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# 'Nuisance' Lawsuits Could Soon Be A Huge Issue For WV Farmers

By Lon Anderson  
*Moorefield Examiner*

At their annual meeting last Thursday in Moorefield, members of the West Virginia Poultry Growers Association were briefed on club activities, focusing largely

on the Poultry Festival, and were updated on some key issues facing them in the coming year, and made a few decisions to guide its leadership going forward.

In the issues briefing, Dwayne O Dell, the organization's lobbyist, who also represents the Farm

Bureau, predicted that so-called "nuisance law suits" like the ones recently brought in North Carolina could soon become a huge issue for farmers in West Virginia."

Speaking to about 25 Association members gathered in the

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Photo by Lon Anderson

Dwayne O'Dell, lobbyist for The West Virginia Poultry Growers Association, briefs members on legislative issues at the Association's annual meeting last week in Moorefield.

# Hardy County Man Admits to Firearms Charge

Joshua A. Parker, of Baker, West Virginia, has admitted to a firearms charge, United States Attorney Bill Powell announced.

Parker, 30, pled guilty to one count of unlawful possession of a firearm."

Parker, having been convicted of four previous felonies, admitted to possessing a 9mm pistol in Hardy County in April 2017.

Parker faces up to 10 years incarceration and a fine of up to \$250,000. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed will be based upon the seriousness of the offenses and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program that has been historically successful in bringing together all levels of law enforcement to reduce violent crime and

make neighborhoods safer for everyone.

The Attorney General's Office has made turning the tide of rising violent crime in America a top priority. In October 2017, as part of a series of actions to address this crime trend, the Attorney General's Office announced the reinvigoration of PSN and directed all U.S. Attorney's Offices to develop a district crime reduction strategy that incorporates the lessons learned since PSN launched in 2001.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Traci M. Cook is prosecuting the case on behalf of the government. The Drug Enforcement Administration; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; and the Hardy County Sheriff's Office investigated.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael John Alois presided.

# West Virginia Receives More Than \$271,000 in Specialty Crop Block Grants

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the recipients of the 2018 Specialty Crop Block Grants (SCBG). Eight West Virginia projects will share in \$271,980 of federal funding. The money will be used to enhance the production, processing and consumption of specialty crops within West Virginia. Specialty crops are defined as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture and

nursery crops, including floriculture.

Specialty Crop Block Grants have had a tremendous impact on West Virginia. From research to education, as well as expanding agricultural markets, these grants are vital to our state," said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. It is imperative they continue to be included in the next and

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# Santa Makes The Rounds in Hardy County

Photos by Carl Holcomb



# Attorney General Offers Tips For Safe Holiday Shopping

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey urges consumers to be cautious during the holiday shopping season which began with Thanksgiving, Black Friday

and Cyber Monday.

It is important for consumers to stay vigilant as the holiday shopping season kicks off," Attorney

General Morrissey said. Consumers must be aware of potential scams and keep personal information protected as they purchase

gifts for loved ones."

The Attorney General recommends that consumers limit their use of debit cards, pay close attention to holiday credit card offers

and be aware of fraudulent websites or coupons that resemble the real thing.

Credit cards, whether shopping online or in store, provide the best

protection to dispute charges when goods or services do not arrive as promised. Debit cards, in contrast, are no different than cash and come with no special protection.

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# OPINION

From other editors' desks...

## Vaccines: Medical Facts Need to Prevail

In late October, several billboards were raised in cities throughout West Virginia (and a handful of other states) that were paid for by an anti-vaccination group, claiming that a vaccine was directly responsible for the death of a boy just four months shy of his second birthday.

The death of a child is always tragic, and it evokes a strong emotional reaction. That's, no doubt, why Learn the Risk, a nationwide nonprofit anti-vaccine lobbying group, chose the image of the late Nicholas Cantone to look at passing motorists as they read the words: "As a nurse, I was never taught vaccines can kill until my son was a victim."

The Cantones (Nicholas' father is retired mixed-martial arts fighter Nick Cantone) have blamed their son's death on a diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccination he received three weeks before he died. There is no evidence that is actually what happened.

"I certainly don't blame (the Cantones) for wanting better answers than what they have, but a situation like that will make somebody reach for an explanation that may not be proven," Dr. Michael Kilkenny, physician director for the Cabell-Huntington Health Department told The Herald-Dispatch after one of the billboards went up in downtown Huntington recently.

We don't blame them either. Their loss is horrific.

But it shouldn't be exploited, even with the family's permission, for more inroads against vaccinating children to keep them and those around them safe from an outbreak of disease.

It's been a long time since West Virginians or the nation witnessed a run of contagious diseases through a classroom or school. It used to be common. Vaccines have curbed that problem, keeping children from becoming seriously ill or dying from an outbreak of measles, for example.

Those infectious diseases have not been eradicated, but a well-vaccinated population keeps diseases from spreading far. In fact, when outbreaks have occurred, they have typically been among communities that have not received vaccinations, like the 400 cases of measles that surfaced in an Ohio Amish community in 2014.

Lyne Arvon, who was appointed by Gov. Jim Justice to fill a vacancy in the state Senate, helped in September to push for legislation to be introduced in the 2019 session to make it easier to get a vaccination exemption. Arvon's elevation to the Senate created a vacancy in the House of Delegates that Justice filled by appointing Chanda Adkins, a well-known anti-vaccine advocate.

