and American Legion Post 64 will host a ceremony on Olivet Cemetery at 6 p.m. on Sunday. The speaker is Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Ken Bransky, United States Army.

Bransky, who lives in Baker, is the Post 9606 Commander. A Reserve Military Intelligence officer who retired after 32 years, he served a tour in Iraq in 2003. As a civilian, he worked for the Port Authority of New

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OPINION

Graduation

Graduates, make no mistake: Your lives are beginning.

It's a big world, and you have so many choices headed your way. Everyone gives you advice. All we'll add: Take the advice that resonates, put it in your kitbag, take it out every now and then and reflect on it. Don't let it weigh you down, and toss it when it stops applying to you.

Congratulations, blessings, luck, and love, today, tomorrow, and for the rest of your lives, whether you're headed to work, parenthood, the military, or onward to more school. There is no 'right' or 'wrong' among those options, only 'right' or 'wrong' for you. You do you. No one else can.

To those who love a Graduate: Give them room to fly, and grace if they fall. Be ready to help them up, or give them the tools to help themselves up.

Don't hold them down, even if someone once held you down. Support, but don't do it for them. Grant them space to learn who they are, and to learn who you are, as adults.

Some are still children, and will be for a few more years. Some are adults already, and have been, regardless what the law says. At any given moment, most of them are both.

Hold them accountable. Don't protect them from the consequences of their actions. They must learn for themselves. But don't insult them and don't help the world crush them.

There's nothing wrong, though, with giving a fledgling a toss up and out, to get them started.

The month of May always begs reflection on who we were, where we've been, and how far we've come, whether we're a Graduate, or just know one.

Learn from today. Know that Spring always returns. And do the best you can with what you have.

Memorial Day

May God bless the men and women who died in service to the United States, and their loved ones who are reminded daily of their absences. May the rest of us never forget...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

South Fork Pharmacy: What a great place. Reminds me of my younger days when we had Lang's and Friddle's to fill our prescriptions. All that's missing are the comic books (Friddle's). What a great time as a kid to grow up in the '50s and '60s.

Brad and his entire staff are so helpful and cordial.

Twenty to thirty minutes to get your meds, and away you go.

Good job, Brad and your staff. Moorefield is lucky to have you and your staff.

Terry Vance

Editor:

We cannot send our troops to war, and then send them the bill!

Memorial Day is right around the corner. It is a weekend where America pauses and reflects on those lives given in service to our country.

Many of those lives were not lost on the battlefield but instead lost here at home, to illnesses long after they have taken off their uniforms.

Burn pits, agent orange, and oil fires are some of the hazards our service men and women were exposed to in service. And it is those hazards that are killing them today. Our troops bravely served in dangerous environments, exposed to all kinds of dangers, and it is time we take care of them once and for all.

Thousands of Vietnam veterans suffered illnesses due to exposure to agent orange. It took decades for most of those illnesses to be recognized by VA and Congress. Shockingly, there are still some agent orange illnesses not recognized for care and benefits.

Gulf War Illness is a cluster of unexplained chronic illnesses that are determined to be caused by expo-

sure to oil fires and chemical weapons in Operations Desert Storm/ Shield. Currently, Gulf War veterans who have undiagnosed ailments only had a limited time to file for care and benefits for these unexplainable illnesses.

For post 9/11 veterans, burn pits are one of the lasting images from our nearly 20-year Global War on Terror. Burn pits were used to dispose of plastics, chemicals, batteries, and human waste. On some large bases, they burned 24 hours a day, seven days a week spewing black smoke in all directions. Veterans from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are developing chronic respiratory problems and being diagnosed with rare cancers at an alarming rate. Currently, almost 80% of post 9/11 veterans filing for care and benefits for illnesses due to burn pits are denied.

For decades, Congress wrote

blank checks to send our troops to war but didn't consider the cost to take care of our troops once they returned home. The practice of sending our young men and women off to war and leaving them to fend for themselves once they return home must stop.

Thankfully, there is hope on the horizon. The Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022, known as the "PACT Act", is a comprehensive piece of legislation that will take care of generations of veterans, allowing them to finally receive the care and benefits they have EARNED. This legislation is the culmination of years' worth of advocacy and is supported by 65 major veteran organizations including the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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MY UNBASED OPINION

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN

A working man. A highly skilled tradesman. A man who has years of experience dealing with homeowners, landlords and superintendents, sometimes under trying conditions.

Skills developed over most of a working lifetime. Skills no longer applied because of stiffness and indisposition. Think about a plumber who can no longer navigate crawl spaces under floors where frozen and burst pipes live. Think about electricians who find it difficult to balance on a stepladder while looking up at splices and dark fixtures overhead. Carpenters whose knees no longer take the punishment of rising and dropping to install flooring, or climbing ladders to repair roofs and hang gutters.

As years pass and such working folks age, their bodies require maintenance and repair just as do the systems they work on. Retirement, the light at the end of their working tunnel, grows brighter as they work nearer to their physical limit. That retirement light illuminates the need for financial security during the years they'll be unable to earn at past younger, healthier rates. Their future

lives become more uncertain when earning becomes less dependable due to lack of physical ability to perform.

The public they've served during their working lives, notices. Clogged drains, switches that no longer turn on lights, and rain water dripping into buckets under holes in their roofs all scream for attention, unavailable now, because age and infirmity have claimed reliable experienced repairmen they have depended upon.

Two problems mentioned here might be partially solved simultaneously. One is the loss of income stream for folks losing the ability to perform their highly skilled, specialized trades. Two is loss of reliable maintenance and repair persons available to businesses and homeowners who depend upon them to keep homes and businesses operating smoothly in the background of their own busy lives.

Why not a government funded education program? Why not pay experts to be teachers? Why not supplement the income of experienced experts by hiring them to train their own replacements? Why not a pro-

gram that pays enough to encourage them to hire strong young help who would benefit from training by proven expert instructors?

Trade schools, industrial arts courses and vocational training classes can teach young people to measure, cut, clean and glue sections of poly vinyl chloride pipe in a classroom. They may have trouble duplicating that instruction in a freezing damp dark crawl space 18 inches beneath an irate tenant and 25 feet away from their truck which holds a tool they forgot to bring under with them.

Those sources of formal basic education can do an efficient job of teaching necessary procedures for measuring, cutting, fitting, connecting, splicing, replacing pipes, wires, or shingles. They can teach construction drawing reading and perhaps project management. They cannot develop a classroom substitute for dealing with the public, the great varied mass of demand with whom skilled workers must interact and contend. Only experience and the special reputation and rapport the tradesman establishes with each cus-

tomers will determine ultimate success for all parties.

A program to aid the process might take the form of subsidies which reward the senior tradesman based upon number of qualified students on his payroll. Perhaps a program which reimburses for a portion of wages paid to those willing enrolled younger workers would apply. Specifics of such programs need political refinement, but care should be taken to insure they do not become simple pipelines for money from taxpayers through government, tradesmen and students to worker's unions.

I can't think who would benefit most from such programs. Would it be the aging, experienced masters nearing their working/earning limit? Would it be the younger, stronger students learning their trade from those masters? Would it be those who need the services skilled trades folks provide? I believe such opportunity for all parties involved would be beneficial particularly as our technical world demands more practical foundation services.

GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES

Fifteen Years Ago
May 23, 2007

Following concerns about water quality at East Hardy schools, the W.Va. Department of Health told the Board of Education that the water at the school was meeting all EPA requirements.

Toni Mathias and Ted Harvey purchased the Lost River General Store after purchasing the house next door for a Bed and Breakfast. The store has served the Valley as far back as 1840.

Rebekah Shaffer, Josh Thorne and Michelle Biser were Hardy County's Golden Horseshoe winners.

Annabelle Vance, Mathias, was chosen Belle of Hardy County and would represent the CEOS clubs of Hardy County at Jackson's Mill.

Ola Dove Miller, 95, Baker, died May 15...Pearl Hook Puffinberger, 63, Wardensville, died May 10...Ruby Kathleen Bare Sager, 89, Lost City, died May 11.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wolfe, a son, Austin William.

East Hardy boys defeated Moorefield 11-3...Moorefield girls defeated

South Harrison 8-0 to win the Region 2 Championship.

Thirty Years Ago
May 20, 1992

Two major upsets were results from the Primary election. In the county clerk race A.J. Wade defeated incumbent Sue Halterman. Ray "Red" Funkhouser, a four-term incumbent, was removed from the Board of Education. For the first time in history, two women were elected to the Board: Dixie T. Bean and Betsy Orndorff-Sayers.

An infectious medical waste rule was enacted by the Bureau of Public Health. All generators (facilities or individuals) of infectious waste were required to apply for permits or prepare a waste management plan by midsummer.

The Board of Education was asked to consider a Saturday School as part of the Assertive Discipline proposal.

Cora Hott Combs, 78, Augusta, died May 12...Harold Wendolyne Hinkle, 66, died May 16...Rebecca Hedrick Hiner, 94, Franklin, died

May 11...Mary Schoen Johns, 57, Romney, died May 14...Lawrence Bruce Moyer, 71, Mathias, died May 14...Grace Irene Nesselrodt, 80, Harrisonburg, died May 13...W. Howard Williams, 83, died May 12.

Joanna Kay Burks and Craig Johnson were married in April in Winchester.

East Hardy Cougars clinched the PVC title defeating Elk Garden 26-6 and Union 27-0 but lost to Frankfort 10-2.

Forty-five Years Ago
May 25, 1977

Heck's Stores was to break ground for a Moorefield outlet at Hawse Plaza.

Rep. Harley O. Stagger was to take the erroneous conclusions in the recent rail report to the ICC Chairman. Stagger said it would hamper efforts to save rail service.

A time capsule was buried at Moorefield Elementary School to be opened in 2027.

Molly Moomau was named a princess in the Mountain State Forest Festival.

Colleen Rexroad Arnold, 64, Delta, Pa., died May 6...Lillian Funkhouser Knee, 99, Winchester, died May 17...Nora Simmons George, 70, Rig, died May 19.

Eric Keller was presented the M. A. Bean Award at the Annual Moorefield Sports Banquet.

Sixty Years Ago
May 23, 1962

Moorefield Volunteer Firemen and the Potomac Valley Firemen's Asso-

ciation were sponsoring a Fire Safety Seminar featuring nationally known authorities.

Western Auto, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. G.D. Thomas, was into the building formerly occupied by Hawse Market and Pierce Foods on North Main Street.

Dr. John MacLeon was to give the commencement address at Moorefield.

Nettie Pugh Shreck, 71, Winchester, died May 15...Benjamin Franklin Helmick, 79, died May 15...Seymour W. Swisher, 68, Rio, died May 20.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Riddle, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Brown Hupp, twin daughters.

Moorefield defeated Petersburg 8-6 and Wardensville 11-0 and 3-1.

Seventy-five Years Ago
May 28, 1947

Moorefield's Legion Club and Moose Club were raided by State Police, State Liquor Control representatives and local officers as part of a regional sweep of Hardy, Hampshire, Grant and Pendleton counties. Slot machines and liquor were taken and charges were the sale of tax paid whiskey and the operation of gambling machines.

Commander S. Ray Ours, USN, had graduated from the Harvard University Business School.

The newsprint shortage was felt by the Examiner, which responded by reducing the type size in an effort to save space.

Members of the local volunteer fire company pledged not to shave until they had collected \$25 for the

membership drive.

Nearly 42,000 acres were destroyed by fire in W.Va. In the South Branch, 68 fires burned 1,838 acres at a loss of \$1,881.41.

William Taylor, 69, died May 22 at home...Mary Jane Ours Crites, 79, died May 16...Emmett W. Whitesel, 69, Petersburg, died on May 22...Mary Read, 77, Winchester, died May 17...Laura Alice Jenkins Wilkins, 70, Nokesville, Va., died May 23...A. Spates Brady, Elkins, had died in Keyser.

Irene Blanche Clower and Elvin Lawrence Stewart were married May 17...Wanda Ruth Seymour and Robert West were married May 10.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Riggleman, a son, Stephen Charles...to Mr. and Mrs. Olen Riggleman, a son, Olen Keith...to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Emswiller, a daughter, Jacquelyn Darlene...to Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hawse, Jr., a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mathias, a son, Glen Ray.

Moorefield defeated Belington 16-3 in the Region 4 finals.

Ninety Years Ago
May 26, 1932

Fred Ours was elected by the faculty of Potomac State College for membership in the honor fraternity of Sigma Phi Omega.

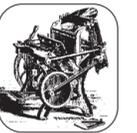
J. Ogden Heishman, who was attending school at the University of Toronto, Canada, had a position as an assistant for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. William Charlton had moved to the property owned by H.L. McKeever in Wardensville.

reason. Anyway, there were 50,000 golden trout stocked in 69 streams. What happened to them?

Is Celebrating 100 years

The Lincoln Memorial turns 100 on May 30 and the National Park Service is celebrating that event this Monday, which is also Memorial Day. You may not be present in person for the celebration, but you can follow it on television. There will be musicians from all 50 states in the



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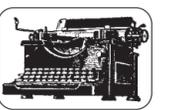
EXAMINER SAYS

Sunday is Memorial Day

Were you able to see the Blood Moon on the night of May 16? It was pretty cloudy here, but some areas had the clouds break up for glimpses. There was also an eclipse of the moon on May 15-16 that we missed entirely and that means we missed telling you about it. We hope you paid better attention to the lunar calendar than we did.

The Lincoln Memorial

Remember a couple of months ago we mentioned that the DNR was stocking West Virginia streams with the golden rainbow trout that were developed here in the state? There was incentive to fish for these trout, to win a lifetime fishing license, a stay at a state park, gift cards and more. We have yet to hear if anyone caught the golden beauties or the special tagged fish. So either the turnout of fishermen/women wasn't what was hoped for or they kept winners on the down low for some



All-American Mass Honor Band and Choir as part of the celebration. This memorial is one of the best-known and recognized monuments in Washington. One of the largest events at the Lincoln Memorial took place in August 1963 during the Civil Rights Movement when Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his "I Have a Dream" speech. More than 250,000 people crowded the National Mall to hear King and honor the president who had issued the Emancipation Proclamation a century earlier.

LETTERS

Letters to the Editor

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Every politician says they support veterans and our troops. Now is the time for them to step up and SHOW they support veterans and our troops. The Senate must pass the PACT Act now before another veteran dies from an unnecessary or undiagnosed illness. This Congress has a historic opportunity to right the wrongs of the past and fulfill our nation's promise to the men and women who proudly served our country.

I urge each and every one of my fellow West Virginians to reach out to our Senators and remind them that veterans' care is the full cost of war. We must honor our pact with those who served and fulfill our promise to care for those who have borne the battle by passing the PACT Act now!

Sincerely,

Jeffrey T. Elkins, VFW Department of West Virginia Commander

Intercepted Letter

May 20, 2022

Hardy County Commission
Hardy County Courthouse
204 Washington Street
Moorefield WV 26836

Dear Sirs:

I write in my individual capacity, but I am a member of the Hardy County Parks and Recreation Commission, where I have served as Secretary for 20 years. Over 20 years ago, Clyde M. See, Jr., and a group of volunteers used government grants and volunteer labor to develop Brighton Park. I worked with a group of volunteers with grant money to begin Baker Park. We realized we needed to coordinate maintenance and improvement efforts, so we asked the County Commission to revitalize the Hardy County Parks and Recreation Authority which was created decades before, but had lapsed with nothing to administer. The County Commission granted our request, and we reorganized the Parks and Recreation Commission. Our mission is to oversee, improve, maintain, and create recreational opportunities in Hardy County.

Because Brighton Park is so close to the Town of Moorefield, almost from the beginning we have thought about and planned for an eventual hike and bike trail to connect Brighton Park with pedestrian and other right-of-ways in Town. Moorefield currently is planning to use some flood dikes for walkways, and we thought it would be convenient to connect Brighton Park to the Town walkways with a hiking trail located as close to the river as practicable. After studying the project for many years, we concluded on a 14-foot wide trail to connect Brighton Park to the Town dike system. We received permission from the Town Council to utilize the dike system. We are still awaiting the necessary permits from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding their oversight of the dike system.

A few years ago, one of the landowners in the area sold a large tract of real estate to the West Virginia Land Trust. The Trust intends to develop this property with walking trails and a fairly large parking lot. This meant our trail could go into the West Virginia Land Trust property, which could be used to access the Town dike system. In addition, the Land Trust plans for a parking lot for people using the hike and bike trail to get from their property to Brighton Park.

