



Kuhn Sentenced for Abuse of Infant

By Jean A. Flanagan
Special to Examiner

Natosha M. Kuhn, 22, of Moorefield will spend not less than five years and not more than 25 years in prison for the abuse of her 7-month-old infant. Judge H. Charles Carl pronounced sentence in Hardy County Circuit Court on Monday, June 12. In April, Kuhn pleaded guilty to one count of child abuse resulting in serious bodily injury, one count of

gross child neglect creating substantial risk of serious bodily injury and one count of malicious assault. She was initially charged with attempted murder in addition to the aforementioned charges. According to charging documents, West Virginia State Police were called to Grant Memorial Hospital on June 2, 2021. A 7-month-old infant was admitted with serious, life-threatening injuries, including a fractured skull and bruising on its face and legs. Kuhn initially said the

baby had fallen between the bed and a dresser and she didn't know how it happened. Further investigation revealed Kuhn threw the infant into the dresser. Furthermore, she did not seek medical attention for the baby until several hours later, when the child's father came home from work. Kuhn's attorney, Josh Orndorff, said while the crime was "horrific," Kuhn had a history of psychiatric issues and was not taking her medicine at the time of the incident. He noted

Kuhn eventually cooperated with law enforcement in their investigation. He asked for concurrent sentences, saying Kuhn had a plan to get further assistance. "Natosha needs help," Kuhn's mother said. "Jail is not the answer. She didn't mean to do it. She was having a rough time with her husband." "I know what I did was wrong and I'm sorry," Kuhn said. "I know I made a mistake." "This case will stay with me forever," said Assistant Prosecuting Attorney H. Orrin Stagers III. "We won't know the lasting effects of the injuries this infant suffered. This woman deserves to be in prison." In pronouncing sentence, Judge Carl said, "Some crimes are so reprehensible, they have to be punished. Some crimes, we are bound to send a message to the community that this behavior is not acceptable. "You threw a child into a piece of

er," said Assistant Prosecuting Attorney H. Orrin Stagers III. "We won't know the lasting effects of the injuries this infant suffered. This woman deserves to be in prison." In pronouncing sentence, Judge Carl said, "Some crimes are so reprehensible, they have to be punished. Some crimes, we are bound to send a message to the community that this behavior is not acceptable. "You threw a child into a piece of

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Judicial Hearing Board will make recommendations to Supreme Court

Conduct Hearing for Judge Carter Williams Concludes After Three Days of Testimony

By Ken Bustin
Moorefield Examiner

Circuit Court Judge Carter Williams had his own day in court this past week, as the Judicial Hearing Board heard testimony regarding 11 counts of possible judicial and professional misconduct brought against him by the Judicial Investigation Commission. The hearing began last Tuesday, and lasted three days.

The nine-member Judicial Hearing Board will consider the evidence and make findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations to the State Supreme Court, which will subsequently rule on the matter. The process may take several months.

The original incident from which the charges stem involved a traffic stop in Moorefield nearly a year ago, on July 11, 2021. Moorefield Police Officer Deavonta Johnson pulled Williams over for allegedly violating West Virginia's "hands-free" law, regarding the use of cell phones. The incident was recorded by the officer's body cam, and the recording eventually was posted to online social media sites.

In his testimony at the hearing last week, however, Moorefield Police Chief Stephen Riggelman said that, since Johnson only observed the cell phone in Williams' hand, there was not probable cause for the traffic stop.

Riggelman later clarified that he testified there wasn't probable cause to make the traffic stop, but defended the officer's decision to pull Williams over.

"It wasn't probable cause to stop his vehicle.

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'It's been truly an honor to serve the community'



Photo by Ken Bustin

The Board of Education presented departing member Jesse Halpern-Robinson with a token of their appreciation for his dedicated service. Left to right, Nancy Hahn, Jesse Halpern-Robinson, Board President Melvin Shook, Jr., Janet Clayton Rose, and Dixie Bean.

Board of Education Says Goodbye to Departing Member

By Ken Bustin
Moorefield Examiner

There was a bittersweet moment at the top of the Board's short agenda last Monday, June 13, as the remainder of the Board and the audience bid farewell to departing Board member Jesse

Halpern-Robinson, and thanked him for his hard work and faithful service as a member of the Board.

President Melvin Shook, Jr. thanked Halpern-Robinson for answering the call to fill a vacancy and for his diligent work and many contributions to Board efforts during his time on the

Board. Other Board members and Superintendent of Schools Sheena Van Meter echoed his sentiments and joined in with tributes and thanks of their own. They all said they were sad to see him leave, and expressed the hope that Halpern-Robinson would continue to

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Grand Jury indicts 11, Erb sentenced to prison

By Jean A. Flanagan
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Between the end of September and mid-December 2021, Garrett Lantz and Terri Whitt allegedly committed a string of burglaries in Hardy County. On Monday, June 13, Lantz, Whitt and nine others were arraigned in Hardy County Circuit Court. Judge H. Charles Carl, III presided.

According to charging documents, on Oct. 31, 2021, Dec. 12, 2021 and Dec. 17, 2021, West Virginia State Police responded to calls of burglaries in the Old Fields area of Hardy County. In one instance, a surveillance camera showed a pickup truck in the driveway, which was identified as allegedly belonging to Lantz.

In another instance, one of the items stolen was a set of silverware. Upon investigation, troopers found a trail of silverware leading from the victim's residence, through the woods, to Lantz and Whitt's residence.

When law enforcement went to the Lantz/Whitt residence to investigate, they allegedly observed items reported stolen.

Garrett L. Lantz, 32, of Moorefield, was indicted on three counts of burglary, three counts of conspiracy to commit burglary, one count of grand larceny, one count of conspiracy to commit grand larceny, two counts of misdemeanor petit larceny and one count of misdemeanor destruction of property.

Lantz was also indicted on a separate charge of grand larceny involving the possession of a motorcycle. Hardy County Sheriff's deputies met with the victim who said Lantz was in possession of a motorcycle that belonged to them. The victim was in possession of the title. The motorcycle is valued at between \$6,000 - \$8,000.

Lantz pleaded not guilty to all charges. At the arraignment, Lantz tested positive for methamphetamine and was remanded to Potomac Highlands Regional Jail.

Terri W. Whitt, 40, of Old Fields, was indicted on three counts of burglary, two counts of conspiracy to commit burglary, one count of grand larceny, one count of conspiracy to commit grand larceny and two counts of misdemeanor petit larceny.

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Moorefield Lions Club Independence Day Celebration



Saturday, July 2, 2022

The Moorefield Independence Day Celebration, hosted by the Moorefield Lions Club, is set for Saturday, July 2, 2022, at the Moorefield Town Park. This year, Queen City Funk and Soul, an 11-piece band from Cumberland, Md., will entertain the crowd at the Park from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; the fireworks will be set off at around 9:30 p.m.

As usual, there will be food and craft vendors set up at the park, and, of course, the Moorefield Lions Club will sell their famous BBQ chicken. There will be a basketball tournament that starts at 11 a.m., and a free swim day at the town pool. There will be games and contests in the af-

ternoon and there will be inflatables for the children, at no cost.

Entertainment starts at 12 p.m. with Jay Halterman until 2 p.m., the Gant Band from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and JED Nation will play from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The parade starts at 6 p.m., beginning at the intersection of Main Street and Winchester Avenue and head north to Spring Avenue and onto the Town Park.

For more info, please contact William H. Bean at 304-257-7901; for parade information, contact Bill Fitzwater at 304-851-4499; and for information on the basketball tournament, contact Daniel Simmons at 304-703-7549.

Fire at Pilgrims



Photo by Ken Bustin

Just before noon, area first responders tackled a fire in the wastewater treatment plant at Pilgrims. Although it initially produced thick smoke, and flames were visible from the bridge approach on Route 220 in Moorefield, firefighters quickly knocked them down and brought the blaze under control. Responding were fire departments from Moorefield, Petersburg and Maysville, along with West Hardy EMS. No injuries were reported. No further details were available at press time.

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Hardy County Republicans Gather at Brighton Park for picnic to meet candidates, hear remarks from party officials



Part of this year's Hardy County Republican slate, these four candidates mingled with those who attended Saturday's Republican Picnic, held at Brighton Park. Left to right are Bryan Ward, Delegate for the 86th District, running for re-election; David Fansler, Hardy County Commission President, running for re-election; Trevor Southerly, candidate for Hardy County Clerk; and Jay Harris, candidate for 14th District Senate seat. Others who attended and spoke to the gathering included West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey, State Republican Party Chair Mark Harris, and Randy Smith from the 14th Senate District. Despite a stiff breeze, the weather and temperature were generally cooperative, and all of those who turned out to meet the candidates, listen to remarks from elected officials and party officers, and enjoy the hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks seemed to be having a good time. Event organizer Sherri Hof said she was pleased with the turnout, and considered it very encouraging for a "first ever" event. Although it was impossible to get an accurate count, as attendees flowed in and out, more than 50 people attended.

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OPINION

Thank You, Martha

Never underestimate the fury of a woman scorned. You've probably heard that warning for years, but recently we read why it's worth remembering.

Seems that back when the Watergate episode was unfolding, John Mitchell left his wife, Martha.

Mitchell was President Nixon's attorney general. And Martha was well-known in Washington on her own merits and personality.

The Washington Post wrote recently and provided the back story about this woman and how she took care of her unloving husband.

Martha was known as "The Mouth of the South," impossible to control — even though her husband and his thuggish crew tried.

Anyway, Martha called the Post and asked to talk to Bob Woodward. (You remember Woodward and his reporter cohort Carl Bernstein, and Watergate.) She proceeded to tell Woodward to "Please nail" her husband with the materials he had left in his home office that Martha now controlled. She offered Woodward an inside look at the papers.

Woodward and Bernstein checked out the stash of documents in the Mitchell home. They ended up carrying out papers to their office and when Mitchell's attorney, Bill Hundley, demanded that they return the documents he and Bernstein copied all the papers before he returned the originals

So now you know how Woodward and Bernstein came by the insider look at papers which helped sink the former Attorney General and the Nixon administration.

Our thanks to Martha Mitchell for telling the truth about her husband and those who surrounded him.

And, our thanks to Woodward and Bernstein for reporting on what Mrs. Mitchell gave them.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I met God at Walmart.

Last Friday my wife and I was standing in line at Walmart, nothing moving, people cussing, people growling. I looked up and saw what I think was God. I remember this song that said, "I got two strong arms, let me help."

There was God, long blond hair, great looking arms. I walked over and ask if it had to be this way. Is this always the Walmart way?

God had all this change to parcel out to the cashiers, smiled and presto, there appeared two more angels to take customers' money. The long

lines were moving and people were smiling and laughing.

I told God that God was a very good looking animal. God gave me a very catlike "Grr..." You guessed it, God's a gal.

Ronald "Mutt" Godlove
Baker

Dear Editor:

On May 24, in Dekalb county, Georgia, was an election for county commissioner. Michelle Spears, a democrat, was running against three other candidates. After the votes were counted in the scanning machines, she came in third. She looked

at her votes in all precincts and found that she had gotten zero votes in several, including her own precinct. She KNEW she had voted for herself, and her husband voted for her. At the very least, she should have had two votes! Demanding a recount by hand, she gained 3,620 votes, putting her in the lead. Both political parties are having votes stolen to put the most radical, commie candidates in office.

Remember the series of numbers next to the candidates you selected when you printed out your ballot? Those are QR codes. The scanning device does NOT tally the name

of the candidates; it tallies the QR codes. Everyone working the polls can be honest, but a hacker can switch those codes to the candidate they want and steal votes. To keep the elections secure, we must count the paper ballots by hand. When the commies invade our country like they are doing in Ukraine, it won't matter one iota if you have a D, R, L, or I next to your name. They will murder us all because we are Americans.

Tanya Vance
Old Fields

MY UNBASED OPINION

BY DAVID O. HEISHMAN

I don't remember how old I was first time I drove a farm tractor. I must have been about eight. The tractor was a bright red Farmall "A". I wasn't big enough to climb up on it by myself. Mr. Angus Jenkins, Foreman of Reymann Memorial Farms, boosted me up.

"Mr Angus" showed me the steering wheel, which I already knew how to use. I'd watched drivers change directions by turning it in all sorts of vehicles. I'd just never turned one myself and had no idea how hard changing directions might be, especially in a rough old hay field.

He showed me how to stop by pushing the clutch and holding it down, but he couldn't make my legs long enough to reach it easily. I found that if I gripped the bottom of the steering wheel with both hands and slid my butt forward, practically off the seat, I could push that clutch far enough forward to stop.

Mr. Angus pointed out the throttle, showed me how it worked and told

me not to use it. He pointed to the brake, told me what it did and said I wouldn't need to push it because the field was level and I wouldn't be going fast enough to need it.

We were picking up hay bales from a field of about five acres in front of and southwest of my Big House. Mr. Angus had brought two men with him to help pick up, carry and load the bales on a wagon behind the tractor I was driving. He told me to steer down a row between lines of bales and to stop if it looked like I was going to hit one.

First time down length of the field, I must have stopped three or four times. While I hung onto the steering wheel and stood on the clutch, one of the men would grab the bale I was about to hit while another man jumped up onto the wagon tongue behind me and helped me steer back into line.

At end of the field I got help to turn and start back. By the time we finished that field, I had driven a cou-

ple rows without stopping and one of the men had bumped the throttle up a notch or two.

Because the state farm, where both my father and Mr. Angus worked adjoined my home farm, I saw a lot of him over the years. I've always said he was first man who talked to me as if I was a man, not just a kid. He was a boss, whose decisions I never heard anybody question. He quietly asked and suggested, rather than loudly ordering men to go and do things.

I remember his many years as President of the Conservation Deer Club near Wardensville, setting watches and drives involving perhaps 25 or 30 men with detailed knowledge of the hills and hollows they hunted over.

Mr Angus was a veteran of World War I. Later, when I became an officer in the U.S. Army, I thought of him often when I dealt with working men of less rank. "How would Mr. Angus Jenkins do or say this?"

My Great Grandfather, Benjamin

Warden McKeever, bought our farm in middle 1880s. He split it into two pieces by survey and left them by will to his two daughters. I own Bernice McKeever Heishman's share of 134 acres more or less and my cousin, Richard DeRoberts, owns the 150 acres more or less share which went to his grandmother, Irene McKeever Hussong.

The field where I learned to drive was part of Irene's share. My father had rented her share since we'd moved back to West Virginia from Maryland in 1949 and I'd continued renting it after his death in 1984.