The motion, approved in September interims, will result in drafting a bill allowing a doctor to grant a vaccination exemption, instead of the state Department of Health and Human Resources.

Neither Arvon nor Adkins will be around to see if the legislation goes anywhere, as both lost in their Republican primaries.

There are reasons for children not to be vaccinated, but they are medical in nature, such as an allergy to a vaccine. In fact, children who can't be vaccinated are better protected when those around them have received those inoculations. The immunity of the group helps to stop the spread of disease, even to those who are medically unable to get their shots.

There should be no push to allow exemptions for religious purposes. Exemptions especially should not be granted based on pseudo-scientific beliefs.

"It's one of the things we get right," said Republican Sen. Tom Takubo, a physician, during a candidate meeting with Gazette-Mail editors in September.

Takubo described U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention maps that show a sort of "halo" around West Virginia and a few other states when it comes to outbreaks of infectious diseases.

There are risks that come with vaccinations ... however, the benefits outweigh the risks," Takubo said, adding "every single student" coming into a West Virginia school who does not have a disqualifying medical condition should be vaccinated.

Vaccines protect millions. Perhaps the knowledge of life-altering and deadly diseases has receded too far in the public memory for people to take these diseases seriously now.

## LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I found the editorial rebuttal to my letter to the editor quite laughable. So, I thought I would take the time to answer the question posed regarding an article I cited and then to make some further comments of my own.

Mr. Merrick's letter was written sometime in the 80s. However, the truth of his words have not

changed. Tourism is not the great economic savior many would want you to believe. Tourism is far too often used as a method of hiding failed economic policy.

You quoted Governor Justice as stating total tourism spending for last year reached \$4.6 billion, which produced \$528 million in state and local tax revenues and produced up to 46,000 jobs. Alright, all

you have to do is show me where these figures came from. Where is the hard data? Would a neutral third party also arrive at the same numbers? Quoting a politician doesn't really prove anything. I worked for the state for years and I have seen numbers pulled out of the air numerous times to justify policy. I imagine these figures are more fantasy than fact.

You talk about preserving our history. Our history is not contained in those buildings. Our history and our heritage is found in our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. These are the ideals fought for during the founding of this nation and fought for some 80 years later during the Civil War and many

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## MY UNBASED OPINION

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN



If I look at my hand and think about it, I can make it quit shaking. Right hand. Neurologist says shaking is caused by Parkinsonian tremors. Parkinson's Disease. She prescribed three different drugs, two of them in rather high, frequent doses.

A later provider claimed I had Parkinsonian Tremors, but not Parkinson's Disease. She gave me new prescriptions of same meds Neurologist had prescribed, but in considerably lower amounts.

One of my more recent blood lab tests indicated I had high "bad" (LDL) cholesterol, and/or triglyceride readings. Provider who saw those results promptly prescribed a statin drug to combat the high numbers. I had many previous blood tests over several years which indicated my "bad" numbers were in fact low. Presuming a change in my aging body and not knowing any better, I began taking the medicine as instructed. No bad side effects far as I could tell. Just another pill.

Most recent blood work and consultation with a new and

different provider changed things. A long consultation, tons of questions. She had obviously read records of my health and medical history all contained in my Veterans Administration health files. She asked me questions about things I had to think hard to remember.

She already knew that I had years of good cholesterol numbers before the test which indicated a problem. She took away the statin, said she did not like to prescribe it based upon what might well be one erroneous test result. We did wait for later further testing before reinstating it. She asked questions such as neurologist had asked prior to original prescriptions for Parkinson's and then reinstated neurologist's recommendations.

I'm not bashing one provider with another. They may be equally qualified, capable and caring. I only say that one had obviously read my records and evaluated my health care needs based more upon past history. I tended to respect her recommendations more because of the extra effort

she'd made to understand my needs.

I think about incidents such as the above every time I hear Veteran's health care discussed. I believe any health care organization benefits from continuity of care. In past twenty years, I've been seen by at least eight different providers. Their qualifications ranged from Registered Nurse Practitioner to Medical Doctor. Regardless of titled initials following their names, they varied greatly in ability to make me comfortable with their diagnoses and treatments. Of two favorites, one was R.N.P. and the other was M.D.

Those two questioned, then listened to me. They advised based upon my records they'd obviously read and upon answers they received during consultation. They both typed their additions to records after I'd left their office rather than typing madly while I was present.

I compare all this to my memorable first twenty years of personal health care. I have a vivid mental picture of Dr. J.D. Mathias

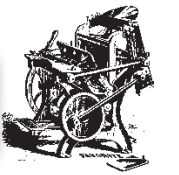
bending over my bed at home in Big House, with his hand on my forehead. His deep calm voice reassured Mom he thought I had nothing serious, but blah-blah-blah. He tucked the covers back up under my chin as he left.

For all those years, Dr. Mathias was my only real source of professional health care. He needed no lengthy typed records. I remember seeing a large index card being pulled from a manila folder for a quick check of past visits, diagnoses and prescriptions. Any other necessary details of my medical history were stored in the doctor's head for instant recall once he'd recognized me.

I think health care in America needs to work back toward those days when a stable relationship with a family physician was front line. Patients will follow provider's directions with more diligence and providers will be more conscientious when they know they'll be seeing each patient again.

## GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES



### Fifteen Years Ago December 3, 2003

Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, the second largest poultry producer in the US, completed the acquisition of ConAgra's chicken division at an estimated \$546.8 million.

