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## Grant director Heavener developing Career Center at Eastern

News of Eastern's \$2.25 million federal Title III grant award last October led to a flurry of activity on campus over the past year, placing Dixie Heavener, Title III project director and career counselor, in the middle of the action.

Heavener, a resident of Burlington, joined Eastern in February. When asked how she would describe the grant's goals, Heavener replied, "to increase enrollment and the number of graduates, improve retention rates for students, and develop programs to better serve students."

In other words, students are at the center of the grant and of Heavener's duties.

Heavener's been involved with

public education for years, holding positions at West Virginia University's Potomac State College, the Allegany County (Md.) school system, and most recently at Frostburg State University (Md.), where she was a senior research associate supporting a federal grant project.

Heavener said she came to Eastern because of her previous federal grant work, and because Eastern's diverse student population was a good fit with her own educational experiences. She has a daughter now attending college, so she said she understands the traditional college-age student demographic. However, Heavener, who earned an MBA from West Virginia University in 2014, also

can empathize with older students. She started working on her college degrees while a single parent, taking classes part time while working full time. "I get it," she said, talking about the challenges of coursework while caring for her child and making ends meet.

As Eastern's Title III grant project director, Heavener has administrative duties managing the 5-year grant, its budget, and required federal reporting. So far, she said, the college is making progress in achieving the project's goals, all grant-related personnel have been hired, and some large projects, including technology to improve student advising, get started in the coming year.

But Heavener's job with Eastern and the grant is two-fold, as she also is the college's new career counselor and tasked with developing a Career Center to serve students and Eastern alumni.

Some Career Center resources are available now, Heavener said, so Eastern students and alumni are invited to stop by the center, located on the first floor of the college, to use them. The center features computers and a printer, a library of career-related books and guides, and a Region VII Workforce Development Board referral system kiosk that links registrants to local agencies for social service needs. Additional resources will be added to the Career Center in

coming months, Heavener said.

As the college's career counselor, Heavener is available for appointments, in-person and virtual, to provide guidance for students and alumni in job-search tactics, resume writing, interview strategies, and more. She also will be teaching a career-readiness course in the spring, will work with faculty to help students land internships, and will be adding resources to the college's Career Services webpage.

Heavener is also coordinating a Community Job Fair on Friday, Oct. 7, at Eastern, in partnership with the college's Workforce Education Department, Workforce West

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Dixie Heavener

## Hardy PSD seeks cooperation from WV Conservation Agency to establish Baker backup water source

By Connie Sherman

*Special to the Examiner*

The Hardy County Public Service District board of directors continued discussion on their efforts to establish a secondary water source for the Baker community at their September board meeting. The District is seeking authorization from the West Virginia Conservation Agency to drill a groundwater well on WVCA property near the Parker Hollow dam to provide a backup water source for the Baker public water system.

The PSD previously sought permission from the WVCA to drill a well on the property in 2016, but the request stalled due to WVCA's concerns that a well in the vicinity of the dam wall could potentially impact the well's structural stability.

The District is again seeking permission to locate a well on WVCA property as concerns about algae blooms on the Parker Hollow Impoundment, the primary water source for the Baker community, have intensified. Those concerns have grown largely due to

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## Farmer's Market



Photo by Milda M. Mullins

The Moorefield Farmer's Market was open again on Saturday, September 17. Ted Kanamine (front left) and his wife Sara Kanamine of Happy Ranch Farm were selling goods with their friend Bill Kenyon (back left) at the farm market. Also pictured is Roman Moreland, Hannah Burgess, Jaxson Moreland, Elena Shockey, and Betty Bonney who were looking at the produce they were selling.

## The Grant County Bank Celebrates 120 Years

The Grant County Bank commemorates the company's 120th anniversary.

Founded in August 1902 in Petersburg, The Grant County Bank is a community bank dedicated to providing access to financial resources for the communities it has served for the last 120 years.

Though banking solutions and services have advanced dramatically, The Grant County Bank has maintained a focus on local banking, relationships, and its commitment to supporting the communities it serves. Initially operating only in Grant County, The Grant County Bank expanded its footprint in the last several decades to include branches in Hardy, Mineral, Pendleton, Randolph, and Tucker counties.

"We are proud to celebrate our 120-year journey with customers, partners, and supporters," said George Ford, The Grant County Bank president. He continued, "As part of our birthday celebration, we have chosen to host events at each of our branches to reconnect with our local communities, clients, and prospects. We look forward to celebrating 120 years of achievements and to thanking our employ-

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## Road Notice

### Hardy County's Marshall Ford Bridge to Close Thursday, Sept. 22

Marshall Ford Bridge, located on Ford Hill Road, County Route 53, in Hardy County, will be closed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022, to allow for superstructure replacement over the North River. The bridge is located approximately 0.04 miles south of the intersection with North River Road, County Route 1. Signs will be in place to warn motorists. Traffic is advised to use other routes to detour around the project. Questions regarding the project can be directed to the District Five Bridge Department at (681)320-2016.

## Workforce shortages in child welfare system continue to impact children and families

By Autumn Shelton

*WV Press Association*

Workforce shortages in West Virginia's child welfare system continue to impact children and families throughout the state. Jeffrey Pack, commissioner of the DHHR's Bureau for Social Services, told members of the legislative Joint Committee on Children and Families during their Tuesday interim meeting that current child welfare workforce shortages are "hovering" around 30%.

"We have talked quite a bit about this, ad nauseum, but it simply bears repeating here that we do face a high level of workforce shortages in child welfare positions," Pack said, noting that in 2018 it took roughly \$28,000 to recruit and train a new employee.

"That number could have only in-

creased in those four years since then," he added. "So, there is a drain on resources for us recruiting folks and not being able to retain them."

As of July 31, there were 151 child protective service worker positions available statewide, according to data provided by Pack. He explained that the Bureau for Social Services (BSS) has implemented pay increases, mentoring, staff surveys and more to retain and recruit employees.

These shortages "have consistently been the root cause of under-performance relative to CSFR (Child and Family Services Reviews) outcomes," he said.

Additionally, during his presentation, Pack provided data on state child abuse and neglect referrals and foster care placements.

According to Pack, the "first point of contact" for child abuse and neglect re-

errals comes from the centralized intake hotline.

In 2021, centralized intake received 36,697 referrals, Pack said. "Of those, 23,280 (63%) were screened-in for assessment and investigated."

The next step, once a screened-in child abuse and neglect referral has been made, is to "conduct an assessment on the family to determine if the abuse or neglect has occurred," Pack continued.

Data from 2021 shows that 10,418 assessments were considered to be "false positive," 6,787 were "true negative," 5,239 were "true positive," and 147 were "false negative," Pack stated. The data continues to show that 138 children out of every 1,000 living in the state will be screened-in for referral at some point.

"That is significantly higher than the national average which is right at 40," Pack

said.

He continued that the "focus of child welfare services shifted to preventing removal of children from their home and preventing abuse and neglect from occurring" following passage of the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018. "As a result, the BSS has been working to refocus its providers, services and staff of prevention and in-home services when it can be done safely."

When it cannot be done safely, children will be placed in "state's custody," meaning foster care.

As of July 1, there were 6,619 children in foster care in West Virginia, Pack said, with children ages 13-17 representing the highest rates at 29.54%.

"West Virginia has the highest entry rate of children in foster care of any state in

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## Hardy Launches Public Internet Access At Hampshire Community Center



Hardy Telecommunications Assistant General Manager Derek Barr (right) presents a donation to Hardy County Committee on Aging Chairperson Melinda Chambers to cover the cost of meals served to area residents during the kick-off event.

Hardy Telecommunications, along with representatives of the Hampshire County Commission and the Hampshire County Committee on Aging (HCCoA), held a kick-off event Friday, Sept. 9, to celebrate the launch of public Internet access at a county senior center.

Hardy Telecommunications has installed its OneNet fiber Internet service for free public access at the Capon Valley View Hampshire County Committee on Aging Adult Activity Center at 6487 Christian Church Road. The service was turned up on Sept. 1, but a formal event to announce the launch was held Sept. 9.

The celebration coincided with the center's usual lunch service to area residents. Hardy Telecommunications Assistant General Manager Derek Barr presented a donation to HCCoA Chairperson Melinda Chambers to cover the cost of all meals served for the day.

"We're excited to be in this com-

munity, and we are making this donation as a way of saying thank you for having us," Barr said.

Keith McIntosh, regional coordinator for West Virginia Senator Joe Manchin, read a statement from the senator praising the HCCoA for its service to the community. He also stressed the importance of broadband in today's society and applauded the efforts of Hardy Telecommunications and the Hampshire County Commission to extend broadband service to more West Virginians.

The public Internet access at the center was completed as part of a U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service Community Connect project. The public Internet access is made possible through a partnership between Hardy Telecommunications, the Hampshire County Commission, and the HCCoA.

The service has a speed of 300 Mbps download and 150 Mbps up-

load. The center has an office with two computers and a shared printer for public use. Customers also can bring their own laptop computer or other device to connect to the Internet wirelessly.

Hours of operation for the office inside the building will be announced at a later date; in the interim, residents can check at the center to see if the inside office is available. Citizens are asked to enter at the back right of the building.

Public Wi-Fi access is now available 24/7 in the facility's parking lot. Barr said the level of service experienced via Wi-Fi depends on a number of factors, including the device being used and network traffic, but testing showed speeds approaching 300 Mbps download on newer devices on Wi-Fi.

Construction on Hardy's Community Connect project is continuing. Special considerations were made to open the community center for pub-

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Keith McIntosh, regional coordinator for Senator Joe Manchin, reads a statement from the senator praising the launch of public Internet access at the senior center on Christian Church Road.

### WEATHER

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# Read a Book! Keep books from being banned!

Each year the American Library Association recognizes books which have been banned in school libraries, public libraries or have been in court cases to be banned. This year Banned Books Week is September 18-24. It's a week that has been observed for 40 years, highlighting historical and current attempts to ban books in schools and libraries to censor materials students should have access to. The heat on censorship has been rising in America. It is more important now than ever to speak out and stand up for citizens' right to read. While people who want to ban or censor books are in the minority — just 29% of voters want to challenge books in public libraries and 33% want to remove books from shelves in school libraries — these percentages can have a big impact on a community if they are the only ones making any noise.

Observing Banned Books Week reminds us to educate ourselves on which books are being challenged. The American Library Association has a list of the top 10 challenged books by year. The lists are always changing, and you might be surprised what books are on it from year to year.

Gender Queer, published in 2019, was the most challenged book of 2021 and in 2020 it was Melissa, published in 2015. These books were published years before they were most challenged. The 2021 and 2020 lists also include books that many consider classics such as The Bluest Eye, To Kill a Mockingbird, and Of Mice and Men.

Maybe you aren't much of a reader and haven't really thought about a place with no books. If so, we would like to suggest that you get involved. Check with our local libraries (both serving the public and the schools) and see if there's anything you can do to support them. You might start a banned book club or host a banned books week trivia game. There are program kits or guides available for both of these activities.

You might celebrate the existence of books by first of all reading one. Ask your Librarian to help you find something you can both learn from and enjoy. Then think what the world would be like if the only books you had access to would be those deemed acceptable by a select few. And then think about the world as envisioned by Hitler when he ordered the burning of books so that the people he wanted to control would not have access to history, philosophy, literature, mysteries or sport stories.

We can hear some you saying, 'But even if books are destroyed there will be computers.' True, but if you ever sat on a porch swing reading a book you will know why it's so important to have that experience available for anyone who wants it. There's something special about holding a book with words that tell a story.

## OPINION

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor,

I'd like to comment on a couple of things, one of which is the Election Year Highway Work. I'd like to ask:

1: Does this highway work have to be done at all? It seemed to me that our highway was in satisfactory condition.

2: Does this have to be done during The-Last-Six-Months-Before-An-Election?

3: Does this have to be done day after day, week after week, month after month, until the election?

4: Is this supposed to convince us that We-Are-Getting-Our-Tax-Money's-Worth and that We-Should-Re-Elect-Incumbents? Shouldn't it convince us, instead, to Throw-Out-The-Incumbents-Who-Allowed-This "Disruption of Service" To-Happen-On-Their-Watch?

5: Does all this have to be done, right now, because highway maintenance has been neglected for so long? If this is the case, why won't highway maintenance be neglected again right after the election?

6: Is some local official's brother-in-law making money off of this? Or is some state official's "Significant Other" making money off of this?

7: Why is it that we STILL do not have a divided highway running all the way from Interstate 66 through Hardy County to Interstate 79? Is money being taken away from that in order to fund Election Year Highway Work?

OK, that's all that I have to ask or say about that — for now.

On another note — Why is it

that our Sheriff's Department wears BLACK uniforms? Why not tan (khaki?) uniforms, like some that I have seen? Or royal blue uniforms? Do they really do that much sneaking around at night? These folks do a lot for us, including taking the chance that some jerk might take a shot at them. They shouldn't have to be roasted alive on hot sunny days.

Sincerely,  
Michael G. Brill  
Baker

### MY UNBASED OPINION

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN



I have questions about questions today. I sometimes think about problems we've already solved and questions we've already answered and why we ignore those solutions and answers to our own detriment.

Take energy for instance. The United States Navy has already answered most of America's questions about sources of energy for various applications. They've done loads of practical experimentation on means of propulsion of ships and boats and most of it is applicable to energy use on land.

In the beginning there was manpower using oars and paddles to propel surface craft in any direction they wanted to go except upstream or against a current stronger than the muscles in the assembled crew's backs.

Wind power and sailing ships ruled the waves through the Ameri-

can Revolutionary War until use of internal combustion engines began to take over during our Civil War. Internal combustion engines fueled by coal or oil propelled surface craft through two world wars and various police actions with addition of battery-stored electricity for submarines.

Nuclear power in everything from submarines to aircraft carriers rules from depths of the oceans to crests of the waves today. Probably the most powerful, versatile navy in the world operates on power derived from controlled splitting of the atom. I have no idea of sizes of reactors or any of the technical details involved, but how large must a reactor be to power a town the size of Moorefield or Harrisonburg or Charleston?

Big worry is safety. Mention nuclear power and first thoughts in many minds turn to Hiroshima, Na-

gasaki and sites of several disasters in Russia, Japan and the United States. Moorefield certainly doesn't need a meltdown in its future, but if controlled nuclear power can safely propel a ship loaded with American sailors, it might also keep a couple of poultry processing plants, several schools and a community of homes humming through cloudy windless days when renewable sources of energy die and burning coal endangers the climate.

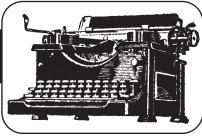
I thought the fence along our southern border with Mexico was going to give America some control of immigration from South America. We were going to know who was coming in from where bringing which diseases and narcotics and we'd gain some control of asylum seekers' origins, wants, needs and desires.

Apparently we had a political

disagreement and the new folks in charge decided to stop building the fence and simply let them roll on in as they pleased. Turns out the immigrants were smarter than the new administration believed.

Immigrants wanted to come to a place where they could work hard and earn a dependable solid wage for their efforts. Republicans had prepared such a place. Democrats took those reasonable assurances away and offered free access to public services which were dependent on availability of government appropriated funds and political promises. A meal bought and paid for with solid wages settles better than one dependent upon availability of public largess.

It begins to appear that folks let in wholesale by Democrats for their votes, may vote Republican instead in thanks for the opportunity.



### EXAMINER SAYS

#### Be an Organ Donor

We just found out about West Virginia Donor Day, which was held for the second time was on 8/1. That day was chosen to highlight the fact that one donor can save eight lives.

#### Save a Life

There are 500 West Virginians who are waiting for life-saving organ transplants. Throughout the country there are 100,000 people who are

waiting. That's a lot of folks whose very life depends on someone else to give them a heart, a liver, an eye or a kidney.

#### Be an Organ Donor

West Virginia is a leader in organ donation nationwide. Reread that sentence and be very proud to be a West Virginian. We also have two transplant hospitals: Charleston Area Medical Center and WVU Ruby Hospital. Plus Grant Memorial and

Hampshire are both hospital partners with the growing list of West Virginia Donor Day partners.

#### Save a Life

We've been an organ donor for as many years as we can remember. We got listed on our Driver's License as soon as it was first being done. Today, the information tells us to contact the DMV or when purchasing a hunting and fishing license to get registered. You can also go online to

#### Be an Organ Donor

It's easy to register and if you are ever needed as a living donor you will be notified. And even though we're a leader in organ donation right now only 36 percent are registered organ donors. Doesn't say a lot for the rest of America, does it?