The trail crosses the property of one landowner who is opposed to the project. Despite our requests, he has refused to discuss the project, and has refused to meet with us for 10 years. His property is situated behind the FoodLion property. While no one wanted to exercise

the right of eminent domain for this strip of property near the river, it seems hard to believe this person could have purchased property next to Town not realizing that at some point there would be demands on his property by public bodies. The Parks and Recreation Commission was already established when he bought his property, and we already had discussions about a hike and bike trail across this property. We have tried to accommodate this landowner as much as we possibly can by going along the edge of his fields. This is a spot where the topography only allows one road to cross, which is the access road for others who own land between his land and the river.

Several county commissions have supported this project in the last many years. Our representatives have appeared before you on March 12, 2020, and June 1, 2021, because we need your permission to exercise the right of eminent domain. Each time you passed a resolution authorizing us to use eminent domain as required by law, without any dissenting vote. We began the process of surveying and obtaining necessary permits. We needed to obtain another permit from the Army Corps of Engineers. The landowner refused to allow a Corps of Engineers designated person to dig a one-foot deep hole, analyze the soil, and leave the property, using nothing but a shovel. This was resisted in the Circuit Court by the landowner. The landowner also attempted to have you change your mind whether or not you wanted to pursue this project.

Accordingly, you scheduled a Special Meeting for December 16, 2021, "regarding the Hike and Bike Trail, whether the County Commission would continue to support or to withdraw support," where both sides could present their arguments and positions. As I recall, the special meeting lasted about three (3) hours. At the end of that special meeting, you again unanimously affirmed your commitment to this project. Based upon your assurances that you would see this project through, we have spent \$60,000.00 of the taxpayers' money.

This money came from the Beautification Fund, which is the county's share of the hotel/motel tax, which is paid when people come to recreate and vacation in Hardy County. The idea behind the Beautification Fund is that people who pay the hotel/motel tax should see some sort of benefit from the tax they pay. The Beautification Fund has been set aside for use by the Hardy County Parks and Recreation Commission. While we understandably have to obtain your permission to use the funds, you have always agreed with us how we want to spend them. We have tried never to use the Beautification Fund for routine maintenance; we have tried instead to use it either for long-term improvements or for large purchases, such as tractors and mowing machines. Because we knew we were going to have this hike and bike trail project in the future, we have tried not to fritter away the fund, but have instead allowed it to accumulate so we would have sufficient funds to deal with the cost of building this trail.

We have offered this landowner \$30,000.00 for 1.41 acres of his property. This constitutes 0.007% of his property. We had volunteered to agree to erect suitable fences, cattle guards, cameras, and the like, in order to control access to the trail, to provide safety, and give an idea of who was using the trail.

At the December 16, 2021, Special Meeting, you decided to continue to support the project, and that we would await the Circuit Court Judge's ruling on whether our

project met the standards as required by law. Judge Parsons held a couple of hearings where people opposed to the trail were heard. Judge Parsons also viewed the site with the attorneys on both sides, to see if there were any alternative routes that would be feasible. After giving the matter careful and mature consideration, and hearing from all sides, the judge issued a ruling in our favor on all issues. He found that the Parks and Recreation Commission had followed the law, that the trail was a public purpose; and that all of the opposition's contentions were without merit.

Those opposed to the project believe we should take the trail either along the train tracks, which sit eight to ten feet above their proposed trail route, or along Highway 220 down to Fisher-Keller Road. Either way there would be either trains or large trucks, and other machinery and vehicles within just a few feet of the pedestrian public. This was a no-brainer.

Two days after the Judge's decision was announced, you, the County Commissioners asked our Chairman, Bob Taylor, and our Park Director to come meet at the Courthouse. Then you advised those two and our member, Ed Kesecker, that you had decided you were no longer going to support the project. You gave some reasons, and apparently the main reason was you felt there now was public opposition to our project. We have a representative from the County Commission who comes to our meetings. Therefore the County Commission is always informed and aware of everything we are discussing and what we have been doing for the past 20 years.

At our May 17th meeting, your representative to our Commission advised us there was a lot of negative opposition from farmers in the Mathias area. These would be my neighbors. I do not know how well these individuals were informed about this project. However, we tried to explain to our representative from the County Commission that while it's good to talk to everyone who wants to talk to you, that if you are a public body, then you can only consider what is presented in a public forum. As County Commissioners you are not supposed to be going out and getting your information from people who want to be tooting the loudest horn. Certainly those people are entitled to be heard, but they should be heard in a public setting where it's clear they have been informed of all the facts. It may be, that once they are informed of all the facts, that they will change their minds.

I think there was some concern we were going to start building hike and bike trails, or hiking trails, all over the county. This is probably the only hike and bike trail we will ever build. We don't have any idea of where else we would even consider building a trail between two government properties. Baker Park and the East Hardy School Complex actually are connected by trails. However, we have studied this for 20 years and determined this would be the most popular and most used place to put a hike and bike trail in Hardy County.

West Virginia Code § 6-9A-1 is known as the "Open Meetings Act." It requires that before a public body makes a decision, it is required to give notice of a hearing, with an appropriate agenda, and to allow people to be heard before making a decision. Any decision you, the County Commission, has to make, has to be made in public on the record.

Clearly, you have violated the Open Meetings Act because you

have had meetings among yourselves, and you have made decisions contradicting your earlier decisions, without following this statute. You had a meeting on December 19, 2021, where every one was heard, and you made a decision. Now, you have made a decision to undo your earlier decisions without ever having any official meeting with notice to the public, or any of the other requirements of the Open Meetings Act. Your representative advised that you were going to take the official action of killing our project at your June 7, 2022, meeting. Obviously, this will be just a "rubber stamp" of an already made decision, in violation of the Open Meetings Act. You have made this decision based on scuttlebutt you have heard from the community, rather than on information presented to you in a public forum. There is no public body that can behave in such a manner and still be in compliance with applicable law.

If you have questions about this project, you should have given notice to the public you were going to reconsider the matter at your June meeting, and given people the opportunity to present their position. That would have given us the opportunity to educate the public more. Clearly we may have failed by not explaining the very limited nature of this trail, and why it is so important for the development of the Town's and area's recreational facility; as well as a good use of the vacationers' hotel/motel tax they pay expecting it will be used to improve recreational opportunities. Moreover, this hike and bike trail would have been constructed primarily with grant money, the same type grant funds that were used to construct Brighton and Baker Parks. And it would not have cost you, the County Commission, that much, given what you would have obtained. Projects such as these require significant planning. These projects are meant for the future. In many cases, plans are meant to look 25 or 50, or even 100 years, down the road to imagine what improvements will be necessary. Neither Clyde See and his volunteers, nor my volunteers, could know to what extent these parks would be used when we built them. All we knew was that we had the opportunity to turn some property into a park that would be a park, hopefully forever. That way, as the communities grow, you already have some park facilities. Unfortunately, our parks are almost overrun already with the demand for recre-

ation, walking, Little League fields, soccer fields, and the like. A trail, connecting Brighton Park and the Town, would have been a wonderful thing, especially including the Land Trust property.

I write this letter because I think the public should know what you have done, and to give you an opportunity to have a real hearing in June, so you can see who is and who isn't opposed, and of the people who are opposed how many of them actually know exactly what the project involves. I would expect you would give adequate notice to the public. If you do not intend to do that, and to just "rubber stamp" the decision you have already illegally made, then please consider this my letter of resignation.

In addition, over two years ago I advised you that Mrs. Garrett and I were trying to wind down our practice, and that I was resigning as Fiduciary Commissioner, after holding that position for almost 35 years. For some reason, you have not seen fit to appoint someone to replace me, even though there are several younger people who would be available. While I appreciate your confidence in me, Mrs. Garrett and I are getting closer and closer to finally being retired and I would request that you appoint someone to take my place.

Sincerely,
Lary D. Garrett**Intercepted Letter**

Hardy County Sheriff

Dear Sheriff Dawson:

It has come to my attention that you have been telling people that you suspect your secretary, Holly Barger, of "leaking" information to me, in particular the duty schedule for Deputy McCausley. I have heard now from multiple sources that they have overheard you threatening retribution for this.

In fact, I have never, to my knowledge, met or even spoken with her, so that accusation is absolutely false, and I would think that an apology is due her from you for that suspicion.

Moreover, even if that assumption had been correct, it is my opinion that this information is not and should not be secret, and falls well within the public's right to know.

That you consider it otherwise and appear to be conducting a witch hunt to find out who has disseminated what should be public information is a cause of great disappointment to me, and substan-

tially undermines my respect for your professional integrity, as did your earlier advisory that you no longer wanted the Examiner (or at least myself specifically) to reach out to you for comment on matters of public interest with which your Department is involved.

The threats of retribution against a member of your own staff also lends a great deal of credibility to the validity of the multiple warnings I have received that the Examiner staff should expect retaliation for our reporting.

I think that these words and actions dishonor and do a great disservice to your office – and the people who elected you to it – and do not go unnoticed by the voters.

It's been my experience that secretive and retaliatory behaviors arise from the need to cover inappropriate original actions, so I always find them very troubling.

Please give your assistant the apology she deserves.

Ken Bustin

The Moorefield Examiner

Dear Editor:

A letter in your May 11 edition was critical of earlier comments I made about the war in Ukraine. The writer also mentioned prayer more than a half-dozen times, implying that it is a greatly under-utilized tool in serious worldly affairs.

There is no doubt that prayer helps many people deal with their daily lives. But it will take a lot more than prayer to fix the horrendous situation over there. If that was the main thing missing, it would have been resolved long ago!

Also, the reader dwelt excessively on religious aspects of politics in general. (By the way, can anyone say with a straight face that Trump espouses Christian values?)

I am always baffled by the extent to which Trump supporters will twist themselves into pretzels to claim that he did nothing dangerous in his first term and should be voted right back in office at the next opportunity.

Why is that? Because he appointed three SCOTUS justices who, it surely appears, have no qualms about setting this country's hard-earned social progress back for decades? It is difficult to ignore religious undertones in their extreme conservatism.

Please keep church and state separate. Our Constitution is very clear on that.

Ray Daugherty
Frederick County, Md.

FRAN WONDERS

By FRAN WELTON

I wonder how many of you are label readers? I have been reading labels since the early 1970s when we had our own gift shop, about the time the US Embargo was lifted from China.

Reading label information can be interesting and confusing with the creative marketing used to fool, or not quite acknowledging that their product is not made in the U.S.A.

Today I picked up my small package of "nice n Clean wipes" antibacterial hand wipes. Their label is an American flag emblem with the words in capital letters MADE IN AMERICA. To me the Nice-Pak, Inc. producers of New York are a worthwhile company to support.

Not necessarily so for SC Johnson company, not to be confused with the Johnson & Johnson company. Yes I have used their products Pledge, Raid, Mr. Clean over the years. After reading their information on my can of Pledge, I decided to do a little research and found a very interesting news article dated December 9,

2016, SC Johnson China Named a 2016 Best Workplace. In researching the company you first come to brag that they are a family company located in Racine, Wis. I wonder just how much money they pay their Chinese employees compared to their U.S. employees.

My Great Value Everyday Soft Facial Tissues box is labeled Made in the USA, Factory Certified, distributed by Walmart, Inc. They make it clear that the tissues are not Kleenex, which is a product of Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. I wonder what worldwide means; they are sold worldwide or made worldwide.

Our Windmill Natural Vitamins Natural Source C-500 is made in the USA from Global Sourced Ingredients and distributed by Windmill Health Products, N.J. Wonder where the global ingredients come from. Our "smart living" batteries are made in China, and distributed by Foodhold U.S.A., LLC. Their label says quality guaranteed and money back

if not satisfied. The labeling information on our imported food products are hit and miss. I wonder why food, one of life's necessary imported items is not mandated to carry more labeling info.

Our revised edition of The New Roget's Thesaurus In Dictionary Form printed in 1960s has all the labeling information one needs or may want to have included on their label if sold in the USA.

To me the United States Government should require that all items sold in the United States of America contain How, When, Where, Why, Who and What. That way we can better determine which items are quality, meet our needs and expectations and if not the producer can suffer the financial consequences through lost revenue. We have a Right to Know. I find that a lot of research is needed about all products. An interesting read is Markets Editors' pick: "Why Is The U.S. So Ridiculously Dependent On China?"

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Capito Mobile Office

U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) mobile office will be at the Hardy County Senior Center in Moorefield, 409 Spring Avenue, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25. Members of Senator Capito's staff will be available to provide constituents assistance with casework and other issues they may be experiencing with federal agencies. Appointments are not required but are encouraged, and they can be made by visiting Senator Capito's mobile office page on her website.

EHHS Senior Awards

East Hardy High School's Senior Awards Assembly is Wednesday, May 25, at 1 p.m. To present an award or scholarship, please contact Monica Orndorff at 304-897-5948 for further details.

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

Library Booksale

The Wardensville Library will hold a booksale Saturday, May 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in front of the library. If raining, it will be inside. Come support your community library!

Nursing Deadline June 1

The application deadline for the 2024 nursing cohort at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is 4:30 p.m. June 1. Applicants must complete an application to the college as well as a separate nursing program application. Program admission requirements are available on the college website at <https://easternwv.edu/academics/nursing-program>.

Public Meeting Notice

The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting will be Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be at the Farm Credit building, 550 South Main Street, Moorefield, WV. Additional information is available on the District webpage: www.wvca.us/district/pvcd.cfm or by contacting the office at 304-822-5174. The meeting agenda will be available three days prior to the meeting. A copy may be obtained on the webpage or by contacting the office at 500 East Main St., Suite F, Romney, WV. The public is invited to participate.

Retired School Employees

Hardy County Retired School Employees meeting on June 2, 2022 at 10:30 at the Kac-Ka-Pon restaurant in Wardensville. Joel Thacker from Humana/PEIA will attend to answer any questions you may have.

Wardensville Senior Lunch

All Seniors are invited to lunch on Fridays at noon in the United Methodist Church basement on Main Street in Wardensville.

Flu and COVID Shots

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

Flu shots will be given on Monday and Wednesday only, from 8 – 11:30 and 1 – 3:30. You do not need an appointment for a flu shot. Bring your insurance cards. If you do not have insurance, you can still get a flu shot. The Moderna booster is now available. COVID shots are by appointment only and are scheduled on Thursday or Friday, depending which shot you need. Call the health department at 304-530-6355 to schedule an appointment.

Dead Animals

The West Virginia Division of Highways has a policy regarding the pickup and disposal of dead animals. The DOH will only pick up

carcasses on state owned highways and will not go on private property. To report a dead animal on a state owned road, please notify your local district DOH office at 304-434-2525.

Spay and Neuter

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

Drug Take Back

The Moorefield Police Department maintains a permanent collection site for unwanted or expired prescription medication, located within the Police Department. It is located at 206 Winchester Ave. and is available to the public Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info check MPD's Facebook page or call 304-530-1777.

NEWS

Hardy County Wellness Center opens up 24/7 access for members

By Milda M. Mullins
Moorefield Examiner

The Hardy County Wellness and Fitness Center in Moorefield has opened its doors at all hours for its members.

"It was an idea we had talked about, talked about, talked about and then we just, at one of our board meetings, we proposed it and brought it up to see what our board members thought," said center director Morgan See.

"But the main reason we thought 24/7 would be good was because we're mainly a factory town; we're missing two shifts of factory workers and including law enforcement and EMTs — we can't serve them. The people with second homes — we can't serve them either because we don't have the weekend hours. We believe membership will rise and we can serve the community better."

The center will still be staffed from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and on Saturdays

from 6 a.m. to noon. During staffed hours, operations will run as normal. "Nothing during our regular day will change," said See.

With this update, the center will allow members card access any time. Open areas include the cardio room and weight room; the pool will not be open. See added that payments and business must be done during staffed hours.

The Wellness Center's policy allows members 18 years old and above to enter with their membership

card while members 17 years old and below must be accompanied by an adult during non-staffed hours.

According to See, the Town of Moorefield and Pilgrim's both contributed financially to pay for the changes needed for the switch to 24/7 access. "They're local people supporting a local project," she said.

Wellness Center board member Hoss Mongold said he's excited about the change and noted he and other board members believe the center is providing a positive re-

source for the community.

"We think it's a great opportunity to serve the community, we really do. It'll open it up to a lot of fine people who wouldn't be able to get here during normal hours; so we think it's a really great opportunity," said Mongold.

"We hope it works out well and we're going to see to doing it in a very safe manner. We're looking forward to it."

See said the change could help citizens participate in a more active and

healthy lifestyle by providing open accessibility to the centers resources.

"I think it's going to be a great thing for our community. The big thing is, people will say, 'I don't have time in my day to work out.' The average workout is less than four percent of your day," she explained.

"We increased your day and gave you more availability to have a workout slot during your daily routine."

See concluded, "we're excited. Sometimes change is hard, but I think it's going to be great."