US Senator Robert C. Byrd received the 2003 Freedom from Fear Medal from the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute. He had been nominated for this award by US Senator Hillary Clinton.

Katie Fisher and Benjamin Hines, seniors at Moorefield High School, were among 20 students across West Virginia who were finalists for the Wendy's High School Heisman award.

The RDA received a \$30,000 grant to support economic development efforts.

A national study showed that West Virginia had the nation's highest death rate. Cancer, heart disease and obesity led to the high fatality numbers.

Gertrude Dooley Conlon, 77, Cumberland, died Nov. 21. Ina Combs Fletcher, 77, Winchester, died Nov. 22. Mabel Teets Albright, 90, Boonesboro, MD, died Nov. 24.

Following a 30-6 win over Wama, Moorefield was headed to state for the eighth time. The opponent for the state championship game was Williamstown.

### Thirty Years Ago December 7, 1988

David Rudy was recognized by the Board of Education as Hardy County's Teacher of the Year. He

taught math and coached at East Hardy High School.

Lori Garrett was the first Girl Scout in Moorefield to receive the prestigious Gold Award, the highest honor awarded in Girl Scouting.

Grover Custer "Chick" Charlton, 65, died Dec. 3. He had been employed 43 years as typesetter for the Moorefield Examiner...David Andrew Hose, 50, Summit Point, WV, died on Dec. 3.

Ramona E. Sites and David W. Fatkin were married March 19.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Regester, a daughter, Erica Lindsay to Mr. and Mrs. Don Leatherman, a son.

### Forty-five Years Ago December 5, 1973

Boise Cascade/Raygold donated cabinets worth \$2,300 to the Moorefield Volunteer Fire Company's fire hall. Residents were reminded to donate to the firemen to help pay off the estimated \$60,000 of the new building.

The deer kill was expected to pass 2,100.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Heare purchased Malcolm's Grocery.

Clarence J. Halterman, 65, Winchester, died Nov. 25. Sadie Sine Keckley, 85, Wardensville, died Nov. 25...Alice Rush Whetzel, 53, died Nov. 26. Hugh M. Smith, Jr., 36, Cambridge, MD, died Nov. 22.

Cathy Lee Cain and Robert Alton Gaunce were married on Dec. 2.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Hinkleman, a daughter to Mr.

and Mrs. Billy Crites, a daughter, Brenda Jo.

### Sixty Years Ago December 9, 1958

Hardy County's one-week deer season resulted in 3,060 deer killed and violations which amounted to 46 hunters paying \$3,142 in fines.

In a move to raise money for the modernization of the plant, Rockingham Poultry announced it was offering preferred stock to residents of the area. Rockingham was processing 30,000 birds daily.

Seven law enforcement officers had to use tear gas in order to arrest a Mathias man who shot at Carter Snider.

Rosa Baldwin Liller, 70, died Dec. 5 in Maryland. Albert Sterling Strawderman, 54, Lost River, died Dec. 7. Elmer W. Sutton, 46, and Elizabeth Stalnaker Sutton, 48, Athens, OH, were killed Dec. 2 when a freight train struck their automobile...Ralph Burner Glemming, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Glemming, Mount Jackson, died Dec. 4. Jackie Polk Carr, 28, Mt. Jackson, died Dec. 3.

Janet Louise Abell and George S. Park were married Dec. 5. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Finks, a son, Leo Earl, Jr. to Mr. and Mrs. Grover See, a son, Daryl Monroe.

Moorefield opened their season defeating Wardensville 52-29.

### Seventy-five Years Ago December 8, 1943

The temperature dropped to 11

degrees on Nov. 29.

Judge Harlan Calhoun, district chairman of the National War Fund drive made a plea to Hardy County to step up and meet the goal of \$3,300 which was \$1,000 short.

The deer kill of 153 reported exceeded the 102 killed in 1942.

Wardensville High School students were to present Please, Mr. Featherway" with Cecil Haycock, Ward Whetzel, James Walker, Dorothy Brill, Bernice Slater, Betty Pilgrim, Marguerite Orndorff and Erleen Garrett.

John William Bean, 68, Manatee, FL, died Nov. 28...Mrs. Andrew Showmaker, 69, died Dec. 1 in Keyser...Frank R. Weese, 64, Maysville, had died.

### Ninety Years Ago December 6, 1928

The store building and large warehouse owned by the Peoples Produce, located at the station, had been purchased by the Hardy Motor Company.

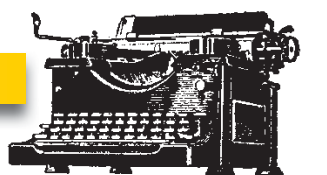
Brooke Sherman was erecting a new home at the river bridge, north of Moorefield.

D. W. Heishman, Trout Run, had purchased a new truck in Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. John Heishman had purchased a new Ford.

The Presbyterian Church ladies raised about \$260 from their fancy goods and food sale.

David Mongold, 86, had died at his home near Bass.

Ida Ellen Lynch and Dyche Layman Dove were granted a marriage license.



wishes for a Happy Birthday to both of these special women.

By Noon December 7

Our own Advertising Manager Mike Mallow has written a book and will be selling and signing copies in the Examiner office from noon until 2 p.m. on Friday. The novel is titled "Heartspark" and is some science fiction, some pure creativity, and some just plain fun. Stop by Friday and talk to Mike about his new creation.