#### Support WV Donor Day



## GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES

### Fifteen Years Ago September 19, 2007

An audit revealed "possible misappropriation" of Hardy County Public District funds when it was administered jointly with the Rural Development.

State Consumer Advocate Billy Jack Gregg urged foes of the Allegheny Energy's power line to unleash all their power against the Public Service Commission's approval of a certificate to build.

The top transportation officials from West Virginia and Virginia have agreed to hold discussions on completing Corridor H to I-81.

East Hardy High School was one of 62 schools statewide recognized as an "Exemplary School." It was the

only school in the three-county area of Grant, Hampshire and Hardy.

Hardy County Teacher of the Year Janet Sisler was honored in Charleston as one of the seven finalists for State Teacher of the Year.

Paul V. Otworth, Sr., 75, Wardensville, died Sept. 6... Annabelle VanMeter Berg, 73, Maysville, died Aug. 31... Kelly Smith Williams, 42, Gore, died Sept. 5...Don L. Kimble, 64, Keyser, died Sept. 12.

Heather Dawn Smith and Zeferino Hernandez Santiago were married Aug. 20.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Heishman, a daughter, Gracie Mae. Moorefield defeated Tucker County 35-18...East Hardy lost to Pocahontas County 32-14...MHS girls beat

Tygarts Valley 3-0 in volleyball and lost to Petersburg 3-1 and Keyser 3-1...East Hardy girls defeated Petersburg 4-0.

### Thirty Years Ago September 16 1992

The McNeill's Rangers battle flag was on loan to the Historical Society and was to be exhibited during Heritage Weekend.

Mountaineer Gas was to begin surveying County Route 7 and eventually the Town of Moorefield for property owners interested in natural gas service.

The fire which destroyed the Seneca Rocks Visitors Center was thought to be deliberately set.

Marvin F. Bott, 80, Baker, died Sept. 10.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Keplinger, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Edwards, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Mongold, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Delawder, a daughter...to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Hargreaves, a daughter, Emily Ann.

East Hardy defeated Woodstock 36-16...Moorefield lost to Petersburg 12-0...The Lady Jackets defeated Berkeley Springs 76-23 and Elk Garden 39-13.

### Forty-five Years Ago September 21, 1977

According to the WV Rural Maintenance Authority, the Chessie System will give the State the spur line from Green Spring to Petersburg. The RMA also promised to improve the rain line.

Gov. Jay Rockefeller was to dedicate the new branch library at Baker. It was the first "Outpost Library" in the state and the nation.

Hardy County's school enrollment dropped 79 students to 2161 as of the first day of classes.

Kate Hedrick Bean, 94, died Sept. 14...Elmer C. George, 49, South Fork, died Sept. 17...Wade Russell Whitting, 76, Bergton, died Sept.

17... Clarence Upton High, 86, Old Fields, died Sept. 12... Delena Simmons Barr, 64, Fisher, died Sept. 15.

Rebecca Miller and Cletus McLane were married Aug. 6.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Banister, a son, Joshua Stoney... to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Dolly, a son, John Cletis.

Moorefield defeated Franklin, 32-0.

### Sixty Years Ago September 19 1962

Moorefield Lions Club members were told what the Post Office required in order to get city delivery to businesses and residences.

Branch Mountain Lumber Company had erected a steel building over the saw mill and equipment on the old J. Natwick mill site. The company said it would participate in the statewide promotion of timber and timber products, paying its employees in \$2 bills. The annual payroll locally was \$100,000.

A labor survey of the county was underway by the Department of Employment Security.

Louise Strawderman Shoemaker, 74, died Sept. 12...Arthur Garfield Halterman, 79, Mathias, died Sept. 15...Russell Newman Miller, 66, Waynesboro, died Sept. 8.

Margie Lee Stump and Donald Crites were married September 15.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hiser, a son, Harold Dean...to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kuykendall, Jr., a son, Kevin Lee...to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Southery, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Bean, a son, Scott Allen...to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dasher, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thorne, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Junior Funk, a daughter...to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Combs, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Howdysell, a daughter...to Mr. and Mrs. Ward Miller, a son, Roger Wateman. Moorefield beat Petersburg 20-7.

### Seventy-five Years Ago September 24, 1947

American Express petitioned the Interstate Commerce Commission to reinstate express service to the South Branch Valley. H.G. Muntzing was to represent the Lions Club at a hearing scheduled in Cumberland. Express service ceased in 1942 when the B&O stopped all train service except freight. If approved, daily express trucks will leave Cumberland in the morning, arrive in Moorefield at 11 a.m. and return at 3 p.m.

The Veterans Administration discontinued supervision of veteran-students at West Virginia schools due to reduction in personnel and funds. Paperwork for colleges would cut back and schools would only need to report unsatisfactory progress and modification of courses.

Hunters were warned to be careful in the woods and help prevent forest fires.

Zephonia Mook Simons, 70, Broadway, died Sept. 21... Arthur Garfield Huffman, 67, Purgitsville, died Sept. 21... Lee Clinton Whetzel, 33, Mt. Olive, died Sept. 16 after he was thrown from a mule and dragged 1.5 miles before the animal could be stopped.

Virginia Katherine Van Meter and Walter Franklin Barker were married Sept. 14...Virginia Perry and Joseph Hezicar Shockey were issued a license to wed.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Olen Kessel, a son, Terry Richard.

Moorefield lost to Fort Hill 27-14.

### Ninety Years Ago September 21, 1932

Jennings Randolph was honored by a meeting of young Democrats of Monongalia County. They staged a political rally with more than a thousand in attendance.

W. H. Wood was named Commander of the local American Legion Post, John Williams was named vice commander, along with O. R. Bean, adjutant; Julian Chipley, service officer; E. E. Kessel, chaplain; Marko Starcevich, Sergeant at Arms; R. M. Gamble, historian.

French A. Flinn and Perry R. Riggelman had enlisted in the U.S. Army.

Wayne Wilson had gone to Bridgewater to attend school... Robert Kuykendall, Jr. had gone to Ft. Defiance Virginia to attend Augusta Military Academy... Mildred Racey had entered Shepherd College.

Loring Dow Halterman, 78, Rig, had died.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Vance Barr, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Delford Miller, a daughter.

### 105 Years Ago September 20, 1917

Carl Allen had gone to Cumberland to enlist in the aviation corps but found that branch of the service closed. He continued on to Morgantown to resume his studies at the University.

The Lost City Farmers Club was the pioneer organization in the new movement for better live stock for Hardy County. The group had chosen Aberdeen Angus cattle.

The Moorefield Graded and High School had opened with bright prospects. Teachers in the high school were Prof. E. M. Hyde, principal, and Misses Margaret Lacy and Minnie Chase. In the Graded School were J. Allen Hawkins, Misses Bernice Marshall, Nan Clinedinst, Ollie Weese and Virginia Wood.

Misses Robbie and Alice Marstan and Grace Herbaugh, Lost City, had entered St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington for training.

Aaron Wilson left for Front Royal to attend Randolph Macon Academy.

Roy Funkhouser was advertising for old scrap iron and offered \$8 a ton delivered at the depot.

J. Frank Roomsburg and P. W. Halterman had been in Maryland looking for farms.

Mrs. A. E. Carpenter had died at Lost City.

Lula Mae Weese and Reginald Saville were married in Cumberland.

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News

# West Virginia poultry industry facing massive retirement of growers over next five years

## Recent statewide census shows sizable lack of succession plans

By Steven Baublitz

West Virginia’s poultry industry is on the verge of a drastic shift. Nearly half of the state’s poultry growers are at retirement age and more than one third of those growers are planning to retire within the next five years.

The numbers are even higher in Hardy County, the poultry capital of the state, where 59 percent of growers are 60 years of age or older and 65 percent of the growers who have plans to retire intend to do so within the next five years.

According to the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Hardy County produces 43 percent of the state’s poultry, meaning these findings point to significant industry changes on the horizon.

Impending retirements were among several findings about West Virginia’s poultry industry revealed by a statewide census of growers executed by Orion Strategies. The census was the first of its kind in the state and was conducted in consultation with the West Virginia University Extension Service, the West Virginia Farm Bureau, and the West

Virginia Poultry Association.

“The West Virginia poultry industry is a vital resource to West Virginia’s economy. It contributes over \$100 million to the state in annual payroll and support to local economies,” said Daryl See, immediate past president of the West Virginia Poultry Association.

The data indicates a large portion of poultry growers are quickly approaching retirement with a lack of succession planning in place. The loss of these growers without identified replacements may threaten the stability of West Virginia’s poultry

industry.

“Poultry is the number one protein consumed in the U.S. and around the world. Our West Virginia growers are needed to meet growing demand. We are usually ranked among the top 20 producers with 2.2 million birds coming out of Moorefield each week,” said Dr. Joe Moritz, WVU Extension specialist and professor of poultry science.

Statewide, two out of three growers consider agriculture their prime occupation and three out of five growers work their operation 40 or more hours a week. In Hardy Coun-

ty the numbers are higher. Four out of five growers consider agriculture to be their principal occupation and 72 percent of them work 40 or more hours a week on their farms.

Alarminglly, 56 percent of poultry growers statewide indicated they had not identified someone to take over their farm when they retire or can no longer work. Of those who had identified a successor, nearly half (43 percent,) stated that the selected individual is a family member under the age of 29. Three in five of those surveyed identified their farm successor as having at least some form of high-

er education, while 41 percent of the identified successors currently work in a non-agricultural profession.

The demographic data about farm succession shows successors have little experience in the agriculture sectors and may still be young enough to explore other opportunities, especially given their rates of post-secondary education.

The census data shows the median age of poultry houses in West Virginia is 28 years old, while the median age of houses in Hardy County are 29.5 years old.

# West Virginia’s Crisis Counselors say everyone has a role in suicide prevention

The crisis counselors who answer West Virginia’s Suicide and Crisis Lifeline want to spread the message that everyone has a role in suicide prevention. On average, one person dies by suicide every 22 hours in the state. Terrance Hamm, Director of West Virginia’s Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, says many deaths can be prevented with proper intervention. He explained, “We have competent, compassionate crisis counselors here to help 24/7, but we can’t help those in distress if they don’t know about us.”

Vibrant, the company that administers the National Suicide and Crisis

Lifeline, created the #BeThe1 campaign to explain the steps anyone can take to help those in their life who are showing signs of distress. They are:

Ask: Ask the tough question. When somebody you know is in emotional pain, ask them directly: “Are you thinking about killing yourself?”

Be There: If your friend is thinking about suicide, listen to their reasons for feeling hopeless and in pain. Listen with compassion and empathy and without dismissing or judging.

Keep Them Safe: Is your friend thinking about suicide? Ask if

they’ve thought about how they would do it and separate them from anything they could use to hurt themselves.

Help Them Connect: Help your friend connect to a support system, whether it’s 988, family, friends, clergy, coaches, co-workers or therapists, so they have a network for help.

Follow Up- Check in with the person you care about regularly. Making contact with a friend in the days and weeks after a crisis can make a difference in keeping them alive.

Signs that a loved one may need intervention include:

- Talking about wanting to die or to kill themselves.
- Looking for a way to kill themselves, such as searching online or buying a gun.
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live.
- Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain.
- Talking about being a burden to others.
- Increasing their use of alcohol or drugs.
- Acting anxious or agitated; behaving recklessly.
- Sleeping too little or too much.

- Withdrawing or isolating themselves.
  - Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge.
  - Displaying extreme mood swings.
- First Choice Services, a Charleston-based non-profit that operates 15 helplines focusing on addiction, mental health, and social services, answers calls, chats and texts from West Virginians seeking help from the National Suicide and Crisis Line. In July, that line changed its number to the easy-to-remember 988. From June to July, calls to the Lifeline

from West Virginians increased by 22%. Along with the number change, there was an increased emphasis on promoting the chat and text feature. This led to a 218% increase in West Virginians using these features to seek help, measured from July 2021 to July 2022.

Anyone feeling depressed, suicidal, or needing emotional support can call or text 988 or chat online at WV988.org. For more information on supporting a friend or loved one in crisis, visit bethel1to.com.

# Manchin, Capito announce \$5.7 million for W.Va. school-based mental health services

Last week, U.S. Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$5,753,732 from the U.S. Department of Education for the state of West Virginia to support safer and healthier learning environments for K-12 students by increasing school-based mental health services. The funding was made possible through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, which passed the Senate and was signed into law in June of 2022.

“As children across West Virgin-

ia head back to school this fall, it is more important than ever that we work together to ensure every student has a safe and healthy learning environment,” said Senator Manchin. “I was proud to vote for the critical Bipartisan Safer Communities Act earlier this year, and I am pleased the Department of Education is investing in West Virginia to increase school-based mental health support for our students. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue advocating for resources to bolster mental health services and support our students across the

Mountain State.”

“Safe and healthy learning environments are essential for our youth in West Virginia as they grow and progress through their educational journey. I know how important this is to our children and their families, which is why I voted in favor of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act in the Senate. I will always stand up for our children in West Virginia, and make sure resources are available to provide the support they need to be successful,” Senator Capito said.

## NEWS BRIEFS

The Mountain State Forest Festival will be held in Elkins Oct. 1-9. The Forest Festival is one of oldest and largest in the state. Originated in 1930, the festival is dedicated to the preservation and conservation of the state’s natural resources. The event features parades, competitions, exhibits, kids’ activities, food and more. The festival parade will be on Saturday, Oct. 8. The coronation of Caroline Marie Fluke of Buckhannon will take place Oct. 7. For more information call 1-304-636-1824 or go online to <https://www.forestfestival.com/>.

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Breast Cancer and Lung Cancer screening will be done October 6 at the Moorefield Health and Wellness Center from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Breast

screening will be done through Bonnie’s Bus while Lung Cancer will be screened by the WVUCI Mobile Lung Cancer Unit. For more information on both screenings, call 304-539-7380.

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According to AAA on September 16, the average price for regular gas in West Virginia was down to \$3.598 per gallon. The national average for a gallon of gas fell to \$3.692. Since Monday, the national average for a gallon of regular gasoline dropped two cents to \$3.69. According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gas demand decreased from 8.73 million b/d to 8.49 million b/d last week. Although crude prices increased due to a weakening dollar, prices decreased

earlier in the week after the Consumer Price Index showed that inflation remains stronger than expected. This sparked market fears that the Federal Reserve could take more drastic measures that could lead to a recession, which would likely lead to a drop in crude demand and prices. Across the state Beckley was high at \$3.794 and Wheeling was low at \$3. Hardy County’s average price was \$3.381. Hampshire’s was \$3.867. Pendleton’s was \$3.939 and Grant’s was \$3.982. Reporting stations in Hardy County (all for regular gas): Moorefield Sheetz was \$3.50. BP at Moorefield was \$3.90. Baker BP was \$4.00. Sunoco Gas at Old Fields was \$3.50. Pure at Mathias was \$3.90. Kerr’s Shell and Liberty at Wardensville were both \$3.90.

## MOUNTAIN STATE OF MIND

JOHN ROSATO, LOST CITY

In Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) the State of West Virginia generated a historic budget surplus, totaling \$1.308 Billion. Since the fiscal year closed, the legislature has met in special session three times; twice to consider changes to the state’s abortion laws and once to appropriate an additional \$150 million in new, FY 2023 surpluses to the Division of Highways. Despite ample opportunity, however, the legislature has failed to return any of the \$1.308 billion surplus to the hardworking people of W.Va.; something that Governor Justice and the legislature’s leadership should be ashamed of.

While Governor Justice did ask the legislature to use the surplus to permanently cut the personal income tax rate by 10%, this proposal defies commonsense by using one-time income to permanently reduce the amount of revenue the state collects. That’s like saying that, because Grandma left me \$10,000 in her will, I can now afford to make \$10,000 less every year. Nonsense! Senate Republican leadership wants

to eliminate tangible property taxes on machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures, leasehold investments, computer equipment, inventory, and vehicles. The state would then backfill all 55 counties’ budgets by paying them what they otherwise would have assessed. This proposal suffers from the same flaw as Governor Justice’s: It permanently reduces county revenues using one-time state revenues. What happens when the state surpluses stop?

House Democrats have their own ideas for how to return the FY 2022 surplus to the taxpayers. Their proposals include suspending the state’s gas tax (\$0.37 per gallon) until the \$1.308 surplus is spent, providing every W.Va. family with a one-time child tax credit, or providing West Virginians with a one-time rebate on their 2021 personal property taxes. Unlike the proposals described above, these ideas would at least put money back into West Virginians’ pockets NOW without creating structural budget shortfalls in the future.