Her grandson, Richard, assumed management of his share about 1986. Two weeks ago, he sold that field to me. Last Saturday I drove my tractor there, first time in 36 years. If I get the weeds and brush cleaned up and live another year or two, I might get a chance to gather hay bales there again.

GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES

Fifteen Years Ago
June 20, 2007

Robert Sisk, director of the South Branch Career and Technical Center, was named interim president of Eastern W.Va. Community and Technical College.

The Examiner carried a story on the rebuilding effort by Diane Mathias to replace her garage, which was destroyed 31 months earlier in a gas explosion.

Attorney Lary Garrett was honored for his commitment to children's recreation.

Governor Joe Manchin honored Jackie Russell for 20 years as a foster parent for 21 young people.

Tanner Carr, a fourth grader at Moorefield Elementary, won first place for 4th graders in the Annual State Mathematics Field Day.

Richard Baker, 86, Staunton, Va., died June 7...Eunice See Donovan, 96, died June 7.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Brent, a son, Coltin Eugene Brent.

June 17, 1992

Mountaineer Gas agreed to provide natural gas service to Moorefield residents as well as the industrial operations.

Timothy D. Thorne, DDS, announced the opening of a dental office in Moorefield and his affiliation with Stewart and Barr in Romney.

Richard Barr (deceased) and Jerry Crites were inducted into the National Jousting Hall of Fame.

Edna Strawderman Basore, 81, Winchester, died June 10... Everett Michael Moyer, 63, New Market, died June 8...Donald E. Morrison, 63, Baker, died June 9... John Campbell Emswiller, 70, Fairplay, Md., died June 9...Allen Combs, 79, Baker, died June 10... Lyle B. Snyder, 76, Maysville, died June 9... Martha Lantz Dove, 81, Frederick County, died June 7... Hazel Southery Stump, 76, died June 12.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sager, a daughter...to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Sherman, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Summerfield, a daughter.

Forty-five Years Ago
June 22, 1977

Region VIII announced that 21 buses would arrive by September and expected the Transit Authority to be operational by October...the local development group was also one of two pilot projects in West Virginia for water quality programs.

Dr. Morris M. Homan, Jr. had joined the veterinary medical practice of Dr. Walter B. Homan.

The Board of Education was to review bids for the school construction project.

Residents were receiving refunds from Potomac Edison.

Beverly J. Painter, Mt. Crawford, died June 17.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thorne, a daughter, Kennetha Carol.

Sixty Years Ago
June 20, 1962

Superior Bus Service began offering service from Harrisonburg to Franklin through Moorefield to Romney and to the Maryland line.

Two carloads of pipe had been unloaded for casing on the exploratory well to be drilled near Needmore. An additional 8 to 10 carloads were to arrive later. The well was on property owned by Mrs. Annie Baughman.

Jane Fitzwater was chosen to attend Rhododendron Girls State.

Charles Curtis Eye, 56, Franklin, died June 12...Kevin Wayne Snyder, 4, was killed September 15 when he was struck by a truck in Chantilly, Va...Harry Russell Liller, about 67, Washington, died June 13.

Mary Kay Vaughn and George Machir Williams were married June 16.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mathias, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Funkhouser, a daughter...to Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Neff, a daughter.

Seventy-five Years Ago
June 25, 1947

Plans for a county-wide telephone system were to be presented by Central Electric and Telephone Company. Dial systems were planned for Mathias, Baker and Lost River.

Moorefield restricted parking on the East side of Main Street south from Town Run to the southern end of town. This would relieve traffic congestion since the street was less than the required forty-foot width.

A new stoplight was installed at Main and Winchester. A second light was planned for Main and Washington.

Carrie Grove Van Meter, 64, Petersburg, died June 16...Perry Moyers, 75, Bergton, died June 18.

Pauline Hawse and Donald Mathias were married June 21...Mary

Elizabeth Frye and George H. Hoke, Jr. were married June 20.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walters, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. John T. Crippen, a daughter...to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Evans, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Orval Riggelman, a son, Terry Orval...to Mr. and Mrs. Fairell Stewart, a daughter... to Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Rexrode, a daughter, Mary Kay.

Ninety Years Ago
June 23, 1932

Postal rates were to increase from 2 cents to 3 cents per ounce on all first class mail on July 6.

The Blue Ridge Division was planning its 15th meeting in the Shenandoah Valley since it was organized. The 80th had been made up of men from the Middle Atlantic states and hundreds of Doughboys from Pendleton, Hardy, Hampshire, Grant and surrounding counties were on the rolls.

Gasoline prices had been raised two cents to meet the new tax requirements.

Jim Miley had purchased the ice cream plant and equipment belonging to the late M. M. Harwood.

Robert W. Knee had died at home after a long illness...A.R. McNeill, 73, had died at his home, Willow Wall, in Old Fields.

Emma Miller and William Rogers

were married in Petersburg...Audria Idell Renner and John Victor Miller were married.

105 Years Ago
June 21, 1917

Vause Bierkamp, a member of the U.S. Marines, came home on leave. He expected to leave for France shortly.

Dixon Chipley was stationed in the Army in Texas.

County Agent H.R. Cokeley had issued a call for the farmers of the county to meet and discuss the advisability of organizing a farm bureau.

A dispatch from Charleston stated that "since the latest amendment to the prohibition law had been put into effect, old whiskey stills which had been buried or otherwise hidden, were being resurrected and put in to service for the manufacture of old time 'corn liquor' in the mountains of many counties."

The carpenters at Petersburg had organized and were on strike demanding a nine hour day with ten hour pay, according to the Grant County Press.

Ruth Chrisman and Arthur A. Wood were married at Lost River... Marriage licenses had been issued to Minnie Harriet Stewart and George D. Combs...and to Violet Racy and Jacob Martin Huffman.

Thirty Years Ago

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EXAMINER SAYS

Welcome

The Summer Solstice arrives Tuesday, June 21 at 5:14 a.m. Midsummer's Day will be on Friday, June 24. Plus the full strawberry moon was on June 14. Most of our nights have been clouded so not so much of a chance to enjoy that show. The Heavens are also giving us a special show of the planets from the 16th till the end of the month. The planets will be lined up in a row like a string of pearls, according to the Almanac. And they also appear in their true or-

der from the Sun — Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. Star gazers should have fun this month.

Summer

Interesting item in the W.Va. AP news recently . . . More than 15,000 West Virginia students have received the Golden Horseshoe award since its beginning in 1931. That's a lot of young eighth graders in our state who have studied West Virginia's history in order to take the test and be rewarded for their knowledge. Last week another 220 students were

honored in Charleston. Of most interest to us was the fact that this is the longest running program of its kind in the United States. And for those of you who don't know or remember, the name comes from golden horseshoes (real gold) that were awarded by Virginia Governor Alexander Spotswood to a party of about 50 men who explored land west of the Allegheny Mountains in the early 1700s. That was before we broke away from Virginia, which is why we hark back to a Virginia governor. Hardy County's newest Knights are Marcus Cremann, Macklin See and

Elizabeth Williams, all from Moorefield Middle School. Congratulations!

But not ready for the heat

Did it have to get so warm so quick? Honestly, there we were with warm days and cool nights in early June. Then summer gave herself a push of heat. We really didn't need that so fast. 95 degrees is not comfortable, particularly when you have a house cooled by fans rather than air conditioning.



NEWS

Farm-To-Table Event, June 29, helps EWVCTC Foundation

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College Foundation is hosting a "Farm-To-Table" dinner at the Misty Mountain Event Barn in Fisher on Wednesday, June 29, beginning at 4 p.m.

Featuring a four-course dinner prepared by Chef Todd Seligman, the event is designed to both showcase locally-grown produce and ingredients, and also to kick off the Foundation's efforts to raise and maintain an endowment for the college.

Tickets to the event are \$100 per seat. Jennifer Rexroad, spokesperson for the Foundation, said that interest has been strong, with about 80 of the 100 available seats already subscribed. But Foundation officials are hoping for a sellout. Rexroad said that the dinner celebrates the unique traditions surrounding food and agriculture in West Virginia, from the production, to the preparation, to the stories surrounding it.

Chef Seligman holds a degree in

Culinary Arts from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, and has been certified as an executive chef by the American Culinary Federation. He has worked on Summer Olympic catering projects in Rio De Janeiro, London, Beijing and Athens. He is a two-time apprentice to the American Culinary Federation Certified Master Chefs Exam, a winner of silver and bronze medals in the American Culinary Federation Apprentice Hot Food Team, and has

served as past President of the Service Master National Chapter of the American Culinary Foundation.

In addition to the dinner, the event will also have silent auctions, ticket raffles and food box raffles which will offer food from Potomac Highland region producers.

Tickets can be purchased online at: bit.ly/EasternF2T, or by calling the Foundation at (304) 434-8000, extension 9258.

WVU Potomac State College to offer Mental Health and Addiction Studies major this fall

West Virginia University Potomac State College will offer a Mental Health and Addiction Studies major starting this fall for individuals who are interested in a helping profession. Earning an associate of arts degree will allow graduates to either enter the workforce or pursue an advanced degree such as a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mental Health and Addiction Studies on the Morgantown campus.

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 19.7 million American adults (aged 12 and older) battled a substance use disorder in 2017. That same year, 8.5 million American adults suffered from both a mental health disorder and a substance use disorder, or co-occurring disorders. Drug abuse and addiction cost American society more than \$740 billion annually in lost workplace productivity, healthcare expenses, and crime-related costs according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Potomac State College's Mental Health and Addiction Studies major will provide a broad knowledge base in mental health, prevention, intervention, and community impacts, with a focus on addiction treatment and recovery. Courses include psychology, sociology, child development, and

family studies, among others.

The Mental Health and Addiction Studies major qualifies graduates for entry-level jobs in addiction, mental health and family support services. This major also offers a counseling preparatory focus providing a direct path to the bachelor's degree in the same major on the Morgantown campus. Graduates may also eventually pursue graduate studies in counseling, social work, public health or other health-related disciplines. Mental health and addiction professionals are in greater demand than ever before. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment in these fields is expected to grow 23%, a much faster rate than most other occupations. The median annual wage for substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors was \$48,520 in May 2021.

"With its well-rounded curriculum, Potomac State College's new Mental Health and Addiction Studies major prepares students for fulfilling careers that lead to individual, family and community transformation," said Cassandra Pritts, chair of the College's Division of Liberal Arts.

For further information or to enroll, contact Enrollment Services at go2psc@mail.wvu.edu or call 304-788-6820.

Civil Suit Against Dawson, McCausley, County Commission goes to court Wednesday, June 22

By Ken Bustin

Moorefield Examiner

The complex jigsaw puzzle arising from the conduct of various Hardy County public officials will see another piece fit into place this Thursday, as a civil suit brought by former Hardy County Sheriff's Department Public Information Officer David Maher has its first day in court.

The multiple-count suit, which names Sheriff Steven Dawson, Deputy Tommie McCausley – both personally and in their official capacities – and the Hardy County Commission, was filed following Maher's termination by Dawson shortly after he took office in January 2021.

Maher, who, as well as being the Department's Public Information Officer, also has extensive background in computer and information tech-

nology, was tasked by former Chief Deputy David Warren to conduct a full security audit of all of the Sheriff's Department computers, tablets and cell phones, after a "back door" was discovered in one or more of the computers. Allegedly, McCausley used these back doors to access and download Department files, including explicit images of juveniles from prior cases involving child pornography. Maher's security audit allegedly turned up explicit files from closed cases McCausley was not permitted to access, on devices McCausley was using.

The investigation, which was immediately turned over to West Virginia State Police, was initiated in late 2020 by then-Sheriff Bryan Ward. When Sheriff-Elect Dawson assumed Ward's position in January 2021, he terminated Maher and asked the State Police to expand

their investigation to include Maher, "concerned" that Maher could have planted those images on McCausley's devices.

Those devices, including three hard drives located in Sheriff's Department offices, were encrypted, and McCausley, on advice of his attorney, refused to provide passwords to them, and has claimed that they are his personal property. Although advanced forensic software allowed some files on the drives, including explicit images, to be accessed, much of the information remained unable to be immediately decrypted. State Police, who now have custody of the drives, have not announced whether subsequent efforts at decryption have been successful.

Although that investigation and a second inquiry into alleged criminal threats made by McCausley remain open and ongoing, Dawson returned

the deputy to active status in May after he'd been on paid administrative leave approximately 18 months. This makes people in the county who say they take McCausley's threats very seriously fear for their well-being.

Maher's suit alleges wrongful termination, failure to properly supervise McCausley, and intentional infliction of emotional stress.

The matter is scheduled to begin with a hearing on Thursday, before Judge Lynn Nelson, in Petersburg. It will likely first take up a Motion to Compel, brought by Maher's attorney, arising out of failure of the Defendants to provide information being sought in discovery proceedings in the suit, most notably disciplinary records of Sheriff's Department employees, including McCausley. It is also expected that Thursday's session will establish a trial schedule for the matter.

WVDNR announces West Virginia Gold Rush giveaway winners

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources announced today that 34 lucky anglers have been selected as prize winners as part of this year's West Virginia Gold Rush giveaway.

This year marked Gold Rush's 5th anniversary. In commemoration of this milestone, the WVDNR and Gov. Jim Justice announced that Gold Rush would be bigger and better than ever.

The WVDNR stocked 50,000 golden rainbow trout in a record number of lakes and streams around the state to give anglers from across the country a chance to reel in this

prized catch. The Governor announced that any anglers who caught one of these trout would be eligible to receive a special coin commemorating Gold Rush's 5th anniversary. Out of the stocked fish, 100 had a numbered tag that could be entered to win a major prize.

"Governor Justice always pushes us to go further and make this program better every year. We've never had a Governor who has been so personally committed to maximizing what we're doing to make West Virginia's great outdoors even greater, and that's exactly what we're doing with our Gold Rush program," said

WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. "Gold Rush was a huge success this year and it's just one of the ways we're making fishing in West Virginia something that people from all over the world want to be part of.

"I want to congratulate our lucky winners and thank the thousands of anglers who participated this year."