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## EXAMINER SAYS

### Santa Letters

We were delighted to read over the holidays that FAO Schwarz is back in business. The toy store known for over-the-top costly toys and having been sold and resold several times went bankrupt and closed its doors in New York City three years ago. In time for Christmas this year, the store is returning to NYC. Many years ago we visited FAO Schwarz and went into toy overload. If children ever wondered if there is a Santa's workshop, this would have been the epitome. As before there are

many way too expensive items, but there are also reasonably priced toys and more for the stocking or under the tree. From what we read, there is everything from \$10 toys to a child-size Mercedes Benz for \$25,000. Lots of choices, obviously, but best of all, FAO Schwarz is back.

### Must be received

Last reminder for your youngsters Santa letters. They need to be mailed or hand delivered to our office by noon this Friday, December 7. All letters

will be published in our Christmas issue, December 19. We may have to edit them, but for the most part they appear as the children wrote them.

### In the Examiner

We can't forget our December 7 birthday girls this week. Carole Smith Barr was born the same day Pearl Harbor was bombed, but we aren't telling you her age. Jean Flanagan is our managing editor and since she's an employee we can't ask her what year she was born either. But, we send warm



# NEWS

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## WV Living Magazine Lists Several Hardy County Spots in Annual 'Best of West Virginia'

*WV Living* has recognized several Hardy County favorites in the magazine's annual Best of West Virginia list.

In addition to statewide categories, the 2018 list also includes regional winners. In the Potomac Highlands region, Lost River Trading Post won "Best Place to Shop," Guesthouse Lost River won "Best Fine Dining," The Wardensville Garden Market + Bakery won "Best Bakery," Paul Yandura and Donald Hitchcock of

Lost River Trading post won "Best Community Champions."

I love that our 10th anniversary issue contains our annual Best of West Virginia winners, because *WV Living* is all about showcasing the people and the places that make our state unique," founder and publisher Nikki Bowman said.

It's more than just a magazine we're a community builder. We tell the story of who we are, and who we are becoming."

This is the magazine's sixth-

annual "Best of West Virginia" list. Each year, *WV Living* asks its readers to nominate their favorite restaurants, shops, towns, destinations, people, and more. Those nominations which numbered in the thousands for 2018 are tallied to determine each year's list.

For more information about *WV Living* or Best of West Virginia, visit [wvliving.com](http://wvliving.com).

## Eastern Names Lacey Koontz as Its Student Program Advisor, Ann Degnan as Its New Academic Program Coordinator

Continuing her more than ten years of service at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College (Eastern), Lacey Koontz has been named the college's new Student Program Advisor.

In her new role Ms. Koontz will be responsible for providing academic advising and oversight of student activities and academic programs. She will coordinate and operate the Early Entrance and dual credit programs and serve as the liaison between Eastern and local high schools. Additionally, Koontz will assist Eastern's financial aid department and be a student advisor and transfer guide.

Ms. Koontz previously worked in Eastern's Learner Support Services Department. She is a graduate of Petersburg High School and earned her associate in applied science from Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College and Regents Bachelor of Arts degree from West Virginia University.

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College has named Ann Degnan as its new

Academic Program Coordinator.

As Academic Program Coordinator, Degnan will provide support to the Dean of Teaching, Learning, and Academic Services. The role includes scheduling, data compilation and reporting services. She will serve as the contact for the implementation of the Eastern BANNER system and provide end user support. Additionally, Degnan will recruit, train and supervise all part-time and temporary Academic Services support staff.

Degnan, who has been part of Eastern's staff since 2012 when she was hired as the secretary for the Workforce Department, previously served as secretary for the Nursing Department prior to obtaining her current position as the Academic Services Program Coordinator.

A native of Pennsylvania, Degnan relocated to West Virginia in 2012. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Point Park University.

For more information about Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College's financial aid opportunities, programs of

study, workforce training and community education and events, call toll free 877-982-2322; or check the College's website: [www.easternwv.edu](http://www.easternwv.edu).

Serving the residents of Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, Pendleton and Tucker counties, and fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is a comprehensive and equal opportunity community and technical college bringing the resources and assets of education that works to the families, communities and employers of the Potomac Highlands. Eastern's service district comprises 3,200 square miles over six counties in the rural Potomac Highlands of eastern West Virginia. Eastern is dedicated to the mission of providing accessible and affordable educational opportunities for academic as well as entrepreneur education and assistance for the Potomac Highlands Regional community.

### NEWS BRIEFS

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive near Moorefield on Monday, December 17. The Bloodmobile will be at the Believers Victory Center at 160 Victory Lane off Corridor H from 12:30 until 6:30 p.m.

The Gandy Dancer Theatre in Elkins is offering the Dinner and Mountain Memories Christmas Show on Dec. 7, 8, 14, 15, 20 and 21. For information and reservations, call 304-636-4935 or go online to the web at [www.gandydancertheatre.com](http://www.gandydancertheatre.com).