Beyond the ideas put forward

by party leadership, the legislature should also consider using some of the FY 2022 surplus to make investments in the state’s infrastructure or to reduce future liabilities. Goodness knows there are ample opportunities to repair our highways and bridges, expand access to broadband, or invest in the physical plans of our local schools. The surplus could also be used to better fund the state’s pension system, which would reduce future liabilities. While such proposals wouldn’t fatten our wallets today, they would pay dividends in the future by improving our commutes, upgrading children’s learning environments, or by freeing funds in future state budgets.

Regardless of your political affiliation, I think we can all agree the taxpayers of West Virginia deserve to have the \$1.308 billion surplus returned to them or invested wisely. To date, the legislature has done neither. Personally, I hope they use the money to suspend the gas tax and to invest in our schools.

## MAYOR’S CORNER

By CAROL ZUBER, MAYOR OF MOOREFIELD

*Country roads, take me home  
To the place I belong  
West Virginia, Mountain Mama  
Take me home, country roads...*

John Denver put West Virginia in the spotlight with this hit song. This song became our “anthem.” When the song begins if you are a West Virginia citizen your heart swells with pride and you feel it is a time to pay tribute to those who walked these roads before us. This song only takes second seat behind our National Anthem. What is home? It is defined as, “the intangible feeling you get in a location, a sense of peace, joy from loved ones or an environment where everyone knows they’re welcome.”

Home isn’t easy to define, but you know when you are there. During the last full weekend in September our hearts all come home to celebrate Heritage Weekend. It is a time that we honor our heritage and we pay tribute to those people who settled this area, our ancestors who called

it home. The first Heritage Weekend was held in 1953 and the money was used to support the Public Library. The weekend was designated as a time to celebrate the cultural and historical background of Hardy County. Today as we celebrate Heritage Weekend, some of those tried and true traditions are honored.

There will be historic homes to view, craft shows, demonstrations, and always lots and lots of good food. I invite you to attend Heritage Weekend and share it with your family. We will be playing host to many people and for some it will be their first time in our beautiful valley.

Let us take the time to show our natural beauty and our heritage. It is time for us to show the world our home. Let us take pride in our town. I encourage you to please tidy up around your business and your home and if possible to decorate in fall fashion. It is our desire to make Moorefield a destination not just a drive through town. It will take all

of us working together as a team but we can succeed. I am so proud to call Moorefield and Hardy County my home.

The Celebrate Moorefield committee has been hard at work. The flower pots downtown have been planted with new and beautiful mums to celebrate the fall season. Mark your calendars now: The next Farmers Market will be held Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. until noon. Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. is our next food truck event. Stay alert for more details of things planned in the Carla Hardy Garden, town square.

The Celebrate Moorefield committee is planning events that will delight the youngsters and entertain the adults. If you and your organization or church youth group would like to plan an event at the Carla Hardy Garden square through the holidays, please contact us at the Moorefield Town office: 304-530-6142. As always, I am hometown proud.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### Farmers Market Coupons

The Hardy County Senior Center has farmers market coupons, and has started distributing them. Those interested need proof of identification, income, birthday and address. To pick up for someone else, all previous is required plus a paper the person has signed, with your name, authorizing you to pick up for that person. Hours: 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Sobriety Checkpoint

The checkpoint in Petersburg is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 23, 2022 from 6 p.m. until midnight.

### Breast Cancer Screening

Bonnie’s Bus will be at 411 Spring Ave., Moorefield (Hardy County Health and Wellness Center) Oct. 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 304-538-7380. Doctor’s order required. Accepts Medicare, Medicaid, WVBCSP and all private insurance. Funds available for uninsured W.Va. women 40 and older.

### Lung Cancer Screening

Hardy County Health and Wellness Center will host WVUCI Mobile Lung Cancer Screening Unit Oct. 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 304-538-7380 to schedule appointment. Eligibility: 50-80 years old; Currently smoke or have quit.

### Job Fair

A Community Job Fair will be held at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Moorefield on Friday, Oct. 7. Morning session is 9 to 11 a.m. and afternoon session is 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Approximately 30 employers will participate; job seekers are encouraged to bring resumes. Space will be available for on-site interviews. Learn more at the college’s website – [easternwv.edu](http://easternwv.edu) – or contact Career Counselor Dixie Heavener at 304-434-8000 or [dixie.heavener@easternwv.edu](mailto:dixie.heavener@easternwv.edu).

### Seeking Trunkers

Deadline to reserve parking for

Eastern’s Trunk-or-Treat is Oct. 24. The event itself is Oct. 31 from 5-6:30 p.m. at 316 Eastern Drive. 300-500 children. Rain or shine.

### 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.

### Spay and Neuter

The seasons are changing! Now is the perfect time to get your cat and dog spayed and neutered! Spay Today is our area’s non-profit, reduced-priced spay and neuter program. (Office: Charles Town, WV) CHOOSE from MANY vets located over a WIDE area!

At the time of surgery, initial shots

and tests can be obtained at lower rates. Spay Today: 304-728-8330 or <https://spay-today.org>

### Food Pantry

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

### 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 Co. Public Meeting Schedule

- Hardy County Commission: First Tuesday, monthly; 9 a.m. Hardy County Courthouse
- Hardy County Board of Education: First and Third Monday monthly; 5 p.m. Hardy Co. Schools Office, 510 Ashby Ave. Moorefield

- Wardensville Town Council: Second Monday monthly; 6:30 p.m. Conference and Visitors Center, Main Street, Wardensville
- Moorefield Town Council: First and Third Tuesdays monthly; 7 p.m. Inskeep Hall, 206 Winchester Ave., Moorefield
- Hardy Co. Planning Commission: First Tuesday monthly; 6 p.m. Planning Office, Hardy Co. Courthouse, Lower Level
- Hardy Co. Public Service District: First Wednesday monthly; 4:30 p.m. PSD Office, 2094 U.S. 220 South, Moorefield
- Hardy Co. Ambulance Authority: Second Wednesday monthly; 6:30 p.m., alternates between Moorefield 911 Center and Baker building.
- The Hardy Co. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Board: Third Wednesday monthly; 1 p.m. Planning Office, Hardy County Courthouse, lower level
- Hardy Co. Rural Development Authority: No regular meeting schedule. RDA Office, 223 N. Main

St., Suite 102, Moorefield

Meeting schedules may change for holidays or other events, or may be held virtually. Please check with the agency to verify the meeting will be held as planned.

### 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.

### Drug Take Back

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



COMMUNITY

# Wardensville Garden Market Raises Over \$15,500 for Local Fire and Rescue Squads at 5th Annual Farm 5K Benefit Run/Walk in partnership with Capon Valley Bank

Over Labor Day weekend, the Wardensville Garden Market held its 5th Annual Farm 5K Benefit Run/Walk to raise money for the Wardensville Volunteer Rescue Squad and Capon Valley Volunteer Fire Department. More than 110 people attended the event resulting in over \$15,500 donated directly to the local fire and rescue squads. To date, the annual benefit event has donated more than \$46,300 since starting in 2017.

Members of the local fire and rescue attended the event and were presented with checks during the awards ceremony. “We want to thank all the sponsors, race participants, Junior Crew, and staff for all their hard work,” said Billy Smith, President of the Capon Valley Volunteer Fire Department. “Your

continued support is greatly appreciated, and these funds will help us purchase new equipment and go towards a new truck. We look forward to any opportunity to interact with members of our community, and the Farm 5K is an excellent way for us to do just that.”

Tom Walker, the First Lieutenant of the Wardensville Volunteer Rescue Squad, added, “On behalf of the Wardensville Rescue Squad, we want to thank the Wardensville Garden Market, Farm 5K participants, and sponsors for their generous donation. This money will go a long way to support our efforts in providing quality EMS services to our community and assist us with funding our current construction project. We’ve enjoyed watching the Farm 5K grow from

year to year and couldn’t be happier with this year’s amazing turnout.”

Farm 5K participants enjoyed the cross-country 3.1-mile trail through the 100-acre fields of the historic Frye Farm along the Cacapon River, competing for medals and prizes. The overall male race winner was Wyatt Thome with a time of 19:19:05. The overall female race winner was Tracy Rice with a time of 25:49:59. In addition to earning their medals, the two overall winners were each given prize bags, including a \$50 Wardensville Garden Market gift card, a gift certificate and merchandise from The River House, and vouchers from the South Branch Inn family of businesses including cinema tickets, ice cream, and bowling passes. All

division winners and the two overall winners received a jar of honey donated from Dog-gone Good Honey, LLC.

See race photos and more timing results on the Wardensville Garden Market Facebook page: facebook.com/wardensvillegardenmarket

**About Farms Work Wonders:**

Farms Work Wonders is a nonprofit social enterprise whose mission is to ignite the spark of curiosity within Appalachian youth so they see themselves and their futures in new and exciting ways.

They create “mini-businesses” or “enterprises” that act as living classrooms to provide real-life learning experiences and generate proceeds that are 100% reinvested back

into the local community. In 2016, Farms Work Wonders launched their first living classroom, the Wardensville Garden Market project: an organic farm, market, and bakery that has currently created over 100 local, good-paying jobs with most held by local high school students, and they continue to grow.

The organization has awarded over \$180,000 in cash scholarships, spent over 19,000 hours focused on youth engagement, and donated more than \$226,000 back to the local community. Learn more about their project and impact at their website [www.wardensvillegardenmarket.org](http://www.wardensvillegardenmarket.org).



## Dinah Courier to receive Distinguished Service Award at PSC

Dinah Courier, Class of 1964, is the conduit in her family connecting the past with the future regarding her passion, relationship and loyalty toward West Virginia University Potomac State College, which is just one of the many reasons she will be recognized with the Distinguished Service Award by the PSC Alumni Association on Saturday, Oct. 15.

Courier’s personal and professional life became intertwined with PSC before she was even born. Both of her parents attended Potomac State, as did her husband, Jim, all four of their children and three of their grandchildren.

“While a student at Potomac State, Professors Helen Criner, Irene Brown Hartman and Elizabeth Atwater were instrumental in directing me to other educational opportunities. Professor Ken Haines became a life-long friend and mentor and an inspiration for service to the college and the community,” Courier said.

After earning an associate degree from the College in 1964, Courier continued her education at WVU Morgantown where she earned a bachelor’s degree in business education and English. She obtained her

master’s degree in education with a concentration in English from Frostburg State University.

Prior to her retirement from the College, Courier served in various positions during her 32-year career, including part-time lecturer, professor, interim dean of academic affairs, social justice liaison, retention coordinator, off-campus instruction coordinator, and as the adviser for the Sigma Phi Omega Honor Society.

“As a professor and retention coordinator, my greatest satisfaction came when students, whom many had given up on, walked across the stage to receive their diploma, often coming over to the faculty section and holding up the diploma, making sure I saw it,” Courier said.

She was involved with the Early Start Program, has served as a division chair and as the Centennial Chairperson for the College’s Centennial Celebration. She has co-edited two books: “Potomac State College. The College Series, 2001” and “A Pictorial History of Keyser, 1974-1994.”

Courier also served as Potomac State’s Social Justice Liaison, bringing culturally diverse programs to the College for students



and the community, some of which included Multicultural Day at PSC and coordinating the Howard High School History Project, which celebrates the history of a former segregated school in the area.

Her commitment to PSC and the community has continued throughout the years. Courier has returned to the College to give presentations to students on different subjects, recognized PSC students with the Keyser Rotary’s ‘Service Above Self’ award each spring, is a member of the Mineral County Historical Society and served as a board member of the Potomac Highlands Guild and the WVU Lutheran Campus Foundation. She currently serves on the board of Aging and Family Services and WVU Potomac Valley Hospital. Courier is also a lay minister and teaches Sunday school at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Courier created the “Food for Thought” program as well in 2009, which provides food sustenance to children in Mineral County when they’re not in school. She also donated space for the Mineral County Museum, where she serves as curator, along with coordinating exhibits, writing grants, and indexing donated items.

Her accolades are numerous, some of which include being named a West Virginia Hero by the state’s Division of Arts and Culture in 2017; the 2021 Humanitarian of the Year by the Community Trust Foundation; recipient of the WVU Neil S. Bucklew Award for Social Justice in 2008; her name was inscribed on the Duke Anthony Whitmore/Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Academic Achievement Wall in 2010; and she was honored with the title Faculty Emerita of Office Systems Technology at the College after her retirement.

The annual Alumni Achievement Awards Banquet will be held in the Davis Conference Center. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m., followed by the awards ceremony at 7 p.m.

Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/PSC-Alumni-Banquet> to see the list of alumni activities and make your reservation for the Alumni Achievement Awards Banquet. You must reserve your spot by October 5, as no reservations will be accepted after that time. Please contact [psc-alumni@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:psc-alumni@mail.wvu.edu) or call 304-788-6840 if you have problems or need to make other arrangements.

## Girl Scouts get safety training



Girl Scouts Troop 14029 of Moorefield had a successful year! We thank everyone who has supported our troop through this last year. We were able to earn a vest full of patches and badges, make memories, and serve the community. We learned a variety of things this year such as safety with a visit to the Moorefield Fire Department, hearing from fire, EMS, and law enforcement. We visited the 911 center and helped wrap presents at Moorefield Church of God. We celebrated with trips to Hidden Trails Stables, Sky Zone, and Virginia Safari Park. We planted a tree at Baker Park and replaced the bird bath at Brighton Park. We look forward to another wonderful year. If your girl is interested in joining Girl Scouts contact Amber Crites, Membership Community Assistant (GSCNC) at 304-703-9001.

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COMMUNITY

# From food truck to store front

## Drifter’s cafe serves up fresh, local food in Wardensville

By Milda M. Mullins  
Moorefield Examiner

Lukas and Lexy Shifflett, owners of Drifter’s Cafe, recently hosted a grand opening for their new storefront in Wardensville. Originating from their food truck that serves Mathias, Baker, Wardensville, and Moorefield as well as some out-of-county locations for events, the pair now have a cafe with indoor seating. “We started the food truck in April. Between the both of us, we have over a decade of food experience together,” said Lukas.

Their cafe will serve specialty coffee and drinks as well as breakfast items, wraps, and sandwiches. “Every coffee is ground when ordered so it’s as fresh as you can possibly get with espresso,” Lukas continued. “The food is all made from scratch when you order.” They emphasize local foods as well, with produce and goods coming from area businesses including the Wardensville Garden Market and Cove Mountain Bakery in Mathias, as well as local farmers. “It’s not about an image. We want to show people we’re not just someone from out of

state to take their money. We’re here because we live here and we want to be here and we want to serve the community,” said Lexy. Lukas added, “We try to give everyone the chance they gave us.” He explained that along with using local food from local sources, the cafe also features local artists and entrepreneurs who have items for sale in the cafe. During the cafe’s grand opening, Wardensville Community member Heidi Flynn shared her thoughts, saying she was excited about Drifter’s Cafe setting up shop in town. “It’s super exciting! It’s amazing to have

another place of business open up in such a small town. This is one of the things we’ve been waiting for a long time: a cafe like this that has such amazing options for their food and drinks,” said Flynn. “It’s great. I feel like I’m in 2022, like I’m watching home grow. It’s really exciting to have a coffee shop you don’t have to drive to Winchester to get to. It’s super awesome just to have all that selection. It’s just great and so exciting!” The cafe, located in Unit 3 at 50 W. Main Street in Wardensville, is open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7

a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday. “We hope to just keep on, keeping on. We’re happy to be here and just the fact that it’s happened so quickly — from the food truck to this happening and just the fact that it was able to happen so fast — only because of everyone spreading the word and making it happen; because of people taking a chance on a food truck sitting in a parking lot. We’re thankful.” For more info on the cafe and their food truck, which will continue to operate throughout the county, contact staff at 304-490-9797 and follow Drifter’s Cafe on Facebook.



Top left: Kristina Walters (front) makes an espresso with Lexy Shifflett (back) | Bottom left: Kaleigh Hunt (center) prepares a wrap with Kristina Walters (right) watching. | Top center: Lexy Shifflett pours milk into one of the drinks she was preparing. | Bottom center: Kaleigh Hunt adds honey to a meal she was preparing. | Right (Group Photo): In the back row, from left to right, is Chloe Kirk, Tori Pratt, Kristina Walters, Lukas Shifflett, and Lexy Shifflett. In the front row is Avitus Kytile, Lily Rockwell, and Kaleigh Hunt.