Moorefield Historic Landmark Commission tables decisions on application requests

By Connie Sherman
Moorefield Examiner

The Moorefield Historic Landmark Commission (MHLC) met Wednesday, May 11, 2022 to review certificate of appropriateness applications from several property owners.

Scott and Kim Carlson, owner of the McMechen House, located at 109 North Main Street, requested approval for several renovation projects to their property, which includes the Sweet Treats on Main ice cream shop. Construction of an approximately 22'x35' open pavilion to cover the existing back deck area to be used for outdoor dining and events was approved. The structure will not be attached to the existing building, will have 6x6 wood posts with a barn red metal roof, railing around the perimeter and a 10' high ceiling. Additional maintenance projects such as painting exterior steps and ramp, and scraping, repair, and repainting of windows and soffit were also approved. Any window needing replaced will match the existing windows with grids, and the decorative

soffit will be repaired or replaced with existing soffit. Both windows and soffit will remain painted white.

The next topic for discussion was reinstalling an awning over the ice cream shop entrance to protect it from the weather. The previous awning was a metal frame with a canvas covering similar to other awnings located on Main Street businesses, however, the Carlsons requested to construct a wooden frame with metal roof. The MHLC asked Mr. Carlson to obtain a cost estimate of the metal roof versus the canvas awning or to research other awning options. Action on the awning was tabled until additional information is obtained. The MHLC will meet with Mr. Carlson as soon as he has the information available.

David Matlick participated in the meeting by telephone to discuss his application for installing a metal roof on his house and fencing around his property, located at the corner of Jefferson Street and Maple Avenue. The request for the metal roof was approved, however the installation of the fence was tabled. Mr. Matlick's request was to install a 2"x4" wire

mesh fence with two 6' gates around his property, which borders two streets within the Moorefield historic district. The MHLC will work with Mr. Matlick on an alternative fence for the sections of the fence that will be seen from the street.

An application submitted by Stone House Construction on behalf of Roy Hendrickson, owner of Little Peeps Daycare center, was approved. The request was to replace the black shingles currently on a section of the building with a black metal roof and to replace the existing tin roof of the entire building with black metal roofing.

The MHLC continues to be able to inform the public, especially prospective and current property owners of houses and buildings within the Moorefield historic district, of what is recommended and preferred prior to purchasing or planning renovations to such properties. It is the intent of the MHLC to create a good rapport with property owners and to maintain the historical value of our town. The MHLC meets as needed depending on applications filed. All meetings are open to the public.

MMS Jackbots finish with wins



By Connie Sherman
Special to the Examiner

The Moorefield Middle School Jackbots have been busy bees, wrapping up the 2022 competition year by placing first in the STEM Innovation category at the BRITE Challenge in Davis. The BRITE Challenge was sponsored by Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College and the National Youth Science Foundation. The competition was an opportunity for students from the Eastern Panhandle to showcase their STEM-related projects. The team's Innovation project involved an idea to upgrade the design of shipping

containers by adding a foldable rod so the crates can be stacked during transportation, reducing the need for exterior locks that often fail and result in cargo lost at sea. Their innovation project had previous success, earning them a First Place Innovation award at the W.Va. State FLL-C Championship, and a nomination for the Global Innovation Challenge.

The team was honored to be selected as one of only two teams from W.Va. to participate in the 2022 First Lego League Mid-Atlantic American Robotics Invitational at the Liberty Science Center held in Jersey City, NJ. The team received the Gracious Professionalism Award at the com-

petition which included the participation of over 30 teams. The team actively experienced other science exhibits and gained knowledge and experience from other teams.

Team members include Carter Sherman, Danica Wolfe, Marcus Cremann, Zin Myat and Caitlin Walters. Another successful season in the books for this team, coached by MMS science teacher Alicen Adkins and Bonnie Crites. The team wishes to thank the community business and individual sponsors for their support.

A full list of sponsors and additional information can be found at www.sites.google.com/view/mhsjackbots/moorefield-middle-school-jackbots.

NEWS BRIEFS

Twenty West Virginia housing authorities will receive nearly \$42 million in federal funding for housing programs. Sens. Joe Manchin and Shelley Moore Capito announced the funding Monday from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. A statement from the senators said the funding will expand rental assistance, address substance use disorder and support other programs, including for residents experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

Included in the funding is a Community Development Block Grant of more than \$14 million for the state. The state also will receive several million dollars in various other grants for housing assistance in

emergencies, for low-income households, for residents in recovery from a substance abuse disorder and for people with HIV.

The West Virginia Humanities Council is seeking grant applications for the June 1 mini-grant deadline. The mini-grants support requests of \$1,500 or less for events, small museum exhibits, brochures and more. Grant guidelines and applications are available online at the Humanities Council website, www.wvhumanities.org.

According to AAA last week, the average price for regular gas in West Virginia was at \$4.380. The national

gas price average was \$4.567 per gallon.

The national average cost for regular gas is steadily climbing, primarily due to the high cost of crude oil. As of May 18 across the state Beckley was high at \$4.374 and Wheeling and Morgantown were low at \$4.413. Hardy County's gas average was \$4.288.

Area prices were Hampshire \$4.430, Mineral \$4.434, Grant \$4.449, and Pendleton \$4.382. Reporting stations in Hardy County: Sheetz was \$4.60, Exxon was \$4.40, BP was \$4.50, and Baker was \$4.40; Pure at Mathias and Kerr's Shell at Wardensville were both \$4.40. Sunoco at Old Fields was \$4.30.

\$18 million given to W.Va. health centers

U.S. Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) and Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.), both members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, today announced \$18,094,738 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for six health centers across West Virginia. This funding was made available through the HHS Health Center Cluster grant program.

"Our health centers are staples in our communities, providing West Virginians the health care and medical resources they need in close prox-

imity to their homes. This level of access is essential, and underscores the importance of making sure our health centers have the resources they need to serve their communities effectively and keep our health care workforce prepared," Senator Capito said. "I will continue to fight for the funding and support needed to keep West Virginia's healthy."

"West Virginia's health centers are the backbone of our healthcare system and continue to provide quality care for West Virginians throughout

the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. I am pleased HHS is continuing to invest in our health centers to help provide essential medical services and ensure all West Virginians have access to quality, affordable healthcare," Senator Manchin said. "As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue advocating for funding to support health centers across the Mountain State."

In Hardy County, E.A. Hawse Health Center, Inc. in Baker was awarded \$1,527,367.

WVDOH accepting bids around the county for funded projects

There were 20 projects included in a bid letting conducted by the West Virginia Division of Highways on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

The WVDOH is reviewing the bids and hopes to award contracts for these projects soon.

The May 17 letting included the following local projects: Statewide pavement markings; Corridor H guardrail upgrade (Hardy County); Moorefield paving (Hardy County); and Baker to McCauley Bridge paving (Hardy County).

Several factors are considered before awarding a bid, including whether a bid falls above or below the WVDOH Engineer's Estimate and by what percentage. In cases where a bid is above the Engineer's Estimate, WVDOH must consider

the project need, repercussions of not awarding the project, additional funding sources, and whether sufficient reasons exist for the differences in estimates. Most projects are reviewed, analyzed, and awarded within a week of the bid letting, but the process can take longer.

When the Division of Highways has a project that is determined to be best constructed by a contractor, it is processed through the bid letting system. A letting is a scheduled opportunity for contractors to review and bid on several construction projects at one time. Lettings are held either once or twice per month and conducted through the Bid Express System online at www.bidx.com and handled through the Contract Administration Division. Contrac-

tors need to subscribe to Bid Express before bids can be accepted on any project.

As the date and time approach the deadline of the letting, contractors are expected to place their bids, with complete documentation as necessary. Shortly after the letting, the respective bids are reviewed. All bids are evaluated thoroughly for competitiveness and deemed acceptable through guidelines as approved by policy, reviewed, and approved by the FHWA. Award of the contracts is made based on the recommendation by our Awards Committee based on the results that evaluation and approval by the Commissioner. Projects are typically awarded to the lowest bidder with all proper documentation in place.

AT THE LIBRARY

Closure Notice

The Library will be closed Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day. It will reopen for normal hours on Tuesday, May 31.

Summer Reading Program Sign-Up Approaching!

Sign-up for the 2022 Summer Reading Program begins Saturday, June 11 at the library. The program is open to all ages (infant to adult) and you read — or are read to — at your own pace. There will be crafts, activities, prize drawings and more throughout the program. Sign-up only lasts until Saturday, June 25, so be sure to mark your calendars and make it in before it's too late. The program will end on Saturday, August 6th.

New Fiction

Every Cloak Rolled in Blood (Holland Family; 5) by James Lee Burke — Grieving the death of his daughter, novelist Aaron Holland finds himself battling earthly and supernatural outlaws.

In the Blood (James Reece; 5) by Jack Carr — A woman boards a plane in the African country of Burkina Faso having just completed a targeted assassination for the state of

Israel. Two minutes later, her plane is blown out of the sky. Over 6,000 miles away, former Navy SEAL James Reece watches the names and pictures of the victims on cable news. One face triggers a distant memory of a Mossad operative attached to the CIA years earlier in Iraq — a woman with ties to the intelligence services of two nations...a woman Reece thought he would never see again. Reece enlists friends new and old across the globe to track down her killer, unaware that he may be walking into a deadly trap.

Countdown to Midnight (Nick Flynn; 2) by Dale Brown — former U.S. Air Force officer Nick Flynn is caught up in a shadow war against allied Russia and Iran — a duo wielding a terrifying new weapon.

The Island by Adrian McKinty — After moving from a small country town to Seattle, Heather Baxter marries Tom, a widowed doctor with a young son and teenage daughter. A working vacation overseas seems like the perfect way to bring the new family together, but once they're deep in the Australian outback, the jet-lagged and exhausted kids are so over their new mom. When they discover a remote island that's off-limits to outside visitors, the family

talks their way onto a ferry. But as soon as they set foot on the island, which is run by a tightly knit clan of locals, everything feels wrong. Then a shocking accident propels the Baxters from an unsettling situation into an absolute nightmare.

Killer on the Court (Murder, She Wrote; 55) by Jessica Fletcher — Jessica Fletcher's sunny beach vacation with her nephew's family takes a dark turn when Grady's wife finds her boss dead on a tennis court. Will Jessica be able to find a killer and salvage the rest of her trip?

Take Your Breath Away by Linwood Barclay — Finally putting his life back together six years after the disappearance of his wife, Brie, Andy Mason, settling down with a new partner, finds his future, and the lives of those closest to him, in danger when a woman bearing a striking resemblance to Brie shows up.

Nightwork by Nora Roberts (Reg. Print, Audiobook) — Harry Booth started stealing at nine to keep a roof over his ailing mother's head, slipping into luxurious, empty homes at night to find items he could trade for precious cash. When his mother finally succumbed to cancer, he left Chicago — but kept up his night-work. Wandering from the Outer

Banks to Savannah to New Orleans, he dons new identities and stays careful, observant, distant. He can't afford to attract attention — or get attached. Still, he can't help letting his guard down when he meets Miranda Emerson.

Clive Cussler's Dark Vector (NUMA Files; 19) by Graham Brown (Reg. Print, Audiobook) — A freighter carrying top-secret computers of unparalleled capability disappears in the Western Pacific. While searching for a lost treasure that once belonged to the famous Chinese pirate queen, Ching Shih, Kurt Austin and Joe Zavala are redirected to look for the missing vessel. Discovering that the sinking of the ship is just part of an intricate web of deception, they find themselves in the middle of a cyber-war between rival groups of hackers, both of whom want to control the flow of data around the world.

Hide by Kiersten White — The challenge: Spend a week hiding in an abandoned amusement park and don't get caught. The prize: enough money to change everything. Even though everyone is desperate to win, Mack is sure she can beat her competitors. All she has to do is hide, and she's an expert at that. But as the people around her begin disappear-

ing one by one, Mack realizes this competition is even more sinister than she imagined, and that together might be the only way to survive.

The Honeymoon Cottage by Lori Foster — When it comes to creating the perfect happily-ever-after, Yardley Belanger is a bona fide miracle worker. From bridal bouquets to matching cowboy boots, the quirky wedding planner's country-chic affairs have caused quite a stir in the small town of Cemetery. But when it comes to her own love life, she's clueless. But that's about to change.

With a Mind to Kill (James Bond; 41) by Anthony Horowitz — Traveling behind the Iron Curtain, James Bond must convince the Russians, including a beautiful Soviet psychiatric analyst, that he is a double agent to infiltrate a group planning a major act of terrorism, which, if successful, will destabilize relations between the East and West.

New Non-Fiction and Bios

Mean Baby: A Memoir of Growing Up by Selma Blair — Blair lays bare her addiction to alcohol, her devotion to her brilliant and complicated mother, the moments she flirted with death, and the surprising salvation of

a multiple sclerosis diagnosis.

Sounds Wild and Broken: Sonic Marvels, Evolution's Creativity, and the Crisis of Sensory Extinction by David George Haskell — Haskell explores how the evolution of both natural and man-made sounds have shaped us and the world, and how the world's acoustic diversity is currently in grave danger of being destroyed.

Freezing Order: A True Story of Money Laundering, Murder, and Surviving Vladimir Putin's Wrath by Bill Browder — Browder chronicles how he became Vladimir Putin's number one enemy by exposing Putin's campaign to steal and launder hundreds of billions of dollars and kill anyone who stands in his way.

Red-Handed: How American Elites Get Rich Helping China Win by Peter Schweizer — Schweizer presents his most alarming findings to date by revealing the secret deals wealthy Americans have cut to help China build its military, technological, and economic might. Equally as astonishing, many of these elites quietly believe the Chinese dictatorial regime is superior to American democracy.

NEWS

Petition for Impeachment

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in April he was basing his decision to return McCausley to active duty on a report released April 12 by Grant County Prosecuting Attorney John Ours, the Special Prosecutor assigned to the matter. Ours stated in the report that he found “no credible evidence” of criminal behavior by McCausley. Dawson told the Examiner at that time that he was entirely satisfied with the Special Prosecutor’s report and felt that McCausley could be properly returned to active duty.

However, the criminal investigation into the matter remains active, with State Police investigators re-

portedly conducting interviews even within the last two weeks.

Ours has acknowledged that the investigation remains open, and that he wrote his report based on a preliminary State Police report from last August. Ours also said he has not received further reports since then.

A second investigation, involving criminal threats allegedly made by McCausley, is also open, with investigators contacting a witness within the past week, per the witness. That investigation began when a Hardy County citizen provided State Police and the Sheriff with a recording in which McCausley is heard making a

death threat.

Examiner reporters have spoken with a number of others who also allege they have heard McCausley threatening retribution against several individuals who have spoken out against him. All spoke on condition of anonymity and did not want the Examiner to use their names in print, concerned that going public might cause retaliation to be extended to them, as well. However, two of these individuals did agree to speak with State Police, and authorized the Examiner to furnish investigators with their contact information. At press time, the Examiner was awaiting a

return call from the investigator.

Also as of publication, it seems no Special Prosecutor has been appointed to the second investigation. Last week Ours said he had not been appointed to the second matter, and explained that for a Special Prosecutor to be appointed, the Hardy County Prosecuting Attorney, currently Lucas See, must send a request to the Prosecuting Attorneys Institute in Charleston. The Institute then recommends the appointment of an impartial party to a Hardy County Judge for a confirming signature.

Efforts to reach See or either Assistant Prosecutor to determine if

they contacted the Institute were inconclusive. The Examiner reached out daily for a week, but was unable call when any of the three were in the office. Immediately before publication, Assistant Prosecutor Orrin Stagers was finally reached but refused to comment on whether the matter was referred for appointment of a Special Prosecutor: “It is our policy not to comment on active investigations.” Asked if that confirmed it was an active investigation, he replied, “‘Active’ is not the word I would use.” When asked what word he would use, he reiterated that he had no comment.

Calls to the Prosecuting Attorneys Institute to confirm a request were not returned by publication.

Dawson previously told the Examiner not to call him for comment.

The County Commissioners meet again June 7 at 9 a.m. It is not clear if the petition for Dawson’s impeachment will be presented then.

Allegedly the petition’s sponsors are canvassing door-to-door for signatures. Copies of the petition have been posted on Post Office bulletin boards in Wardsville, Baker and Moorefield.

At publication, the petition reportedly had more than 100 signatures.

Moorefield Council

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cific purpose, such as mowers or the water system.

Council member Jason Fertig said he was, “not opposed to helping, if we can, but other uses — health department, fire department, senior center — affect more people. We’re all going to need the senior center, health department, and wellness center.”

The council decided to donate \$5000 for repairs and course equipment, and are willing to consider future requests.

Hardy County Prosecutor Lucas See asked the council for permission to access his new home from Brighton Park. See is constructing a home just beyond the park’s boundary.