The Snowflake Express leaves the South Side Depot in Petersburg for a trip to the North Pole and the Festival of Lights at Welton Park Dec. 7 starting at 6 p.m. For information, call 204-257-9264 or

go online to [southsidedepot.com](http://southsidedepot.com)

Shepherdstown's Handmade Christmas arts and crafts show continues on Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Featured are 17 vendors of soaps, lotions, jewelry, paintings, purses, knitted items and more. Located in the Town Run Tap House, there will also be food, drink and a children's play area. Celebrate the town's Christmas with carriage rides, carolers, hot chocolate and other festivities. For information call 202-525-6076. Go online to <https://www.facebook.com/events/192953311454164/>

According to AAA last week, gas prices in West Virginia had dropped to \$2.612. The national gas price dropped to \$2.527. Across the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast states,

gas prices are cheaper on the week with Washington, D.C. seeing the smallest decrease (-2 cents) and Tennessee seeing the largest decrease (-8 cents). As pump prices continue to decline, all state averages remain well below the \$3/gal mark a vast change from this summer when Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. were routinely at this mark. Across West Virginia, prices ranged from a low of \$2.353 at Parkersburg to a high of \$2.741 at Morgantown. Area averages were \$2.672 in Jefferson, \$2.726 in Hampshire, and \$2.720 in Mineral counties. In Hardy County, gas prices were \$2.75 at Moorefield Sheetz, \$2.76 at Wardensville 7-11 and still \$2.89 in Baker.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Flu Shots

The Hardy County Health Department, 411 Spring Ave. in Moorefield has adult and children's flu shots. They are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Bring insurance/Medicare card. Call 304-530-6355 for information.

### Public Meeting

The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Ponderosa Restaurant in Moorefield. A copy of the agenda will be available three days prior to the meeting and may be obtained at the District office, 500 East Main St., Romney, WV

or by calling 304-822-5174. The public is invited to attend.

### MMS Craft Night

Moorefield Middle School will host Craft Night on Thursday, Dec. 6 from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Food and fun for the whole family. Hope to see you there.

### Holiday Party

The community is invited to attend a party on Dec. 9, from 2-4pm, at the Wardensville Gym. There will be an ugly sweater contest, holiday snacks, and photos with Santa Claus. The event is sponsored by the Capon Post 2102 veterans and auxiliary.

### Community Together

Community Together will be held at the Mathias Assembly of

God Church on Howard's Lick Road on Thursday, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. Come and bring a friend.

### 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.

### Spay and Neuter

Now is the perfect time! 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. At the time of surgery, initial shots and tests can also be obtained at lower rates.

Contact Spay Today: <https://spay-today.org> or call 304-728-8330.

## Historic Hickory Hill Will Be Focus of Arts Council Discussion

Hickory Hill, the magnificent Federal style home between Petersburg and Moorefield, will be the focus of a talk by owner Donna Alexander, on Sat. Dec. 8, at 6 p.m., at Hickory Hill.

Hickory Hill is located nine miles south of Moorefield on Route 220, on the right side of the road. This event is presented by Grant County Arts Council, Inc. Admission is GCAC members free; non-GCAC members donation. Information: 304-257-4891.

Alexander will discuss her restoration of this historic home, including details about the original construction of the building and its out buildings. Unusual architectural details will be pointed out, and interesting areas of the house will be on display for those attending the talk. The house will be decorated for Christmas; refreshments will be served.

Building began on the house in 1809, and upon completion, the two story, five bay, center entrance brick building was clearly



Historic Hickory Hill

one of the grandest homes in the area. The Federal style, featuring balanced and symmetrical facades, with plain surfaces, and with details mainly confined to friezes, tablets and panels, was in vogue in American from about 1780 to 1830. This house, as well as being beautiful, was clearly meant to

be a functional family home, as it has a cellar and three attics for storage, and a nearby barn and smokehouse. Although the name of the architect and the builder are not known, they produced a sturdy as well as stylish house that has withstood time and weather for 209 years.

## Hunters Kill 13,000 Bucks on First Day of Firearm Season

(AP) The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources cites preliminary harvest data as saying state hunters killed about 13,000 bucks on the opening day of the traditional buck firearm season.

The season opened on Nov. 19 and will last until Dec. 1. Agency Chief of Wildlife Resources Paul Johansen says the reported buck harvest number is below what was reported on opening day last year.

News outlets report the state will have about 250,000 deer hunters this season, which is open in 51 of 55 counties.

The agency says it believes the number of bucks killed will be higher this year due to good mast conditions and a healthy and adequate deer population. Hunters are limited to two deer per day, only one of which can be an antlered buck.



## W.Va. Public Schools Struggling with Student, Teacher Absences

(AP) - The West Virginia state superintendent of schools says schools are struggling with students and teachers being chronically absent.

News outlets report Superintendent Steven Paine delivered a presentation on the issue Thursday to the state Board of Education. He said 54,000 students missed more than 18 days of school last year, falling short of federal standards that require students to attend 90 percent of instructional days.

That is a problem. That is a serious problem," Paine told board

members. We provide far too many excuses for being absent from school. We have circumstances where a parent wants to bring a student to school a week late for summer vacation. Wait a minute, that's not acceptable. I know it puts a burden on districts to say no to those parents, but I think it's time we do it."

He says teacher attendance needs attention too. He says teacher absences are financially straining school districts, many of which have seen expenses triple for substitute teachers.

We have teachers whose

attendance rates are not much better than the students. To me, that is totally unacceptable," Paine said.

He says a task force is set to be created later this year to look into the root causes of absenteeism.

I think it's incumbent on us to take away a lot of the reasons we excuse absences at this point," Paine said. I think we are masking a problem that exists and we need to make sure the federal definition of what it means for a student to be absent is more closely related to our state definition of what it means for a student to be absent."