Out of the 34 giveaway winners, five anglers won a West Virginia lifetime fishing license, 10 won a state park cabin stay, 10 won a West Virginia State Parks gift card and nine won a WVDNR gift bag. A complete list of winners is provided below:

Lifetime Fishing License Winners

Camel Garvin Jr. – Vienna, WV
Austin Holtzaphel – Stanaford, WV

David Manley – Chapmanville, WV

Timothy Moore – Meadow Bridge, WV

Dekota Yeager – Jane Lew, WV
Cabin Stay Winners

Dennis Arthur – Poca, WV
Brett Boyce – Philippi, WV

Steve Burnett – Crawley, WV
Mark Graley – Ashford, WV

Amy Hunt – Weston, WV
Ethan Kile – Upper Tract, WV

Michael Kramer – Valley Head, WV

Brian Malson – Tunnelton, WV
Brad Rockwell – Martinsburg, WV

James Stevens – Berkeley Springs, WV

West Virginia State Parks Gift

Card Winners

Larry Burgess – Ravencliff, WV
Jordan Davis – Inwood, WV

Clyde Green – Renick, WV
Ronnie Gullett – Welch, WV

Howard Gwynn – Fairmont, WV
Colton Hottinger – Singers Glen, VA

Zachary Martin – Cumberland, MD

David Simmons – Morgantown, WV

Kevin Stevens – Colliers, WV
Sam Williams – Glen Dale, WV

WVDNR Gift Bag Winners

James Anderson – Mount Clare, WV

Melissa Ayers – Morgantown, WV
Cindy Corwell – Ridgeley, WV

Maddox Dennison – Walkersville, WV

Alyssa Lowery – War, WV
Jacob Madison – Mineral Point, PA

Woodrow Snyder – Clendenin, WV

Ben Thompson – Moorefield, WV
Brock Zirkle – Keyser, WV

P-EBT issued by W.Va. DHHR for non-students receiving SNAP

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) has received approval from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to issue Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) benefits to eligible non-students, or children under the age of six years old who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

Eligible non-students are those who reside in a county where one or more schools have been closed or operated at reduced attendance due to

COVID-19. Children in this population only will receive P-EBT for months in which they were in an active SNAP household.

If a child is eligible, they will be mailed a benefit letter. There is not an application for this benefit. Please retain the case number found on the letter. Qualified children will receive \$22.44 in P-EBT for each month they qualify. P-EBT benefits will be dispersed in two primary issuances: August–December 2021 will be issued in July 2022 and January–May 2022

will be issued in September 2022.

P-EBT will be issued on the WV P-EBT card in the name of the eligible child. If a child received a P-EBT card during the 2020-2021 program year, a new card will not be automatically sent. If the card has been lost, a new card may be requested by calling 1-866-545-6502.

For additional information, please visit the WV P-EBT website at <https://wvde.us/wv-pebt/> or contact the P-EBT hotline at 1-866-545-6502.

NEWS BRIEFS

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Moorefield on Thursday, July 7. Donors will be taken at the Moorefield Church of the Brethren at 115 Clay Street from 12:30 until 5:30 p.m. Both Power Red and whole blood donations will be taken. Power Red donors must meet specific eligibility requirements and have type A Neg, B Neg or O blood. Appointments may be necessary. Schedule online or call 1-800-RED CROSS. The Red Cross is reminding donors of the great need for blood, so please consider the gift of life.

The 13th Annual South Branch Valley Bluegrass Festival and Fireworks show will be held June 25th from 11am to 10 pm (rain or shine) at the Wapocoma Campground, five miles west of Romney along the

South Branch of the Potomac River. For more information, go to <http://bluegrass.hampshirewv.com>

The Mountain State Art and Craft Fair begins July 1 at Cedar Lakes Conference Center. It runs until July 3. This year is the 60th event, which features juried artists, Appalachian music and food vendors. For more information go online to <https://msacf.com>.

According to AAA on June 16, the average price for regular gas in West Virginia was at \$4.929 per gallon. The national gas price average was \$5.009 per gallon — an all-time high ever seen since AAA began collect-

ing pricing data in 2000. "Based on the demand we're seeing, it seems high prices have not really deterred drivers," said Andrew Gross, AAA spokesperson. "If prices stay at or above \$5, we may see people start to change their daily driving habits or lifestyle, but it hasn't happened yet." West Virginia was in the top 10 largest weekly increases at +28 cents. As of June 13 across the state Parkersburg was high at \$4.998 and Morgantown was low at \$4.907. Hardy County's gas average was \$4.888. Area prices were Hampshire \$4.927, Mineral \$4.929, Grant \$4.885, and Pendleton \$4.979. Reporting stations in Hardy County (all for regular gas): Sheetz was at \$4.90, Exxon was at \$4.90, BP at both Moorefield and Baker was \$4.90, Pure at Mathias was \$4.90, Kerr's Shell at Wardensville was \$4.90. Sunoco at Old Fields was \$4.80.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Food Give-Away

Moorefield Church of God along with Mountaineer Food Pantry will host a drive-through food give-away at East Hardy High School June 29 from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. If you or your neighbor needs food, bring them and get some food.

Annual Meeting

On Monday, July 11, at 4 p.m., the Friends of the Library, Hardy County will hold its annual meeting of the membership for the purpose of electing officers and transacting business that may come before the membership. The meeting is open to the public and will be held at the Hardy County Public Library.

MMS New Student Registration

Moorefield Middle School will hold new student registration Wednesday, July 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. New students entering grades 6 through 8 must register July 13. Students promoted to 6th grade from Moorefield Intermediate School need not register. Items needed are: STATE

CERTIFIED birth certificate, social security card, immunization records, and previous school information such as phone number and address. If parental custody is questioned legal documentation may be required. Any questions, please call 304-434-3000.

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

The Hardy County Health Department will give free COVID vaccinations and booster shots. Call to schedule your appointments: 304-530-6355.

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://spaytoday.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 information check the Moorefield Police Department Facebook page or call 304-530-1777.

Food Pantry

The Moorefield Church of God

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

Heritage Tiles Available

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

Honor Veterans

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

Project Hello There

Lost River Projects invites people

of all ages to send greetings to residents of EA Hawse Nursing Center who have been without visitors due to the Covid-19 pandemic. You do not need to know anyone personally! Please send notes and letters to Hello there! c/o Lost River Projects P.O. Box 23, Baker, WV 26801 or by email to lostriverprojects@hardynet.com. Lost River Projects will deliver your notes and letters to E A Hawse Nursing Center in Baker. Thank you!

Free Classes

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

Hardy County Public Meeting Schedule

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

H & T Farm Market revitalizes Lost City

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

A friendly smile greets the customer at H & T (Hamilton and Tharp) Farm Market in Lost City and the grand opening last Saturday was a fun-filled day creating an everlasting impact as the store provides tremendous care and a plethora of products.

A description on the H & T Farm Market employee and volunteer shirts read "Something for Everyone" and sure enough there were a variety of items for customers to choose from in the store.

H & T Farm Market opened its doors in late April and held its grand opening this past Saturday.

The parking lot was full as customers came to the grand opening and were greeted by H & T Farm Market employee Brittani Fertig and volunteers Kathy Strawderman and Dane Biller with big smiles along with other employees preparing a free lunch of a hot dog, chips and a drink.

This is a family owned and operated business started by Karen and Richard Hamilton along with their daughter Joleah (Hamilton) Tharp and her husband Brett Tharp.

Joleah Tharp recently graduated from Eastern Mennonite University as a nurse and Brett Tharp earned a business management degree from Bridgewater College. Both are East Hardy High School alumni, so returning to Hardy County was a perfect fit to provide special support for the community.

To most local folks, they remember this place as J.P.'s and Richard Hamilton wanted to preserve the memory of his market as much as possible.

"The dream of having a store like this started about five years ago. We had a merchant from Virginia who wanted to have a place to sell farm equipment and that planted the seed

for having a store for the locals and tourists alike. Our farm couldn't sustain two family incomes and we wanted to find something that would help us. When J.P. was retiring he asked me to make an offer and so I did and God did the rest," H & T Farm Market co-owner Richard Hamilton stated.

"We did our best to preserve the store as you enter it like J.P. had it and we expanded around that plan. He likes to come in here to visit. We wanted to have something for the locals and for anyone else coming through here. We have fresh produce, a deli counter with sandwiches, a hardware section, farming supplies, decor for the home and much more. We just about have something for everyone. You definitely need to try some apple pie before you leave."

The Hamiltons recently returned from a hardware convention in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee as partnerships with vendors continue to be built and the products on the store shelves keep rolling into Lost City.

There were antique items such as a Pac-Man tin lunch box and various skillets, knives, collectible trucks and even a toboggan for sale.

A local artist made crocheted blankets and baskets, plus there were checkerboard ironing boards and metal signs in one of the store sections.

H & T Farm Market employee Lexi Strawderman and volunteer Kenlyn Kerr had huge smiles as they helped a customer at the register loading the fresh vegetables into a bag.

A local pastor, Rob Kerr, was there to greet and direct customers as were many volunteers showing the way.

The meat and cheese slicers were put to use immediately as customers lined up to order their selection of lunch items.

One of the most popular featured items on the menu weighing nearly



Photo by Carl Holcomb

H & T Farm Market owners Karen and Richard Hamilton and Joleah and Brett Tharp celebrated the grand opening of the store on Saturday.

one pound was the "Mountain Monster Dog" which was a jumbo hot dog served on a sub roll topped with cheese, pork bbq, onion, coleslaw and banana peppers.

Having that and some ice cream from the Wardsville-based Twin Timbers Coffee and Creamery food truck outside was more than filling for the appetite.

There were hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, cold deli sandwiches and baked goods ready in the grab-and-go section at the counter.

Some of those homemade baked goods made in the store available during the grand opening were apple pie, peach pie, chocolate chip cookies, candy chip cookies, oatmeal raisin cookies and much more.

"We are hoping to expand our

bakery in the near future and we welcome any suggestions. Our taste testers have been working diligently in selecting the best products for our customers and we haven't tried anything bad," H & T Farm Market co-owner Karen Hamilton said.

The produce section in the front of the store had watermelon, cantaloupe, tomatoes, cucumbers, radishes, peaches, strawberries and other items on the shelves.

H & T Farm Market gets most of its produce from the Dayton produce auction in Virginia with some of the fruit and vegetables coming up from Georgia to that location.

Area farmers provide the meat for the store and they have a partnership with Walnut Creek from Ohio for some of the breads, cinnamon rolls,

chips and other food products.

There was ham hanging in the store there which was a neat aspect.

"We are trying to be local for our local customers as much as possible. We get our produce from Dayton and our meats are from local farmers. We love this community and want to provide the best local items for them," H & T Farm Market co-owner Brett Tharp commented.

There were special decor items from the Hidden Treasures, a new local artistry place in Lost City.

As Father's Day was coming up, there were folks selecting tools and goodies for their dads at H & T Farm Market.

According to co-owner Richard Hamilton, there are typically about 250 customers on Saturday and the

grand opening numbers greatly exceeded that mark.

There were license plates from West Virginia, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland out in the parking lot in the early afternoon as customers were enjoying what H & T Farm Market had to offer.

"We had such a great turnout for our grand opening today. We can't thank our community enough for the love and support. Thank you to all our wonderful employees and volunteers for taking care of everything and making today successful and stress free. We plan to be fully stocked by the end of the week. Thanks for all the love. If you haven't stopped by to see us, stop by," H & T Farm Market co-owner Joleah Hamilton commented on the business Facebook page.

H & T Farm Market is open daily and the praise for the new store is already pouring in on their Facebook page.

"Had a good time today at the grand opening at H & T Farm Market, won a door prize, had good food, ice cream, good fellowship with the owners of H & T, run into different neighbors and friends. I will definitely be back to shop there. They have all kinds of products in their store," H & T Farm Market customer Herbert Murphy noted.

"Great people, family values, great produce, just what this world needs. I am so happy when I come to H & T," H & T Farm Market customer Tommy Gunn added.

The owners were happy to share cake with the customers during the grand opening.

H & T Farm Market has "something for everyone" including a friendly smile and folks willing to have a conversation whether inside or outside on the wooden chairs on the porch with the flowered plants.



AT THE LIBRARY

Don't Miss Sign-Up!

There are only a few days left to sign up for the 2022 Summer Reading Program. The last day is Saturday, June 25, so don't miss out. The program ends Saturday, August 6th.

New Fiction

"The Hotel Nantucket" by Elin Hilderbrand (Reg. Print, Lg. Print, Audiobook) – After a tragic fire in 1922 that killed 19-year-old chambermaid Grace Hadley, The Hotel Nantucket descended from a gilded age gem to a mediocre budget-friendly lodge to an abandoned eyesore — until it's purchased and renovated top to bottom by London billionaire Xavier Darling. Xavier hires Nantucket sweetheart Lizbet Keaton as his general manager who pulls together a charismatic if inexperienced staff who shares the vision of turning the fate of the hotel around. They face challenges in getting along with one another, in overcoming the hotel's bad reputation, and in surviving the (mostly) harmless shenanigans of Grace Hadley herself — who won't stop haunting the hotel until her murder is acknowledged.

der is acknowledged.

"A Face to Die For" (Eve Duncan; 28) by Iris Johansen (Reg. Print, Audiobook) – Archaeologist Riley Smith has been obsessed with Helen of Troy since she was a small girl, trailing her professor father all over the world in search of the tomb of the world's most beautiful woman. Forensic sculptor Eve Duncan has the unusual skills needed to recreate the face that launched a thousand ships, revealing Helen's true appearance for the first time in history. But convincing Eve to take the challenge will be difficult because her efforts will come at great personal cost.

"Trouble with the Cursed" (Hollows; 16) by Kim Harrison – Rachel Morgan, witch-born demon, has stepped up as the subrosa of Cincinnati — responsible for keeping the paranormal community at peace and in line. But nothing's ever simple. With the return of one of the long undead who's bent on proving that Rachel killed Cincy's master vampire to take over the city, she finds she must keep her friends close—and her enemies closer.

"Local Gone Missing" by Fiona

Barton – Detective Elise King investigates a man's disappearance in a seaside town where the locals and weekenders are at odds with each other over a music festival aimed to put the town on the map.

"Horse" by Geraldine Brooks – A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history: From these strands come a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history.

"The Friendship Pact" by Jill Shalvis – Alone in the world, Tae Holmes and her mother April pretty much raised each other, but as Tae starts asking questions about the father she's never met, April, for the first time in her life, goes silent. To make matters worse, Tae is dangerously close to broke and just manages to avoid financial meltdown when she lands a shiny new contract with an adventure company for athletes with disabilities and wounded warriors. Her first big fundraiser event falls flat, but what starts out as a terrible, horrible, no-good night turns into something else entirely when Tae finds herself face-to-face with

Riggs Copeland.