Although Brighton Park belongs to the Hardy County Parks and Recreation Commission, a small section that includes horseshoe pits and the South Branch River intake pumps belongs to the Town.

A gate at that section provides access directly to See’s new home.

See explained he is not requesting a right-of-way, but permission to use the access, which could be withdrawn at any time for any reason.

The council also discussed his request as an agenda item. The access he requested is not the primary access to his property, and is unusable any time Brighton Park’s main gate is closed.

The council tabled the discussion to talk to their lawyer, Jack Walters, and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Patti Shoemaker voiced concerns about motorized bicycles and scooters on sidewalks. She said the adults operating the vehicles often ask her to get off the sidewalk.

Shoemaker said she sees them all day and that operators do not follow

traffic or pedestrian laws; she said she sees them run stop signs.

“Something has got to be done,” Shoemaker said.

Council members Roger Pratt and Terry Hardy both relayed their own, similar experiences.

Zuber said she would speak to Moorefield Police Chief Stephen Riggelman.

Inspector/Code Enforcement

Vic Shockey reported contacting 64 property owners for 101 separate code violations in April; 77 are already resolved.

Most pertained to yard junk and clutter, and junked or abandoned vehicles. Trash, trailer underpinnings, and unsafe or insecure structures also contributed.

Shockey said citizens are “working with us” on junk cars and trailer underpinnings.

The Town approved nine building or improvement permits in April, with a combined improvement value of \$203,300. In 2022 the Town has approved 20 permits with a total improvement value of \$452,900, which is 25 percent more than previous years. Shockey thinks that’s because the Town is enforcing proper permitting, and because a lot of improvements are happening organically.

Park Bans

The council discussed how to handle youthful park trespassers from a year ago, one of whom approached the council at their May 3 meeting asking to regain access to the Town Park.

Several minors were banned from the Park for life last year following acts of vandalism and destruction,

but were told they could request the bans be lifted after a year.

It was evident during the discussion that the council previously talked through the topic, apparently during the May 3 executive session.

During that discussion, the council apparently decided to continue the bans for another year while they create policies and procedures for these or other banned users’ returns.

The youth who attended the May 3 meeting will be directed to return in May 2023.

Other

The council approved a change order for the water plant project for \$203,029.07. It covers frequency drives, an air burst system, a wet well level transducer, a crane to pull pumps, and a 10-inch flow meter for the South Branch River intake.

Final completion is scheduled for Oct. 31, 2022.

The council approved a proclamation designating May as West Virginia Community Action month, for their 58 years of service and impact.

Locally, they do business as Eastern Action.

The council hired Markwood Construction to finish the work at the new Park shelter, including six steel doors and double-hung windows for \$15,200.

They approved the Poultry Association’s request to use Carla’s Garden parking lot at Winchester Avenue and Main Street for Poultry Week’s kiddie parade on July 18.

They approved \$34,600 for a 4-door, 4-wheel-drive pick-up at Weimer’s for Public Works.

The next meeting is June 7 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

Childcare Center

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more than 1,700 people. The production facility supports an estimated 126 growers. In November 2020, Pilgrim’s announced an initial \$860,000 investment in Moorefield in the

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framework of its Hometown Strong projects — a \$100,000 increase in funding in 2021 brings the total Moorefield community donation to \$960,000. Nationally, the Hometown

Strong initiative is a \$20 million investment from Pilgrim’s, which is part of a \$70 million nationwide contribution from JBS USA, Pilgrim’s Pride majority shareholder.

ed. Questions from the Board about the intentions for area lights at East Hardy revealed that it is planned to shut them off during the Summer vacation. Shook asked if it’s possible to shut off some lights and leave some operating, and Van Meter said she was uncertain, but would investigate and report back. Currently, she said, the lights are set up to work automatically, coming on at dusk and shutting off at dawn. She said she would explore whether it would be possible to adjust both the times and which lights are used.

An update on the parking lot at East Hardy High School was also discussed as a future agenda item, but Van Meter provided a quick update of its current status. She said that the contractor was aware of drainage issues. They were there during a rainstorm and observed the standing water, and planned to devise a remedy. She said there might be a price increase if the fix involves significant extra work.

There was brief discussion of the library project, and whether or not the barbecue pit would have to be moved. In answer to a question from Rose, Van Meter said there was not any money left for the building, so the project is on hold for now. The barbecue pit does not need to be moved until the library project is ready to proceed. She said the Board will be updated again when the library project is ready to move ahead.

Announcements of upcoming

meeting dates came next. Scheduled events included the South Branch Career and Technical Center graduation, which was set for May 19 at 6:30 p.m.; a retirement dinner at O’Neill’s on May 25 at 5 p.m.; Moorefield High School graduation on May 27 at 5:30 p.m.; East Hardy High School graduation on May 27 at 7:30 p.m.; and the next Board of Education meeting on May 31 at 5 p.m.

Personnel was next, and the Board voted to enter an executive session, since one of the items was the evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools. Part way through the short session, the Board asked Van Meter to join them. A few minutes later, she opened the door to corridor and told those waiting, “You can come back in now,” adding, “I still have a job.”

The Board voted to go back into public session, and Shook reported that the Board had evaluated Van Meter and found that she had maintained and exceeded the three criteria needed, and that the Board had concluded that her job performance was very satisfactory.

The remainder of the personnel items were quickly dispensed, as the Board granted a leave of absence, days off without pay, and approved a large slate of hires for next year. An approval of a termination was postponed until the next meeting.

With no other business to consider, the Board promptly voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:56.

Memorial Day

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York and New Jersey for years that included both bombings of the World Trade Center, in 1993 and 2001.

Newhouse Cemetery, on Rig Road in Rig, W.Va., will host a ceremony

at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

The speaker is Mickey Carr. Carr, a civilian, has veterans in his family including his father, and has spoken several times for the Newhouse cer-

emony.

More than 90 United States veterans and seven Confederate soldiers are buried at Newhouse.

Report: Trump officials, meat companies knew workers at risk

By Josh Funk

Associated Press

During the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic, the meat processing industry worked closely with political appointees in the Trump administration to stave off health restrictions and keep slaughterhouses open even as the virus spread rapidly among workers, according to a congressional report released May 12.

The report by the House’s Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis said meat companies pushed to keep their plants open even though they knew workers were at high risk of catching the coronavirus. The lobbying led to health and labor officials watering down their recommendations for the industry and culminated in an executive order President Donald Trump issued in spring 2020 designating meat plants as critical infrastructure that needed to remain open.

Democratic Rep. Jim Clyburn, who leads the subcommittee, said U.S. Department of Agriculture officials and the industry prioritized production and profits over the health of workers and communities as at least 59,000 workers caught the virus and 269 died.

“The shameful conduct of corporate executives pursuing profit at any cost during a crisis and government officials eager to do their bidding regardless of resulting harm to the public must never be repeated,” Clyburn said.

Former Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue, who now leads the University System of Georgia, declined to comment Thursday. A spokesman for the university system said Perdue is focused on “serving the students of Georgia.”

The report is based on communications among industry executives, lobbyists, and USDA officials and other documents the committee received from government agencies, Tyson Foods, Smithfield Foods, JBS, Cargill, National Beef, Hormel and other companies. Those firms control 85% of the beef market and 70% of pork production nationwide.

The North American Meat Institute trade group said the report distorts the truth and ignores the steps companies took as they spent billions to retool plants and purchase protective gear for workers.

“The House Select Committee has

done the nation a disservice,” the trade group’s President and CEO Julie Anna Potts said. “The Committee could have tried to learn what the industry did to stop the spread of COVID among meat and poultry workers, reducing positive cases associated with the industry while cases were surging across the country. Instead, the Committee uses 20/20 hindsight and cherry picks data to support a narrative that is completely unrepresentative of the early days of an unprecedented national emergency.”

A major union that represents workers at the processing plants condemned the way the Trump administration helped the industry.

“We only wish that the Trump Administration cared as much about the lives of working people as it did about meat, pork and poultry products, when we wanted poultry plants to shut down for deep cleaning and to save workers’ lives,” said Stuart Appelbaum, president of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union.

The report said meat companies were slow to take measures to protect workers from the virus and pushed to make optional government recommendations to require masks to be worn, install dividers between work stations and encourage social distancing in their plants.

But JBS spokeswoman Nikki Richardson said the company “did everything possible to ensure the safety of our people who keep our critical food supply chain running.”

Tyson Foods spokesman Gary Mickelson echoed that sentiment and said Tyson has worked closely with both the Trump and Biden administrations, along with state and local officials, to respond to the pandemic’s challenges.

Smithfield spokesman Jim Monroe said the industry reacted quickly, and Smithfield has spent more than \$900 million so far to protect workers. He said it was appropriate for meat companies to share their concerns with government officials as the pandemic unfolded.

But the report cited a message that a Koch Foods executive sent a lobbyist in the spring of 2020 that said the industry shouldn’t do more than screen employees’ temperatures at the door of plants. The lobbyist agreed and said, “Now to get rid of those pesky health departments!”

To that end, the report said USDA of-

ficials — at the behest of meat companies — tried to use Trump’s executive order to stop state and local health officials from ordering plant shutdowns.

Even with those efforts, U.S. meat production fell to about 60% of normal during spring 2020 because a number of major plants were forced to temporarily close for deep cleaning, widespread testing and safety upgrades, or operated at slower speeds because of worker shortages. Companies closed plants in consultation with health officials after outbreaks were confirmed.

“Throughout the pandemic we’ve worked hard to maintain safe and consistent operations. At the same time, we have not hesitated to temporarily idle or reduce capacity at processing plants when we determined it necessary to do so,” Cargill spokesman Daniel Sullivan said.

Documents the companies provided to the committee showed that meat companies pushed hard for the executive order partly because they believed it would help shield them from liability if workers got sick or died — something a federal appeals court later rejected in a lawsuit against Tyson over worker deaths at an Iowa plant. Emails show the companies themselves submitted a draft of the executive order to the administration days before it was issued.

Early on in the pandemic, meat companies knew the virus was spreading rapidly among their workers because infection rates were much higher in the plants and their surrounding communities. The report said that in April 2020, a doctor at a hospital near a JBS plant in Cactus, Texas, told the company and government officials in an email that there was clearly a major outbreak at the plant because every COVID-19 patient at the hospital either worked there or was related to a worker. “Your employees will get sick and may die if this factory remains open,” the doctor warned.

The report also highlighted the way meat companies aggressively pushed back against safety recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. That led to the final guidance including language that effectively made the rules optional because it said the recommendations should be done “if feasible” or “where possible.”



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OBITUARIES

Amanda J. Hall



Amanda Jean (Ferrebee) Hall, age 45, of Petersburg, went to be with her Lord on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, surrounded by her loved ones.

Amanda was born April 22, 1977 in Massillon, Ohio and was a daughter of Debra (Ledsome) Ferrebee Gamba of Petersburg and the late Isaac V. Ferrebee. In addition to her father, Amanda was preceded in death by an infant son, Edwin Mark Hall, Mother and Father-in-law, Glenn and Patricia Hall, and her niece, Drika S. Crites.

Amanda is survived by her mother and her husband of 23 years, Mark Allen "Wimpy" Hall; one son, Mark Patrick Hall; two daughters, Briana (T.J.) Rohrbaugh and Kaedence Sinceraye Hall; five grandchildren,

Kurstynn Hall, Kaleb Rohrbaugh, Kristlynn Rohrbaugh, Kaelynn Rohrbaugh and Kolesen Rohrbaugh; one sister, Katie (Mark) Rose of Massillon, Ohio; one brother, Isaac V. Ferrebee II of Akron, Ohio; four sisters-in-law, Darlene Kessel, Patsy (Jimmy) Yokum, Barb Coffman and Glenda (Mark) Hall all of Petersburg; two brothers-in-law, Mike (Bev) Hall and Jeremy Hall of Petersburg; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Amanda was a graduate of Fairless High School, class of 1996. She was a proud member of the Brewster Volunteer Fire Department where she received the Rookie of the Year Award. She also was a past member of the Moorefield Volunteer Fire Department. Amanda was a Federal Employee of Pilgrims Pride where

she was a Food & Safety Inspector.

Amanda loved to spend time with her family, especially camping and enjoying the outdoors. She was an avid softball player. She loved to bake and sew quilts for all her loved ones.

Family will receive friends 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at the Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg.

The funeral service will be 11 a.m. Thursday, May 26, 2022 in the chapel of the Schaeffer Funeral Home with the Rev. Tony Ferrebee officiating. Interment will be in the Newhouse Cemetery in Rig.

Memorials may be made to the Hall family, c/o Mark A. Hall, 170 Hall Lane, Petersburg, WV 26847.

Arrangements by Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg, W.Va.

Joyce A. Nichols



Joyce Anita Nichols, 83, of Rio, passed away at her home Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

Born October 2, 1938 in Rio, she was the daughter of the late Ivan Conard and Elnora (Combs) Conard.

She retired after 18 years working in retail and dedicated the remainder of her life taking care of her family, which she loved dearly, and supporting her local community and her church, Ebenezer Lutheran.

Twice married, she was preceded in death by both husbands, Stelman Dove and James Nichols, and also by an infant grandson, Shawn Allen Billmeyer.

She is survived by her daughter, Anita Billmeyer and husband, E.T., of Romney; three sons, Ivan Dove and wife Tammy of Rio, Bobby Dove and wife Laura of Winchester, and Randy Dove and wife Diane of Yellow Springs; and a brother, Ross Carbaugh and wife Arleen of Stephens City, Va. She is also survived by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom she loved dearly and was so proud of: Erica Billmeyer, Rio; Eric Billmeyer (Sarah) of Romney; Derek Dove, Rio; Hannah Dove (Kayla Joyner), Winchester; Beckah Smith (Caleb) of Winchester; and great-grandchildren Mackenzie

Billmeyer, Luke Billmeyer, Cristal Dove, Cannon Smith, and Beau Allen Smith. She is also survived by numerous cousins and many loving friends as well as step-children and step grand- and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 28, 2022 at 1 p.m. at Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Rio. The family will receive friends one hour prior.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Ebenezer Lutheran Church, the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

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

Donald L. 'Dump' Sager



Donald Lee "Dump" Sager, 80, of Wardensville, died Saturday, May 14, 2022, at the Blue Ridge Hospice Facility in Winchester.

Dump was born August 8, 1941 in Wardensville, the son of the late Walter L. and Grace Davis Sager. He worked with his father at Sager IGA as a meat cutter and built a successful poultry farm with his son who operates it today. Dump was a "jack of all trades," a member of the Wardensville Presbyterian Church, and enjoyed hunting and fishing, especially ice fishing.

Dump was married to Nancy C. Sager of Wardensville.

Surviving is a son, Brad Sager (Julie) of Wardensville; a daughter, Tina M. Anderson (Larry) of Wardensville; three brothers, George "Bo" Sager of Wardensville, Steve Sager (Teresa) of Martinsburg and Greg Sager (Brenda) of Wardensville; two sisters, Ruth Livermore of Winchester and Sherry Thomas of Boulder, Colo.; nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous of nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by two sons: D.J. and Jason Sager; a granddaughter, Sierra Sager; and a sister, Betty Lou Sayers.

A visitation was held Thursday, May 19, 2022 at the Loy-Giffin Funeral Home & Crematory.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 West Cork Street, Winchester, VA 22601.

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

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Fri. June 3: Tuna salad on lettuce, crackers, peas, beets, glazed fruit

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 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. Persons 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.

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This Week in West Virginia History

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

May 25, 1903: Industrialist and philanthropist Bernard Patrick McDonough Jr. was born in Texas. Starting with a Parkersburg construction business in the 1930s, McDonough built a Fortune 500 company with operations in hand tools, building materials and barge building. The Bernard P. McDonough Foundation remains one of the largest private foundations in West Virginia

May 25, 1937: William H. "Teepi" Kendrick died in Morgantown. Kendrick was a pioneer in West Virginia's 4-H program. He broadened the program to emphasize more than just agriculture, and he was primarily responsible for establishing the state 4-H camp at Jackson's Mill.

May 26, 1895: Athlete Ira Errett "Rat" Rodgers was born in Bethany. He was among the greatest Moun-

taineer football players, lettering in 1915-17 and 1919.

May 27, 1912: Legendary golfer Sam Snead was born at Ashwood, Virginia. When The Greenbrier reopened as a resort after World War II, Snead returned as the golf pro.

May 27, 1922: Labor leader Bill Blizzard was acquitted of treason charges. He was charged following the Battle of Blair Mountain in 1921.

May 28, 1863: Arthur Boreman was elected as the first governor of the new state of West Virginia.

May 28, 1938: Basketball player Jerry West was born in Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. West led East Bank High School to the state basketball championship in 1956 and then rewrote the record book at West Virginia University.