## Letters to the Editor

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wars since. You, on the other hand, are working against these very ideals. You are supporting the denying a property owner their right to use their property as they see reasonably fit. Additionally, you are taking their property rights without just compensation, solely of preserving said property for

some subjective view.

Finally, you say the rules not overwhelming, maybe not now, but what about future administrations. You cannot guarantee that in the future someone will not come along that is radical in their views. This could potentially end up costing the affected homeowners, many thousands of dollars to meet the demands of a future Historic

Landmark Commission.

As I have said before, the only fair solution is for the Historic Landmark Commission and Town Council to ask each homeowner if they would be willing to enter into an agreement preserving their property.

Bill Hill  
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The library will be closed Thursday, Dec. 6 for a staff development meeting. It will reopen on Friday, Dec. 7 at its regular hours.

**Christmas Craft and Santa Visit at the Library**

The library will be hosting a Christmas craft for kids on Dec. 8 from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. We'll be making Christmas tree ornaments and adults are welcome to join in and make their own ornament right alongside the kids. So stop in for some crafting fun, a cup of hot chocolate, and a visit with Santa!

**Christmas Open House at the Library**

Please join us at the Hardy County Public Library for our Christmas Open House on Thursday, Dec. 13. Light refreshments will be served from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and hors d'oeuvres from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

**Movie at the Library**

The library will be showing the movie "Smallfoot" (PG) on Friday, Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. Popcorn and drink will be provided. This is a free event, open to everyone, but with limited seating.

**New DVDs**

*The Incredibles 2* (PG) Bob Parr, Mr. Incredible, is left to care for Jack-Jack while his wife Helen, Elastigirl, is out saving the world.

*Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again* (PG-13) As Sophie prepares for a hotel re-opening, she reflects on her mother's journey in life and realizes they are similar in unexpected ways.

*The Spy Who Dumped Me* (R) Audrey and Morgan are best friends who unwittingly become entangled in an international conspiracy when one of the women discovers the boyfriend who dumped her was actually a spy.

*BlackkKlansman* (R) - Based on a true story, in the early 1970s, an African American police officer orchestrates a plan to infiltrate and expose the Ku Klux Klan.

**New Fiction**

*Perilous Trust* (Off the Grid: FBI; 1) by Barbara Freethy - After her father's death under mysterious circumstances, Sophie Parker must team up with FBI agent Damon Wolfe and go on the run to clear her father's reputation and protect his fellow agents from harm.

*Desperate Play* (Off the Grid: FBI; 3) by Barbara Freethy - Special Agent Wyatt Tanner has always worked undercover. Can he trust the beautiful woman who needs his help? Or does she also have a secret life? He'll have to make one desperate play to find out.

*Storm Rising* (FBI KI-9; 3) by Sara Driscoll - FBI special agent Meg Jennings and her K-9 partner Hawk head to Virginia Beach to help with search and rescue after a hurricane, but they uncover a human trafficking ring run by the powerful and influential.

*Flowers and Foul Play* (Magic Garden Mystery; 1) by Amanda Flower - Fiona Knox lost her fian-

cé and her flower shop--but when she flies to Scotland to inherit her godfather's cottage and possibly magical walled garden, she may lose her life as well when she is swept into a murder investigation.

*How to Knit a Murder* (Seaside Knitters; 13) by Sally Goldenbaum - The mysterious Rose Chopra arrives in picturesque Sea Harbor, Massachusetts, and the Seaside Knitters welcome her into their world, until a controversial entrepreneur winds up dead and Rose becomes the prime suspect.

*Sold On a Monday* by Kristina McMorris - One reporter's seemingly small mistake in judgment leads to utter catastrophe for children caught in the jaws of the Great Depression.

*Master of His Fate* (House of Falconer; 1) by Barbara Taylor Bradford - Drawn inexorably together, two very different people overcome the barriers of class and age to unite and form a new dynasty of their own.

**New Easy Readers**

*We Don't Eat Our Classmates* by Ryan T. Higgins - When the class pet bites the finger of Penelope, a tyrannosaurus rex, she finally understands why she should not eat her classmates, no matter how tasty they are.

*Yoga Frog* by Nora Carpenter - A mindful, meditative frog introduces readers to a series of yoga poses, from warming up to cooling down, perfect for starting the day or preparing for bed.

*First Star* (Bear and Mole) by Will Hillenbrand - While camping, Bear tells Mole the story of how the First Bears created the moon and the stars.

*The Christmas Extravaganza Hotel* by Tracey Corderoy - Bear's plans for a quiet Christmas alone are interrupted by an excited frog who believes he has arrived at a vacation resort for a holiday extravaganza.

*A Unicorn Named Sparkle's First Christmas* by Amy Young - As Christmas approaches, Lucy

is excited about the tree, cookies, stockings, and especially presents but, despite her urging and example, Sparkle is not interested in buying gifts for Lucy.

*Construction Site on Christmas Night* by Sherri Duskey Rinker - It is Christmas Eve, and all the construction vehicles are finishing up work on the site, and when they leave they find that there is a special present waiting for each of them.

*Come Home Already!* by Jory John - When Duck goes to visit his neighbor Bear, he finds a sign that says he's gone fishing for a whole week.

*Douglas, You're a Genius!* (Douglas) by Ged Adamson - Nancy and Douglas, determined to learn what is on the other side of a fence, try Nancy's plans to launch, vault, and fly Douglas over, then succeed with Douglas's simple idea.