## Moorefield Farmer’s Market



Vickie Hott, who serves on the Farmer’s Market committee.



Lindsay Paul (left) and Jane Halterman (right) with Buena Vista Farms



From left to right, Brenda Smith, David Smith, and Harry Smith.



Allie Rohrbaugh (left) and McKylin Wratchford (right).

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## Healthy Saturday

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**6:00 am - 9:00 am**

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## Heritage Week

### Schedule Changes

- Saturday, September 24th**
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
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### Heritage Week Updates

- The Mathias Homestead will be OPEN as part of the home tours on Saturday and Sunday.
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- Thank you to Weese Farm for donating the pumpkins to help decorate for Heritage Weekend! We appreciate you!
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OBITUARIES

Nellie M. Armentrout

Nellie M. Armentrout, 84, of Toledo, Ohio, formerly of Rig, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022 with her loving family by her side.

Born on Sept. 11, 1937 in Rig, she was a daughter of the late Melvin and Janet Lambert. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Donald E. Armentrout; a grandson, Shawn Armentrout; a great grandson, Levi Armentrout; two brothers, Merle and Junior Lam-

bert and two sisters, Mary Helen (Lambert) Navre and Ruth (Lambert) Constable.

Nellie enjoyed taking casino trips and was an avid bingo player. She liked working in her yard and tending to her rose bushes. Nellie loved to read a good romance novel. She was always very proud of all of her grandchildren. Nellie's smile, feistiness and caring nature will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Left to cherish her memory are

her children, Terry Armentrout and wife Sharon, Linda Daum and husband Mike, Ray Armentrout and wife Wendy, Shelly Schetter and husband Cole, Terry Winters and husband Jerry and Donald E. "J.R." Armentrout; 17 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; a sister, Brenda Kuhl and husband Lowell; and numerous nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Friends will be received at the Newcomer Funeral Home-Northwest Chapel, 4150 W. Laskey Road

Toledo, Ohio on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022 from 4-8 p.m.

A funeral service will be conducted on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Interment will be in the Ottawa Hills Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make memorial contributions are asked to consider the Ronald McDonald House.

Frederick L. "Freddy" Hahn



Frederick Lee "Freddy" Hahn, 75, of Wardensville, died Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022, at his home.

Freddy was born on Dec. 29, 1946, in Winchester, a son of the late Wilbur Lee "Webb" Hahn and Ruth Godlove Pownall. He retired from Highway Motors in Winchester, was a 1964 graduate of Wardensville High School, a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War serving in Germany, a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Wardensville, Sons of Confederate Veterans and an original committee member to start Wardensville Rescue Squad. Freddy enjoyed cars, hunting, fishing and he loved being retired.

Freddy married Barbara Kump Hahn on March 14, 1969, in Wardensville.

Surviving with his wife of 53 years are: his children, Janice H. Earle (Sam) of Wardensville and Jason F. Hahn of Merrimack, N.H.; four brothers, Galen "Duck" Pownall of Hayfield, W.Va., Randy Pownall (Cindy) of Charles Town, Dr. Jerry Hahn (Nancy) of Wardensville, and Dr. John Hahn (Tonya) of Petersburg; a sister, Debbie Miller (David) of Wardensville; five grandchildren, Kaitlyn Miller, Emilee Miller, Tanner McDonald, Brayden Hahn and Brooklynn Hastings; and two great-grandsons, Greyson Lloyd & Trey

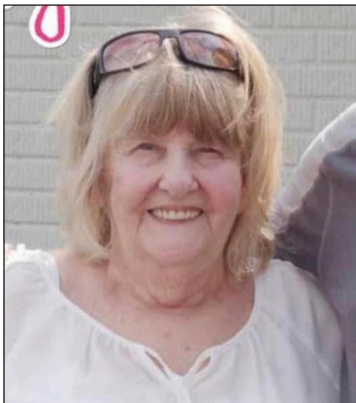
Strickland.

The family received friends at the Faith Mission Church in Wardensville on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022, followed by a funeral service. Officiating was Rev. Mike Funkhouser. Interment and a time of food and fellowship followed in Dutch Hollow at the Hahn-Michael Family Cemetery near Wardensville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wardensville Rescue Squad, PO Box 2, Wardensville, WV 26851 or Capon Valley Vol. Fire Company, PO Box 308, Wardensville, WV 26851.

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

Lillian Jane Loften



Lillian Jane Loften, age 77 of South Fork Road, Moorefield, passed away Saturday morning, Sept. 10, 2022 at the Winchester Medical Center in Winchester. Born on June 22, 1945 in Moorefield, she was a daughter of the late John Hampton Marshall, III and Mildred Maxine Wolfe Marshall. Her husband, Douglas Edward Loften, Sr. preceded her in death in Sept. 2008.

Jane loved family gatherings and her cooking skills were the best as her daughters learned to cook alongside

of her. Her family time was always precious, and her drawing ability marveled everyone, even when she drew with those grandkids. She could mold clay also, a true artist in all respects. Her family was everything and she befriended almost everyone she met. She will be missed by everyone whose heart she touched.

Surviving is a son, Douglas E. (Julie) Loften, Jr. of Moorefield; three daughters, Susan J. (Jack) Bosley of Old Fields, Candy Lambert of Moorefield, and Cynthia (Jason)

Kyle of Fisher; three brothers, Gary (Shirley) Wolfe of Petersburg, John (Terri) Marshall, IV of Fredericksburg, Va. and Dixon (Andrea) Marshall of Moorefield; 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on Jane's Tribute Wall at www.fraleyfuneral-home.com.

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Those making donations were Food Lion and the Moorefield Examiner. We would like to thank each and every one of you for your donations: They are greatly appreciated. Have a safe and happy week.

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**Sept. 21, 1895:** Samuel Ivan Taylor was born in Mercer County. Taylor was the first member of the West Virginia state police. He was part of the force that faced off against union miners during the 1921 Battle of Blair Mountain in Logan County

**Sept. 21, 1970:** Filming began in Moundsville on the movie Fools' Parade, based on the novel by Davis Grubb. The filming concluded one month later when Grubb came to Moundsville for a dinner, accompanied by his dog, making the \$750 round trip from New York City in a taxi.

**Sept. 22, 1856:** Albert Bleslee "A. B." White was born in Cleveland, Ohio. He was West Virginia's 11th governor, serving from 1901-05. He was the fourth person to serve as governor from Wood County, his adopted home.

**Sept. 22, 1894:** Louis Bennett Jr. was born in Weston. Bennett was West Virginia's only World War I flying ace. With 12 combat kills, including three aircraft and nine balloons, Bennett placed himself ninth on the roster of aces. This record was accomplished in just 10 days after assignment to his combat unit.

**Sept. 23, 1922:** Five men were struck and killed at the Glen Rogers mine in Wyoming County when equipment fell during the construction of a deep shaft.

**Sept. 23, 1938:** The Mingo Oak was cut down after succumbing to the fumes of a burning coal refuse



Sam Taylor

pile. The Mingo Oak, which stood near the Logan-Mingo county line, was more than 500 years old and may have been the largest white oak in the world.

**Sept. 24, 1918:** George Spencer "Spanky" Roberts was born in London, Kanawha County. He entered aviation cadet training with the first class of Tuskegee Airmen and became the first African-American military pilot from West Virginia.

**Sept. 25, 1864:** George Smith Patton was killed at the Battle of Winchester. Patton, a Charleston lawyer,



Spanky Roberts

had organized the Kanawha Riflemen, a Virginia militia company. He was the grandfather of Gen. George S. Patton of World War II.

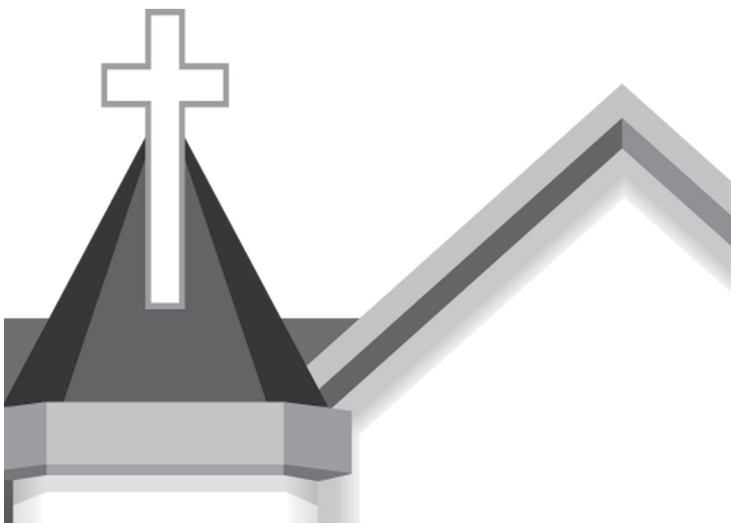
**Sept. 26, 1816:** David Hunter Strother was born in Martinsburg. He was an artist and an author who used the pen name "Porte Crayon."

**Sept. 26, 1863:** The Great Seal of West Virginia was adopted by the legislature. The seal, which has remained unchanged, was designed by Joseph H. Diss Debar.

**Sept. 27, 1914:** Author Catherine Marshall was born in Johnson City,

Tennessee. Her family moved to West Virginia and lived in Keyser during the late 1920s and the 1930s. Her best-loved novel, Christy (1967), was based on her mother's girlhood in the southern mountains.

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## Child Welfare Work Shortages

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the country,” Pack said. “We are significantly higher.”

The good news, Pack continued, is that West Virginia has high rates of “kinship care.” This means that children are placed with someone they already know.

“It could be grandparents, aunt, uncle, brothers, sisters, it could also be a teacher or someone from church — someone who the child is familiar with and already has a relationship with,” Pack said, adding that “West Virginia has the highest rate of kinship care of any state.”

In August 2022, more than half of the children in West Virginia foster care placements were in “kinship care.” The remaining 3,030 children were in other placements such as therapeutic foster care, group residential care facilities and emergency shelters, Pack noted.

Some children are placed out-of-state, although the BSS has been working “very, very diligently to reduce the number of kids that are placed in facilities out-of-state,” Pack said.

As of Aug. 31, there were 355 children placed in residential treatment facilities out-of-state. This number has been reduced from 458 children who

were in out-of-state placements in 2019, he explained.

“Oftentimes we don’t have the mental health infrastructure to provide the appropriate treatment for these kids in West Virginia, and are forced to seek out facilities that are outside of the state,” Pack said, noting that in some cases children do find out-of-state placement with family members.

“For every child that comes into foster care, permanency is the goal,” Pack added. “Permanency may mean reunification with parents. Permanency may mean guardianship. Permanency may mean adoption, so permanency is the goal — whatever that is.”

In West Virginia, 52% of children who enter foster care will achieve permanency within 12 months, Pack said. This is above the national percentage of about 40%.

“We are in the top 10,” Pack said of permanency rates.

However, “the longer a child is in placement without achieving permanency, the more difficult it is to achieve permanency,” he added. “So, if a child has been in state’s custody for two years, which is a long time, the chances of

them finding a forever family is diminished considerably.”

In response to questioning from Del. Danielle Walker, D-Monongalia, on the number of children in state custody currently sleeping in hotels, Park estimated that about 2-4 are currently in that situation, adding that this is typically due to not being able to find immediate placement in emergency shelters or other locations.

Del. Walker also asked if the opening of the new crisis center in Elkins will “fit into the design of the residential care commitment in the DOJ agreement to reduce residential care.”

Pack responded that it will not be a treatment facility, but “a safe place for us to take care of kids in emergent situations so that we have the opportunity to make a proper evaluation of the children and figure out what is necessary for their best interests and care.”

Also, answering a question posed by Sen. Rollan Roberts, R-Raleigh, Pack stated that services are available for families who are taking care of adult children with disabilities, like an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

During the meeting, Cindy Largent Hill, director of the Division of Children and Juvenile Services, spoke before committee members about the shortage of registered attorneys who may be appointed guardians ad litem in child abuse and neglect cases.

According to Hill, there are 262 registered attorneys who have completed necessary training requirements to become a guardian ad litem.

In 2021 alone there were 5,876 new abuse and neglect petitions filed in the state, Hill said.

“You can imagine it’s a significant number of children who are in care,” she continued. “Those increased petitions means increased court hearings and increased MDTs (multidisciplinary teams).”

She explained that judges spend at least one day a week hearing abuse and neglect cases. Additionally, there are “geographic challenges” present in multiple counties.

“Children are placed all around our state and sadly, due to the infrastructure, sibling groups are often separated,” she said. “Those present a lot of challenges to just a day in the workweek for a guardian ad litem to complete the responsibilities.”

“As you know, and as you have heard, we do have an infrastructure challenge in our abuse and neglect system — that’s basically with every stakeholder in the system” she continued. “We are grossly understaffed with every single person who is working with these children.”

She said that her division is currently working to recruit attorneys to become guardians ad litem.

“Whatever we get, we are thankful to have,” she concluded.

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# Hardy County Volleyball: Cougars set trap, but Moorefield escapes den with victory



Moorefield's Sarah Iman launched an attack against East Hardy's Addison Armentrout in Baker.

By Carl Holcomb  
*Moorefield Examiner*

East Hardy Volleyball trapped the Yellow Jackets in the den with a two-set advantage, but Moorefield found a way to escape and conquer the Cougars in five sets leaving Baker as the victors last Thursday: 14-25, 20-25, 25-23, 25-12 and 15-6.

"I think the turning point was the end of the third set. We were determined after that point to not let it get away from us" Moorefield Volleyball coach Krista Ritchie remarked.

"The girls depended on each other and had each other's backs. That's the one thing I have preached to them all season is to trust and believe in each other and they will be hard to beat. I'm so proud of how hard they worked. They could have given up going down 2-0 but they continued to fight. East Hardy is a very solid team and I thought we did a great job of minimizing their runs and bothering them at the net."

The Cougars were clicking on all cylinders in the opening set as Gabby Miller and Emily Dyer launched a plethora of attacks and the floor was kept clear by Autumn Crites, Emma Heishman and Brooklynn Tinnell.

East Hardy's Autumn Crites served up an ace for a 12-5 advantage in the second set as the momentum surged in the Den as the large student body contingent cheered loudly and proudly displayed signs supporting the team.

"We stopped attacking and started playing timid," East Hardy Volleyball assistant coach Chris Hahn stated.

"It was nice having a loud student section."

Emily Dyer notched a point on a dink, then Chloe Miller blocked a volley for the Cougars against Moorefield's Sterling Kump.

East Hardy's Brooklynn Tinnell made a dig and the return was sent awry by the Yellow Jackets.

The ensuing serve went low for the Cougars, then Moorefield's Teia Ray stepped up to serve.

An attack went wide for Moorefield, then Chloe Miller served for East Hardy.

A volley from Moorefield's McKenna Crites ricocheted back into the net for a point, then attacks from Marissa Ward were met with digs by East Hardy's Emma Heishman.

Ward finally found the floor for a point, but the next hit from the Yellow Jackets went awry.

Dyer delivered an ace for the Cougars to extend the lead to 18-9 in the second set.

Moorefield's Sterling Kump garnered a spike, then Ward served and made a save moments later on a volley from Addison Armentrout.

East Hardy's Gabby Miller earned a point off an attack, then Armentrout turned a dig into a point for a 20-10 advantage.

The Yellow Jackets got a couple points off errors before East Hardy's Armentrout scored on an attack.

After a service error, both teams hit the net with volleys.

Chloe Miller made a tap style point for the Cougars, then Moorefield responded with two kills apiece from Ward and Sarah Iman to close the gap to 23-20.

East Hardy finished off the second set 25-20 as Dyer got a kill and a serve by Autumn Crites was returned into the net.

Moorefield's strategy changed in the third set as Ward garnered the first point on a volley's deflection.

East Hardy responded with a spike by Morganne Miller and an ace served by Brooklynn Tinnell.

The Yellow Jackets answered with a kill by Kump to tie the set again.

Moorefield's Amber Williams served, but a block was created by Gabby Miller for the Cougars on a volley from Iman.

During a serve by Miller, an attack by East Hardy sailed out.

Dyer and Miller created points on volleys as the Yellow Jackets hit the net.

A serve by Chloe Miller put the Cougars up 7-5, then an attack by Iman was returned into the net and a serve by Ray was returned out to even up the set.

It was a close battle in the third set with Moorefield taking an 8-7 lead on a spike from Ward, but the ensuing serve went awry.