May 29, 1778: Dick Pointer, a slave, helped save about 60 settlers who were attacked by Indians at Fort Donnally near Lewisburg.

May 29, 1961: Elderson Muncie in McDowell County received the

first food stamps in the nation. After observing malnutrition and poverty during his campaign, President John Kennedy directed the government to establish a pilot food stamp program.

May 30, 1940: Smoke Hole Caverns in Grant County opened for tours. The cave is beautifully decorated with stalactites hanging in rows along the ceiling; the main room is called the "Room of a Million Stalactites."

May 31, 1841: Roman Catholic Bishop John Joseph Kain was born near Martinsburg. As bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling, he worked to meet the needs of the newly arrived immigrants who came to labor in West Virginia's mines and factories.

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Jerry West



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BUSINESS

Highlands Bankshares Announces First Quarter 2022 Results

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. (OTC: HBSI) announces results of operations for the first quarter of 2022.

Highlands Bankshares, Inc., the parent company of The Grant County Bank and Capon Valley Bank, posted first quarter 2022 earnings of \$917,000 or \$0.68 per share of common stock outstanding (EPS), compared to \$1,046,000 or \$0.78 EPS for the same period of 2021.

On April 12, 2022, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend to shareholders of \$0.45 per share. The dividend was payable to all shareholders of record as of April 29, 2022 and was paid on or about May 6, 2022. Based upon the current market price and annualizing the dividends paid to shareholders this quarter, Highlands' current dividend yield 4.09%

Return on average assets (ROAA) decreased in 2022 to 0.71%, as com-

pared to 0.84% in the same period of 2021. The return on average equity (ROAE) decreased to 6.52% at March 31, 2022, as compared to 7.41% at March 31, 2021.

Total assets, as of March 31, 2022, increased \$366,000 to \$518,789,000 compared to December 31, 2021. Total liabilities increased \$3,544,000 as of March 31, 2022 to \$462,542,000 compared to December 31, 2021 as a result of an increase in deposits.

Shareholders' Equity at March 31, 2022 was \$56,247,000 or \$42.07 per outstanding share, compared to December 31, 2021 of \$59,425,000 or \$44.45 per outstanding share.

Jack H. Walters, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the holding company, stated, "We are pleased to distribute a \$0.45 per share dividend again this quarter. Earnings compared to the same quarter in the prior year were impacted as a result

of lower loan origination fees in 2021. This will be an ongoing theme in 2022 as earnings in 2021 benefited from significant earned loan fees associated with the Paycheck Protection Program. We are seeing signs of increasing loan demand in our markets as the economy continues to recover from the impacts of the pandemic, however we continue to be concerned with the potential impacts of high inflation and its impact on consumers in our market area."

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. is listed on the OTC market under the symbol HBSI (<http://www.otcmrket.com>) and is the holding company for The Grant County Bank and Capon Valley Bank. Highland's subsidiary banks operate twelve banking locations in West Virginia and Virginia and offer credit insurance through its wholly-owned subsidiary, HBI Life Insurance Company.

Summit Financial Group Reports First Quarter 2022 EPS of \$0.90 on Annualized Double-Digit Loan Growth and Record Net Interest Income

MOOREFIELD, WV – April 28, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) – Summit Financial Group, Inc. ("Company" or "Summit") (NASDAQ: SMMF) today reported continued strong financial results for the first quarter of 2022, including double-digit annualized growth in loans, record net interest income, sequential net interest margin ("NIM") expansion, improving asset quality and low operating expenses.

The Company, which serves commercial and individual clients across

West Virginia, the Washington metropolitan area, Virginia and Kentucky through Summit Community Bank, Inc., reported net income applicable to common shares of \$11.5 million, or \$0.90 per diluted share, for the first quarter of 2022, \$12.4 million, or \$0.95 per diluted share, for the fourth quarter of 2021 and \$10.4 million, or \$0.80 per share, for the first quarter of 2021.

"Summit's growth markets and talented producers allowed us to efficiently deploy the bank's ample li-

quidity, with sequential quarter net interest margin expansion and continued double-digit annual growth in commercial and total loans," said H. Charles Maddy, III, President and Chief Executive Officer. "We remain confident in our ability to continue Summit's record of execution with proven operating expense discipline, continued credit quality improvement, excellent in-market loan growth opportunities and a very strong commercial pipeline."

2021 Commercial Livestock Slaughter Report

Red meat production in commercial plants (commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton) totaled 10.8 million pounds during 2021. This was down 16 percent from 2020 production. The number of federally and non-federally inspected slaughter plants totaled 32 on January 1, 2022, unchanged from the previous year.

Commercial cattle slaughter during 2021 totaled 14,600 head, down 14 percent from 2020. Total live weight was 15.89 million pounds, down 14 percent from 2020. The average live weight was 1,085 pounds, down 8 pounds from 2020.

Commercial calf slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Commercial hog slaughter during 2021 totaled 6,800 head, down 38 percent from 2020. Total live weight was 2.08 million pounds, down 37 percent from 2020. The average live weight was 306 pounds, up 6 pounds from the previous year.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

United States – Total red meat production for the United States totaled 55.9 billion pounds in 2021, slightly higher than the previous year. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and

lamb and mutton. Red meat production in commercial plants totaled 55.8 billion pounds. On-farm slaughter totaled 91.9 million pounds.

Beef production totaled 28.0 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Veal production totaled 58.1 million pounds, down 16 percent from last year. Pork production, at 27.7 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Lamb and mutton production totaled 143 million pounds, down slightly from 2020.

Commercial cattle slaughter during 2021 totaled 33.9 million head, up 3 percent from 2020, with federal inspection comprising 98.0 percent of the total. The average live weight was

1,371 pounds, down 2 pounds from a year ago. Steers comprised 48.7 percent of the total federally inspected cattle slaughter, heifers 29.6 percent, dairy cows 9.4 percent, other cows 10.7 percent, and bulls 1.6 percent.

Commercial calf slaughter totaled 391,300 head, 14 percent lower than a year ago with 98.1 percent under federal inspection. The average live weight was 237 pounds, down 8 pounds from a year earlier.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 129 million head, 2 percent lower than 2020 with 99.5 percent of the hogs slaughtered under federal inspection. The average live weight was down 1 pound from last year, at

288 pounds. Barrows and gilts comprised 97.3 percent of the total federally inspected hog slaughter.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter, at 2.26 million head, was up 2 percent from the previous year with federal inspection comprising 85.1 percent of the total. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from 2020 at 122 pounds. Lambs and yearlings comprised 92.7 percent of the total federally inspected sheep slaughter.

There were 905 plants slaughtering under federal inspection on January 1, 2022 compared with 858 last year. Of these, 726 plants slaughtered at least one head of cattle during 2021 with the 12 largest plants

slaughtering 50 percent of the total cattle killed. Hogs were slaughtered

at 645 plants, with the 14 largest plants accounting for 58 percent of the total. For calves, 3 of the 165 plants accounted for 55 percent of the total and 1 of the 534 plants that slaughtered sheep or lambs in 2021 comprised 17 percent of the total head. Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Texas accounted for 50 percent of the United States commercial red meat production in 2021, up 1 percent from 2021.

May Crop Production

Charleston, West Virginia – On farm hay stocks, as of May 1, 2022, totaled 105,000 tons. This is 40,000 tons less than what was on hand last year at this time. The disappearance of all hay stocks on farms from December 1, 2021 - May 1, 2022, was 685,000 tons, 10 percent more than the December 1, 2020 - May 1, 2021, crop disappearance of 625,000 tons for the same period.

United States – Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.17 billion bushels, down 8 percent from 2021. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 47.9 bushels per acre, down 2.3 bushels from last year's

average yield of 50.2 bushels per acre. Area expected to be harvested for grain or seed is forecast at 24.5 million acres, down 4 percent from last year.

All on farm hay stocks stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2022, totaled 16.8 million tons, down 7 percent from May 1, 2021. Disappearance from December 1, 2021 - May 1, 2022, totaled 62.2 million tons, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Record low May 1 hay stock levels were estimated in Arizona, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island.

Statewide April red meat production report

Charleston, W.Va. – Commercial red meat production during April 2022 totaled 700,000 pounds. This was down 7 percent from April 2021. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 997,000 pounds live weight, down 12 percent from April 2021. Cattle slaughter totaled 900 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 49 pounds from the previous year, at 1,053 pounds.

Commercial calf slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing in-

dividual operations.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 144,000 pounds live weight, up 1 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 500 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was down 23 pounds from the previous year, at 285 pounds.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations. United States – Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.55 billion pounds in April, down 3 percent from the 4.71 billion pounds produced in April 2021.

Beef production, at 2.33 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.81 million head, down 1 percent

from April 2021. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 1,373 pounds.

Veal production totaled 4.5 million pounds, 6 percent above April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 28,100 head, up 2 percent from April 2021. The average live weight was up 8 pounds from last year, at 276 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.20 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.1 million head, down 7 percent from April 2021. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 293 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.3 million pounds, was down 10 percent from April 2021. Sheep slaughter totaled 197,500 head, 12

percent below last year. The average live weight was 123 pounds, up 1 pound from April a year ago.

January to April 2022 commercial red meat production was 18.5 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2021. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was down 5 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 11 percent.

April 2021 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays. April 2022 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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First quarter milk production totaled 2.2 million gallons

Milk production in West Virginia totaled 19 million pounds or 2.2 million gallons during the January - March quarter of 2022. This was unchanged from the same period in 2021 and was unchanged from the October - December 2021 quarter. The number of dairy cows averaged

5,000 head, unchanged from the same period in 2021, and the previous quarter.

United States – Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 56.3 billion pounds, down 1.0 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.38 million head, unchanged from the October - December quarter, but 85,000 head less than the same period last year.

Note: A conversion of 8.6 pounds per gallon was used.

Eastern and Western Governors University partner on transfers

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is among a group of West Virginia community and technical colleges that recently announced partnerships with Western Governors University (WGU) that will allow graduates from each school to transfer their coursework to the accredited, online university.

The partnership agreement allows students and employees at Eastern to benefit from flexible, personalized learning pathways to complete WGU's online certificates, and bachelor's and master's degrees.

"By partnering with these valued community colleges in West Virginia, WGU is reinforcing its commitment to providing students throughout the state with pathways to opportunities," said WGU regional vice president, Alison Bell. "We are excited to see how these relationships flourish and provide students across the state with the flexibility to pursue their degree as it fits into their personal schedules and budget."

"We are thrilled to be partnering with WGU," said Curtis Hakala,

Eastern's dean of academic services. "WGU's learning model allows Eastern graduates to earn degrees at their own pace and stay in the Potomac Highlands area while achieving their academic goals." Monica Wilson, Eastern's dean of student services, echoed Hakala. "We help students earn their associate degrees" she said, "and this new partnership will provide more options for our students to continue their education beyond the associate level."

WGU is open to all qualified West Virginia residents and offers affordable tuition and a competency-based educational model. For more information on WGU's available transfer pathways for Eastern students and staff, visit partners.wgu.edu

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College, based in Moorefield, serves six counties in the Potomac Highlands by offering affordable academic programs, including five online degrees, and a variety of workforce trainings. For more information, visit easternwv.edu or call 304-434-8000.

The Moorefield Examiner will have an early deadline for the **June 1st Examiner** edition. Deadline for the June 1st edition will be **Thursday, May 26th at 2 p.m.**

The Moorefield Examiner will be closed Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day. We will resume normal business hours Tuesday, May 31st.

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SCHOOL

MHS Robotics Team has successful rookie season

By Connie Sherman
Special to the Examiner

The Moorefield High School robotics team wrapped up its rookie season by participating in several competitions. During their regular season, they qualified for the FIRST Chesapeake Regional Championship, a major accomplishment for a rookie team. They ranked 28th out of more than 350 teams in the region.

At the conclusion of the regular season, the team swept the competition at the BRITE Challenge hosted

by Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College and the National Youth Science Foundation with wins by individual team members and placing as a team in the 9-10th grade Business Competition. William Wojtowicz placed first and was selected as the Business Plan grand champion, Ralph Wojtowicz placed second, and the Jackbots 3D Printing team took third place in the competition.

The BRITE Challenge was held at the National Youth Science Center located in Davis. The goal of

the event was to showcase the best and brightest STEM innovation and STEM business ideas from students from the eastern panhandle of West Virginia. Students spent the day sharing their projects and ideas with judges while exploring other hands-on exhibits at the science center.

The team also traveled to Jersey City, N.J. to participate as judges in the 2022 First Lego League Liberty Science Center Invitational. This event concluded the 2022 season and the team is already making plans for next year's competitions. Several outreach events are being planned over the summer such as a STEM day camp and educational booths at local fairs.

None of the experiences and success of this season could have been

possible without the support of the local business sponsors and individuals. The FIRST Chesapeake Championship judges were impressed at the number of sponsors the team recruited, and their community involvement earned them a nomination for the Connect Award.

The students, coaches and parents are grateful for the support that was received this year. A full list of sponsors and more information about the team is available at www.sites.google.com/view/mhsjackbots/moorefield-high-school-jackbots.

The team is under the leadership of Coaches Bonnie Crites and Alicen Adkins. Team members include William and Ralph Wojtowicz and Adam Sherman.



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MIS receives \$1000



From left to right: Amber Champ, MIS principal and Angie Zirk, HCCF board member

Moorefield Intermediate School is pleased to announce it has received a \$1,000 grant/scholarship from the Hardy County Community Foundation Impact Fund. These funds will support the MIS Leadership Clubs Program.

Moorefield Intermediate School continues to help students develop their leadership skills through personal growth through the Steven Covey "Leader In Me" program. As part of this program, the school has developed student leadership clubs. Students have the opportunity to choose from those clubs and explore something of interest to them. These clubs consist of things like the science club, outdoor living, karaoke, art and soul, crafts, card games, game on, LEGO, sketch club, theater, energy, and diamond art. With the funding provided from the Hardy County Community Foundation our school will be able to support these programs without the financial burden to the school. It is with the help of supportive donors such as this that we are able to provide such amazing opportunities for our students.

Moorefield Intermediate School is incredibly grateful for the help

and support the Hardy County Community Foundation provides to our schools. Our mission is "Motivating Independent Student Leaders!" Without the support of these organizations many programs within our school system would not be possible. As events occur within the school you can find them on our website <https://hardycountyschoolswv.sites.thrillshare.com/o/moorefield-intermediate> or on the school Facebook page, showcasing our students.

The Hardy County Community Foundation was founded in 2007 to build local, permanent endowment to generate annual charitable grants and scholarships perpetually. Community foundations number more than 700 across America with 26 in West Virginia, and focus entirely on working with local individuals to build local assets to meet local needs.

To learn more about the Community Foundation including information about grants or starting your own fund or contributing to an existing fund, please contact Amy Pancake at apancake@ewvcf.org, or 304-538-3431 or www.hardycountycf.org



Moorefield Intermediate School's March 2022 Leaders of the Month are from left to right: Tiana Bonilla, 3rd Grade; Logan Quade, 4th Grade; and Joel Cisneros, 5th Grade. A special thank you to South Branch Cinema 6, Potomac Lanes, Old Fields Country Store, and Sweet Rose Ice Cream for providing prizes for our students.

Local Teachers Inducted into Alpha Kappa Chapter of WWSO Delta Kappa Gamma Society



From left to right, new inductees Judy Bowyer, Amy Rexrode, and Jessica Saville

By Betty Inskeep

On Saturday, April 23, 2022, the Alpha Kappa Chapter meeting was held at the Moorefield Middle School with Mineral County hosting. Tables were adorned with a honeybee theme with flowers or honeybee décor for centerpieces. Each of the 26 members attending received a honeybee favor box filled with tea, honey, honey lozenges and a packet of wildflower seeds. Everyone also received a honeybee reveal-to-win card. If a honeybee was revealed, the sister won the table's centerpiece. Betty Coffman served a delicious breakfast before the meeting.

Ruby Alvaro gave the blessing. Vickie Saville led inspirational thoughts with a true story about bees. It told us to remember our support and love from family, friends, and sisters. She praised President Skavenski, our "Queen Bee" for keeping our hive humming for the last two years.

Ann Bennett led a beautiful induction ceremony for our new members. It was an honor to present pins and welcome bags to Amy Rexrode, Judy Bowyer, and Jessica Saville. Others who were inducted included Karen Davis, Shay Dove, Janice Heavner, Beth High, Carrie Nesselrodt, and Taylor Yokum but they were unable to attend the meeting.

Ruby Alvaro, charter member and past president installed the following officers for the 2022-24 biennium: President - Vickie Skavenski; 1st Vice President - Carolyn Harper; 2nd Vice President - Ann Bennett; Recording Secretary - Amber Champ; Treasurer - Beverly Mathias; Corresponding Secretary - Angela Propst; and Parliamentarian - Melissa Whetzel.