*Giraffe Problems* by Jory John - A giraffe struggles to feel comfortable with his neck.

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In-store shoppers also should leave Social Security cards and other non-essential information at home, lock presents away in the trunk, watch for skimming devices and use a RFID blocking sleeve or wallet to protect credit/debit cards from electronic pickpockets.

Online shoppers also should watch for spelling mistakes, low-quality images and ensure URL addresses legitimately match the known retailer's website. These tips will help consumers identify fraudulent websites or illegitimate coupon offers hastily created to steal money and personal information.

Consumers should rely upon secure payment systems, avoid money transfers to unknown people and make sure any payment website starts with https:// as the "s" indicates a secure page.

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Deadline for letters is Dec. 12. Letters will be published in the Dec. 19 Moorefield Examiner



# OBITUARIES

## MATTHEW GIPSON GAPP

Matthew Gipson Gapp, age 87 of Fisher, W.Va. passed peacefully Thursday evening, November 29, 2018 at Blue Ridge Hospice in Winchester, Va., surrounded by his wife and three daughters. Born on June 5, 1931 in Frosty Hollow at Fisher, W.Va., he was a son of the late Matthew Frank "Shank" Gapp and Dora Elizabeth Watts Gapp. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a son-in-law, David Allen Mongold. Matthew was a lifelong farmer, poultry farmer and beef producer. He was a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran of the Korean War.

On June 6, 1959 he married

Patricia Ann Turley and they have three daughters: Constance (Mike) Thomas of Moorefield, W.Va., Diana (Bobby Jack) Harman of Petersburg, W.Va. and Melanie Mongold of Moorefield, W.Va. Also surviving are grandchildren, Michael Renee Thomas Lane, Kaleah Lynise Thomas, Trevor Dylan Harman, Trad Austin Harman, Matthew Paul Mongold and Kennan D Allen Mongold. Additionally he is survived by a sister, Patsy Delores Gapp Hudson of Williamsport, Md. and a brother, Conrad Stephen Gapp of Moorefield, W.Va.

A Mass of Christian Burial

was held at 11:00 AM Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at the Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church, 2029 SR 55, Moorefield, W.Va. with Father Josh Stevens as celebrant. Interment followed with Military Graveside Rites Accorded by the U.S. Marine Corps and the Moorefield Veteran's Honor Guard at the Olivet Cemetery in Moorefield, W.Va.

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

Arrangements are under the direction of the Fraley Funeral Home.



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## TERRENCE L. 'TERRY' GOLT

Terrence Lee "Terry" Golt, 65, of Rio, W.Va. died on Sunday, November 25, 2018 at his home.

Terry was born on March 18, 1953 in Baltimore, Md., a son of Marian Leash Howard of York, Pa. and the late John C. Golt. He was a truck driver for over 30 years and worked for Wilkins Trucking in Baker, W.Va. Terry enjoyed hunting, working around the house especially on motors and playing with his grandkids.

Terry married Madeline Darlene Funkhouser Golt on May 7, 1977 in Baker, W.Va.

Surviving along with his mother

and his wife of 41 years are his children: Stanley C. Golt and girlfriend Twila of Rio, W.Va.; Naomi D. Riggleman and husband Junior of Rio, W.Va.; Mary Booth of Hagerstown, Md.; Mary Brown Elkhart, Ind.; three brothers: Raymond Golt of Westminster, Md.; Jesse Howard of Leesville, La.; Tommy Howard of Smithsburg, Md.; three sisters: Beverley Sauer of Paeoian Springs, Va.; Brinda Blevins of Taneytown, Md.; Donna Troupe of York, Pa.; ex-daughter-in-law: Crystal Golt; sister-in-law Sandy Mongold and husband John and six grandchildren.

A funeral will be held at the Giffin Funeral Home & Crematory in Capon Bridge, W.Va. on Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 1 PM. Officiating will be Rev. Michael Funkhouser. Interment will follow in the Ebenezer Cemetery in Romney, W.Va.

Terry is preceded in death by a brother: James Golt and a sister: Robin Golt.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Golt Family, C/O Giffin Funeral Home, PO Box 100, Capon Bridge, WV 26711.

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## EILEEN MAE DOVE STULTZ

Eileen Mae Dove Stultz, 88, of Mathias, W.Va., passed away peacefully at E.A. Hawse Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on the morning of November 27, 2018.

Eileen was born in Criders, Va. on April 3, 1930 to Albert & Bessie Whetzel Dove. She graduated from Broadway High School in 1948. On November 14, 1947, Eileen married Owen Guy Stultz of Mathias, W.Va. Guy died on November 21, 2000.

Eileen is survived by four children: Karen Stultz Whetzel (Jon) of New Market, Va., Eleanor Stultz Heishman of Mathias, W.Va., Robert Stultz (Robin) of Weston, W.Va., and Jane Stultz Jenkins (Bob) of Baltimore, Md.

She was also blessed with - and eternally proud of - her

grandchildren: Jonathan Lantz (Deborah), Jennifer Haviland (Jeremy), Meredith Heiber (Todd), Amelia Wagner (Nick), Aaron Heishman (Meghan Flinn), and Joshua Jenkins (Valerie), and her great grandchildren: Summer, Madison, Jesse, Mathias, Morgan, Julia, Jennie, and Jeb. She is also survived by her aunt, Odessa Whetzel Moyers of Criders, Va., with whom she shared a lifetime friendship. She is also survived by numerous cousins including Jean Ritchie who was raised by Eileen's parents.