East Hardy regained the lead on an ace by Dyer, but the next serve was off the mark.

Williams put Moorefield ahead on an attack, but the serve by Iman went out.

East Hardy built a 15-11 lead as Tinnell delivered two aces and Gabby Miller garnered a spike.

After a timeout, Moorefield regrouped with Kump slamming home a kill followed by an ace from Williams.

Chloe Miller and Kump traded spikes, then Kump's serve was redirected into the ceiling and down to the floor for a point.

The next serve from Kump was returned into the net to knot the set at 16-11.

The Yellow Jackets maintained the momentum as Kump delivered two consecutive aces for an 18-16 lead and timeout was called.

Dyer created a push style attack point for the Cougars, but the next volley was blocked by McKenna Crites.

Dyer made a kill to tie the set at 19-11, then Moorefield regained the lead on a spike from Iman.

Heishman launched an attack and it was saved on a dive by Crites, but couldn't be corralled.

Kump landed two kills to put Moorefield ahead 23-21 prior to a service error.

Morganne Miller collected an attack point to lock up the set at 23-11, then the Yellow Jackets earned the final two points off volleys into the net for the 25-23 win.

East Hardy started off strong in the fourth set with a 5-nil edge which included two aces from Emma Heishman and two kills from Gabby Miller.

Moorefield got on the board with spikes from Kump and Crites, then Williams served an ace to cut the deficit to 5-4.

Dyer made a save along the bleachers off a shot from Kump, then another attack was thwarted on a block by Gabby Miller.

The Yellow Jackets returned the favor with a block by Kump.

A serve by Kump was returned into the net to even the set 6-all.

Moorefield's Sarah Iman launched a volley and the dig by Autumn Crites ricocheted out just over the bench with Dyer giving chase.

McKenna Crites created several points for the Yellow Jackets, despite digs from Autumn Crites and Addison Armentrout as those passes landed into the net for an 11-6 score.

Iman collected two points on kills for Moorefield and a serve from Kump was returned out.

Crites notched another point off an attack and Kump's serve was met with a dig by Tinnell and spun back into the net giving the Yellow Jackets a 16-6 advantage.

East Hardy collected a few points off errors and a kill by Miller.

Iman made a brilliant save along the baseline and Ray hit the ball overhead backwards over the net landing for a point.

Iman swatted the ball for a kill and Ray served an ace for a 20-10 lead.

Moorefield closed out the fourth set with two blocks by Kump to force a tiebreaker fifth set, 25-12.

East Hardy served awry to begin

the final set, then a serve by Ward was redirected on a dig by Dyer out of play.

Ward serve two consecutive aces giving the Yellow Jackets a 4-nil edge.

A kill by Gabby Miller put the Cougars on the board.

Two serves from Moorefield's Amber Williams were returned out, then McKenna Crites tapped the ball over and Miller slid under the net on a dig save.

After a timeout, an attack by Kump was sent out on a dig by Autumn Crites.

Kump made a block and served up an ace for an 11-2 advantage, then an attack by East Hardy's Chloe Miller was returned into the net.

Following a service error, Chloe Miller blocked a volley for a 12-4 score.

Iman blocked the ensuing attack, but a serve by Ray landed into the net moments later.

Iman notched another point on a spike to make it 14-5.

An attack by Gabby Miller ricocheted back into the net and the Yellow Jackets earned the win on a Cougars volley going awry, 15-6 (3-2) for the match victory.

Moorefield didn't lose confidence trailing by two sets and rallied to evade capture in the den returning home with a five-set win.

"They didn't quit and that's the team I know and love," Coach Ritchie concluded.



East Hardy's Emma Heishman made a volley over the net against the Yellow Jackets in last week's match in Baker.

# Once a shutout, always a shutout: Strasburg blanks Yellow Jackets again

By Carl Holcomb  
*Moorefield Examiner*

It has been five decades since the last battle of the Virginias and the fifth time for a shutout in the series as the Rams stampeded Moorefield 40-nil in Strasburg last Friday.

This was the third straight shutout victory for Strasburg in this series with the previous ones coming in 1969 (22-0) and 1970 (28-0).

The Yellow Jackets won the first two games of the series by shutout in 1948 (33-0) and 1949 (34-0) to complete the overall meetings.

"[Shutouts] That's an interesting historical fact. I didn't know that coming in. I am proud of our defense in how they played and got around the football. Coach [Tripp] Lamb does a great job preparing those guys. They work hard for him. They were 2-1 and we were 2-1 coming into this game. Every year we scrimmage and it is always a battle. We knew it would be a tough, physical game and it was. We were able to make a few more plays than they did." Strasburg Football coach Mark Roller commented.

"We haven't thrown too many shutouts over the year, so doughnuts might be a good idea. This is the first one this year, but we hope to get more. I will give it some thought. We were taking what they were giving us. Ryan [Roller] does a good job for us back there and Takhi [Coates] running the ball is a great asset to have. All of them did a great job and we tried to get more movement. We have a pretty good front five and throw in the linebackers, they do a great job of shutting things down."

During the 52-year hiatus of regular season battles, these two teams have faced off in scrimmages on a consistent basis over the past couple of decades.

"[Five shutouts] I don't like that stat. I like the two wins on our side. In the shutout, our energy was really low coming into the game. It's one of those things about a tough ball club. Strasburg is a really good team. They are coached well and disciplined. We didn't match intensity or energy. We've got a lot of work to do. We had missed assignments here and there and that's just what happened," Moorefield Football coach Matt Altobello remarked.

"We're one to two guys away from both sides of the ball or I would go on to say all three facets of the game. We're one or two guys away from them going right. It comes down to a little pride. It is our job as coaches to make sure they know what spots to be in during their assignments and they go in and execute.

The shutout is a good stat, but we need to get to the other side of that equation. It is fun to be a part of history, but I don't like the butt whipping they gave us."

Moorefield's first possession of the game started at the 35-yard line and resulted in a three-and-out punt as the Rams defense didn't allow a single yard gained with stops by Huston Conrad, Colby Shaw, Braydon Decristofaro and Omari Holliday on two carries by Moorefield's Rion Landes which included a two-yard loss.

After an incomplete pass by quarterback Tyson Arnold, the Yellow Jackets punted.

The Rams started at their own 43-yard line and Decristofaro rushed for four yards and was tackled by Moorefield's Theodore Gallahan.

Strasburg quarterback Ryan Roller dashed for a first down in Moorefield territory on a nine yard gain and was brought down by Ryan Mongold.

Strasburg's Takhi Coates dodged a couple of tacklers to advance nine more yards with a tackle by Moorefield's Diego Taylor and Alex Miller.

Decristofaro added four more yards, then Coates ripped off a 32-yard touchdown run at the 7:39 mark and the conversion pass failed as the Rams took a 6-nil edge.

Landes returned the kickoff to the 35-yard line, then there was a defensive penalty.

Moorefield's Axton Runions took a pitch from Arnold and notched one yard before being knocked down by Decristofaro and Holliday.

Miller garnered one more yard for the Yellow Jackets and was taken down by Shaw.

Moorefield's Guyan Kahangirwe snatched a pass for eight yards and a first down at midfield.

Shaw slammed Runions for no gain, then Arnold released an errant pass under pressure from Walker Conrad.

Chase Myers caught a screen pass for the Yellow Jackets fighting off Griffin Carter and wrestled down with only one yard collected on the transaction leading to a punt.

Strasburg started at its own 19-yard line for the second series and needed just five plays to score again.

Decristofaro grabbed five yards and was tackled by Runions and Earl Wyman.

Aiden Jones led a Yellow Jackets swarm stopping Roller on a one yard keeper, then the Rams committed a penalty.

Strasburg converted third down on a 12-yard reception by Walker Conrad with a tackle by Taylor.

Strasburg's Braden Stern broke free for a 68-yard touchdown run and Conrad added the two-point conversion catch to bolster the lead to 14-0 with 1:58 left in the first quarter.

Landes returned the kickoff to the 35-yard line.

The Yellow Jackets fumbled the ball and it was recovered by Conrad for the Rams at the 33-yard line and Strasburg took advantage of the short field position gift eventually.

After an incomplete pass and off-setting penalties, Decristofaro was stopped for no gain by Kahangirwe.

Strasburg's Carson Anderson converted a third down on a 13-yard carry reaching the red zone and was stopped by Moorefield's Brock Linville.

Coates was tackled for a three yard loss by Taylor to close the first stanza.

The Rams commenced the second quarter with a 23-yard touchdown run by Stern and Tyler Sharp added the extra point for a 21-0 lead at 11:54 as chants of S-T-E-R-N could be heard from the stands.

Diego Taylor returned the kickoff to the 33-yard line for the Yellow Jackets.

Landes rushed 11 yards for a first down, then Miller notched four more yards.

A first down in Strasburg territory was obtained by Miller on a seven yard play to the 45-yard line/

Runions notched four yards before being dropped for a loss on the ensuing play by Shaw.

Kahangirwe converted a third down with an 11-yard reception reaching the 32-yard line.

Runions recorded another first down with an 11-yard catch to the 21-yard line.

Runions was tripped up by Holliday on the next play for no gain.

Miller collected two yards and was tackled by Shaw in the red zone at the 19-yard line and that was the closest the Rams would allow Moorefield to get to the end zone.

Holliday sacked Arnold for an 11-yard loss back at the 30-yard line to force a fourth down situation and timeout was called.

Moorefield coach Matt Altobello showed confidence in his sophomore kicker Kyle Molen to attempt a 47-yard field goal which sailed short of the goal posts.

Strasburg took over possession at the 20-yard line and Coates rushed for five yards and was stopped by Myers.

Decristofaro added five more yards for a Rams first down and was brought down by Myers and Runions.

Coates rushed to the outside and was forced out of bounds along the Rams sideline where a fight ensued with a Strasburg player coming off the bench



Strasburg's Ryan Roller disrupted a pass intended for Moorefield's Guyan Kahangirwe in last Friday's shutout in Strasburg.

and got ejected for his participation.

After the dust settled, the Rams were given a first down at midfield.

Stern notched two carries to reach the Moorefield 46-yard line with tackles by Miller.

Coates converted a third down for Strasburg on a 12-yard run to the 34-yard line and stopped by Runions.

Linville tackled Decristofaro on an eight yard gain.

Coates rushed a dozen more yards for a first down in the red zone at the 14-yard line with a tackle by Myers.

Roller executed a keeper for a 14-yard touchdown strike with 50 seconds remaining in the first half and the kick failed for a Strasburg lead of 27-nil which carried into halftime.

A big kickoff return by Taylor was negated on a penalty and Runions added one yard to end the half.

The Rams started off at their own 36-yard to begin the third quarter.

After a penalty on second down, Strasburg's Carson Anderson made a 13-yard catch for a first down in Moorefield territory at the 38-yard line.

Strasburg would reach the 30-yard line before a couple of penalties forced third down and 12 from the 40-yard line.

Moorefield's Guyan Kahangirwe leapt up for an interception and made a huge return, but that extra yardage was

negated on a penalty placing the change of possession for the Yellow Jackets back at the nine yard line.

Miller collected two yards and Runions pushed forward for another four yards before an incomplete pass and offsetting penalties.

Moorefield converted the third down as Kahangirwe made an eight yard reception to the 23-yard line.

Miller picked up four yards for the Yellow Jackets, then Runions snatched a pass and dodged tackles for a first down which was called back on a penalty for too many players in the backfield.

A throw by Arnold was launched during a hard hit from Holliday and deflected off of Myers at midfield and ricocheted away from Landes for the incompleteness which led to a punt.

Coates kicked Myers when getting up from a tackle and was flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Three plays later, the Rams converted third down at the Moorefield 37-yard line.

Roller eluded the defense on a 34-yard touchdown run for Strasburg at the 1:25 mark increasing the lead to 33-nil.

Moorefield collected two yards on a pair of carries by Runions to close the third quarter.

The Yellow Jackets started the final stanza with a catch by Kahangirwe for 11 yards earning a first down at the 40-

yard line.

Taylor rushed for six yards, then Runions was stopped for no gain prior to an offensive penalty.

After a pass was deflected by Stern, the Yellow Jackets punted and Strasburg's Roller returned the ball to the house (70 yards) for another Rams touchdown at the 9:17 mark and Sharp added the kick for the final score of 40-nil.

Moorefield's Finan Teklom garnered 11 yards for a first down at the 38-yard line.

The Yellow Jackets took that momentum into the ensuing play as Diego Taylor dodged tackles for another first down near midfield going another 11 yards.

Unfortunately, that energy was halted as Strasburg's Riley Walker made an interception with six minutes remaining.

The Rams chewed up the rest of the time on ten rushing plays picking up several first downs in the process to keep possession to the end with the 40-nil shutout and fifth overall shutout in series history.

The Yellow Jackets host Strasburg for the Summit Bowl this Friday in the 92nd all-time series meeting dating back to 1933. Moorefield leads the series 65-22-4



SPORTS

# Vikings deny East Hardy from grabbing the Class A PVC title



East Hardy's Wade Hershberger competed at the Class A Potomac Valley Conference Golf Championship on Fisher Mountain.

By Carl Holcomb  
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East Hardy Golf had a long hiatus from competition and returned to nearly stake claim to the Class A Potomac Valley Conference championship, but the Vikings ransacked those plans by just four strokes at the Highlands Club on Fisher Mountain last Wednesday.

Petersburg Golf won the Class A PVC championship with a team score of 370, followed by runner-up East Hardy with 374 and Pendleton County took third place at 429.

“That’s very special to us. We’ve battled through growing the past couple of years and we’ve come a long ways. This is a team without a senior on it and I am very pleased at where we’ve come to here. We had three All-PVC golfers today and they came to play. They may have envisioned better scores, but all of them came through to help us win today. I am very pleased with all of our golfers stepping up on tough holes today and salvaging what they could. I think some of the pin locations were very challenging. You start in the morning when it is cool and it warms up throughout the day, so the course changes on you. Putting was the hardest part today and some of the fairways were tight, but these kids fought through it,” Petersburg Golf coach Todd Heare commented.

The Class A All-PVC Golf team members were: East Hardy’s J.W. Teets (82 overall low-medalist) and Levi Mongold (96); Petersburg’s Lucas Riggleman (86), John Minnich (88) and Samantha Colaw (94); and Pendleton County’s Cameron Beachler (84).

J.W. Teets earned the overall low-medalist plaque as the best Class A PVC golfer for the Cougars.

“[PVC overall low-medalist] It was nice. For the first year, it was definitely a good accomplishment to

get. I know Moorefield wasn’t there, but I felt confident enough that my score would have stood with J.J.’s [Carr]. If there would have been anyone to beat me, it would have been him. I feel pretty good and hopefully we can go into the region being neck-to-neck with Petersburg. The putting was the most challenging. The hills are fast and it’s not easy. I liked hole ten the best. It can be the hardest hole with the green in the middle of the water, but it can be the neatest hole. It was kind of fun to play. You either hit the green or your dropping out of the zone,” Class A PVC Golf champion J.W. Teets remarked.

Petersburg Golf coach Todd Heare was named the Class A Potomac Valley Conference Coach of the Year.

The Vikings were led by Riggleman, Minnich and Colaw with Elijah Kuykendall or Bryson Riggleman’s card of 102 rounding out the team score.

East Hardy was guided by J.W. Teets and Levi Mongold with the remainder of the team score tallied up from Nate Smith (97) and Jordan Teets (99).

Wade Hershberger completed the Fisher Mountain course with a score of 125, but had fun hurdling the ropes on one of the holes.

“I am super proud of all of them. Our number one player just had a bad day. That’s what you get, but the other three stepped up and did awesome. More so than J.W. [Teets] winning it [PVC low-medalist championship], Levi [Mongold] and Nate [Smith] shot an awesome round to even keep us close. It’s a hard walking course

day. The most important thing is that you try to have fun with those around you on the course.”

Just beyond the clubhouse, there was a view of the pond with the island green and the mountain range nearby, there was a sign reading “This is a day the Lord has made. Rejoice and be glad in it” and in the background was the mountain range and a pond with an island green as this surrounding atmosphere brought joy with its beauty.

The golfers could take solace in the fact it was a sunny day and create a positive attitude moving forward.

Despite having a green on an island, none of the golfers took a plunge into the water for fun.

If temperatures were warmer, then it could have been enticing.

It felt like there were remnants of a Civil War fort on the course as several greens had giant log walls protruding upward.