Gayle Allen received the April R.O.S.E. award for her contribution to Alpha Kappa. She is retiring at the end of this school year and joining a chapter in Virginia when she moves.

Raffle winners were Ann Bennett, Ruby Alvaro, Carolyn Harper, Beverly Mathias, Amber Shockey, Donna Bodkins, Jessica Saville, Amy Rexrode, Susan Garrett, Amber Champ, and Betty Coffman.

Attending from Hardy County were Donna Bodkins, Amber Champ, Susan Garrett, Beverly Mathias, and Amber Shockey.

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Winning crowns all around



Photos taken by Carl Holcomb

East Hardy Early Middle School Boys Track head coach Adam Simmons received a championship shower, from Jonathan Workman, after claiming the Potomac Valley Conference Track title for the fifth straight season.



Photos taken by Carl Holcomb

The Yellow Jackets celebrated winning the Class A Region II Section 2 Championship over the Vikings as senior Bryce Hines lifted the plaque among his enthusiastic teammates in Petersburg.

EHEMS Boys Earn 5th PVL Crown

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

East Hardy Early Middle School Boys Track won their fifth consecutive Potomac Valley League Track Team Championship.

"I'm very excited. It's all about the kids. They put a lot of time and work into practice. They deserve this championship. We had a good team and we are lucky to have some good athletes. That's what it is all about. It's more about what the kids are doing, not what we are doing." East Hardy Early Middle School Boys Track coach Adam Simmons re-

marked.

EHEMS Boys Track won by a landslide scoring 164.5 points, well ahead of second place finisher Tucker Valley with 88 points.

Moorefield Middle Boys Track took seventh place with 28.33 points.

Cougars twins Evan and Mason Hamilton took top honors in a myriad of events, including the sprints. Mason Hamilton took the gold medal in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.80 and his brother Evan snatched the 200 meter dash title in a time of 23.60, in addition to a first place finish in the 400 meter run at a personal best time of 54.20.

It was a family affair as the Hamilton twins joined brothers Levi and Joseph Price in claiming the gold medal for the 4x100 meter relay at 47.90.

Levi Price won the PVL titles in the high jump at 5'4" and 200 meter hurdles with a personal best time of 27.3, plus a silver medal in the 200 hurdles.

Evan Hamilton edged out brother Mason for the PVL long jump gold medal with a leap of 16'10.5" which was seven inches further.

EHEMS's Khristian Bauserman edged out Davis-Thomas's

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East Hardy Early Middle School Boys Track team members showed on their hand that they just won five consecutive Potomac Valley League Track championship titles with the victory in Petersburg.

Leave No Doubt: Moorefield relishes defending section crown over Vikings

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

The Yellow Jackets relished winning their fourth consecutive Class A Region II Section 2 Championship crown by setting the tone early with a 6-nil lead in the opening frame en route to a 10-6 victory as the Vikings couldn't catch up (ketchup) before the curtain call in Petersburg on Tuesday night.

Moorefield left no doubt as the three-time Class A defending state

champions took an uncharacteristic road trip out of the loser's bracket winning three games in a row to seal their fate and advance to the Class A Region II Championship series against Notre Dame this week.

"It's a great feeling and I am proud of the kids. They battled in the loser's bracket. It is hard to come out of that, but they battled and I am proud of how they played the past few days," Moorefield Baseball coach Scott Stutler commented.

"We had good at-bats. We battled

at the plate and made some good hits. When you score runs early, it makes everything else easier. Gabe Weese battled all day. He wasn't getting some calls and he battled. He did what we needed him to do and maxed out his pitches and [Tyson] Arnold came in and did a great job in the seventh inning for 1-2-3. We had all the support in the world out here, our fans are great. I looked out here and there were a lot of people cheering for Moorefield. Our kids battled and played great the past two games.

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Moorefield Baseball won its fourth straight Class A Region II Section 2 Championship title after defeating Petersburg in a decisive title contest to advance to the Class A Region II Championship series against Notre Dame.

Surf and Turf: Hardy County shines at state track meet

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

"This is perfect beach weather," Moorefield senior Malachi Zirk noted with a smile as he received his state track discus medal.

The Yellow Jackets soaked up the sun crossing the finish line and built sandcastles in the field events capturing a wave of success landing 15 medals in six events and the Cougars corralled one medal as Hardy County quenched the thirst for hardware during the WVSSAC Class A State Track Meet at Laidley Field in Charleston last weekend.

Moorefield Girls Track coach Vivian Carr was ecstatic having the first state medalists to secure a podium finish during her nine-year tenure.

"There is one person to thank for all of it and that is God above. He got us through this. I am very excited for the girls and the boys. This was our best year in nine years. This is the first time I have had state medalists in my career. The gentleman who checked us in said it was a blessed day and I agree. It's been a tough

road with injuries and other reasons, but they never gave up. Even some of our alternates came to the meet and volunteered to help with events. This is a great bunch of kids, they are all a great bunch of kids," Moorefield Girls Track coach Vivian Carr commented.

Moorefield set the tone for the state medal recipients from the beginning as senior Malachi Zirk earned sixth place in the boys discus, senior Taylor Harvey garnered a fifth place medal in the 200 meter run in addition to helping the girls 4x100 relay (fourth) and girls 4x200 relay (sixth) haul in medals, senior Dean Keplinger snatched a fourth place medal in the boys high jump and assisted the Yellow Jackets in rounding out the medal count with a fourth place finish in the boys 4x100 relay.

East Hardy senior Holly Snyder collected a fourth place medal in the 100 meter dash to cap off a remarkable career.

Moorefield senior Malachi Zirk was in the first event of the state track meet competing in the discus throw and kicked off the Charleston vaca-

tion earning a sixth place medal with a distance of 136'8".

"I'm very honored. Coming last year and not going out with anything was inspiration, so this one means a whole lot. My throws and techniques weren't the best, but towards the end I started coming through. It feels really good to win this medal," Moorefield senior Malachi Zirk said.

Zirk was quick to be noticed with the stylish sunglasses and had a towel ready to put down on the sand for some relaxation, but in fact this towel was used to dry the discus and keep his hands void of moisture in the 90-degree heat on Friday evening in order to have a good grasp to make a solid heave.

Zirk made big strides spinning and worked on timing the release of the discus with most landings coming near the middle of the field.

The state meet throw was one of the best for Zirk for the season and an improvement of 7'7" from the regional championship meet held the previous week in Doddridge County.

Zirk picked up some of the rubber pieces on the artificial turf and noted

it was kind of like sand getting all over you when you are down on it.

Moorefield sophomore Destine Wyman had an early start to the state meet, simultaneously competing in the shot put as Zirk was in the discus event.

Wyman placed 16th overall in the state shot put with a throw of 25'11.5" which was over three feet shy of the regional throw and coaching staff figured out some back discomfort contributed to the Charleston performance.

The first track event on Friday was the 100 meter dash trials which featured East Hardy senior Holly Snyder.

Snyder earned a qualifying run time of 13.30 for fourth place overall to advance to the finals held after lunch on Saturday.

Representing Hardy County in the following event was Moorefield Boys Track sophomore Grant Sherman competing in the 110 meter high hurdles time trials. Sherman became the new school record holder for the 110 high hurdles with a regional time of 17.25, Continued on page 2B



Photo taken by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield junior Peyton Eye cleared a hurdle during the shuttle hurdles relay event at the WVSSAC Class A State Track Meet in Charleston. The Yellow Jackets were 0.07 seconds away from earning a medal in that event.

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State Track Meet

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earning a spot at the state meet.

Sherman appeared to have a solid start, then the second gun went off as a false start was called on one of the other competitors and that re-start shook his focus.

Sherman ended up with a ninth place time of 17.44 which was a mere one-tenth of a second out of qualifying for the 110 high hurdles finals.

The athletes made sure to stay hydrated with bottles of water provided on the infield and Marshall University's medical staff had tubs full of chilly water for the athletes to cool down.

The Yellow Jackets were buzzing to compete in the 200 meter dash girls and boys time trials coming up after the hurdles.

Moorefield Girls Track representative Taylor Harvey earned a spot in the girls finals for the 200 meter dash with an eighth place time of 28.31.

Moorefield Boys Track had two competitors in the 200 meter dash time trials with freshman Diego Taylor taking tenth place in a time of 24.17 and junior Jarrett Carr finishing in 11th place at 24.26, but those times didn't result in advancement to the finals on Saturday. Carr improved slightly from the regional timing.

East Hardy freshman Brooklynn Tinnell competed in the 400 meter run and finished in ninth place overall with a time of 1:06.97. This event concluded the Friday night session for Hardy County.

Returning to Laidley Field for the Saturday morning session, Sherman was the first Yellow Jackets track member to be competing as he got lined up for the 300 meter intermediate hurdles.

Moorefield Girls Track 4x200 relay team was the first state medal recipient for coach Vivian Carr in her nine-year career as the squad finished in sixth place with a time of 1:55.23, which was over a second and a half better for the season. The MHS Girls 4x200 relay state medalist members were: freshman LaTanya Redman, freshman Sydney Rumer, junior Amani Roberto and senior Taylor Harvey.

The field event competitors started to stir in their respective areas and Moorefield Boys Track had a pair of seniors preparing for their session as Dean Keplinger warmed up for the high jump and Malachi Zirk geared up for the shot put.

Keplinger was in the second flight group, while Zirk was already getting his throws started.

Zirk finished the shot put with a ninth place state toss distance of 40'7.25", which meant not being a dual medal winner.

Keplinger won the regional high jump championship with a clearance of 6'0", but the state meet results were less than desired only clearing the 5'8" mark to earn a fourth place state high jump medal for the Yellow Jackets. Keplinger struggled to lift

his feet in the sweltering heat during the descent from the bar.

"It was special, but it wasn't quite the medal I was hoping for today. At least I came here and did something. I don't think we've had people medal here for awhile. That was interesting. It is pretty cool to bring this back to Moorefield, but disappointed it isn't first place. It happens to the best of us. We all have our off days. I am glad I had a good experience running track in high school and every other sport. It was fun while it lasted," Moorefield senior Dean Keplinger remarked.

"[Advice for underclassmen] Come prepared mentally. The mental game is a lot bigger than the physical. Practice hard, mainly those two things."

There was a break for lunch as some athletes jogged around the track, then the national anthem was sung and a graduation ceremony commenced the third session of the state track meet.

The track competition sounded again with the 4x800 meter relay race.

East Hardy Girls Track 4x800 relay team freshman anchor Brooklynn Tinnell came from behind to edge Moorefield sophomore Emma Creman at the finish line for tenth place.

The Cougars 4x800 team was comprised of freshman Kelly Flynn, Kayle Mills and Tinnell plus sophomore Aubrey Cowgill obtaining a time of 11:48.53. East Hardy improved their time by over 54 seconds

from the regional seeding.

The Yellow Jackets 4x800 team took 11th place at 11:48.77 with the quartet of freshmen Sydney Rumer and Molly Molen, senior Mackenzie Keplinger and Creman. Moorefield cut the regional meet time down by over 18 seconds.

East Hardy Boys 4x800 relay team sliced its regional time by ten seconds for a state time of 9:17.44 which yielded eighth place overall. The Cougars quartet included junior Elijah Schetrom, sophomore Wade Hershberger, sophomore Tyler Tarallo and junior Brandon Parker. This group excitedly ran to celebrate with each other after having an improved time and hoping for a medal.

East Hardy senior Holly Snyder finished her career with a fourth place state medal in the 100 meter dash with a time of 13.36.

Snyder had a knee brace on for the competition, but gutted it out for the state medal acquisition.

"I'm very proud. I didn't think I was going to be able to race today, because I hurt my knee. But I did and here I am [receiving medal]. It means a lot, this is my last year and I have four state medals. This is great," East Hardy senior Holly Snyder commented.

It was back to the relay events and the medal collecting continued for Hardy County as the Moorefield Girls and Boys 4x100 relay quartets both garnered fourth place state track medals.

The Moorefield Girls 4x100 quartet of junior Teia Ray, freshman Molly Molen, junior Amani Roberto and senior Taylor Harvey finished in a fourth place medal time of 53.62 which was 0.14 better than regionals.

The Moorefield Boys 4x100 relay squad took fourth place in a time of 46.31 which was 0.22 improved from regionals comprised by senior Jaxen Ratcliff, senior Dean Keplinger, junior J.J. Carr and freshman Diego Taylor.

East Hardy Boys 4x100 relay quartet didn't finish the race as the baton was dropped in the first exchange between juniors Mason Miller and Austin Wilkins with it ricocheting over a couple lanes causing their race to come to a screeching halt. The other members of the Cougars squad were sophomore Tyler Tarallo and freshman Price Strawderman.

Moorefield's Taylor Harvey snatched a fifth place state medal in the 200 meter dash with a time of 28.37, an improvement of 0.38 from the regional placement.

"I'm am very excited, since it has taken me all up until my senior year. I'm glad I came out with three medals. It is very special to bring these medals home to Moorefield, because I know Coach [Vivian] Carr has pushed me and I have pushed myself," Moorefield senior Taylor Harvey stated.

Prior to the shuttle hurdles races, it appeared as though Moorefield's Grant Sherman was doing some kind

of chicken dance in a view from afar.

Upon further investigation, Sherman and Peyton Eye explained this was a special Yellow Jacket dance...buzz, buzz.

Moving on to the shuttle hurdles, all four Hardy County teams competed and finished in the Top-11.

East Hardy Girls shuttle hurdles quartet of seniors Holly Snyder and Carly Hershberger, sophomore Megan Good and freshman Samara Pyles led their section and took eighth place overall in 1:17.04 just edging out the Yellow Jackets at 1:17.28.

The Moorefield Girls shuttle hurdles team earned ninth place comprised of freshman LaTanya Redman, seniors Grace Wrathford and Madilyn Crites and junior Teia Ray.

Moorefield Boys shuttle hurdles quartet of Grant Sherman, junior Peyton Eye, J.J. Carr and Jaxen Ratcliff finished in a seventh place time of 1:07.04 which was only .07 away from earning a medal.

East Hardy Boys shuttle hurdles team had a stumble and fall during the race and managed to garner 11th place overall in a time of 1:10.91 with relay members Tyler Tarallo, Mason Miller and freshmen Eli Mathias and Brennan Shamburg.

Moorefield and East Hardy has set the bar for future success at the state track meet with 16 medals and the journey starts anew with focus and determination to bring home a plethora of hardware next season.



East Hardy Girls Track senior Holly Snyder and Moorefield Girls Track senior Taylor Harvey competed in the 100 meter dash time trials on Friday night during the WVSSAC Class A State Track Meet in Charleston.



East Hardy Boys Track junior Elijah Schetrom started off the 4x800 relay race during the WVSSAC Class A State Track Meet in Charleston on Saturday at Laidley Field.



Moorefield Girls Track freshman LaTanya Redman made the baton exchange with freshman teammate Sydney Rumer during the first leg of the 4x200 meter relay race in the WVSSAC Class A State Track Meet on Saturday.



East Hardy Boys Track junior Mason Miller and junior Austin Wilkins fumbled the exchange of the baton during the first leg of the 4x100 relay race and the baton ricocheted over to the first lane during the WVSSAC Class A State Track Meet in Charleston.



Moorefield Boys Track junior Jarrett Carr reached to give the baton to freshman teammate Diego Taylor to commence the final leg of the 4x400 relay event during the WVSSAC Class A State Track Meet in Charleston to conclude the festivities.

SPORTS

Leave No Doubt: Moorefield relishes defending section crown over Vikings

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They stepped up when they needed to tonight. This is great for our seniors. We have been battered and bruised and it was great for them to come out and win the sectional final their senior year. I told them we aren't done. We are going to step on the throttle here and go to Notre Dame and see what happens. The goal is always to get to Charleston and play good teams and see where we fall."

Moorefield commenced the decisive section championship title game with a leadoff single by senior Karson Reed into center field off Petersburg pitcher Slade Saville.

Moorefield senior Coleman Mongold slapped a sharp grounder to Vikings shortstop Johnathan Mallow, who took his eye off the ball checking on the whereabouts of Reed during the play and dribbled the corral attempt for an error.

The Yellow Jackets senior class knew what was at stake and didn't want the season to end abruptly as the momentum continued with Bryce Hines smashing a fly ball into right field where it was misjudged by Petersburg's Trace Rohrbach for another error to juice the bases.

Moorefield sophomore catcher Alex Miller, coming off a huge six-RBI performance the previous night, zipped a two-run producing single past third baseman Elijah Kuykendall for a 2-nil edge.