"Flying Solo" by Linda Holmes – A woman returns to her small Maine hometown, uncovering family secrets that take her on a journey of self-discovery and new love.

"Lady of Bones" (Sarah Booth Delaney; 24) by Carolyn Haines – Despite her initial reservations, Sarah Booth accepts the case of a missing journalist, which takes her on a journey to a secret underworld of be-guiling cult leaders, witchcraft, and potentially human sacrifice. She'll have to keep her wits about her if she wants to crack this case...and make it home alive.

New JR Fiction

"The Last Fallen Moon" (Gifted Clans; 2) by Graci Kim – Riley Oh ventures into the Spiritrealm, where she hopes to convince Saint Heo Jun to become the new patron god of the Gom clan and restore their healing powers.

"Cookies and Milk" by Shawn Amos – Eleven-year-old Ellis discovers family secrets, makes new friends, and adjusts to his parents' recent divorce during a hijinks-filled

summer helping his father open the world's first chocolate chip cookie store in 1976 Hollywood.

"The Second Chance of Benjamin Waterfalls" by James Bird – Benjamin Waterfalls comes from a broken home. He's been caught one too many times stealing and is being sent to "boot camp" at the Ojibwe reservation where he used to live. Not only is "boot camp" not what he expects, but his rehabilitation seems to be in the hands of the tribal leader's daughter, who wears a mask. Why? Will answers to this — and many other questions — be enough for Benny to turn his life around and embrace his second chance?

New JR Non-Fiction

"Picturing a Nation: The Great Depression's Finest Photographers Introduce America to Itself" by Martin W. Sandler – Sandler shares photographs taken for the Farm Security Administration by 10 renowned photographers, featuring scenes from regions throughout the United States.

"Speak Up, Speak Out!: The Extraordinary Life of Fighting Shirley Chisholm" by Tonya Bolden – A

biography of Shirley Chisholm, the first Black woman elected to the House of Representatives and the first Black woman to run for president with a major political party.

New Easy Readers

"Air Miles" by William Salaman – Miles, finding it harder and harder to get around, takes to the skies when Mr. Huddy's small airplane needs a pilot.

"Annie's Cat Is Sad" by Heather Smith – Annie comes home from school to find her cat, Delilah, has had a terrible day and is quite sad. What do you do when your friend is sad? Cheer them up with all the things they love!

"Goodnight Racism" by Ibram X. Kendi – As children all over the world get ready for bed, the moon watches over them. The moon knows that when we sleep, we dream. And when we dream, we imagine what is possible and what the world can be.

"I Am a Baby" by Bob Shea – A tiny narrator leads readers through scenes of exhaustion, grumpiness, squishy diapers, spilled milk, covering kittens, and chubby overfed pups.

Quickness Saves Lives: EACHS Head Start holds safety training

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

"A bus can be fully engulfed in flames within just one and a half minutes," Kanawha County Schools Transportation Supervisor of Safety and Training Jimmy Lacy stated.

The Moorefield Early Learning Center [EACHS] Head Start program held its annual safety training and certification course last Monday with a mock accident drill which featured a bus full of smoke where the bus personnel had to locate two mannequins aboard the unit and another bus had a wheelchair security and release test.

"The state of West Virginia requires 18 hours of training service for certification for all bus drivers and aides. We make sure all of our

staff completes the required certification for the safety of our students. Safety is our top priority," Moorefield EACHS Head Start Director of Transportation Mark Redman noted.

Due to extreme outdoor temperatures, the certification course was limited to locating mannequins on the bus instead of a timed rescue pulling them off the bus.

Mr. Lacy used a mineral oil base to create the smoke or fog on the bus for the drivers and aides to walk through in finding the two mannequins on the rear of the bus.

The location of the mannequins wasn't revealed to the EACHS personnel as the search began, because they were supposed to be timed under a minute and a half to find them.

Redman was joined by Lacy and EACHS trainer Sandy Mchone in overseeing the mock accident drill.

There were EACHS staff members from the tri-county area of Hardy, Grant and Hampshire participating in the training exercises: Bev Funk (Hardy), Natasha Bergdoll (Grant), Taylor See (Grant), Kelsea Roberts (Hardy), Paula Miller (Hardy), Lisha Haller (Hardy), Doris Polan (Hampshire), Tracy Jessop (Hampshire), Tiffany Raigner (Hampshire) Angela Bittinger (Hampshire), Misty Mongold (Hardy), Kelly Cook (Grant), Tammy Kesner (Grant) and Gary Redman (Hardy/Grant/Hampshire).

"The most important question to answer is, 'How do I get them out?'" Lacy remarked.

"There isn't much time to spend searching for a student on a bus when it starts to smoke as the flames will spread fast."

Director Redman knew what needed to be done and even stepped

foot on the bus himself to execute a search for both mannequins with the utmost urgency.

The entire staff took individual turns searching for the mannequins as the bus was full of smoke and each member reported finding both mannequins on the bus.

The wheelchair bus safety certification was timed as the staff members had to secure the wheelchair with the required straps on the bus and be able to get them released in a timely fashion.

"I am pleased with how fast our staff went during the training exercises for this mock drill. We take pride in having all of our staff members being certified and do all we can to meet the requirements. It is imperative that we keep our children and staff safe," Redman concluded.



Photo by Carl Holcomb

Grant County/Cochran EACHS staff member Taylor See secured a wheelchair during a certification training session being observed by trainer Sandy Mchone.

Carter Williams Conduct Hearing

Johnson couldn't definitively prove he was using his phone, but a reasonable person would believe he was," Riggelman explained, "so the stop wasn't made on probable cause, it was reasonable suspicion, which is all we need."

Although probable cause and reasonable suspicion are often used interchangeably, they are different standards. The reasonable suspicion standard, although less exacting than that for probable cause, is sufficient to allow police officers to make an "investigatory" traffic stop.

The Fourth Amendment does not define either term, but the Supreme Court has subsequently been tasked with defining them. The Supreme Court justices have said that reasonable suspicion does "not require the same type of specific evidence of each element of the offense" that would be required to support a conviction.

Williams has admitted that he had the cell phone in his hand, but denied that he was talking or texting on it. In the body cam recording, Williams can be observed telling that to the officer and offering to have him look at the cell phone to determine if it had just been in use.

§17C-14-15 (8) of the West Virginia Code says:

"Using a cell phone or other electronic communication device" means holding in a person's hand or hands an electronic communication

device while:

(A) Viewing or transmitting images or data;

(B) Playing games;

(C) Composing, sending, reading, viewing, accessing, browsing, transmitting, saving or retrieving e-mail, text messages or other electronic data; or

(D) Engaging in a call.

Merely holding a cell phone in his hand, as Williams alleges he was doing, would not constitute a violation of the law and would not have provided probable cause for the original stop.

Williams self-reported the incident, and also voluntarily stepped down from hearing criminal cases in Hardy County, or cases involving the Moorefield Police Department, for the duration of the hearing process.

There were similar troubles with the prosecution's case in the other two incidents that formed the basis of the final count levied against Williams in an Amended Complaint, on February 14, 2022. That count arose from incidents – on July 21, 2020 and August 18, 2021 – when Williams was alleged to have left the Walmart store in Moorefield without paying for merchandise, after going through a self-service checkout line.

To substantiate this charge, prosecutors called Walmart's Loss Prevention Officer, Christine Crites, to testify as a prosecution witness at the hearing. However, despite Crites be-

ing listed as a witness for the prosecution, prior to her testimony, prosecutors asked the Court for permission to treat Crites as a "hostile witness," a designation that would permit use of leading questions to elicit answers supportive of the prosecution's allegations.

Crites testimony, however, was not as helpful to the prosecution's case as they might have wished, as she testified that Walmart did not press criminal charges against Williams because they did not feel that there had been any intention to shoplift. In both instances, Crites said Williams returned to the store to pay for the merchandise. She said that such incidents occur much more frequently than most people might think, and that many of them arise from honest error.

In the charging documents and statements to the press, prosecutors said the items which Williams left the store without paying for totaled about \$300. The media, including the Examiner, in reliance on those documents and statements of the prosecutors, reported that figure. The amount was not \$300: It was \$30.

The Examiner regrets that error, and apologizes to Judge Williams for its inadvertence.

Though testimony at last week's hearing appears to have established that Williams' actions did not actually violate the law, those are not the issues being tried, and that cir-

cumstance alone may not lead to an overall victory for the judge. In fact, the charges levied against Williams relate to potential abuse of his office, and engaging in conduct unbecoming a judicial officer.

Here, the police officer's body cam recording is likely the most powerful evidence against Williams, showing him behaving rudely, and speaking loudly and in an agitated manner.

During his testimony Wednesday, Williams admitted he lost his temper with Johnson, but denied trying to use his position as a judge for personal gain.

"From Day One, I said that my conduct on July 11 last year was unbecoming of a judge," Williams testified, per a MetroNews report. "I said it was disrespectful and rude. ...I made a federal case out of it. Just silly. Made a federal case out of it. I've regretted it since and tried to make right on it since."

In a conversation with Moorefield Mayor Carol Zuber, on the evening of the traffic stop, Williams characterized his own behavior even more harshly, telling Zuber he had been an "asshole" during the verbal exchange with the officer. But during last week's hearing, Williams said he finally had the opportunity to apologize to the officer.

"Yesterday, for the first time, out in the hallway during a break, I got to talk to the young man that I was so

rude to," Williams testified June 15, reported MetroNews. "For the first time, I got to say I'm sorry. I shook his hand and I said, 'I'm sorry for this. I'm sorry for all this upset'."

While his testimony suggested that Williams accepts responsibility for his undignified conduct and rude behavior, he also testified that the allegations have damaged his reputation and hurt his family.

"So yes, my conduct is what it is. It'll have to be up to someone else," Williams said, referring to the hearing board. "But regardless of that and far beyond that, I've had to withstand this and be called a racist in this culture and a thief. ...That's just about as bad as you can be called. And I am none of those. I've never been. I'm a lot of things. I'm not those. ...My actions opened the door for me to be called publicly what I'm not. So, my actions did that, yes."

The Examiner reached out multiple times to Williams for comment in recent weeks. He has declined to comment, saying it would be inappropriate to discuss the matter publicly while charges are pending. At press time, the latest call, made since the hearing concluded, had not yet been returned. Last Friday the Examiner also contacted Williams' attorney, Michael Benninger, who also declined to comment, saying simply that the press had "lied" about the case and that his office would give

no further comments on the matter.

The Judicial Hearing Board will now deliberate on the testimony, make its findings of fact and conclusions of law, and report its findings and recommendations to the West Virginia State Supreme Court, which will render the final ruling on the matter, and if it upholds any of the charges, mete out what it considers appropriate punishment. The consequences could include admonishment, public reprimand or censure, fines, or unpaid suspension of up to a year for each violation of the code. Penalties for violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct are separate, and could include suspension of Williams' license to practice law for up to five years.

The Judicial Hearing Board has up to 60 days to render its findings and recommendations to the State Supreme Court, after which the parties will have another 30 days to file objections. If the Supreme Court rejects the findings, it will schedule a hearing before the full Court.

Williams was elected to the Circuit Court in 2016. His eight-year term will be up in 2024. Prior to his service on the bench, he was in private practice and with the West Virginia Attorney General's Office. He serves in the 22nd District, which includes Hampshire, Hardy and Pendleton Counties.

Grand Jury Indictments

Whitt pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Whitt is being held on \$20,000 bond at Potomac Highlands Regional Jail.

Marlin J. Yoder, 59, and Florita J. Yoder, 47, both of Petersburg, were each indicted on two counts of delivery of a Schedule II controlled substance - Hydrocodone - and two counts of conspiracy to deliver a Schedule II controlled substance - Hydrocodone.

According to court documents, on Oct. 6, Moorefield Police responded to a call of a controlled substance complaint. The owner of a Moorefield business said they observed suspicious activity by one of their employees.

MPD identified the employee's vehicle at a neighboring business. Florita Yoder was in the vehicle and told officers she was waiting to go to work. MPD requested and was given consent to search Yoder's purse and vehicle. Officers found a prescription pill bottle for Hydrocodone. Officers observed the number of pills remaining in the bottle was inconsistent with the date of the refill and the dosage instructions. Florita Yoder denied selling pills, but said she gave some to her husband to sell at his place of employment.

Officers requested Florita Yoder call Marlin Yoder and ask him to come to the parking lot. When asked about the allegations, Marlin Yoder initially denied involvement, but later admitted to giving pills to a coworker. He said Florita Yoder collected the money.

Both Marlin Yoder and Florita Yoder pleaded not guilty to all charges.

The Yoders are free on supervised bond.

Anthony J. Hofstad, 46, of Spencer, was arraigned on one count of fleeing law enforcement while under the influence of alcohol, one count of fleeing law enforcement with reckless indifference for the safety of others and one count of misdemeanor driving under the influence.

According to charging documents, Moorefield Police was on routine patrol at a local business parking lot, when they observed a male driver in a vehicle, unresponsive, with his foot on the accelerator and his hand on the gearshift. When the man regained consciousness, he seemed disoriented and MPD observed an odor of alcohol. When asked to exit the vehicle, the man put it into gear and drove away.

After driving in circles several times, the vehicle exited the parking lot and traveled north on Route 220. MPD initiated a traffic stop and the vehicle stopped. As MPD was ap-

proaching the vehicle, it accelerated again and continued north on Route 220. During the 12-mile pursuit, the vehicle was observed weaving and crossing the centerline multiple times. Speeds reached 66 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone.

The vehicle proceeded into Hampshire County and stopped near the Purgitsville Post Office. Officers restrained the driver, who refused medical attention. A field sobriety test revealed a blood alcohol level of .216. The driver, identified as Hofstad, was mirandized and taken to West Virginia State Police barracks in Romney.

Hofstad pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Hofstad was free on supervised bond. He requested permission to leave the state for work and was told he couldn't reside if there were firearms at the residence.

Ian R. Coppe-Ridgeway, 30, of Wardensville, was indicted on one count of burglary, one count of misdemeanor destruction of property, on count of misdemeanor brandishing a deadly weapon, and two counts of misdemeanor battery.

According to charging documents, Hardy County Sheriff's Department responded to a residence in Wardensville. The victim said Coppe-Ridgeway allegedly refused to leave the property. Coppe-Ridgeway allegedly broke a window, entered the residence and threatened the victim and others on the property. Coppe-Ridgeway left the premises, but allegedly returned with a knife and threatened the people at the residence.