This came to mind as the nearby historic Fort Seybert was going to have a re-enactment during the Treasure Mountain Festival over the weekend.

East Hardy’s Levi Mongold talked about the long drives as if they were home runs in a baseball game, but noted he only hit the wall during the spring for doubles and a triple.

Pendleton County’s Evan Teter noted how much different it was between golf and baseball and that the only similarity was the motion of swinging.

Teter incorporated the sport of billiards on his last hole, lying prone to the hole on the green shooting the



Pendleton County's Evan Teter attempted a billiards style putt at the Class A Potomac Valley Conference Golf Championship on Fisher Mountain.

and a lot of the greens have two or three tiers which makes the putting a lot harder. That’s why you have the higher scores for everyone,” East Hardy Golf coach Matt Teets stated.

There were a couple of representatives from Tygarts Valley and Union competing on Fisher Mountain.

Sammy Jones (133) and Channelle Sutton (138) competed for the Tigers.

Tygarts Valley’s Avery Row-Sponaugle shot a 102 and Issah Fox had a 126.

The frustration of a having a terrible day led to Cougars top seed Jordan Teets launching his golf ball into the woods after the final hole which might still be lost out there today.

It was a day for struggle on a challenging course as a Petersburg golfer was upset with his score, but managed to have fun flexing his muscles for the paparazzi.

Pendleton County coach Charlie Burgoyne had some advice for these golfers, “golf is a sport of tomorrows. When you have a bad day, just remember the sun comes up tomorrow. You can learn from what happens to-

golf club like it was a cue to hit the ball about a foot or so into the hole.

The pepperoni roll, apple and oatmeal cream pie for lunch was satisfying for the players.

Mongold and J.W. Teets spread some joy on a couple holes by raising their hands up after finishing off the putt into the hole.

One of the holes beyond the clubhouse across from the parking lot offered an amazing view of the mountainside and the rolling hill back up to the clubhouse took the breath away on foot.

Hershberger and Colaw had fun discussing the course layout and trying to finish strong.

The teams from Petersburg, East Hardy and Pendleton County will join Moorefield for the Class A regional championship next Monday at Valley View along with the individual competitors from Tygarts Valley and Union who were part of this Fisher Mountain conference action.

# Keyser ends Yellow Jackets Class AA PVC Golf reign



Moorefield's J.J. Carr hit the ball off the tee at the Class AA Potomac Valley Conference Golf Championship at Polish Pines in Keyser.

By Carl Holcomb  
*Moorefield Examiner*

Moorefield Golf entered the Class AA Potomac Valley Conference Championships as the defending champion, but the Golden Tornado ended the reign claiming the title by 13 strokes at Polish Pines Golf Club in Keyser on Tuesday.

Despite the loss, the Yellow Jackets showed consistency with three golfers earning selections on the Class AA All-PVC Golf team along with two from Keyser and one from Frankfort.

One unique aspect of Polish Pines was having just nine holes and the golfers doubled up on that course for the PVC championship match.

“I was really proud of having three of the top six scorers. That is really impressive when you are going up against AA and AAA schools. J.J. [Carr] and James [Williams] had a really good day and Isaac [Rumer] played his best golf of the year there. I was really proud of him as a senior to be a medalist at that time of year. It really bodes well in how they are playing right now. James and J.J. are really controlling the ball and have a good feel of where the ball is going right now. That is really good and Isaac has been playing real consistent in these recent days,” Moorefield Golf coach Wade Armentrout commented.

Keyser Golf earned the Class AA championship title with a team score of 341, followed by runner-up Moorefield with 354 strokes, Frankfort took third place at 383 and Berkeley Springs rounded out the team scoring in fourth place with 399.

Keyser’s Drew Matlick and Noah Broadwater tied for the overall low-medalist score with cards of 77, then had a one-hole playoff to determine who would receive the plaque as the best Class AA golfer and Matlick earned it.

Joining the Keyser duo on the Class AA All-PVC Golf squad were Moorefield’s J.J. Carr (81), James Williams (84) and Isaac Rumer (89); plus Frankfort’s Bryson Moorehead (81).

“If you were going to ask me that

morning if I was going to get that [All-PVC], I probably would have said no. I was shocked I was playing that well on that day. It felt like I would never have gotten that accomplishment. That was a big accomplishment for me. This year, I thought Polish Pines wasn’t as challenging. That is where I had most of my best scores. My favorite hole was number four (pond). I did really well on it,” Moorefield Golf senior Isaac Rumer remarked.

The Golden Tornado team score was rounded out by Evan Ack (92) and Owen Sweitzer (95).

The Yellow Jackets were guided by senior J.J. Carr (81), sophomore James Williams (84) and senior Isaac Rumer with the team score completed by junior Tyler Miller (100).

“It was good [All-PVC], but I didn’t play as good as I wanted to out there. I still got All-PVC, so that’s always a good feeling. I had a tough time putting and missed some by a few inches. I could have done a lot better,” Moorefield Golf senior J.J. Carr stated.

Moorefield’s remaining representatives finished above 100 strokes as Dylan Colasessano shot a 105 and Trevor Baldwin notched a 125.

Frankfort’s team score was assembled by Bryson Moorehead, Ashton Moorehead (94), Keegan Bennett (98) and Landon Catlett (110).

Berkeley Springs was paced by Dakota Hamrick with a 90, followed by Chance Swick (97), Trucille Henry (102) and Elijah Parsell (110).

It is not normal playing on the same nine holes twice for a conference match, but certainly helped with familiarity of the course.

“It is different. It’s obviously not typical when you play an 18-hole tournament. It could be an advantage when you play a hole well and obviously you’re going to come back again. If you didn’t play well, then you’re going to have a chance to come back and make an improvement the next time around. It’s a different challenge,” Coach Armentrout noted.

The players notified others when clearing the river to the green with a ringing of the bell to let the group behind them know it was okay to start driving off the tee.

One of the signature holes at Polish Pines had a giant pond with a fountain in the middle and the golfers had to clear that huge water trap to reach the green.

Moorefield’s Dylan Colasessano tried to reach the closer shore on the left side and came up about a yard shy of land with a big splash, so it was off to the drop zone for another attempt.

Moorefield’s Isaac Rumer was getting close to the top of the course at the green with a couple of putts in store as fellow Berkeley Springs competitor ricocheted the ball off a tree twice on the right side of the fairway on the edge of a forest be-

fore picking up the ball and letting play resume ahead on the green.

Rumer bellowed ‘fore’ when hitting off the top of the hillside and the ball careened just down the edge of the forest.

A shot from a Frankfort golfer sliced into the forest towards the opposite fairway.

Coming down the next fairway, Rumer’s tee shot landed about a foot from the cart path.

Rumer launched the ball and it bounced off the cart path which catapulted it over the sand hazard and unto the green which caused excitement and a huge smile with the gallery cheering.

Carr showed a smooth stroke off the tee heading towards the clubhouse and was consistent on most drives throughout the course.

The trouble spots for the day were the greens as the putting was a bit tougher than normal and if the putts were better, Carr would have given the Keyser duo a run for the overall low medalist scoring.

Carr looked slightly displeased with the hole and rolled his eyes finishing it out.

Williams completed a nice long putt near the clubhouse and shifted his club backward and down to the grass kind of like a winner in a duel.

Williams tipped his hat to the competitors as they went on to the next hole to tee off the next round.

One of the Frankfort golfers got ahold of a bunch of wet sand when trying to get to the green in the middle of the Polish Pines.

It was a clear day, but recent rainfall left the course saturated for the competition.

Some of the strokes on the course sent the ball flying to the fairway and sinking into the mud.

Moorefield’s Trevor Baldwin lost a golf ball along the woods in the mud and had to place another ball down, then sent it flying toward the cart path nearly hitting a Berkeley Springs golfer rolling his golf bag down the course.

Keyser coach Josh Blowe won the Class AA PVC Golf Coach of the Year honors as his squad earned the team title and PVC golfer low medalist award.

“A team championship is always important. It is always one of our goals, to win a conference championship and a regional championship. I am very proud of our young men who shot a 77 today. That was awesome and hopefully that keeps them moving in the right direction heading into regionals in about ten days. I loved it [one hole playoff]. It put a little pressure on them with a lot of people watching. It might happen again at regionals, so it was good to experience it here,” Keyser Golf coach Josh Blowe said.

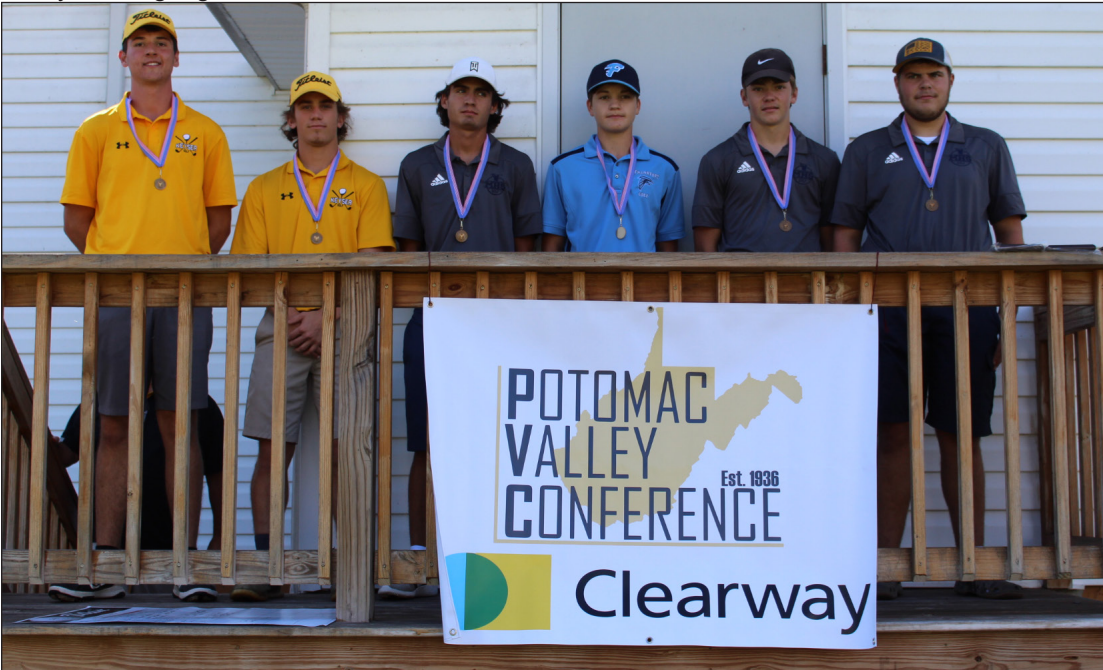
Moorefield finished last week with senior night and the Class A regional championship will take place at Valley View on Monday.



Class A All-Potomac Valley Conference Golf Team: Petersburg’s Lucas Riggleman, Samantha Colaw and John Minnich, East Hardy’s Levi Mongold and J.W. Teets, and Pendleton County’s Cameron Beachler.



Class A Potomac Valley Conference director Jamie Tallman presented East Hardy’s J.W. Teets with the PVC Golf Overall Low-Medalist award at Fisher Mountain.



Class AA All-Potomac Valley Conference Golf Team: Keyser’s Drew Matlick and Noah Broadwater, Moorefield’s J.J. Carr, Frankfort’s Bryson Moorehead, Moorefield’s James Williams and Isaac Rumer.



Moorefield’s Isaac Rumer prepared to knock the ball off the fairway to the green at Polish Pines in Keyser during the Class AA Potomac Valley Conference Golf Championship.



SPORTS

Cougars find lots of momentum in rout

By Shawn Stinson  
Moorefield Examiner

MILL CREEK – In its first two games of the season, East Hardy had little problems putting points on the scoreboard.

Things changed in Week 3 as East Hardy only managed to score 13 points in a one-point loss to Tucker County.

It appeared the Cougars were going to struggle again in Week 4 when they scored a single touchdown and lost a fumble in the first quarter. Then the flood gates opened and East Hardy hit Tygarts Valley with a tidal wave of points in the second quarter.

The Cougars scored six touchdowns in the second quarter to cruise to a 63-0 victory against the Bulldogs on Sept. 16 in Mill Creek.

“I think that comes back to momentum, that’s what that is,” East Hardy coach Devon Orndorff said. “You can’t explain it, you can feel it in the stadium though when it happens. You have to be able to enjoy the game for that momentum to be on your side. Last week, even when we made good plays, we kind of had the attitude that was expected or we didn’t quite do things right. We were a little down even on good plays last week and that doesn’t help with momentum shifts.

“So this week it was nice to have that rough start in the first, in the sense we were able to see how it works when you respond to adversity and keep right and stay on the course. And eventually things will start to click for you if you do things right.”

East Hardy senior quarterback Mason Miller opened the scoring on the initial possession of the contest by diving into the end zone from a yard out. Miller got the Cougars back on the scoreboard in the opening moments of the second quarter. East Hardy took advantage of a short field following a 17-yard punt by Tygarts Valley. Miller sprinted seven yards for his second score of the evening to cap a six-play, 38-yard drive.

It didn’t take Miller much time to tack on his third rushing touchdown

of the contest. East Hardy took possession at the Tygarts Valley 25 following a bad snap on a punt attempt, forcing punter Alex Sutton to run. Sutton was tackled for an 11-yard loss on the play. Miller rushed for 21 yards on the first play and got into the end zone on the next snap from four yards out.

On ensuing kickoff the Cougars scored a special teams touchdown. Tygarts Valley returner Wade Warner fumbled the ball following a hit by East Hardy’s Justin Parker. The ball bounded into the end zone and was recovered by the Cougars for the score.

The Bulldogs (0-4) attempted to slow the Cougars’ momentum on the next possession. They were able to move the ball into East Hardy territory for the first time in the game, but it was short-lived as Eli Smith lost five yards on a run on second down and Lucas Bright was sacked for a 14-yard loss on the next play. Another special teams play sparked the Cougars to hit up the scoreboard again. On the ensuing punt, East Hardy’s Khristian Bauseman returned the kick to the Tygarts Valley 10.

Miller scored his fourth and final touchdown of the contest on the next play. Miller finished the contest with 78 yards on nine attempts. He connected on both of his passing attempts for 21 yards.

Orndorff was pleased with how his team responded following the loss to Tucker County and having several starters out of action against Tygarts Valley.

“We have to have the next-play mentality and the next-man up mentality,” he said. “That’s what I’m really pleased with tonight. It has nothing to do with the win, nothing to do with the ball game necessarily. But last week we dropped one, the only thing that was disappointing to me in that loss is how we responded to adversity, that left a lot to be desired last week.

“This week I never would want to see that number of injuries to starters again, but the next-man mentality was there. The boys



East Hardy senior quarterback Mason Miller rushes for one of his four touchdowns on the evening in the team's win at Tygarts Valley.

stepped into new roles, new positions they haven’t even practiced before and they just did their best. We can never ask for any better than their best and that’s what we tell them. But they enjoyed the game this week, last week got a little too big for them.”

East Hardy (3-1) was not finished putting more points on the scoreboard before halftime. Shawn Bodkin scored on a two-yard run with 54 seconds left in the second quarter. Seven seconds later, Levi Price stepped in front of a Bright pass and returned the interception two yards for a touchdown.

“I was happy with the play we were playing in the first quarter,” Tygarts Valley coach Rodney Bright said. “When our fullback [Eli Smith] went down, tweaked his ankle, we couldn’t regain our composure. If we have one breakdown, it just seems to turn into a snowball and we’re done.”

East Hardy closed out the scoring early in the third quarter as Bauseman returned a punt 50 yards for a touchdown and Bodkin scored on a 21-yard rush.

The shutout was the first for East Hardy this season and first since posting a 26-0 win over Petersburg on Nov. 5, 2021, in Petersburg.

“We expect to play good defense, it’s kind of where we hang our hat,” Orndorff said. “We call that playing East Hardy football. Even when teams are able to hit a play on us here and there, we expect to flip that switch and say next play, we can forget about that, learn from it, apply that going forward. To see that this evening, just to see them execute at a high level again after last week and get back on the horse and right the ship for the season.”

East Hardy has an open date this week and will return to action Sept. 30 when it travels to Dunmore to face Pocahontas County.



Moorefield Golf Senior Night: Moorefield senior J.J. Carr was accompanied by his parents, Mickey and Vivian Carr (left side) and Moorefield senior Isaac Rumer was joined by his parents, Rachel and Jeremy Rumer.