Moorefield senior Branson See was issued a walk to load the bases again, then Saville countered with back-to-back strikeouts to sophomore Tyson Arnold and senior Ryan McGregor.

The Yellow Jackets tacked on two additional runs on free passes from Saville to sophomore Adam Landes and senior Gavin Wolfe for a 4-0 lead.

Reed returned to the plate and un-

leashed a two-RBI double into left field as Moorefield made a 6-0 statement.

Petersburg called in reinforcements with pitcher William Van Meter coming to the bump and inducing a groundout from Mongold to retire the side.

Moorefield sophomore pitcher Gabe Weese's sidearm swing was slightly unnerving for the Vikings trying to focus on the delivery with leadoff batter William Van Meter flying out to left fielder Karson Reed.

Petersburg's Johnathan Mallow squeezed a grounder past the sliding attempt of second baseman Bryce Hines for a single.

Saville connected for a single into left field, then Nathaniel Travis hit into a fielder's choice out at second base and beat the throw to first base.

Weese issued a walk to Petersburg's Peyton Tingler to load the bases, but the Vikings failed to score as Elijah Kuykendall flew out to Moorefield center fielder Gavin Wolfe.

Hines flew out in right field foul territory for the initial out of the second inning, then the Yellow Jackets buzzed on the pond with a full-count walk to Miller by Van Meter.

Moorefield senior Branson See crushed an RBI double into left field to create a 7-0 advantage.

There were chants coming out of the Yellow Jackets dugout about condiments including mustard, mayo and relish as the squad poked fun at Petersburg's ketchup bottle outfit worn in the dugout during recent games.

Van Meter smothered the optimism with two strikeouts pitched to Arnold and McGregor.

Petersburg's Clay Arbaugh sent a deep fly ball towards the warning track where left fielder Karson Reed

snatched it.

Moorefield first baseman Ryan McGregor caught a pop-up from Ryan Riggelman in front of the Vikings dugout.

Cody Nuzum delivered a single into the right center field gap for the Vikings, then Weese walked Van Meter and Mallow which loaded the bases.

After a brief meeting on the mound, Saville hammered a two-run producing single into right field to help Petersburg slice the deficit to 7-2 and Wolfe ended the inning catching a fly ball from Travis.

The Yellow Jackets and Vikings went down in order during the third inning of the championship contest.

Landes and Wolfe struck out prior to Reed flying out to center fielder Elijah Kuykendall.

Hines ensured a line drive by Tingler, then Wolfe caught a fly ball by Kuykendall and Arbaugh's pop-up was hauled in by McGregor in front of the dugout again.

Van Meter struck out Mongold to start the top of the fourth inning and Hines flew out to left field.

The Yellow Jackets hopped on the base path as Miller connected with a single down the right field line eluding the diving attempt by Vikings first baseman Tingler.

See notched a single into right field and senior baserunner Garrett Strickler advanced to third base.

A passed ball was corralled by Petersburg catcher Clay Arbaugh at the backstop and rifled back to Van Meter to make the tag at home plate ending the side.

Riggelman hit a single up the middle for the Vikings, then Weese jammed Nuzum and Van Meter for pop-outs to second baseman Bryce Hines and shortstop Tyson Arnold,

respectively.

Mallow ripped a double dancing down the left field line and Petersburg loaded the bases as the Yellow Jackets gifted an intentional walk to Saville.

Petersburg couldn't relish in the full pond as Travis grounded out to Hines.

It was a quick inning for Moorefield in the fifth inning as Strickler flew out to center field, McGregor struck out and Landes grounded out to Saville at third base.

Tingler was issued a free pass for the Vikings and a pickoff error created a stolen base.

Kuykendall flew out to Wolfe, then Arbaugh drew another walk from Weese.

Wolfe snatched the second out off the bat of Riggelman and Arnold made a stop in the dirt and ended the frame on a fielder's choice out at second base.

Wolfe executed a bunt and Van Meter tracked it down, but the throw went awry for an error beginning the sixth inning of action in the title match and allowed advancement to second base.

Reed's hit ricocheted off the mound and was fielded by Mallow for a groundout.

Mongold and Hines were given walks, then there was a rundown situation with Wolfe dashing back to third base.

Petersburg's Peyton Tingler came in to pitch and collected a short grounder by Miller and tossing to home plate for Arbaugh to apply the tag.

See drew a full-count walk sending Mongold home to score another Yellow Jackets run to make it 8-2 before Arnold grounded out.

Weese remained on the mound and

allowed back-to-back singles from Van Meter and Mallow into center field as the Vikings started a rally with four runs scored in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Saville received a walk to load the bases, then Petersburg added one run on an RBI sacrifice fly from Travis caught by Wolfe simultaneously sparking a rundown situation with Mallow being tagged out by Hines at second base.

Tingler notched an RBI single into center field and Kuykendall reached base on an error as the Vikings cut the deficit to 8-4.

The Yellow Jackets brought in Tyson Arnold as the closer on the mound.

Arnold attempted to create a pickoff at first base and the throw went awry which allowed the Vikings to score on the miscue.

Petersburg kept the momentum going with an RBI single into right field by Arbaugh with advancement to second base on the throw to close the gap to 8-6.

The Vikings dugout chanted about a noodle arm as Arnold walked Riggelman after a passed ball stolen base.

Arnold responded with a strikeout to Nuzum, who was left staring at the pitch as the runners were stranded.

"These kids have gotten along all year and were fun to coach. They stayed loose and just fell short in the end. We started three freshmen, but I thought the three freshmen played well tonight. The old things that come back to haunt you are errors and walks. That's what got us. This series with Moorefield was tough. They got on top and stayed on top. We had to keep trying to battle back, but hats off to Moorefield. We got down early and there was a lot

of game left and you keep chipping away with good at-bats. I thought we kind of slowly were getting there, but we run out of time and out of innings. We have more young kids coming up. Our dugout is solid with kids who want to play for each other and they are like family," Petersburg Baseball skipper Mike Landis stated.

Moorefield made sure there were some insurance runs for Arnold in the seventh inning.

McGregor finally made contact and slammed a double into right field for the Yellow Jackets and pretended to shoot hoops on the base.

Landes grounded out to Tingler and collided with the first baseman receiving the pass in front of the bag.

Tingler struck out Wolfe, then Moorefield countered as Reed delivered an RBI single into right field for a 9-6 edge.

After a walk was issued to Mongold, the Yellow Jacket took a 10-6 lead as Hines garnered an RBI single and advanced to second base on the short throw home and a groundout ended the side from Miller.

Petersburg went down in order as the Yellow Jackets topped the sectional championship win with sauerkraut.

Arnold induced a groundout from Van Meter to second baseman Guyan Kahangerwe then Wolfe caught a fly ball from Mallow and Kahangerwe ended the Vikings' season fielding a grounder from Saville with a routine pass to McGregor.

Moorefield continues its quest to return to Charleston to embark on a fourth straight crown as the hallowed defenders march forward in battle against Notre Dame in the regional championship series.

Hats off to Moorefield capping the Vikings in the championship

By Carl Holcomb

Moorefield Examiner

Moorefield faced elimination as the three-time defending Class A state champions and knew exactly what needed to transpire building a 5-1 lead before letting the Vikings cut the deficit to a single run and not relinquishing the edge in creating an 11-5 victory as Alex Miller capped off six runs in the Region II Section 2 championship over Petersburg on Monday to force a decisive title battle in Grant County.

The Yellow Jackets climbed out of the loser's bracket hole swarming to surprise the prize gazing Vikings.

"This was a win or go home game. Bryce [Hines] is a tough kid and he is ready to go at any point or time. We knew we were going to bring him in if we needed to and we would have liked to save him for tomorrow. But there's no tomorrow, you have to win today. It was good to see him come in and shut the door. We've been throwing a lot of kids all year, so we have a lot of experience coming into tomorrow's game. We'll throw anything we need to, to get the win," Moorefield Baseball coach Scott Stutler remarked.

"We knew it was a win or go home game and we'd do anything to get the win. Our kids responded well and we got some clutch hits. Alex Miller hit the ball well all night. We made some good plays in the field and it was an all-around good game for us. It was great energy all night. We were down in the first inning, but we picked it up in the second inning and never quit."

Petersburg starting pitcher Johnathan Mallow issued a full-count walk

to Moorefield leadoff batter Karson Reed before countering with a strikeout to Coleman Mongold.

Reed swiped second base as the throw was off the mark, then Mallow induced a groundout from Bryce Hines fielding the ball and checking to see Reed having an extra step advancing to third base.

Moorefield sophomore Alex Miller flew out to left field, but the time to shine would come in the latter innings.

Moorefield sophomore pitcher Michael Cost had some force throwing the ball as his hat flew off on a plethora of pitches in the championship game.

Petersburg leadoff batter William Van Meter was given a walk and stole second base.

The Vikings got on the scoreboard with a 1-0 edge as Johnathan Mallow connected for an RBI single into center field.

Moorefield third baseman Bryce Hines snatched a line drive by Petersburg batter Slade Saville.

Cost issued a walk to Petersburg's Elijah Kuykendall, then the Yellow Jackets corralled the second out as left fielder Karson Reed hauled in a fly ball by Peyton Tingler.

Petersburg's Nathaniel Travis tapped a slow roller in front of the third base dugout and Hines made a sliding stop to collect the ball, but couldn't make a play on the single as the Vikings loaded the bases.

Petersburg failed to take advantage of the full pond as Cost closed the door with a full-count strikeout to Clay Arbaugh.

Mallow pitched consecutive

strikeouts to Moorefield's Branson See and Tyson Arnold to commence the second inning, then the Yellow Jackets stormed back with the two-out rally to commandeer a 5-1 lead.

Moorefield's Ryan McGregor received a full-count walk for the initial baserunner.

Adam Landes launched a single into right field for the Yellow Jackets and McGregor rounded third base before coming to a crashing halt and diving back to third base.

Landes stole second base prior to Gavin Wolfe drawing a walk to load the bases for Moorefield.

Reed sent McGregor home on a game-tying bases loaded walk.

A pickoff error created an opportunity for Landes to give the Yellow Jackets a 2-1 lead.

Moorefield's Coleman Mongold was given a free pass juicing the bases again.

Hines reached base on a fumble at shortstop allowing another run to score.

Miller stepped up to the plate and delivered a two-run producing single into right field and advanced to second base on the throw home for the 5-1 advantage.

Petersburg pitcher Nathaniel Travis came to the mound and jammed Branson See for a pop-up.

The bottom of the second inning kicked off with a solo home run blasted by Ryan Riggelman.

Cost induced a groundout for the first out, then issued two straight walks to the Vikings.

Moorefield catcher Alex Miller threw to second base trying to catch the runner thinking it was a third ball,

but the count was wrong as it was now a walk and two Vikings runners safely stood on the pond (probably on lily pads or in boats, so they stayed afloat).

The Yellow Jackets brought in senior ace Bryce Hines to the mound, but that initially backfired as Saville garnered an RBI single and moved to second base on the throw.

Petersburg sliced the deficit to 5-4 on an RBI groundout by Kuykendall and another groundout ended the frame.

Travis pitched back-to-back stare down strikeouts to Arnold and McGregor, then Moorefield jumped on base with an infield single created by Landes only to have him stranded on a strikeout to Wolfe.

Hines issued a walk to Travis, then Moorefield shortstop Tyson Arnold turned a double play off the bat of Clay Arbaugh.

Riggelman reached base on an error, but the Vikings stranded him on a flyout by Crites to Wolfe.

Reed hit a laser to second baseman Kuykendall to begin the fourth inning for the Yellow Jackets.

Moorefield's Mongold and Hines knocked back-to-back singles into left field as the momentum shifted.

Miller crushed a three-run home run boosting the Yellow Jackets' advantage to 8-4.

Travis responded by pitching two strikeouts to See and Arnold to retire the side, but the damage was done.

Hines settled into his role on the mound for the Yellow Jackets tossing two consecutive strikeouts to Van Meter and Mallow.

Petersburg's Saville smacked a

double to the left center field fence, but was stranded on Kuykendall's pop-up caught by Moorefield second baseman Guyan Kahangerwe.

Moorefield commenced the fifth inning with a single by McGregor squeezing the ball in between the stretch of the third baseman and shortstop.

Landes hit into a fielder's choice, then Wolfe put down a bunt and the fielder's choice throw to second base was high as Landes safely slid underneath the leap of Mallow.

The Yellow Jackets abandoned the runners on flyouts from Reed and Mongold.

Hines struck out Petersburg's Peyton Tingler for the initial out, then Travis reached base on an error as Arnold dropped the ball chasing it down in left field.

Miller caught a pop-up from Arbaugh and the inning came to a close as Riggelman grounded out to first baseman McGregor.

Hines grounded out and Miller flew out to begin the sixth inning for the Yellow Jackets, then See was issued a full-count walk with Kahangerwe coming in as the baserunner.

Moorefield's Garrett Strickler hit into a double play to end the side.

Moorefield third baseman Coleman Mongold made a backhanded save on a grounder by Crites and hurled the ball to McGregor for the out.

The Vikings couldn't muster a baserunner as Van Meter flew out to Wolfe and Mallow grounded out to Kahangerwe.

The Yellow Jackets came to life again in the seventh inning recording

three runs ignited by a leadoff double from McGregor.

Travis sandwiched two strikeouts (Landes and Reed) around a beaming of Wolfe before Moorefield went on the scoring rally.

Mongold belted a two-run producing single as Vikings second baseman Kuykendall's over the shoulder diving attempt in right field went awry. Mongold would advance to second base on the miscue as Moorefield took a 10-4 lead.

Hines was issued a free pass and Miller delivered an RBI single eluding the grasp of Tingler at first base as it ricocheted into right field for an 11-4 edge before a groundout by Kahangerwe retired the side.

Moorefield shortstop Tyson Arnold bobbed a sharp grounder by Saville, but recovered in time to make the throw to McGregor for the out in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Petersburg responded with a single by Kuykendall into right field, then Tingler hit into a fielder's choice out.

Travis slammed an RBI single into left field as the Vikings cut the deficit to 11-5.

Hines issued a walk to Arbaugh prior to nailing the door shut with a strikeout to Riggelman to seal the 11-5 championship series win for the Yellow Jackets to force a decisive, winner-take-all contest.

The Yellow Jackets earned their fourth consecutive Class A Region II Section 2 Baseball Championship.



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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, Pill & Pill, PLLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated July 6, 2007, executed by Borrower(s), Marshall F Combs II and Tara Combs, to Douglas McElwee, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Book 231, at Page 810. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 105 S Elm St, Moorefield, WV 26836. Pill & Pill, PLLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated March 2, 2020, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 318, Page 877. The borrower(s) defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Hardy County, in Moorefield, West Virginia, on the following date:

May 31, 2022 at 9:48 a.m..

ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE, TOGETHER WITH ALL RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, IMPROVEMENTS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING OR IN ANY WAY APPERTAINING, KNOWN AS 105 SOUTH ELM STREET, LOCATED AND SITUATE ON THE WEST SIDE OF SOUTH ELM STREET, NEAR WINCHESTER AVENUE, IN THE TOWN OF MOOREFIELD, HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA. THIS TRACT OF REAL ESTATE, WAS DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS IN THAT CERTAIN DEED DATED OCTOBER 30, 1946, FROM MARIAN WATTS JOHNSON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR MARY ALEXANDER TO WILLIAM J. TEETS, AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK NO. 82, AT PAGE 354. TO WHICH REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE REAL ESTATE HEREIN CONVEYED AND FOR ANY AND ALL PERTINENT PURPOSES. AND BEING THE SAME TRACT OR PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE WHICH WAS CONVEYED UNTO HERMAN H. SELF AND GARNETT H. SELF, WHO IS THE SAME PERSON AS GARNETT M. SELF, FROM DAVID WILLIAM DOBY, SINGLE, BY DEED DATED AUGUST 4, 1972, AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK NO. 129, AT PAGE 515, TO WHICH REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR ANY AND ALL PERTINENT PURPOSES. THIS REAL ESTATE IS DESIGNATED IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR OF HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, ON TAX MAP NO. 3, AS PARCEL 88.

Being the same property conveyed to Marshall F Combs II by the Deed dated 05/30/2000 and recorded in Deed Book 256 at Page 597 in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia.