Coppe-Ridgeway pleaded not guilty to all charges.

When Coppe-Ridgeway's attorney requested reduced bond, Assistant Prosecutor H. Orrin Staggers III opposed it, saying Coppe-Ridgeway allegedly committed these offenses three days after he was discharged from a prior crime. Coppe-Ridgeway told the court he was on probation in Virginia.

Coppe-Ridgeway continued in custody at Potomac Highlands Regional Jail.

Alan W. P. Rodriguez, 23, of Moorefield, was indicted on one count of grand larceny and one count of fleeing law enforcement with reckless indifference for the safety of others.

According to charging documents, on Jan. 8, Hardy County Sheriff's deputies received a call from another law enforcement agency that a stolen vehicle was traveling north on Route 220. When deputies attempted to initiate a traffic stop, the vehicle accelerated, reaching speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour. The driver, identified as Rodrigues, surrendered near

Rada Road in Hampshire County. The stolen vehicle is valued at between \$4,667 and \$6,116.

Rodriguez was assisted by a language interpreter and his attorney, Jonie Nelson, requested a competency/culpability evaluation. Judge Carl agreed and allowed Rodriguez to remain on supervised bond. No further court proceeds are scheduled until the evaluation is complete.

John A. Shumaker 42, of Moorefield was indicted on one count of wanton endangerment.

According to charging documents, on Nov. 26, 2021, Moorefield Police responded to a call of shots fired. Upon investigation, MPD found Shumaker bleeding from the face and allegedly heavily intoxicated. Shumaker told officers he had put a gun in his mouth and tried to shoot himself.

Shumaker pleaded not guilty to the charge. He is free on supervised bond.

Corey A. Secrist, 23, of Petersburg, was indicted on one count of false reporting of a bomb threat.

Charging documents show on Oct. 1, 2021, Moorefield Police responded to a local manufacturing facility for a report of a bomb threat. A supervisor at the facility said they had allegedly received information from Secrist that a bomb was placed by another individual.

When MPD contacted Secrist, he told them he had a dream and God showed him there was a bomb in the "box room."

The facility was evacuated and searched, but no bomb was located. The downtime cost was in excess of \$9,000.

Secrist pleaded not guilty to the charge and is free on supervised bond.

Roger L. Ayers, 43, of Mathias, was indicted on one count of prohibited person in possession of a firearm.

According to charging documents, on Jan. 11, West Virginia State Police responded to a breaking and entering complaint. The victim said several firearms and other items were taken from a residence in which Ayers was living. Upon investigation, other firearms were visible in plain view.

The trooper recognized Ayers from a prior arrest and found Ayers was a convicted felon. He was convicted in 2004 in federal court for conspiracy to possess with intent to deliver methamphetamine and therefore prohibited from possessing a firearm.

Ayers pleaded not guilty to the charge. He tested positive for methamphetamine and was remanded to Potomac Highlands Regional Jail.

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Kuhn Sentenced

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furniture, with no regard for it. Then you didn't take it to the hospital right away. It could have been killed. I don't understand what would cause someone to do that."

Kuhn was sentenced to not less than two years and not more than 10 years plus a mandatory \$1,000 fine for the child abuse charge. She was sentenced to not more than one year and not more than five years for the gross child neglect charge. She was

sentenced to not less than two years and not more than 10 years for the malicious assault charge. She was given credit for 339 days for time served. The sentences are to be served consecutively. After the discharge of her sentence, she will be on extended supervision in an additional 30 years. "We will have eyes on you for the rest of your life," Judge Carl said.

State bolstering EMS

West Virginia is allocating \$10 million in federal coronavirus relief funding to bolster the state's emergency medical services workforce, Gov. Jim Justice said.

The Community and Technical College System, EMS community partners and state lawmakers reviewed current education and training opportunities for emergency medical technicians and paramedics and looked at areas of need, the Republican governor's office said in a news release Tuesday.

The state will buy mobile ambulance simulators to allow educational programs in all regions and embark

on a public relations campaign for EMS careers. To provide no-cost training, the community college system has provided a total of \$870,000 to 21 facilities, the statement said.

In addition, 5,500 large bags containing essential emergency medical equipment and supplies will be distributed to EMS workers across the state.

"Through these new and expanded efforts to train more EMS professionals, not only will we reduce the burden on our existing workers, but we will also grow this profession in our state, safeguarding West Virginians for generations to come," Justice said.

Food benefits expanded

West Virginia families with eligible children under the age of 6 will be receiving funding from the federal government for groceries.

Children are eligible if they live in a household that receives Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, state Department of Health and Human Resources officials said in a news release. They must also live in a county where one or more schools have been closed or operated at reduced attendance due to COVID-19. Families will receive \$22.44 per

child for each month of the 2021-22 school year. Families will receive payments for half of the school year in July, with the other half coming in September.

Officials estimate around 40,000 West Virginia children will be eligible. The benefits will be loaded onto existing pandemic electronic benefits transfer cards that were issued during the 2020-21 school year. The funding comes from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Unemployment rate dips to 3.5% in May

West Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dipped one tenth of a percentage point to 3.5% in May. Total employment grew by 1,700 over the month, and the number of unemployed state residents dropped by 500 to 27,900, WorkForce West Virginia said in a statement Wednesday.

Within the goods-producing sector, employment gains included 400 in construction and 300 in mining and logging while there were 300 jobs lost in manufacturing.

There was a temporary gain of 8,500 jobs in government due to poll

workers hired for the May 10 primary election. In addition, there were 300 jobs added in education and health services, 200 in financial activities, 200 in other services and 100 in leisure and hospitality. Those were offset by declines of 800 in trade, transportation and utilities, and 100 in professional and business services.

Total nonfarm payroll employment has increased by 26,500 since May 2021, more than half in government and in leisure and hospitality, the statement said.

The national unemployment rate remained at 3.6% in May.

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take an interest in the schools and perhaps become involved in the future as a volunteer.

He assured them that he would, and in reply, said a few words of his own, thanking the Superintendent and Board for making him feel welcome and a part of the team. He told them that he hoped his contributions as a Board member had made a positive difference, and said, upon reflection, he was amazed at how much of a learning experience it had been for him, as well, by being part of the Board and working together with all of them.

"I want to thank you guys for calling me [to serve on the Board]. The amount of things I've learned in this room is amazing. I hope I've shared a little. It's been truly an honor to serve

the community."

He went on to say that he had thought he would have seen more community faces in attendance at meetings, but observed maybe it was a bigger honor when they weren't, as that perhaps meant the community had trust in the Board and believed they were doing a good job.

He finished his remarks by looking directly at Van Meter and thanking her for her tireless efforts on behalf of the students, saying succinctly, "You are a blessing!"

The Board presented him with a token of their appreciation, and then two kinds of cake – banana and red velvet – were served to the Board and audience and enjoyed by all.

Most of the rest of the agenda was fairly routine. The Board unanimous-

ly approved its agenda, and then in a subsequent unanimous vote, approved a consent agenda consisting of the minutes of its previous meeting, a reconciliation of bank statements, the Treasurer's Report, Budget Journal entries, and a group of invoices. Each was carefully documented in a separate attachment to the Board's meeting information packet.

There were no public comments.

Next up, the Board received a Budget Update, listening to a brief presentation from Sarah Earle, who said that there was nothing out of the ordinary except for the fact that fuel costs were going up significantly. There were minor problems with obtaining some items, she said, as some vendors would not deliver to this area. The next report would come

after closing the books for June, she said, and theorized that it "...will be better."

New Business was next, and with minimal discussion, the Board voted unanimously gave pre-approval of transfers and budget supplements through June 30. Pre-approval was granted for invoices to be paid for the 2022-2023 school year, referencing an attachment provided to the Board.

The Board likewise approved its meeting schedule for the 2022-2023 school year, with all voting in favor.

A unanimous vote also approved the amended personal leave and leave of absence policy, followed closely by another vote with all in favor of the home/hospital/out-of-school environment instruction policy.

Discussion of the mission state-

ment currently under revision caused Board member Dixie Bean to observe that something should be done to eliminate the "bullet list" format, which she said she didn't like. Van Meter quickly agreed, saying she didn't like that format, either, and her recommendation is to simply scrap the existing document and begin again.

Turning to future agenda items, some of the Board expressed a desire to visit the Pilgrim's building.

There was only a single announcement: the next regular Board meeting is scheduled for July 5 at the Board of Education office at 5 p.m.

The Board voted to go into a brief executive session to discuss some personnel issues, returning to open session at 5:43, after only a few min-

utes of private deliberations.

Two unanimous votes approved days off without pay for two staff members, and a third granted an administrative leave.

A list of hirings and appointments were consolidated into one motion and approved "as presented" with all in favor.

The agenda listed a termination as one of the items to be acted upon, and a special meeting on that subject was scheduled and then canceled for earlier that day, but after re-convening into public session, Van Meter said that the matter had been satisfactorily resolved and there was now no need for that last vote. Its business finished for the evening, a motion to adjourn was quickly offered, seconded and approved unanimously.

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OBITUARIES

Lawrence R. Barr



Lawrence Ray Barr, age 89, of Petersburg, passed away Thursday, June 16, 2022 at his home. He was born February 1, 1933, the son of Richard and Grace (Halterman) Barr. On March 20, 1993, Lawrence married Sandra (Riggleman) Barr, who survives in Petersburg.

Mr. Barr graduated from Moorefield High School, earned a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Shepherd University, and a Master's Degree in Education from WVU. Lawrence was a veteran of the United States Army and was a lifelong member of the Oak Dale Presbyterian Chapel where he served as Deacon and taught Sunday School. He belonged to American Legion Post #78 and was an Ambassador of Operation Heroes Support. Upon retiring as a Moorefield Elementary school teacher in 1988 after 30 years, Lawrence enjoyed hunting and fishing, especially with his grandson, JohnWilliam, gardening, trips to the beach, and spending time with his family. Lawrence was an avid Mountaineer Fan and #1 fan of his grandchildren, who will remember how he cheered them on at

various sporting events.

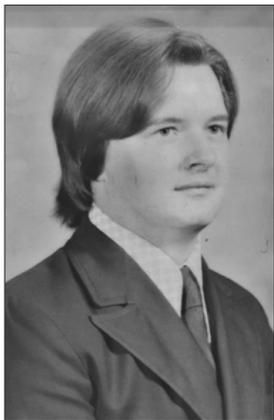
In addition to his wife, Mr. Barr leaves behind to cherish his memories: three daughters, Teresa Snell (Dan) of Berkeley Springs, Rebecca Barr of Moorefield, and Amy Welton of Moorefield; two sons, Gary Lee Minnich (Nicole) of Petersburg and James E. Minnich II of Petersburg; four sisters, Eleanor Hiser of Petersburg, Bonnie Sites (Ralph) of Petersburg, Wayde Harper (Dean) of Jefferson, Md., and Faye Vance of Hamilton, Va.; a brother, Leslie Barr (Carolyn) of Wardensville; 11 grandchildren, Tara Combs (Chip), Israel and Jarod Perlov, Rachael Snell, Daniel and Dustin Alt, Lindsey Alt Staub (Shawn), Patience-Ann, and Kymberly, Jaylee and JohnWilliam (Willie) Minnich; four Great-Grandchildren, Carter and Kate Combs, and Mina and Freya Staub; and numerous

cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Lawrence was preceded in death by a sister, Marion Wilson, and a grandson, Brayden Phillips.

Mr. Barr's family received friends on Sunday, June 19, 2022 at the Basagic Funeral Home in Petersburg. Funeral services were held Monday, June 20, 2022 in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Jim Yao officiating. He will be escorted by the Patriot Guard and Legion Riders to the New House Cemetery in Rig, with Military Honors conducted by the US Army from Camp Dawson and the Grant County Veteran Honor Guard. Memorials may be made to the Oak Dale Presbyterian Chapel or Operation Heroes Support c/o Gary Minnich, 105 Pine St. Petersburg, WV, 26847. Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.

Bill A. Henry



William Austin Henry, age 67 of South Fork Road, Moorefield, passed away Friday morning, June 10, 2022 at Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg. Born October 15, 1954 in Keyser, he was a son of the late Emmett Gochoenour Henry and Alice Virginia Barb Henry. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant brother, Andrew and a brother, Danny.

Bill was a graduate of Moorefield High School Class of 1973. He was a member of the Moorefield Church of the Brethren where he served on the church board, and attended Kelly Chapel Church of the Brethren. He was a retired Class I Water Plant Operator who worked for the Town

of Moorefield for 36 years and the Town of Romney for eight years. A true sports enthusiast, he watched the Moorefield Yellow Jackets, WVU Mountaineers, the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Washington Redskins (Commanders). He was proud of his granddaughter who was a member of the MHS Band, and he enjoyed his front porch where he went to read often.

Surviving is his loving wife of 44 years, Rebecca Dawn Davis Henry; a son, Willy (Ashley) Henry of Moorefield; a daughter, Misty (Robbie) Guard of Auburndale, Fla.; a brother, Sam (Carolyn) Henry of Parkersburg; a sister, Nettie Henry of Moorefield; two grandchildren, Austin and Taylor; four step grand-

children; a step great-grandson; and a son-in-law, Wayne (Penny) Wolfe of Moorefield.

Funeral Services were conducted Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel with Pastors Denzel L. Davis & Russell Webster officiants. Interment followed at the Olivet Cemetery. The family received friends on Wednesday before services.

Memorials may be directed to the Kelley Chapel Church of the Brethren, 440 Furnace Run Road, Burlington, WV 26710. Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on Bill's Tribute Wall at www.fraleyfuneralhome.com.

Rosemary E. Wagner



Rose passed from this earth after 39 short years and went to be with her Creator on June 12, 2022. She was a 2001 graduate of Moorefield High School. Rose attended, on scholarship, High Point University in North Carolina and graduated Summa Cum Laude with a degree in accounting. Her accounting career included firms in Alexandria, Va., Baltimore, Md., and finally Winchester, Va.

Rose had a love for all outdoor activities, sports and most especially her horses. We commented to Rose that if we were reincarnated, we would like to come back as one of her well-cared-for horses.

Rose was a reassuring source of comfort to newer cancer patients and always willing to help, whether the request was how to tie a scarf to cover hair loss or tips for enduring che-

motherapy.

To borrow a sentiment from one of her close friends, "her clever mind and sweet spirit will be sorely missed by all who knew her."

Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on Rose's Tribute Wall at www.fraleyfuneralhome.com.