Golden Tornado crash  
Moorefield Golf senior night

By Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

Keyser Golf ruined the Yellow Jackets senior night party by winning the quad-match with a score of 166 which was 11 strokes better than Moorefield last Thursday at Valley View Golf Club.

Petersburg finished as the runner-up with a team score of 173, Moorefield took third place at 177 and East Hardy placed fourth overall at 185.

The Yellow Jackets honored seniors J.J. Carr and Isaac Rumer after the match with a special ceremony and picnic.

“They’re two great guys. Most importantly, they are great character guys. They make really good decisions, are great teammates and they work hard. They are dedicated and that is why they are performing as well as they do. It will be a big loss for us, but I am really proud of both of them for all their accomplishments over their four-year careers. Those four years have gone by really fast, but they have been a big part of our success,” Moorefield Golf coach Wade Armentrout stated.

Carr and Rumer have helped the Yellow Jackets reach the state golf tournament in Wheeling as the Class A Region II champions the past three seasons and Carr was a member of the state all-tournament team.

“It’s been a great honor and great

four years [MHS Golf], but still got some time left to accomplish more,” Moorefield Golf senior J.J. Carr noted.

Carr has been a golf member for four years, played three seasons of basketball, competed two years in track and has preformed in the marching band for four years. Carr is the MHS Student Council president and a member of the National Honor Society.

Carr has been an All-PVC Golf team member his entire career, a three-time regional champion, two-time state low-medalist and a member of the Yellow Jackets Golf state tournament runner-up squad in 2020.

Carr plans to major in mechanical engineering at Arkansas University. Rumer has played golf for the Yellow Jackets all four years and was a member of the 2020 state golf runner-up team. Rumer has been active in community service for his church and enjoys spending his free time fishing and hunting.

Rumer is a member of the National Honor Society.

Rumer plans to attend the James Rumsey Technical Institute to learn skills working in the HVAC and Electrical business fields.

[MHS Golf] It means you are a family. We all stick together. We all kind of feel like we need to stick up for each other to help this team. I have been with this team for four years and it feels like a family. Me,

J.J. and James and all of us feel like this is a family,” Moorefield Golf senior Isaac Rumer said.

The senior golf cake doubled up as a birthday cake for the Keyser assistant coach celebrating his birthday.

The Golden Tornado was led by low-medalist Noah Broadwater with a card of 37, followed by Drew Matlick at 39, Evan Ack and Owen Sweitzer rounded out the scoring with 45 strokes apiece.

The Vikings were guided by low-medalist Lucas Riggelman with a card of 37, followed by Colton Taylor and John Minnich with 45 points each and Elijah Kuykendall rounded out the scoring at 46.

The Yellow Jackets were led by senior low-medalist J.J. Carr with a card of 39, followed by James Williams with a 42, Tyler Miller with a 43 and senior Isaac Rumer rounded out the scoring with 53 strokes.

East Hardy was paced by J.W. Teets with a card of 39, followed by Jordan Teets with a 45, Nate Smith hit a 48 and either Levi Mongold or Wade Hershberger’s 53 strokes made the final cut.

Carr and Rumer are preparing the Yellow Jackets for another regional tournament and hopefully another family excursion to Wheeling.

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## THE OLD MASTER

BY JAY FISHER

September 14th 2022

No, Towson is not a great team. Yes, WVU should have blown out the Tigers. But if you want to consider yourself a good team, you need to actually pull off the blow out. One of the signs the Kansas wasn’t going to be a pushover any more was that they blew out their FCS opponent, instead of struggling to a win.

This was exactly the type of game WVU needed. The offense was nearly perfect: in ten drives, they had nine touchdowns, and one field goal. All four QBs played, and all had at least one touchdown drive. Both Tony Mathis and CJ Donaldson ran for over 100 yards. We also saw backup receivers get some shine, and maybe show they could be in line for more playing time. Those included Cortez Braham, Jeremiah Aaron, and Preston Fox.

Of course, the offense hasn’t been the problem so far, the defense has been the main issue. Against Towson, they didn’t allow a point (the only points WVU gave up were on a kickoff return). They didn’t even allow a first down until nearly halftime. They, too, were able to get plenty of players in the game. Does it mean that the defense is back, and WVU will be good to go now? Of course not. But it does mean that there is hope – and that solid execution is possible. Towson’s starting quarterback is a transfer who spent four years at Maryland, and has experience. And he couldn’t do anything against the Mountaineers or Saturday.

Add it all up, and it was a much needed 65-7 win. Now West Virginia has a short week, and must travel to Virginia Tech for a Thursday night clash.

Needless to say, this will be a lot tougher that Towson. The game is sold out, and it will be a loud and hostile environment. It will be somewhat similar to the Pitt game in that the Backyard Brawl was a sellout in front of a loud and boisterous crowd. But a couple of key differences: first, WVU fans made up a higher percentage of the crowd at Pitt than they will in Blacksburg, and second, Tech fans are more passionate than Pitt fans. Still, getting some experience in that atmosphere may help for this game. WVU had some trouble with false starts against Pitt due to noise, so hopefully those issues have been ironed out.

As far as the team, the Hokies have a new coaching staff from last year. Brent Fry took over this year, after spending several years as the Penn State defensive coordinator. As you might expect, the Hokie defense has been pretty good this year so far. However, their offense has been shaky at best.

The WVU game presents an interesting strength vs strength and weakness vs weakness battle. WVU’s offense has been stout this year, but VPI may be its toughest test to date. The WVU defense had trouble in its first two games, but the Hokie offense isn’t as good as Pitt’s or Kansas’s. My gut says that the Mountaineer offense will still be able to outscore whatever the Hokies manage. WVU, 31-21.

Notes: Kickoff Thursday night is at 7:30 and it will be on ESPN... In case you missed it, Kansas got another road win at Houston, 48-30. That loss for WVU might not look as bad by the end of the season... The women’s soccer team lost at Georgetown, 2-0, to wrap up a lackluster non-conference slate with a 3-3-3 record. Their big problem is offense: they have been shut out in 6 of the nine games... The men’s soccer team, which was ranked in the Top 10 at the beginning of the season began Sun Belt Conference play with a 0-0 tie against Coastal Carolina. They also had a disappointing non-conference start to the season, with just a 2-3 mark.

September 21st, 2022

After the Pitt game, I was actually encouraged by what I saw overall, despite the close loss. I saw a team hold up well at the line of scrimmage against a Pitt squad that figures to be very strong in the trenches. I saw a better offense, with a much better quarterback, and I saw an improved running game, highlighted by true freshman CJ Donaldson. The final key play was a flukish interception returned for a touchdown. I also like that WVU refused to quit, and nearly came back to tie the game.

But the Kansas game changed that. The improved offense was still there. They scored touchdowns on all of their real drives in the first half (I’m not counting the final drive which was one play to run out the clock). It wasn’t as potent in the second half, when they had to actually punt once, and settled for field goals twice – but the offense played well enough to win.

The defense on the other hand, had one of the worst performances at Mountaineer Field that I can remember. WVU has been shredded on defense before, but those were high powered offenses that often were loaded with talent. I don’t think that’s the case with this Kansas team. After stopping Kansas on their first drive of the game (which was due in no small part to several KU penalties), the defense watched helplessly as the Jayhawks scored touchdowns on their next four drives.

In the opening drive of the second half, the defense did force a punt, but WVU muffed that punt and Kansas recovered. They took advantage of that second chance, and scored a touchdown. They had another touchdown on their next drive. Their next drive (their final one in regulation), was stopped, but they were mainly trying to run down the clock. In overtime, they scored a touchdown, of course.

That’s 10 drives in all, and nine drives that Kansas wanted to move the ball and score. WVU allowed touchdowns on seven of those. That is simply unacceptable. And the ease at which Kansas moved the ball was especially concerning. They were gaining yards in chunks – their average gain on first down was five yards. They had success running the ball and passing. Receivers were often open, and WVU did not have any sacks. The defensive line rarely moved the KU offensive line backwards. It was extremely frustrating.

Now Neal Brown finds himself squarely on the hot seat. There will be calls for his job. The current buyout is pretty massive, so I doubt he will be gone soon. And there is still time to rescue the season, but it’s going to be very difficult. There should be no problems beating Towson this week, but the following game at Virginia Tech is an absolute must win. (I might add that that should be a solid win). And he has to figure out how to win at least four conference games.

Towson will come to Morgantown 2-0 after close wins over Bucknell and Morgan State. That doesn’t matter, the Tigers should not pose much of a challenge. What I want to see is a WVU team that comes out with some fire, and takes care of business. I want to see the defense flying around and making tackles. I want to see the offense continue to score points – lots of them. WVU needs to make a statement with a big win, even if it is “just Towson.” A good team is supposed to win these types of games easily, and that is what WVU must do. I’m still not sold on them, but I am taking them this week. WVU, 48-12.

Notes: Kickoff will be at 1p.m., and it is another ESPN Plus game... Condoncenes to family and friends of former WVU Coach Frank Cignetti... He was sandwiched between two Hall of Fame coaches, Bobby Bowden and Don Nehlen. Cignetti coached the Mountaineers from 1976-1979. While he didn’t have great success here (17-27), he went on to a great career at Indiana University, Pennsylvania. He had a 182-50-1 record in 20 years there, and that earned him his own honor in the Hall of Fame (so, yes, WVU technically had three straight Hall of Fame coaches)... He has two sons doing well in the coaching ranks: Frank, Jr. is offensive coordinator at Pitt, and Curt is head coach of James Madison... Congratulations to Bob Huggins, who was officially inducted this week at the Basketball Hall of Fame.



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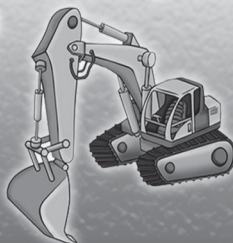
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## TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated March 27, 2014, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 281, a Page 106, Heather L. Hinz and Jason A. Hinz do convey unto Investors Title Insurance Company, Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill & Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; and default having been made under the aforesaid Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Hardy County Courthouse, in Moorefield, West Virginia, on **October 8, 2022, at 10:22 AM**

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ACCOUNTING SERVICES  
FOR THE HARDY COUNTY RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

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## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Notice of Trustee's Sale is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Trustee, William H. Bean, by that certain Deed of Trust dated May 22, 2002, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Trust Book No. 172, at Page 121, executed by the Borrowers, David B. Bradley and Sandra J. Bradley, to William H. Bean and Oscar M. Bean, Trustees, to secure a Promissory Note unto Summit Community Bank, the beneficial owner. The Borrowers have defaulted under the terms of the Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, and Trustee has been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the Washington Street entrance to the Hardy County Courthouse in Moorefield, West Virginia, on Friday, September 30, 2022, at 12:00 Noon

the following described real estate situate in Moorefield District, Hardy County, West Virginia, with a physical address of 404 Big Oak Drive, Moorefield, WV 26836: All that certain tract or parcel of real estate, together with all rights, rights-of-ways, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, being located and situate near Cunningham Lane in Moorefield District, Hardy County, West Virginia, and designated as Tract No. 6 of Big Oaks Subdivision, containing 5.012 acres, more or less, on a Plat of Survey of Big Oaks Subdivision of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Plat Book No. 2, at Page 41, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds description incorporated in that certain Deed from Paul V.

Williams and Margaret Z. Williams, et al., to Gordon B. Hefner and Barbara J. Hefner dated December 31, 1977, and of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book No. 148, at Page 268, to which reference is now made for a more particular description of said real estate and for any and all other pertinent purposes. Being the same tract or parcel of real estate conveyed unto David B. Bradley and Sandra J. Bradley, his wife, from Donald K. Mongold and Ollie M. Mongold, his wife, by Deed dated August 1, 1997, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 244, at Page 99. The real estate is identified for tax assessment purposes in the Hardy County Assessor's Office on Tax Map 265, as Parcel 0041. The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easement, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or affecting the subject property. The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property.

The Trustee reserves the right to continue the sale from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee. The Beneficiary and/or Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserves the right to submit a bid for the property offered at such sale. Any excess monies obtained from said sale will be applied toward inferior liens in order of their priority. TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent (10%) deposit, in cash or approved check, must be tendered on date of sale, with the balance to be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of sale. The Purchaser shall be responsible for all costs associated with the transfer of real estate, including deed preparation, transfer stamps and any real estate taxes and ambulance fees.

All announcements made on the day of sale take precedence over any printed material.

For more information concerning the real estate, contact Tina Martin, Summit Community Bank, at (304) 530-0522. WILLIAM H. BEAN Trustee for Summit Community Bank 116 Washington Street, Moorefield, WV 26836  
Phone: (304) 530-6198  
09/14/09/21, 09/28

## Notice of Ancillary Filing with any Administration to Creditors, Distributees &amp; Legatees

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

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

administration being made in this state must file a statement with the Hardy County Commission through the County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of first publication or 30 days of service of the notice, which ever is later. If an objection is not timely filed, the objection is forever barred. The Hardy

County Commission upon receiving any timely objection thereto shall schedule a hearing or hearings thereon and

order relief, if any, it considers proper including, but not limited to, an order directing that full and complete ancillary

administration of the estate of the nonresident decedent be made in this state.

First Publication Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022

09/09/2022 DATE FILED

OWS ESTATE NAME: NAOMI MEAD-619 SECOND STREET FT WAYNE IN 46808-2703 AFFIANT JEROL H BUCK-

LAND 635 PAUL BRYCE DRIVE MELBOURNE FL 32901-2830 ATTORNEY WILLIAM H BEAN BEAN AND BEAN PO DRAWER 30 MOOREFIELD WV 26836-0030

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 09/12/2022

Gregory L Ely  
Clerk of the Hardy County Commission  
09/21/09/28

TARIFF FORM NO. 12  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF WATER RATES OF THE TOWN OF WARDENSVILLE

NOTICE is hereby given that the TOWN OF WARDENSVILLE ("town") enacted an ordinance on September 12, 2022 containing increased rates and charges for furnishing water service to approximately 387 customers at Wardensville and vicinity, in Hardy County, West Virginia.

The proposed rates and charges will become effective upon substantial completion of a waterworks system improvement project or six months prior to the initiation of the debt service associated with the waterworks system improvement project, whichever occurs first, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will produce approximately \$120,239 annually in additional revenue, an increase of 72.50%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

Present Rates	Prop Rates	\$/Rate Inc	(%) Rate Inc
Residential \$30.54	\$52.68	\$22.14	72.50%
Commercial \$52.68	\$82.19	\$29.51	72.50%
Industrial \$50.10	\$86.42	\$36.32	72.50%
Public Authority \$24.88	\$42.62	\$17.04	72.50%
Resale \$1,680.00	\$1,101.24	-\$578.76	72.50%

The Town provides resale water service to Hardy County Public Service District.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. The Public Service Commission shall review and approve or modify the increased rates only upon the filing of a petition within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the ordinance changing said rates and charges by:

(1) Any customer aggrieved by the changed rates or charges who presents to the Commission a petition signed by not less than twenty-five percent of the customers served by such municipally operated public utility; or

(2) Any customer who is served by a municipally operated natural gas public utility and who resides outside the corporate limits and who is affected by the change in said rates or charges and who presents to the Commission a petition alleging discrimination between customers within and without the municipal boundaries. Said petition shall be accompanied by evidence of discrimination; or

(3) Any customer or group of customers of a municipally operated natural gas utility who are affected by said change in rates who reside within the municipal boundaries and who present a petition to the Commission alleging discrimination between said customer or group of customers and other customers of the municipal utility. Said petition shall be accompanied by evidence of discrimination.