5/18,5/25

"NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING"

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has scheduled a public meeting on June 15, 2022, at 10:00 am to discuss the Draft Fiscal Year 2023 Intended Use Plan for the Clean Water

State Revolving Fund Program (CWSRF). A part of the Intended Use Plan is the Fiscal Year 2023 Priority List. The meeting will take place in person at the WV DEP's Headquarters in Charleston, WV. An option to attend remotely or call-in is below. A copy of the draft Fiscal Year 2023 Intended Use Plan is available, and may be requested by calling, writing, or sending an email request to the address below. The plan can also be viewed on DEP's web site. Contact

Katheryn Emery WV Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water & Waste Management Clean Water State Revolving Fund 601 57th Street, SE Charleston, WV 25304 (304) 926-0499 Ext. 43830 Katheryn.D.Emery@wv.gov

Google Meeting information

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, Pill & Pill, PLLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated January 22, 2021, executed by Borrower, Kathy Ann Delawder, Surviving Spouse, to Praetorian Title Agency, LLC, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Book 333, at Page 719. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 736 Warden Cir Rd, Wardenville, WV 26851. Pill & Pill, PLLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated February 25, 2022, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 338, Page 649. The borrower defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Hardy County, in Moorefield, West Virginia, on the following date:

May 31, 2022 at 9:45 a.m.

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF HARDY, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE, BELONGING AND SITUATE IN CAPON DISTRICT, HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, ABOUT 1/2 MILE EAST OF WARDENSVILLE LYING JUST NORTH OF ROUTE 5, KNOWN AS LOT NUMBER 67, OF THE WARDEN ACRES SUBDIVISION, CONTAINING 0.432 OF AN ACRE, MORE OR LESS, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON THAT CERTAIN HOUSE LOCATION SURVEY AND DEED DESCRIPTION PREPARED BY EARL L. COOPER, PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR, WEST VIRGINIA, LICENSE NO. 489, DATED MARCH 18, 1999.

Being the same property conveyed to James Louis Delawder, Jr. and Kathy Ann Delawder by the Deed dated July 13, 2018 and recorded in Deed Book 347 at Page 98 in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia.

TERMS OF SALE:

1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and

conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.

2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1. 5/11,5/18,5/25

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 June 14, 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):

Table with columns: Call 010, Contract 2022850006, State Project R085-REM/GR-23 00, Description GUARDRAIL D5 2023 REM Guardrail Midpoint COUNTY: DISTRICT 5

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The West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferral, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com. The West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award. WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways

Gehan M. Ely, P.E., Ph.D. Chief Engineer of Programs and Performance Management Deputy State Highway Engineer 05/18,5/25

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

Notice is hereby given that the following foreign will or affidavit of heirs has been filed in the Hardy County Clerk's Office at 204 Washington Street, Room 111 Moorefield, WV 26836-0200, and no appointment or administration is being made pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code 44-1-14b.

An interested person(s) objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment

or administration being made in this state must file a statement with the Hardy County Commission through the County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of first publication or 30 days after the date of service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not timely filed, the objection is forever barred. The Hardy County Commission upon receiving any timely objection thereto shall schedule a hearing or hearings thereon and

order relief, if any, it considers proper including, but not limited to, an order directing that full and complete ancillary administration of the estate of the nonresident decedent be made in this state.

First Publication Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2022

DATE FILED 05/18/2022

ESTATE NAME: RESSIE MYRTLE WITTIG ROUTE 1 FULKS RUN VA 22830 AFFIANT WILLIAM H BEAN PO DRAWER 30 MOOREFIELD WV 26836-0030

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ESTATE NAME: BRUCE

LANE ANDES 8785 FAMILY LN BROADWAY VA 22815 AFFIANT WILLIAM H BEAN PO BOX 30 MOOREFIELD WV 26836-0030

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ESTATE NAME: CHARLES FRANKLIN WITTIG ROUTE 2 BOX 489 BROADWAY VA 22830

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ESTATE NAME: ARLENE WITTIG ANDES 8783 FAMILY LANE BROADWAY VA 22815-2213 AFFIANT WILLIAM H BEAN PO BOX 30 MOOREFIELD WV 26836-0030

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 05/19/2022

Gregory L Ely Clerk of the Hardy County Commission 05/25,6/01

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Trustee, Richard A. Pill, by that certain Deed of Trust dated January 3, 2019, executed by Borrower, Jordan Weiss, to Richard A. Pill, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Book 310, at Page 884. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a

mailing address of 566 Warden Cir Rd, Wardenville, WV 26851. The borrower defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Trustee has been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Hardy County, in Moorefield, West Virginia, on the following date:

May 31, 2022 at 9:50 a.m. All that certain tract or parcel of real estate, together with all rights, rights-of-ways, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Capon District, Hardy County, West Virginia, about 1/2 mile east of Wardenville, lying just north of Route 5, and being designated as Lot No. 59 of Warden Acres Subdivision, containing 0.405, more or less, on a Plat of Survey for Warden Acres Subdivision prepared by Frank A. Whitacre, Licensed Land Surveyor No. 508, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Plat Book No. 2, at Page 104, to which reference is now made for a more particular description of said real estate and for

any and all other pertinent purposes. Being the same tract or parcel of real estate conveyed unto Jordan D. Weiss from Forrest B. Loomis and Amanda: C. Loomis, his wife, by Deed dated January 3, 2019, to be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, at Deed Book 348, Page 608. Reference is hereby made to the aforesaid deed and other documents therein referred to and same are incorporated herein, by reference, for any and all pertinent purposes. The real estate is identified for tax assessment purposes in the Hardy County Assessor's Office on Tax Map 274A, as Parcel 0054.

The real estate is subject to any and all rights-of-ways and/or easements in chain of title, if

any, that may exist but are not depicted in the public records. Being the same property conveyed to Jordan Weiss by the Deed dated January 3, 2019 and recorded in Deed 348 at Page 608 in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia.

TERMS OF SALE:

1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property. 2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.

3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.

4) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.

5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.

6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.

Richard A. Pill, Trustee Richard A. Pill 85 Aikens Center Edwin Miller Boulevard P.O. Box 440 Martinsburg, WV 25402 (304) 263-4971 foreclosures@pillwvlaw.com 5/18,5/25

Invitation to Bid

Bids will be received by Tony Robinson, Hardy County Schools, 510 Ashby Street Moorefield, WV 26836 until 4:00 PM, June 8th, 2022, at which time all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. A scoring rubric will be used to evaluate all bids. The winning bid will be acknowledged and prepared for presentation to the Hardy County Board. A walkthrough for anyone who would like to view the facility prior to bidding may be scheduled by contacting Tony Robinson at (304) 703-5189 or by email at anthony.robinson@k12.wv.us.

There is also an attached blueprint of the school showing where the cameras will be installed as well as where all distribution rooms are located. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained at the office of Tony Robinson, 510 Ashby Street Moorefield, WV 26836. For questions concerning the bidding process and questions concerning equipment specifications or installation contact Tony Robinson at (304) 703-5189 or by email at anthony.robinson@k12.wv.us. Proposals shall be submitted to the School District in a sealed envelope. Envelopes containing bid proposals shall be clearly marked with the words: "BID - Security Camera System for Hardy County Middle Schools." Proposals should be addressed to Hardy County Schools, 510 Ashby Street Moorefield, WV 26836. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure the bids are received by the Hardy County Board of Education. The Hardy County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or waive any information therein and award the contract to the bidder which it believes will serve its best interests. 5/25,6/01

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order relief, if any, it considers proper including, but not limited to, an order directing that full and complete ancillary administration of the estate of the nonresident decedent be made in this state.

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ESTATE NAME: ROBERT D BEWICK, JR 175 CRESENT DRIVE DOVER DE 19904 AFFIANT KEVIN M BAIRD 6 SOUTH STATE STREET DOVER DE 19901-7363

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7 tips to promote health and well-being as weather gets warmer



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As seasons change, there's often a great deal of shuffling and movement, including common allergy triggers like trees, pollen, mold spores, dust and dander along with pesky sinus pressure. Combined with changes in barometric pressure and weather patterns bouncing up and down, spring can be one big pain - literally.

"This is the time of year when most of us are excited to see the change of seasons, but millions of allergy and sinus sufferers welcome spring with trepidation," Dr. Ian Smith, M.D., said. "Common triggers such as trees, pollen, mold spores, dust and dander can wreak havoc for many. Having a trusted multi-symptom reliever of upper respiratory allergies like Mucinex Sinus-Max is absolutely key in making the season more enjoyable for all suffering from sinus and congestion issues. With a reliable multi-symptom product stashed in your medicine cabinet, and the combination of simple modifications like being mindful of your indoor climate, eating more fruits and veggies, and staying hydrated, can help limit sinus discomfort this season."

Take steps this spring to ease the impact of sinus and

allergy problems and focus on your overall wellness for a smooth transition with these tips:

Control your allergy and sinus triggers.

Knowing what flares your allergic reactions can help prevent discomfort. For many people, monitoring pollen counts and limiting time outdoors on high-pollen days can help reduce reactions. You might also avoid hanging laundry outside, as pollen can stick to clothes and sheets as they dry, and ask for help with yardwork to limit your exposure.

Find some pressure release.

When nasal congestion or sinus pressure build, it can feel like a ton of bricks have landed on your head. However, you can find relief with products designed to help clear up your stuffy nose, relieve headaches and thin and loosen excess mucus. Often, if you're experiencing sinus problems, you're dealing with multiple symptoms. From congestion to headaches and sinus pressure, an over-the-counter medicine like Mucinex Sinus-Max can break up your sinus symptoms with just one dose or your money back.

Manage your indoor climate.

Even when you start spending more time outdoors, it's important to keep close tabs on the quality of the air inside your home. If you're prone to allergy flare-ups or sinus infections, manage the humidity level by using a humidifier or dehumidifier. If outdoor allergens are a concern, avoid opening windows and doors, and instead rely on air conditioning on warmer days. Also be sure to change filters regularly and use an air purifier for added protection.

Pile on fresh produce.

After spending cooler months consuming comfort foods and fewer fresh veggies, spring ushers in a new menu of opportunity. Take advantage of all the garden-rich options and fuel your body with vitamin- and nutrient-rich produce that fills farmers markets, grocery stores and even roadside stands.

Soak up the sun (responsibly).

After months indoors, you're probably ready to spend some time soaking up the sun's rays. Vitamin D is an essential nutrient that affects numerous body systems, including the immune system and bone health. It's also been shown to improve your mood and reduce depres-

sion, so take in plenty of fresh air and sparkling sunlight. Just remember to slather on plenty of sunscreen to protect your skin from harmful UV rays and don't forget to protect your eyes with UV-blocking sunglasses.

Keep fluids flowing.

More time outdoors in warmer weather can quickly lead to dehydration, especially if you're working up a sweat. Drink plenty of water to stay well hydrated and keep your body operating in top shape. Staying hydrated can also help keep mucus moving, allowing you to ease through allergy or sinus problems.

Update your medicine cabinet.

A seasonal change is a good time to take stock of your medical supplies and medications to ensure you have what you need for the months ahead. Discard any expired prescriptions or over the counter medicines and be sure restock common spring and summer essentials like bug bite ointments, sunburn spray and multi-symptom products like Mucinex Sinus-Max to help temporarily relieve sinus and congestion symptoms in one dose. Also be sure to replenish your first aid kit with plenty of bandages and wound care supplies.

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Manage Mucus

From maintaining hydration of the respiratory tract to protecting against harmful foreign pathogens, mucus plays an important role in the body. Allergies, smoking or any upper respiratory tract infection, such as the common cold or flu, could trigger excess mucus, causing bothersome symptoms that interfere with your overall well-being. These simple steps from the experts at Mucinex can help minimize these issues.

Humidifiers and vaporizers can help ease mucus symptoms by adding moisture to the air you breathe. By eliminating dry air, which can be irritating to the airways, you're providing yourself with moist air that may help reduce nasal stuffiness. Vaporizers use heat to create boiling water, which adds steam to the air. Humidifiers release cool mist.

Nasal decongestants, expectorants and antihistamines can go a long way toward managing mucus. Decongestants help reduce swelling of tissues in the nose and sinuses. This, in turn, helps with easing blockages due to mucus. If allergies are causing your flare-up, antihistamines can help by limiting or blocking histamine, which your body produces during allergic reactions, helping with symptoms like sneezing, runny nose, watery eyes and more. Expectorants, such as Guaifenesin, thin mucus, making it easier for your body to get rid of it.

Nasal irrigation can help ease a stuffy nose caused by mucus buildup. Useful options include neti pots, squeeze bottles and syringes. These methods all involve flushing your nostrils with a saline product to help loosen mucus. Make sure you use new or sterile equipment; the use of the same nasal spray container by more than one person may spread infection. Irrigate only occasionally because frequent use can affect the good bacteria in your nose.

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Moorefield Boys 4x100 Relay team won a fourth place medal at the Class A state track meet: Jaxen Ratcliff, Diego Taylor, Dean Keplinger and Jarrett Carr.



Moorefield Girls 4x100 Relay team earned a fourth place medal at the Class A state track meet: Taylor Harvey, Teia Ray, Coach Vivian Carr, Amani Roberto and Molly Molen.



Moorefield Girls 4x200 - State Track Sixth Place Medal: Taylor Harvey, Sydney Rumer, LaTanya Redman, Amani Roberto



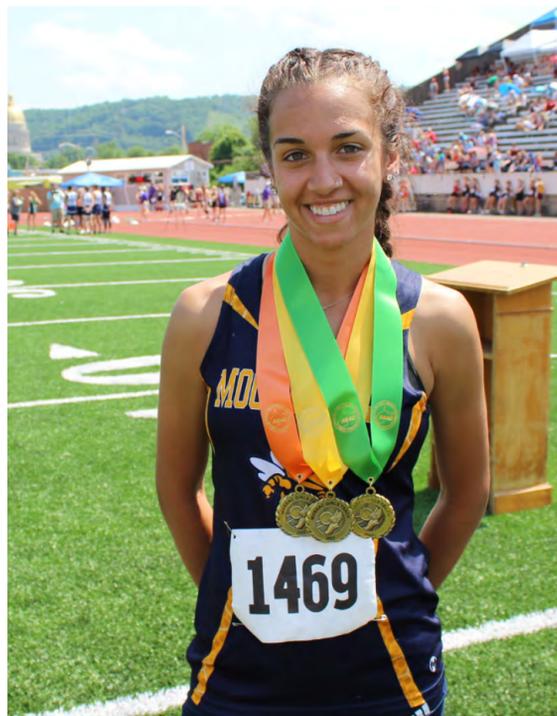
Class A State Track Boys Shot Put Sixth Place Medal: Moorefield senior Malachi Zirk



Class A State Track Girls 100 Meter Dash Fourth Place Medal: East Hardy senior Holly Snyder



Class A State Track Boys High Jump Fourth Place Medal: Moorefield senior Dean Keplinger



Class A State Track Girls 200 Meter Dash Fifth Place Medal: Moorefield senior Taylor Harvey

EHEMS Boys Earn 5th PVL Crown

Keelyn Eichelburger for the 800 meter run gold medal in a time of 2:26.5 compared to 2:26.7 and that finish was hotly contested with a demand to see photos and videos of the finish line crossing.

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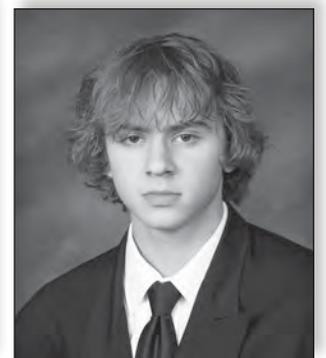
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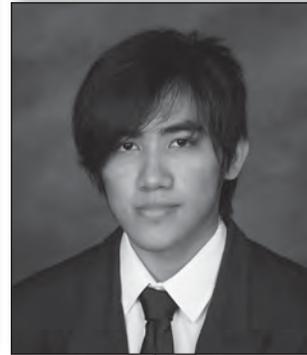
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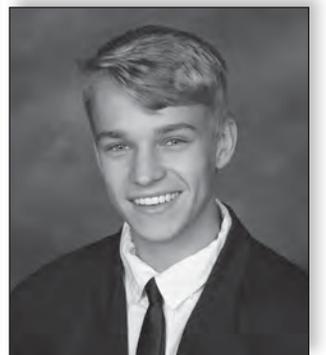
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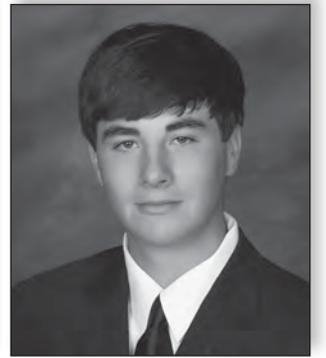
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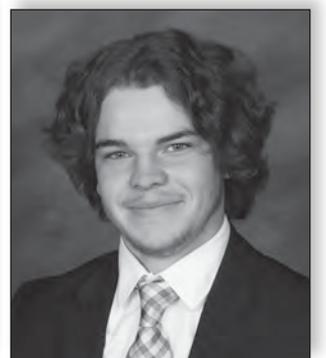
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