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Fri. July 01: Chef salad w/egg, ham, turkey, crackers, applesauce

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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.

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

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

2022 West Virginia Maple Syrup Production Numbers Released

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) has released the 2022 maple syrup production numbers for the State. Production totaled 13,000 gallons in 2022, unchanged from the previous year. The number of taps, 77,000, and yield per tap, 0.169 gallons, were also unchanged. On average, the maple syrup season opened February 6 and closed March 12, with the average season length coming in at 34 days. The first date of recorded sap collection was January 10 and the last day was April 20.

"Weather remains a key factor for how successful our maple seasons end up. If it is too warm, it can severely hinder the sap's flow resulting in lower production levels," said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. "We are happy to see continued syrup production from our

producers. Their effort helps us reach our goal of making West Virginia a cornucopia of specialty products."

The average price per gallon was \$47.70 in 2021, up from \$30.20 per gallon in 2020. Bulk prices in 2021 were \$2.50 per pound, up from \$1.90 per pound in 2020, and \$27.60 per gallon, up from \$21.00 per gallon the previous year. Percent of sales by type in 2021 was 50% bulk, 41% retail and 9% wholesale.

United States maple syrup production in 2022 totaled 5.03 million gallons, up 35% from the previous season. The number of taps totaled 14.3 million and yield per tap was 0.352 gallon. On average, the season lasted 34 days, compared with 27 days in 2021. The 2021 United States average price per gallon was \$35.90, up \$3.90 from 2020. Value of production came in at \$134 million for 2021.

From The Family of
Roger L. Barnes, Jr.
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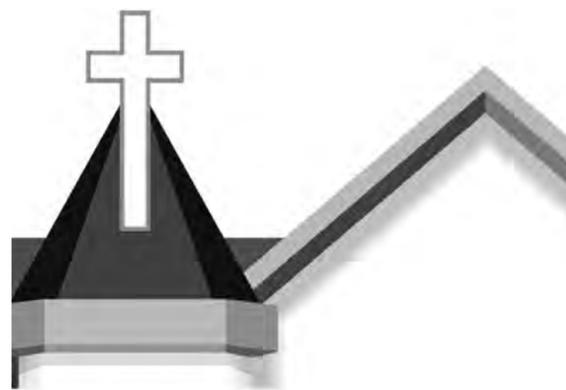
*Your words have comforted us,
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We extend our deepest thanks to everyone for their kindness during our greatest sadness. We appreciate it more than words can express and it will always be remembered.

A special thanks to Fraley's Funeral Home, Wade Armentrout and the Moorefield Assembly of God.

Thank you to the family and friends for the kind words and prayers during this difficult time. Thank you to Fraley Funeral Home, the EMS squad, the emergency care staff at Grant Memorial and to the kind man and woman from Front Royal that stopped and helped me at the time of my need.

Sincerely,
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- Nan Hetzel

NEWS

Judy passes W.Va. State Bar



Aaron Judy of Moorefield, WV was admitted to the West Virginia State Bar on June 7, 2022. He is a 2021 graduate of the WVU College of Law and is a Partner in the law offices of Judy and Judy. Aaron is the son of George and Cathy Judy, South Fork.

Senate passes Manchin backed bill to provide healthcare and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits

Last Thursday, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee (SVAC), voted for the bipartisan Sergeant First Class (SFC) Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022 to provide Veterans exposed to burn pits during their military service with the healthcare and benefits they deserve. The legislation passed 84-14.

"Many of our brave Veterans in West Virginia and across America who were exposed to open-air burn pits in the Middle East and other areas during their service are now facing health complications without healthcare coverage and benefits," said Senator Manchin. "We must be willing to pay the cost of war from beginning to end, and the PACT Act will ensure our Veterans are cared for once they return home. I'm proud to vote for this comprehensive, bipartisan bill to provide our Veterans with the healthcare and benefits they earned and deserve and look forward to the House of Representatives passing this critical legislation and President Biden signing it into law soon."

The Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our PACT Act of 2022 will:

- Expand VA healthcare eligibility to Post-9/11 combat Veterans, which includes more than 3.5 million toxic-exposed Veterans;
- Create a framework for the establishment of future presumptions of service connection related to toxic exposure;
- Add 23 burn pit and toxic exposure-related conditions to VA's list of service presumptions, including hypertension;
- Expand presumptions related to Agent Orange exposure;
- Includes Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Guam, American Samoa, and Johnston Atoll as locations for Agent Orange exposure;
- Strengthen federal research on toxic exposure;
- Improve VA's resources and training for toxic-exposed veterans; and
- Set VA and Veterans up for success by investing in:
 - VA claims processing;
 - VA's workforce;
 - VA health care facilities.

Manchin announces another \$5 million from American Rescue Plan to expand broadband

Last Thursday, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) announced an additional \$5,012,488 from the American Rescue Plan for the Harrison County School District and the Community Action of Southeastern West Virginia Head Start Program as part of the latest rounds of the Emergency Connectivity Fund. This funding is distributed through the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to help schools, libraries and educational organizations purchase laptops and tablets, Wi-Fi hotspots, modems,

routers and broadband connections for students, staff and library visitors. To date, West Virginia has received more than \$45 million from the Emergency Connectivity Fund.

"The Emergency Connectivity Fund has provided more than \$45 million to support connecting West Virginia students, schools and libraries to reliable broadband. I successfully fought to include around \$48 million to West Virginia in the American Rescue Plan to provide broadband through hotspots so West

Virginia students can learn and complete homework at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, and I fought to include around \$600 million in the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to create long-term solutions to increase broadband deployment in West Virginia," said Senator Manchin. "I look forward to seeing the positive impacts of this continued investment from the FCC and I will continue working to bring reliable, affordable broadband to every holler across the Mountain State."

The Emergency Connectivity Fund was authorized in the American Rescue Plan, which passed the Senate in March 2021, to provide \$7.17 billion to expand distance learning and connectivity around the country. It included key provisions authorized by Senator Manchin which prioritized rural areas and made these funds fully reimbursable to ensure rural states like West Virginia do not have to bear the burden of higher costs.

Manchin, colleagues introduce All-American Flag Act

Legislation will require the federal gov. to purchase flags produced entirely on American soil with American materials

U.S. Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Susan Collins (R-ME) and Rick Scott (R-FL) introduced the bipartisan All-American Flag Act, which would require the federal government to exclusively purchase flags that are entirely produced and manufactured in the United States. Bipartisan companion legislation was introduced in the House of Representatives by Representatives Cheri Bustos (D-IL), Shontel Brown (D-OH), Tim Ryan (D-OH) and Adam Kinzinger (R-IL).

"Every day, students, Veterans, soldiers, scouts and Americans pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. We salute it; we fight for it; we honor it and celebrate it," said Senator Manchin. "I am proud to cosponsor the bipartisan All-American Flag Act to require the federal government to purchase flags

produced entirely on American soil with American materials, which will create good-paying jobs and spur economic growth across the country. I encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this important legislation and I look forward to getting it across the finish line and signed into law."

Currently, the federal government is required to purchase flags that contain only 50 percent American-made materials. The All-American Flag Act would require the government to buy flags that are produced entirely with American-made materials and manufactured completely in the United States. According to the U.S. Department of Commerce and U.S. Census Data, in 2015, the dollar value of U.S. imports of American flags was \$4.4 million. Of that amount, \$4 million of imported flags came from China. In 2017, the U.S. imported 10

million American flags. Of those, all but 50,000 came from China.

"American flags should be made in America, period," Senator Brown said. "Today, half of the materials that our women and men in uniform fight under can be made in China. We have to change that. We shouldn't use taxpayer dollars to purchase American flags made overseas when American companies — and companies right here in Ohio — proudly produce the American flag. My bipartisan All-American Flag Act would ensure that the government buys flags that are entirely produced and manufactured in America, by American workers."

"The American flag serves as a symbol of our identity, resolve, and values as one people. To honor its significance, the federal government should only use flags entirely manufactured in the United States," said

Senator Collins. "This bipartisan legislation will ensure that the symbol of our nation is preserved while supporting American jobs and manufacturers."

"I am proud to join my colleagues in leading the All-American Flag Act to ensure that American flags, bought with American taxpayer dollars, flying over the property of America's government are American made," said Senator Scott. "There is absolutely no reason why taxpayer dollars should go to foreign governments to buy American flags. This legislation is a no-brainer. When I was governor of Florida we signed this common-sense legislation into law, and I am proud to continue this effort in the Senate. I encourage my colleagues to support its passage."

Manchin secures W.Va. priorities in National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2023

Today, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and member of the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC), secured West Virginia priorities in the SASC markup of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23). The NDAA establishes the funding levels and creates new programs within the Department of Defense (DoD) annually, passage of this bill would mark the 62nd year in a row Congress has advanced this critical piece of legislation.

On June 16, 2022, SASC voted 23-3 to report the FY23 NDAA to the full Senate for consideration. The FY23 NDAA authorizes \$857 billion, including \$817 billion for DoD and \$29 billion for Department of Energy (DOE) national security programs.

"The United States military must be prepared and able to defend our nation from threats at home and abroad," said Senator Manchin.

"This bipartisan legislation is critical to combatting enemies seen and

unseen, and includes funding for numerous priorities for West Virginia, including training center support, intelligence gathering at Green Bank and cybersecurity research. I am pleased with the bipartisan efforts on this legislation and the commitment to regular order from my colleagues. I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to finalize this essential legislation that includes numerous provisions for the Mountain State."

West Virginia priorities included in FY23 NDAA:

East Coast Joint All Domain Training Center: Supports a feasibility study to determine the need of East Coast based military units for a modern training facility that can simulate all domains of warfare, and gives special consideration to areas that can transfer land ownership to DoD and zero to minimal cost that are located in areas with economies impacted by a reduction in timber and mineral extraction jobs.

Army Interagency Training & Education Center (AITEC): Recognizes AITEC, which is part of the

West Virginia National Guard, as the National Guard Bureau lead for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and high-yield Explosives and Critical Infrastructure Protection training.

Ridge Runner Irregular Warfare Training Activity: Recommends for the expansion of the Ridge Runner training activity with allies in the State Partnership Program to simulate all domain and full mission profile activities to build interoperability and the capabilities necessary to address irregular warfare challenges. This training activity is ran by the West Virginia National Guard and takes place annually in West Virginia.

Next Generation Very Large Array (Green Bank): This language encourages the Department to continue efforts to utilize the Green Bank Observatory for intelligence gathering in space.

Future of DoD Operational Energy: Creates an entity within the Joint Staff for the purpose of identifying future energy needs of the Department of Defense with particular attention paid to nuclear, hydrogen, CCUS, battery storage, zero-carbon synthetic fuels, and renewable technologies. It would also identify critical infrastructure such as pipelines and electricity transmission that supply U.S. military facilities.

Contracting Transparency for DoD: Requires contractors to justify the cost of items and services sold to the DoD, and gives DoD contractors the authority to request commercial prices for similar DoD items.

Pilot program for tactical vehicle safety data collection: directs the Secretaries of the Navy and Army to conduct a pilot program evaluating the use of data recorders to monitor, assess, and improve the operation of military tactical vehicles for the purposes of reducing accidents and injuries.

Cybersecurity of Weapons Sys-

tems: Requires the Secretary of Defense to carry out assessments of weapons systems vulnerabilities to radio-frequency enabled cyber-attacks.

Critical Infrastructure Prioritization: Requires the Department of Defense to provide guidance for the prioritization and coordination of protection for critical infrastructure within the United States, including from cyber-attacks.

Applying Blockchain Technology to Cybersecurity: Requires the Secretary of Defense to assess the potential relative utility, value, and relevance of blockchain technology in protecting the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of data, networks, and systems at all levels of classification.

Cybersecurity Science and Technology Research: Requires Cyber Command to develop a process for identifying, funding, executing, and monitoring cyber science and technology research needs.

Cyber Workforce Pipeline: Directs the Director, NSA, to provide a briefing on the workforce pipeline pilot program through certificate-based courses on cybersecurity and artificial intelligence that are offered by Center for Academic Excellence (CAE) universities. This program has been enabling workforce transformation and is showing great promise.

Navy Converged Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP): Encourages the Department of Defense to continue modernization efforts for their ERP business management software development which is ran by IBM with an office at Allegany Ballistics Lab. Supports the Marine Corps' Force Design 2030 Objectives: Requires a minimum of 31 amphibious warfare ships in our fleet; funds unmanned aerial systems for Intelligence, Surveillance, and reconnaissance; and supports weapons for the Marine Corps' new Marine Littoral Regiment.

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Emily Parisi
5th Grade

Allegany College recognizes 256 graduates

Allegany College of Maryland recognized 256 graduates at the conclusion of the recent spring 2022 session. They earned 265 associate degrees and 38 certificates. Members of ACM's 2022 class and the degree or certificate they received are listed

below according to state and place of residence. Unless noted otherwise, the awards refer to degrees.

- Fisher - Courtney F. Crider, Dental Hygiene
- Moorefield - Natasha B. Saville, Respiratory Therapist.

Connor Fahey Named to D&E President's List

Connor Fahey of Moorefield, a student at Davis & Elkins College, has been named to the president's list for the spring 2022 semester. The president's list includes all full-time students with a 4.0 GPA for the semester.

Related to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Davis & Elkins College is located in Elkins, West Virginia, and offers 45 academic programs. For more information, visit the College website at www.dewv.edu.

Zoey Mongold on Eastern Mennonite University's Spring 2022 Dean's List

Zoey Mongold, of Mathias, earned Spring 2022 Dean's List honors from Eastern Mennonite University.

A leader among faith-based, liberal arts universities since 1917, Eastern Mennonite University (EMU) emphasizes peacebuilding, sustainability, service to others and social justice to students of diverse religious and cultural backgrounds. EMU educates undergraduate, grad-

uate, professional and seminary students to serve and lead in a global context from the main campus in Harrisonburg, Virginia; the site in Lancaster, Pennsylvania; and online. The EMU experience challenges students to pursue their life calling through scholarly inquiry, artistic creation, guided practice and life-changing cross-cultural encounter.

Mathias resident graduates from James Madison University

Charity Short of Mathias graduated with a master's degree in education from James Madison University during commencement exercises in May 2022.

Short was among 4,574 students who received undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Congratulations to all graduates and their families!

Founded in 1908, James Madison University is a public university lo-

cated in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. JMU is one of the nation's leading lights in higher education, where students enjoy engaging relationships with world-class faculty who drive education innovation and support advanced research. With state-of-the-art amenities and facilities, students have access to NCAA Division 1 athletics. JMU also has the highest post-graduation job levels of all Virginia colleges.