All petitions should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, 201 Brooks Street, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the utility to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the Recorder's Office at the Town Hall, 25 Warrior Way, Wardensville, West Virginia.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

## TOWN OF WARDENSVILLE

09/21, 09/28

## TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022, AT 2:00 P.M.  
The herein described real estate of Jacob Lee Harrison, shall be sold at public auction on the Courthouse steps in Moorefield, Hardy County, West Virginia, on Thursday, September 29, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. Said real estate is being sold pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned Trustee, by the provisions of that certain Deed of Trust executed by Jacob Lee Harrison, unto William H. Bean, and Oscar M. Bean, Trustees, to secure unto Capon Valley Bank, a banking corporation, the beneficial owner of that certain Deed of Trust, dated the 16th day of August, 2019, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book No. 314, at Page 733. The undersigned, William C. Keaton, was appointed as Substitute Trustee, pursuant to that certain Appointment for Substitution of Trustee, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed of Trust Book 341 at Page 314. Default having occurred relative to the covenants and conditions as set forth in said Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Trustee, having been instructed in writing by the beneficial owner so to do, will offer the hereinafter described real estate for sale at public auction to the highest responsible bidder at the front door of the Courthouse in Moorefield, Hardy County, West Virginia, on Thursday, September 29, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., which said property is more particularly described as follows: All that certain tract or parcel of real estate, together with all rights, rights-of-way, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being situate approximately six miles east of the Town of Moorefield, along North River Road, in Moorefield District, Hardy County, West Virginia, containing 1.93 acres, more or less, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds according to a Description of Inclusive Survey prepared by Edward J. Mayhew, Professional Surveyor No. 921, which is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 333, at Pages 135 - 136; and further described on a Plat of Inclusive Survey prepared by Edward J. Mayhew, Professional Surveyor No. 921, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 292, at Page 749, to which reference is now made for a more particular description of said real estate and for any and all other pertinent purposes. Being the same tract or parcel of real estate conveyed unto Jacob Lee Harrison from Mark A. Robertson, Trustee of The Mark A. Robertson Family Trust, by a deed in Force, Darren Jackson, by Deed dated August 16, 2019, and of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 350 at Page 756. Reference is hereby made to the aforesaid deed and other documents therein referred to and same are incorporated herein, by reference, for any and all pertinent purposes.

The real estate is identified for tax assessment purposes in the Hardy County Assessor's Office on Tax Map 247, as Parcel 0003.0002. The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or affecting the subject property. The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserves the right to submit a bid for the property at sale. The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee. The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF SEPARATELY.

TERMS OF THE SALE: 10% percent cash down to be paid on day of sale, and the

balance to be paid by certified or cashiers check within 30 days of the date of the sale. Further, the successful bidder shall be responsible for all costs associated with the transfer of said real estate. For further information and/or viewing, contact William C. Keaton, Attorneys at Law, 56 East Main Street, Romney, West Virginia, (304) 822-4187. All announcements made on the day of sale take precedence over any printed material.

09/14, 09/21, 09/28

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
HARDY COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICTHARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA  
OLD FIELDS WATER STORAGE TANK

General Notice  
Hardy County Public Service District (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project: Old Fields Water Storage Tank  
010-10171 Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Hardy County Public Library located at 102 N. Main Street, Moorefield, Hardy County, West Virginia 26836, until Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 2:00 PM local time. At that time the Bids received will be "publicly" opened and read. The Project includes the following Work: 1 LS Mobilization/Demobilization; 1 LS Erosion and Sediment Control; 1 LS Site Work (Clearing and Grubbing, Grading, Surface Preparation, Necessary Stone, Drainage, Ditches, Reclamation, & Access Road Improvements); 1 LS 423,000 Gallon Water Storage Tank, Complete W/Concrete Foundation; 1 LS Concrete Valve Vault, Complete in Place, Including All Necessary Vault Drains and Installation of Transducer Unit; 1 LS SCADA Modifications; 500 LF 6" Chain Link Fence; 1 LS Hydrodynamic Mixing System for 423,000 Gallon Water Storage Tank; 1 LS Hydrodynamic Mixing System for 158,000 Gallon Water Storage Tank; 150 LF 8" PVC C-900 DR-18 Water Line; 1 EA Tie-in to Existing Water Line, Complete w/ Gate Valve, Box, & Lid. Bids are requested for the following Contract: Old Fields Water Storage Tank The Work will be substantially completed within 210 calendar days after the date when the Contract first commences to run, and completed and ready for final payment within 240 days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run. Liquidated damages shall be \$1,000 per day. Obtaining the Bidding Documents Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website: QuestCDN: <https://tinyurl.com/zu528553> or [www.thetrashergroup.com](http://www.thetrashergroup.com)

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: The Thrasher Group, Inc. 600 White Oaks Boulevard Bridgeport, WV 26830 Prospective Bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office by paying the amount of each set listed below. Bidding Documents may be purchased from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above. Cost does not include shipping charges. Upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment, printed Bidding Documents or electronic documents will be transmitted to the prospective Bidder. The shipping charge amount will depend on the shipping method requested. Bidding Documents are available for purchase in the following formats: • Bidding Documents issued as hard copy full-size drawings and hard copy specifications, are available for \$100.00 per set. • Bidding Documents issued as digital drawings and digital specifications, are available for \$35.00 per set via the following link: QuestCDN: <https://tinyurl.com/zu528553> Amounts paid are not subject to refund. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at Hardy County Public The Thrasher Group, Inc. Service District 600 White Oaks Boulevard 2094 US South Bridgeport, WV 26830 Moorefield, WV 26836

Contractor's Association of WV 2114 Kanawha Boulevard East Charleston, WV 25311

A two envelope system will be used.

Envelope No. 1 must have the following information presented on the front Name and address of Bidder Bid on Contract - Old Fields Water Storage Tank Received by the Hardy County Public Service District

Envelope No. 2 labeled "Bid Proposal" shall also be placed inside of Envelope #1. Envelope No. 1 will be opened first and the Bid Opening Requirement items checked for compliance as outlined on the Bid Opening Checklist on page BOR - 1 of these contract documents. If such documents are found to be in order, Envelope No. 2 "Bid Proposal", will then be opened and will be publicly read aloud. If the documents required to be contained in Envelope No. 1 are not in order, Envelope No. 2 "Bid Proposal" will not be opened and the Bid will be considered non-responsive and will be returned to the Bidder.

A bidder may not withdraw his bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date set for the opening of bids.

Bids shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to Hardy County Public Service District in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid base.

Nondiscrimination in Employment - Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order Number 11246 and the provisions of Executive Order No. 10925 as included therein. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.

Suspension and Debarment - Recipient shall not enter-tain the use of businesses that are listed on the "System for Award Management" (SAM) at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) in accordance with 2 CFR Part 1532 and Subpart B and C of 2 CFR Part 180.

Prospective Bidders should note that this Contract will include the following critical requirements as identified in the Contract Documents.

1. Affirmative Action Program Requirements and Goals  
2. Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities  
3. Specific Labor Standard Provisions  
4. WV Contract Licensing Act - All bidders are required to have a WV Contractor's License per Section 30-42-12 of the WV Code  
5. American Iron and Steel Requirement - P.L. 113-76, Section 436.

American Iron and Steel Requirement - P.L. 113-76 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 (ACT), includes an "American Iron and Steel" (AIS) requirement in section 436 that requires Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF) assistance recipients to use iron and steel products that are produced in the United States for projects for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public water system or treatment works.

Notice of Federal Wage Requirements - Contractors are required to comply with all laws pertaining to prevailing wage rates for the State of West Virginia as issued by the Division of Labor and the federal wage rates issued in accordance with the Davis Bacon Act. The contractor will be required to pay the higher of the state or federal wage rates appropriate for each worker classification.

Drug Free Workplace - West Virginia code 21-1D-5 provides that any solicitation for a public improvement construction contract requires each vendor that submits a bid for the work to submit at the same time an affidavit of compliance with the bid. The enclosed drug-free workplace affidavit must be signed and submitted in the first envelope as evidence of the vendor's compliance with the provisions of Article 10, Chapter 21 of the West Virginia code. Failure to submit the signed drug-free workplace affidavit in the first envelope shall result in disqualification of such bid.

All Bidders are required to have a West Virginia Contractor's License per Section \$30-42-12 of the West Virginia Code.

Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders.

The Hardy County Public Service District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Pre-bid Conference  
A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 2:00 PM at Hardy County Public Library located at 102 N. Main Street, Moorefield,

Hardy County, West Virginia 26836. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required. Instructions to Bidders.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:  
Owner: Hardy County Public Service District  
By: Logan Moyers  
Title: General Manager  
Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022  
09/14, 09/21

## AIR QUALITY PERMIT NOTICE

Notice of Application

Notice is given that Pilgrim's Pride Corporation has applied to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality (DAQ), for a Class II Administrative Update of Permit R13-1863H to add a new Kemco Hot Water Heater at the Moorefield Prepared Foods Plant located on South Main Street in Moorefield, Hardy County, West Virginia. The latitude and longitude coordinates are: 39.058407 and -78.971905.

The applicant estimates the change in the potential to discharge the following Regulated Air Pollutants for the proposed equipment will be: PM of 0.77 tons per year (tpy), PM10 of 0.77 tpy, PM2.5 of 0.77 tpy, SO2 of 0.06 tpy, NOx of 10.14 tpy, CO of 8.51 tpy, VOC of 0.56 tpy, and total HAPs of 0.2432 tpy.

Startup of operation is planned to begin on or about November 1, 2022. Written comments will be received by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, DAQ, 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, WV 25304, for at least 30 calendar days from the date of publication of this notice. Written comments will also be received via email at DEPAirQualityPermitting@WV.gov.

Any questions regarding this permit application should be directed to the DAQ at (304) 9260499, Extension 41281, during normal business hours.

Dated this the 21 of September 2022.

By: Pilgrim's Pride Corporation  
Brian Paulsen  
Head of Environmental Engineering  
214 South Main Street  
Moorefield, West Virginia 26836  
09/21

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Please submit all requested information to Angie Curl, Project Specialist, Region 8 Planning and Development Council, 131 Providence Lane, Petersburg, WV 26847 no later than 4:00 p.m., Wednesday October 5, 2022.

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POSITION OPENING

PRN Registered Vascular  
Ultrasound Technologist (RVT)

SHIFT OR HOURS NEEDED: Days, starting with one day per week.

Registered Vascular Ultrasound Technologist with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologist (AART) (VS), American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS) (RVT) or Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI) (RVS). Assist physicians in the diagnosis and treatment of a wide variety of disorders affecting the vascular system, including performing venous physiology studies and assisting the surgeon with ultrasound guidance during EVLT procedures.

Performs ultrasound imaging procedures on appropriate anatomical regions in accordance with accepted standards of practice and protocols. Prepare patients for diagnostic procedures, conduct noninvasive ultrasound examinations, and review ultrasound images. Knowledge of ultrasound equipment, procedures, and techniques. Ability to summarize findings and maintain patient records. Ensures operation sonography equipment by completing preventive maintenance requirements. Troubleshooting malfunctions; calling for repairs. Evaluating new equipment and techniques. Maintains sonography supply inventory by checking stock to determine inventory level. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, as well as a caring nature. Ability to relate and work effectively with others.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: 09/16/2022  
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POSITION OPENING

Full Time Assistant Clinical IT Analyst

SHIFT OR HOURS NEEDED: Primarily days with various shifts and weekends to meet expected schedules and timelines.

Basic working knowledge of computers and Microsoft Office required. One year experience in the clinical setting preferred. Must have analytical, problem-solving abilities and basic knowledge of enterprise system. Basic knowledge of Meaningful Use regulations is preferred. Some travel for training is required.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: 09/23/2022  
Equal Opportunity Employer

HARDY COUNTY TOURS

is pleased to invite you to join us

Friday, November 11, for a trip to Wheeling, WV.

Cabela's for some looking & shopping.

Wilson Mansion in Oglebay Park for dinner.

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Call 304-538-3066 or 304-530-6202 to register.  
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Hardy County Health & Wellness Center



**Coaches:**  
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**Coaches:**  
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Abigail Shirk  
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**Coaches:**  
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Deadlines for the  
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ODD COUPLES MIXED LEAGUE  
09/06/2022

TEAM STANDINGS: Strike Force 9 – 3, Vetter's Guns & Ammo 7 – 5, Terminators 7 – 5, Country Cars & Trucks 7 – 5, WELD 6 – 6, Empire Strikes 5 – 7, Split Happens 5 – 7, Lucky Strikes 2 – 10;

HIGH GAME MEN (SCRATCH): Troy McGreevy 217, Richie Burgess 216, Jon Hedrick 211, Ed Wompler 205;

(HANDICAP): Jerry Propst 257, Troy McGreevy 231, David Robertson 229, Larry Ware 229;

HIGH SERIES MEN (SCRATCH): Richie Burgess 613, Jon Hedrick 593, Terry Watchford 592, Troy McGreevy 574;

(HANDICAP): Jerry Propst 721, Richie Burgess 649, David Robertson 645, Brandon Ketterman 642;

HIGH AVERAGE (MEN): Jon Hedrick 210.11, Terry Watchford 208.44, Richie Burgess 205.33, Troy McGreevy 198.56;

HIGH GAME WOMEN (SCRATCH): Rachel Stark 207, Carissa Michael 207, Dee Anna McDonald 193, Sarah Earle 193;

(HANDICAP): Sue Earle 272, Rachel Stark 269, Carissa Michael 250, Flectia Brockway 242;

HIGH SERIES WOMEN (SCRATCH): Dee Anna McDonald 556, Carissa Michael 541, Sarah Earle 528, Rachel Stark 516;

(HANDICAP): Rachel Stark 702, Sue Earle 684, Carissa Michael 670, Dee Anna McDonald 658;

HIGH AVERAGE (WOMEN): Dee Anna McDonald 180.22, Sarah Earle 171.50, Carissa Michael 171.00, Emily Stark 158.22;

THURSDAY NIGHT MENS LEAGUE  
09/08/2022

TEAM STANDINGS: Strike Force 7 – 5, Golden Lanes 7 – 5, Petersburg Oil Company 6 – 6, Builders Center 6 – 6, Vetter's Mini Mart 6 – 6, Country Cars & Trucks 4 – 8;

HIGH GAME (SCRATCH): Don Himelright 269, Cohan Kesner 264, Gary Leatherman 258, Jon Hedrick 248, Roger Earle 246;

(HANDICAP): Cohan Kesner 288, Roger Earle 287, Gary Leatherman 279, Don Himelright 273, Evan Kesner 261, Larry Ware 261;

HIGH SERIES (SCRATCH): Don Himelright 741, Gary Leatherman 678, Jon Hedrick 668, Terry Watchford 656, Larry Ware 635;

(HANDICAP): Don Himelright 753, Roger Earle 748, Gary Leatherman 741, Larry Walp 706, Cohan Kesner 698, Larry Ware 698;

HIGH AVERAGE: Don Himelright 225.44, Terry Watchford 224.78, Jon Hedrick 217.89, Mike Smith 208.50, Richie Burgess 206.89, Zachary Arbaugh 206.67;

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**Mason Miller**



**Moorefield Player of the Week**



**Guyan Kahangirwe**

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Week 5	SAM WILLIAMS	JUDY BALL	SAM BLIZZARD	OUR ROOTS	SCOTT FAWLEY	CASEY GOLDIZEN	BRIAN BRILL	JENNIFER HEISHMAN	NATHAN WALTERS	JUSTIN EVANS
Record:	12/8	12/8	14/6	14/6	13/7	13/7	13/7	14/6	13/7	12/8
Moorefield VS Petersburg	Petersburg	Petersburg	Petersburg	Petersburg	Petersburg	Petersburg	Petersburg	Petersburg	Petersburg	Moorefield
Pendleton AT South Garrett	Pendleton	South Garrett	Pendleton	South Garrett	South Garrett	South Garrett	South Garrett	South Garrett	South Garrett	Pendleton
Keyser VS Hampshire	Keyser	Keyser	Keyser	Keyser	Keyser	Keyser	Keyser	Keyser	Keyser	Keyser
Frankfort VS Northern Garrett	Frankfort	Frankfort	Frankfort	Frankfort	Frankfort	Frankfort	Frankfort	Frankfort	Frankfort	Frankfort
Berkley Springs AT Tucker	Tucker	Tucker	Tucker	Tucker	Tucker	Tucker	Tucker	Tucker	Tucker	Tucker

Week #4 Moorefield (0) VS Strasburg (40), East Hardy (63) AT Tygarts Valley (0), Petersburg (46) VS Pocahontas (18), Pendleton (34) VS Grafton(18), Keyser (10) AT Beaver Local(31)



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All applications must be returned to the Moorefield Police Department by 4:00 p.m. on September 30, 2022.  
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# South Branch Youth Football

The Moorefield Dolphins edged East Hardy Wildcats 24-20 during the South Branch Valley Youth Football League game in Sunrise Summit. Moorefield's Leevi Stoltzfus tackled East Hardy's Brinn Childers (above). East Hardy's Bryan Skipper hauled n a touchdown pass just out of reach of Moorefield's Edison Metheny with Thomas Simmons nearby on the play (below).

The Moorefield Steelers notched a 6-nil shutout over the Hampshire Warriors in the South Branch Valley Youth Football League game in Sunrise Summit. Moorefield's Zack Keplinger avoids a group of Warriors (above). Moorefield's Brody Simmons made a tackle against Hampshire (below).

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