Hoover, Riggle Awarded Ashton Mathias Memorial Scholarship



Haley Hoover and Lily Riggle, both graduates of East Hardy High School, are the recipients of this year's Ashton Mathias Memorial Scholarship Award.

Ms. Hoover, who will be attending Shenandoah University, plans to pursue a degree in nursing.

Ms. Riggle, who will be attending Shepherd University plans to pursue a degree in social work.

Both were selected for this award

because of their compassion and outstanding commitment to ending the stigma of mental health.

The Ashton Mathias Memorial Scholarship was established by his family and friends through Lost River Projects to honor both Ashton's life and his struggle with mental illness. He is remembered for his smile, caring personality, and great sense of humor.

MIS April Leaders



From Left to Right: 3rd grade - Kaden Flinn; 4th grade - Ana Castillo-Martin; 5th grade - Lucas Stutler. A special thank you to our South Branch Cinema 6, Potomac Lanes, Old Fields Country Store, and Sweet Rose Ice Cream for providing prizes for our students.

Shank Awarded Lost River Projects Scholarship



Courtney Shank, a recent graduate of East Hardy High School, is the recipient of this year's Marilyn Wilbur Memorial Scholarship Award funded by Lost River Projects. Courtney, who will be attending Fairmont State University, plans to pursue a degree in elementary education. The scholarship award honors the late Marilyn Wilbur who dedicated her teaching career to educating and inspiring children regardless of their race, religion, ethnicity, gender, or intellectual and physical disabilities.

438 Shenandoah University Students Earn President's List

Shenandoah University celebrates the 438 students who made the President's List for the Spring 2022 semester.

To qualify for this prestigious academic recognition, students enrolled in baccalaureate degree programs must complete at least 12 semester hours and earn a semester GPA of 3.90 or higher.

The following students were among those who earned President's List honors for the Spring 2022 semester:

- Kaly Newhouse of Moorefield
- Jeremiah Hines of Moorefield
- Perry Whetzel of Mathias

Shenandoah University was established in 1875, and is headquartered in Winchester, Va., with additional educational sites in Clarke, Fairfax and Loudoun counties. Shenandoah is a private, nationally recognized

university that blends professional career experiences with liberal education. With approximately 4,000 students in more than 200 areas of study in six different schools, Shenandoah promotes a close-knit community rich in creative energy and intellectual challenge. Shenandoah students collaborate with accomplished professors who provide focused, individual attention, all the while leading several programs to be highly nationally ranked. Through innovative partnerships and programs at both the local and global level, there are exceptional opportunities for students to learn in and out of the classroom. Shenandoah empowers its students to improve the human condition and to be principled professionals and leaders wherever they go. For more information, visit su.edu.

Hardy County residents graduate from Eastern

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is recognizing its graduates for the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 terms.

Fall 2021 Hardy County graduates are:

- Paula Bergdoll, Associate in Science
- Thomas Dawson, Associate in Arts
- Brittany Fleshman, Associate in Arts and Allied Health Certificate
- Carmen Ketterman, Associate in Science
- Ashley Marple, Business Management Certificate
- Naudia Miller, Allied Health Certificate
- Jordan Mongold, Associate in Arts
- Bethany Murphy, Associate in Arts
- Stacy Redmon, AAS Early Childhood Development
- Kayleigh Riggle, Associate in Arts
- Marissa Simmons, Associate in Arts
- Danielle Smith, AAS Early Childhood Development
- Isaiah Smith, Electromechanical Technology Certificate
- Emily Trail, Associate in Arts and Allied Health Certificate

Spring 2022 Hardy County graduates are:

- Angel Castell, Associate in Arts
- Danielle Crider, Allied Health Certificate
- Tina Crites, AAS Nursing
- Brandee Dean, AAS Business Management and Accounting
- Somer Eberly, AAS Board of Governors
- Meghan Foley, AAS Information Technology
- Katelyn Hedrick, AAS Business Management
- Jon Hof, AAS Board of Governors
- Stacey Hose, Administrative Technology & Business Certificates
- Johnathon Kalp, Automotive Technology Certificate
- Ashleigh Kimble, AAS Nursing
- Rebecca Mayle, AAS Board of Governors
- Naudia Miller, Associate in Arts
- Hannah Merritt, AAS Early Childhood Development
- Tricia Poe, AAS Board of Governors
- Leticia Rico, Associate in Arts and Associate in Science
- Kayleigh Riggle, Allied Health Certificate
- Ashley Riggleman, AAS Nursing
- Jennifer Sunryder, AAS Board of Governors and Biological and Environmental Science Certificate
- Chelsey Santiago, AAS Nursing
- Aharon Silverman, AAS Wind Energy Technology
- Isaiah Smith, AAS Wind Energy Technology
- Krista Thorn, AAS Nursing
- Victor Walker, Electromechanical Technology Certificate

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

Eastern Foundation and Clearway create new scholarship fund to support wind energy workforce development in Mountain State

The Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College Foundation has received a \$20,000 grant award from the Clearway Community Benefit Fund to establish a scholarship fund to support students enrolled in Eastern's wind energy technology program.

The Clearway Community Benefit Fund was created by Clearway Energy Group to support charitable projects and programs in the communities surrounding the Black Rock wind farm near Elk Garden, which began operations earlier this year. The community fund is managed by the US Wind Force Foundation, and award selections are made by a committee of Grant and Mineral County residents.

Eastern is home to the only wind energy technology degree program in West Virginia, with options to earn an applied associate degree or a certificate in wind energy technology.

As the college's service district is situated in the geographic hub of this growing energy industry, Eastern is poised to bolster workforce development in the region. Five of Eastern's recent wind technology graduates have already been hired by Clearway Energy Group to support operations at Black Rock and the nearby Pinnacle wind farm.

"The new scholarship fund will help students who hope to enter the expanding industry of wind technology in the Mountain State," said Robert Burns, director of non-profits at Eastern. "By providing students

with scholarship opportunities, we improve their success rate by better ensuring they can afford travel, time away from employment, and any other personal expenses."

"We are humbled to play a role in educating West Virginia's energy workforce," said Doug Vance, plant manager of Clearway's Black Rock wind farm and a board member of the US Wind Force Foundation. "Wind turbine technician is the second-fastest growing occupation in the United States and Clearway is honored to work with Eastern to create and retain well-paying positions in West Virginia."

The college foundation is using the grant award to create a permanent endowment for its US Wind Force Scholarship Fund, which will award \$1,000 annually to a wind energy technology student. Priority for scholarships will first be given to qualifying students in Grant and Mineral counties, and second to students from Hardy, Hampshire, Pendleton, or Tucker counties.

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit that works with the college to raise funds for scholarships and college advancement. Foundation activities include campaigns such as Giving Tuesday, online fundraising, and the foundation's annual Farm to Table event.

To learn more about the Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College Foundation, visit www.easternwvctcfoundation.org.



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HARDY COUNTY

SPORTS

Mathias Blue Eagles History Soars Beyond Closed Doors

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

"It tore the heart out of the community when they took the school from us," Mathias High School 1954 undefeated girls basketball team member Annabelle [Fitzwater] Vance remarked.

Mathias High School was founded in 1937 as a K-12 institution and closed in 1979 due to consolidation with Wardensville High School to form the new East Hardy High School, but still has a heartbeat thanks in large part to Ruritan Club president Willard Barb with community support creating a sports hall of fame.

The history of Mathias High School lives on in the building with a baseball and basketball hall of honor museum complete with yearbooks, sports accolades, uniforms and memorabilia plus a plethora of more antiques from the school which is open to the public on a daily basis for free.

"The school is not for sale. There is way too much history here. We love our school and the sports. We want to share our history with the community. We are beyond blessed to have so much support and positivity from all around Hardy County for our museum," Mathias Ruritan Club president and Mathias High School museum curator Willard Barb commented.

It was interesting to learn how the Blue Eagles mascot game came to fruition and it all started with students doing a fundraiser and thinking about patriotism for a potential name.

"Mr. Mathias said that in the early days the boys on the team were asked to sell candy to make money to buy basketballs, baseballs, and bats. It was about this time that a suitable nickname was needed. Because of the patriotism generated at the school by parents, teachers, and students, the American Eagle was decided upon as the mascot. The eagle flew high and was a strong bird; consequently, after a poll by the school, the eagle was voted in during the time of Johnny Paugh's tenure as coach. The official name was 'Blue

Eagles' and the official colors were blue and gold in keeping with the state colors. Somewhere along the line, somebody switched the gold for white, and it became blue and white from then on. My personal opinion is that the switch was made because Moorefield was blue and gold," Annabelle Vance noted.

There was an outpouring of support showing the love and passion for the Blue Eagles sports that still exists and a desire for the younger generation to learn about what happened back in the good ole days.

"I enjoyed the friendships and how we supported each other was my most enjoyment. We played to win, even on a rough field. I just loved playing baseball. It was my favorite sport and still is today," Mathias High School 1961-62 undefeated baseball team member Richard Delawder stated.

Mathias High School was one of the charter members of the Potomac Valley Conference and the baseball won its first PVC title in 1958 going undefeated in conference play.

Mathias High School's first principal Wendell C. Mathias, was also the Blue Eagles' initial baseball and basketball coach.

The Blue Eagles Baseball team would have two undefeated regular seasons in 1961 and 1962 with losses coming in the state semifinals to Wellsburg.

The team never played under the lights, until the semifinal game against Wellsburg and a practice the week prior in Linville, so that made a significant difference.

Mathias High School's baseball field had no scoreboard and no lights. There was no outfield fence and some rocks in the field, which made for some hustle plays by the outfielders.

"We had a bunch of pebbles in the outfield and if the ball took a bounce off of one, it would careen into the brush and I would have to chase after it. We didn't have a fence and there were no home runs, unless a baserunner made it all around the bases. We played in wool uniforms and it got mighty hot playing in them, but

they felt nice when we had snow in March," Delawder said.

Delawder was known for his bunting, but claimed he didn't quite have the arm in the outfield as some of his teammates who could fire the ball back to home plate like Sterling Sager and Steve Taylor.

Mathias High School legend Ellwood May went on to play minor league baseball and there were a number of athletes who would compete in the interstate league in the region.

The baseball program had a storied history with several undefeated seasons and four pitchers throwing no-hitters.

Blue Eagles pitchers with no-hitters were Roy Dove, Jr. (1950), Ivan Mongold (1958), Albert Makowski (1961) and Ronnie See (1973, twice).

Mathias Baseball's Jackie Foltz (1964) and Ronnie Whetzel (1963) were named as the All-Area Schools Batting Champ which included schools from Virginia and Maryland.

The Mathias High School most courageous athletes were Lowell Mathias, Michael Mathias and Phillip Phillips and the most courageous coach selected was Wendell Mathias.

The Foltz family has been instrumental in creating a makeover for the field adding nice new dugouts, a fence and a scoreboard for the new Ruritan baseball field for the community's little league programs to utilize.

Barb played for the baseball team under coach Johnny Paugh in the 1970's.

Baseball wasn't the only sport in town, as basketball was a major sport at Mathias High School and the only other sport mentioned in these hallowed halls was a cross country program.

"I loved playing basketball. We had great school spirit, because every morning they turned on the intercom for a cheer after we won," Annabelle Vance said.

"I learned to play basketball on the dirt court here. We had to play away games only and our last game was basically practice for the next year. We had girls

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Above: Mathias High School alumni Richard Delawder (baseball), Ruritan Club president Willard Barb (baseball) and Annabelle Vance (girls basketball) stand in the historic Mathias gymnasium.
Below: The Mathias Blue Eagle statue stands proudly outside in front of the old Mathias High School



Class A All-State Softball Team

As voted by the West Virginia Sports Writers Association



Sterling Kump - Second Team First team

P – Mikie Lieving, Wahama, Jr. (captain)
P – Morgan Cooper, Man, Jr.
P – Sam Colaw, Petersburg, So.
P – Josie Frizzell, Wheeling Central, Fr.
IF – Lauren Noble, Wahama, Sr.
IF – Taylor McHenry, Gilmer, Sr.
IF – Josalyn Lipscomb, Doddridge County, Jr.
IF – Hailea Skeens, Sherman, Sr.
IF – Zoey Winland, St. Marys, So.
OF – Katie Darnley, Buffalo, Sr.
OF – Shannon Phipps, James Monroe, Sr.
C – Hattie Kennedy, Ravenswood, Jr.
C – Amber Wolfe, Wahama, Jr.
UTIL – Abby Darnley, Buffalo, Sr.
UTIL – Autumn Hall, Tug Valley, Sr.
UTIL – Braylee Corbin, Petersburg, Jr.
UTIL – Meghan Gill, Midland Trail, Sr.
UTIL – Cali Masters, St. Marys, Fr.

Second team

P – Ella Smith, St. Marys, Jr.
P – Chloe Treadway, Sherman, Jr. (captain)
P – Alex Hill, Buffalo, So.
IF – Mickala Taylor, Petersburg, Sr.
IF – Kameron Beck, Williamstown, Jr.
IF – Ashlee Tomblin, Man, Sr.
IF – Aubrey McCoy, Charleston Catholic, So.
IF – Breanna Price, St. Marys, So.



Gabby Miller - Honorable Mention

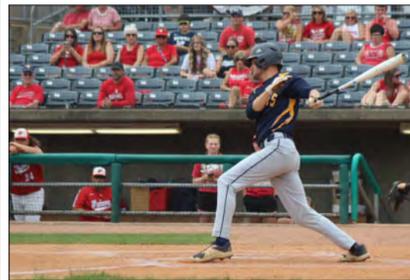
OF – Leah Loudin, Tyler Consolidated, Jr.
OF – Baylee Muncy, Man, Sr.
OF – Sterling Kump, Moorefield, Jr.
C – Emily Hatfield, Tug Valley, Sr.
C – Jayci Gray, Ritchie County, Sr.
C – Sydney Sheets, Midland Trail, Jr.
UTIL – Maddie Morris, Charleston Catholic, Fr.
UTIL – Lauren Guthrie, Sherman, So.
UTIL – Emma Wilcox, Van, Jr.
UTIL – Macy Casto, Ravenswood, Fr.

Honorable Mention

Karlie Fenstermacher, South Harrison; Makenna Curran, Doddridge County; Makenna Post, South Harrison; Olivia See, Doddridge County; Abby Kelley, Doddridge County; Madison Campbell, Midland Trail; McKenzie Kitzmiller, Petersburg; Chezney Skaggs, Midland Trail; Darryn Loughridge, Webster County; **Gabby Miller, East Hardy**; Natalie Simon, Montcalm; Cheyenne Gooden, Tucker County; Julia Herndon, Greenbrier West; Bryleigh Thomas, James Monroe; Brooke Fuller, River View; Cassidy Griffey, Tug Valley; Jazmyn Gibson, Van; Olivia Ramsey, Man; Zoey Steele, Sherman; Kiersten Ellis, Man; Kinlee Cline, Man; Haleigh Muncy, Tug Valley; Kenzie Rinchich, Sherman; McKenzie Thomas, Paden City; Carmela Pulice, Madonna; Lainey Statler, Clay Battelle; Kristen Hicks, Tucker County

Class A All-State Baseball Team

As voted by the West Virginia Sports Writers Association



Karson Reed - First Team

First team

P – Jonah DiCocco, Charleston Catholic, Fr.
P – Bryce Zuspan, Wahama, Soph.
P – Ty Walton, Tyler Consolidated, Jr.
C – Ethyn Barnitz, Wahama, Sr. (captain)
C – Reece Patterson, Greater Beckley Christian, Jr.
Inf – Matt Amaismeier, Madonna, Sr.
Inf – Caden Hall, Gilmer County, Jr.
Inf – Caleb Nutter, Buffalo, Jr.
Inf – Max Molessa, Williamstown, Soph.
Out – Griffin Boggs, Midland Trail, Sr.
Out – Karson Reed, Moorefield, Sr.
Out – Harbor Haught, Williamstown, Jr.
Util – Josh Jenkins, Sherman, Sr.
Util – Chase McClung, Greenbrier West, Sr.
Util – Preston Blankenship, Man, Sr.

Second team

P – Aaron Henry, Wahama, Jr.
P – Coy Angel, Cameron, Soph.
P – Bo Thompson, Man, Soph.
C – Dale Boone, Greenbrier West, Jr.
C – Anthony Anglin, Ravenswood, Jr.
Inf – Braydon McClung, Greenbrier West, Soph. (captain)
Inf – Gene Hutchinson, Notre Dame, Sr.
Inf – Caleb Blevins, Man, Sr.
Inf – Quentin Owens, Ritchie County, Jr.
Out – Logan Roach, Wahama, Jr.
Out – Jayden Helmick, Tyler Consolidated, Jr.



Dawson Price - Honorable Mention

Out – Cole Whitehead, Sherman, Sr.
Util – Michael Farrell, Charleston Catholic, Sr.
Util – Ben Foster, Wheeling Central, Sr.
Util – Holden Allen, Sherman, Sr.

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SPORTS

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Most Outstanding Wrestler



Nahkita Bauserman - Girls Wrestling
Most Outstanding Wrestler



Tyler Tarallo - Wrestling
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Dawson Price - Football
Offensive Player of the Year



Damian Iman - Football
Breakout Player of the Year



Matthew Harman - Football
Most Dominant Lineman



Noah Lang - Football
Defensive Player of the Year



Brandon Jones - Wrestling
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Dawson Price - Boys Basketball
Most Rebounds



Moorefield Junior League Softball All-Star team celebrates winning the West Virginia District 6 Championship by running around the field after defeating Hedgesville 21-6. Both teams advance to the state tournament on July 8-10 in Moorefield.

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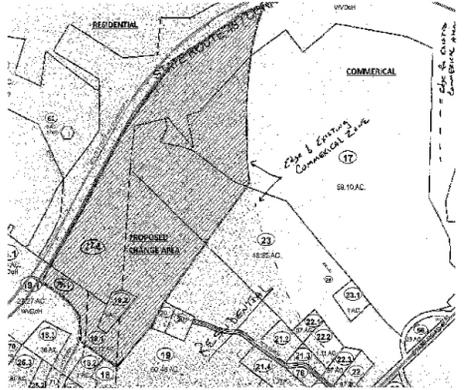
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HARDY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

Table with 2 columns: Source/Category and Amount. Includes Local Sources, State Sources, Federal sources, and Miscellaneous sources.

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Signature of Sheena Van Meter, Secretary of the Board of Education

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SPORTS

THE OLD MASTER

By Jay Fisher



June has become an important recruiting month. Teams across the country hold camps and competitions, and set up big official visit weekends. With the December signing day becoming the time when most of the top high school recruits sign, the summer is now more important to secure verbal commitments. Not all of those stick, of course – sometimes the player decides to move in a different direction, and sometimes it is the school.

This month can give you an idea of how a team is going with recruiting, and WVU looks to be having a very solid year. They added some more impressive verbal commitments in recent weeks, including a couple of players from Georgia, and some linemen. One thing about the linemen: they are already big. They won't have to put on weight to get to a good college playing weight. They might need to add strength or redistribute the weight, but it does seem they are getting players who might be able to contribute early. Recruiting along the line isn't a flashy as getting a hot shot QB or running back, but those skill positions are going to have a tough time if they don't have a decent offensive line block-

ing. And the trenches is where a lot of games are won and lost, so getting very good linemen on both sides of the ball is very encouraging.

Another new factor in recruiting is the Name, Image, and Likeness opportunities. The addition of NIL came about after the Supreme Court came down pretty hard on the NCAA about athlete benefits. It has created a new marketplace of competition for recruits, some of whom are looking to cash in early on their fame.

There has been a lot of controversy around NIL, and it worries a lot of people. To be sure, there are plenty of players looking to abuse the new system. There is also no shortage of adults who are looking to abuse the system as well. As with many brand new frontiers, there is plenty of chaos, and the "Wild West" situation can be troubling. I'm going to look at NIL, and have a few thoughts about its impact, both positive and negative.

To understand where we are, I do think we need to look back at where we came from. That can help show us why it's a big deal, and why some people feel very strongly about it.

It starts with the NCAA. As an organization, it is one of the more

unpopular ones around. When Congress held some hearings for the NCAA and its views of amateurism, some observers noted that annoyance with the NCAA was one of the few things that Democrats and Republicans agreed on. There are several reasons that the NCAA raises the ire of so many. A couple that are relevant to this discussion are its attitudes about athletes and money, the unfairness of many of the rules, and very uneven enforcement of the rules.

Let's start with the last one first. There are several running jokes about how uneven the enforcement of the rules can be with the NCAA. Many are along the lines of "The NCAA is so mad at Kentucky, that they are going to hammer Eastern Kentucky with penalties." There is more than a grain of truth to this. There is a perception that "blue blood" schools – or at least schools that can generate income for the NCAA – are treated with kid gloves, compared to smaller schools. A recent, infamous case involved UNC, where North Carolina basically held imaginary classes for athletes. They were classes that existed on their transcript, and on the school's schedule, but they didn't actually involve tests, homework,

or even attending class. In short, it was academic fraud. Athletes overwhelmingly benefited from these fake classes, but there were some "regular" students who also enrolled in them. To the NCAA, that meant that it wasn't limited to athletes, so it was out of their jurisdiction. The big-time schools are experts on how to violate the spirit of the rules but finding some loophole. It might involve academic fraud, or it might be a way to funnel money to players and/or their families.

Another case of inconsistent rulings involved a Colorado football player named Jeremy Bloom. He was a wide receiver and return specialist, who was good enough to be a Freshman All-American. He was also a world class freestyle skier, who was good enough to win medals at the World Championships. His ability on the ski slopes allowed him to earn endorsement money, which was critical to pay for his training and competing. The NCAA, however, had other ideas. They ruled that he was a "professional" due to his endorsements for skiing. The last time I checked, skiing and football were not the same sport. Bloom ended up quitting football to pursue his skiing

career.

However, the NCAA routinely allows professional baseball players to play football. Chris Weinke was a player in the Blue Jays organization in the 1990's before joining Florida State's football team as a 25 year old freshman, where he ended up winning the Heisman Trophy in 2000. Nearly 20 years later, Kyler Murray won the 2018 Heisman months after being drafted in the MLB Draft by the Oakland A's and receiving a signing bonus over \$4 million.

Some of those stories you may have heard – they all made headlines to one degree or another. Here's another you probably don't know. Back in the 1980's I was friends with many of the WVU swimmers. There was one who needed some extra cash to pay for basic expenses, so he decided to find a job. He saw a local Western Sizzlin' steakhouse was hiring, and he ended up with a job. I can't remember exactly what the job was, but it might have been washing dishes and bussing tables. He didn't get the job because of swimming, and wasn't paid extra or treated differently. I'm not sure they even knew he swam for WVU. That job nearly cost him his eligibility, because he wasn't

allowed to have an in-season job as a student-athlete.

The NCAA was reluctant to allow athletes to make any money on the side. One of the reasons was they figured that boosters would create "phantom jobs" where athletes would get paid for work that was never done. While things like that would happen, it put a lot of athletes in tough spots. Many came from poor families. Meal plans for athletes didn't necessarily cover all meals (especially on weekends or on holidays). Remember, sometimes teams had practices or games while the college was on break, so in those cases they might be on their own for meals. Buying groceries, replacing worn out clothes – or clothes that didn't fit anymore – could be impossible for some kids. Things like Pell Grants would help, but those often didn't really cover all the needed expenses. And the NCAA didn't help matters with an attitude that was essentially, "It's ok for us to make billions of dollars, coaches to make millions of dollars, but athletes – you won't get anything, and you'll like it."

Next week – the pendulum swings the other way.

Mathias Blue Eagles History Soars Beyond Closed Doors



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basketball at Mathias High School from 1937 to 1954."

Vance's girls basketball team holds the distinction of the only undefeated team at Mathias High School as the Eaglettes won all the regular season games and the season concluded without a postseason which was normal for the girls program.

Vincent Moyer was the head coach of the undefeated girls basketball program at Mathias.

Mathias played against Woodstock, New Market, Franklin, Capon Bridge, Petersburg and Triplette.

The Eaglettes outscored their opponents by double digits in all except for two games in the year, those were one point contests against Woodstock in the season opener and Franklin.

It was a different style game back when Mrs. Vance competed as they played with a six-woman team with three guards and three forwards.

It was basically a half-court game and three passes were required before shooting the basketball and dribbling wasn't allowed in today's sense of the word. There was a one bounce rule as the player had to smack the ball over to a teammate.

There were Mathias girls basketball teams from 1937-1954, then there was a hiatus for about 20 years with no girls basketball teams in the state of West Virginia through 1974.

The Mathias girls basketball team won the section and region championships in 1978.

The Mathias boys basketball team had four 1,000 point scorers in program history: Raymond Snapp (1967-69), Richard Strawderman

(1962-65), Alvin Foltz (1971-75) and Michael Strawderman (1972-76).

Raymond Snapp was a girls basketball and baseball coach at Mathias for the last two seasons of the school's existence before taking those roles at East Hardy High School.

Mathias High School boys basketball coach Loring "Jim" Vance, who had over 500 career victories, got bragging rights beating his cousin Pete Vance from Wardsensville at the 1972 Holiday Tournament in Hampshire to become the champions.

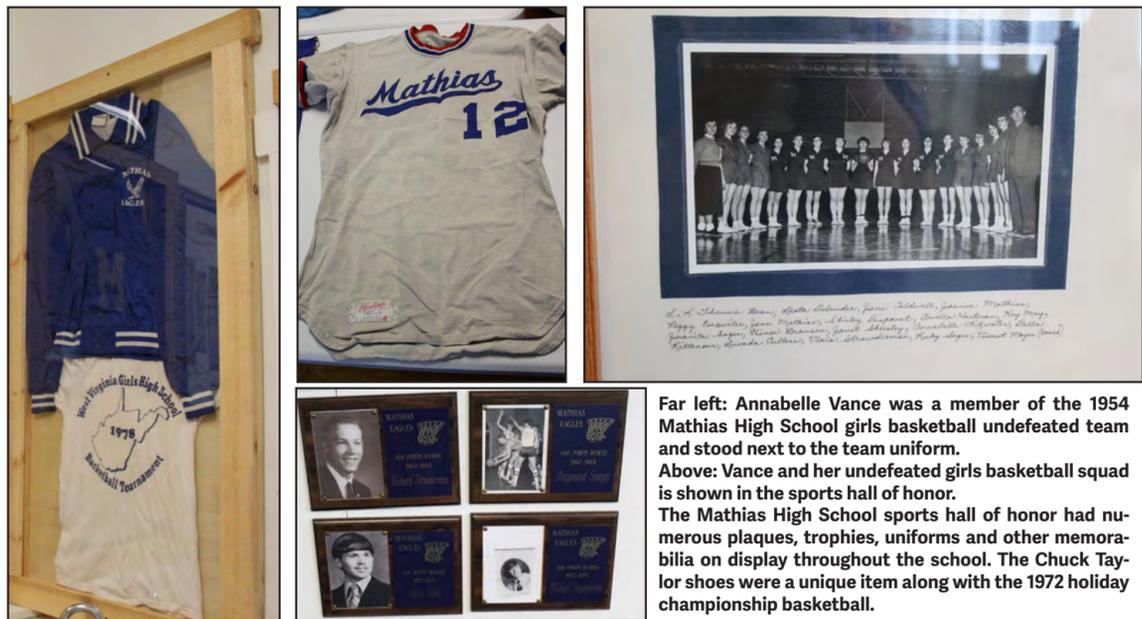
Vance got animated throwing his clipboard from time to time and would be tugged on his jacket by wife and team statistician Annabelle Vance. The coaches weren't allowed to stand up during that era and she made sure he was compliant.

Vance coached basketball for 25 years and was the baseball coach for about 15 years, in addition to coaching football at Moorefield and coached for one year at Paw Paw.

There were over a dozen coaches in Mathias High School history including founder Wendell C. Mathias, June Dove, Jim Vance, Ken Hawse, Johnny Paugh, Vincent Moyer and Nelson Harder among others.

The Mathias Ruritan Club gathered relics from many community members to help make this museum possible.

There is a plethora of sports memories at Mathias High School, but there are photos, plaques and other memorabilia recognizing the students' success in academics, farming, military service and local church activities throughout the hallways.



Far left: Annabelle Vance was a member of the 1954 Mathias High School girls basketball undefeated team and stood next to the team uniform. Above: Vance and her undefeated girls basketball squad is shown in the sports hall of honor. The Mathias High School sports hall of honor had numerous plaques, trophies, uniforms and other memorabilia on display throughout the school. The Chuck Taylor shoes were a unique item along with the 1972 holiday championship basketball.



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