Eileen worked as a homemaker and on the family farm throughout her life. She also worked at several outside jobs, including as a cook at East Hardy High School where she made lasting friendships with co-

workers, teachers, and students. Eileen enjoyed gardening, canning, baking, embroidery, bird watching, and spending time with her family. Eileen lived her life with a sense of humor, a strong conviction of right vs. wrong, an ethic of hard work, and a selfless dedication to her family. Eileen's unwavering devotion to her family during times both good and bad and her desire for their happiness and success is her lasting legacy.

While Eileen dealt with physical limitations in recent years, she was blessed with a sharp and active mind through her final days. Eileen's family expresses their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at E. A. Hawse for the dedicated care, comfort, and friendship they provided to Eileen. The staff became a part of Eileen's family

and she was grateful for these overworked and underpaid heroes.

A memorial service for Eileen was held at Saturday, December 1, at 2 pm, at Jenkins Chapel United Methodist Church near Mathias, W.Va. Burial was private.

In the spirit of Eileen's commonsense frugality, flower arrangements are not expected. Since nobody left Eileen's house with an empty stomach, donations in Eileen's honor can be made to the Mathias Community Center, PO Box 98, Mathias, WV, for the benefit of the Mathias Community Kitchen.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.grandlefuneralhome.com](http://www.grandlefuneralhome.com).

Arrangements are entrusted to Grandle Funeral Home in Broadway.

## BILLY RAY HADEN

Billy Ray Haden, age 27 of Marlinton, W.Va., formerly of Moorefield, passed away Saturday, November 17, 2019 at his residence. Born on June 28, 1991 in Elkins he was a son of Donna Kay McCauley of Purgitsville and the late Gerald Delbert Haden. Billy Ray was employed at Beckwith Lumber Company in Slaty Fork, W.Va.

Surviving in addition to his mother is his girlfriend, Kelsey Reynolds; two sons, Gage Haden and Bryce Haden; three daughters, Brooklyn Hall, Zoei Haden and Carly Jo Haden; three sisters, Susan McCauley and Amanda McCauley of New Market, Va. and

Kathy Haden of Harrisonburg, Va. along with numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A Graveside Service was conducted 1:00 PM Thursday, November 29, 2018 at the Olivet Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the family at 241 Sherrod Street, APT #12, Marlinton, WV 24954. Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on Billy Ray's Tribute Wall at [www.fralefuneralhome.com](http://www.fralefuneralhome.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of the Fraley Funeral Home.

## JERRY DALE SHOCKEY

Jerry Dale Shockey, age 65 of Songbird Drive, Old Fields, passed away Tuesday evening, November 27, 2018 at Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg, WV. Born May 26, 1953 in Old Fields, W.Va., he was a son of the late Seymour Welton Shockey and Nellie Mae Shoemaker Shockey. He was preceded in death by his companion Shirley L. Krewson in February 2011. A sister and three brothers also preceded him in death.

Jerry was an outdoorsman as he enjoyed hunting, fishing and looking for mushrooms. He was an avid gardener and enjoyed his many pets. He was a member of the Old Fields Baptist Church. Surviving is a sister, Alice

Shingleton of Old Fields, W.Va.; three brothers, Raymond Shockey of Moorefield, W.Va., Dan Shockey of Roanoke, Va. and Boyd Shockey of Brandywine, W.Va. and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral Services were conducted 2:00 PM Saturday, December 1, 2018 at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Dan Howard officiating. Interment followed at the Bethel Cemetery, Old Fields, W.Va.

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

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## DUPLICATE BRIDGE

A Howell game was played on Wednesday, November 28 with 4 tables in play in the South Branch Duplicate Bridge Club held at Colts restaurant. There were 8 pairs playing 28 boards with an average match point score of 42.

Overall winners were Larry Garrett and Bruce Leslie, 52 1/2;

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## West Virginia Revenue Collections Up In October

(AP) - West Virginia has seen another month of revenue collections over estimates, though receipts were not as strong as the last few months.

Gov. Jim Justice's office announced over the weekend that General Fund revenue in October was \$359.2 million, nearly \$2.4 million over estimates and 1.5 percent above the previous year.

September's collections were nearly \$54.1 million above estimates. August's collections were \$33.4 million above estimates. In the first month of the fiscal year in July, revenue collections were \$32.4 million above estimates.

Justice's office said fiscal year-to-date collections of more than \$1.4 billion are \$122.3 million

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The governor's office said October is the seventh consecutive month of revenue surplus over estimates.

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Discover Potomac State Day, an open house event, was recently held on the campus of West Virginia University Potomac State College in Keyser. During the event, Hanna Hilemarian's name was drawn as the lucky winner of a \$500 tuition scholarship from a pool of students who enrolled in Potomac State during the event.

Hilemarian is from Moorefield, where she currently attends Moorefield High School. She is the daughter of Yonas Tefera and Tsegainesh Abiye. Beth Little, Dean of Enrollment Services and University Relations, left, presented the certificate to Hilemarian.

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# Communities With Culture of Volunteerism May Be Healthier

By Roxy Todd  
WVWP-FM

(AP) - Seven of the leading causes of death are higher in Appalachia compared with the nation as a whole. But amid that grim news, there's some diversity in these statistics.

When researchers analyzed all 420 counties in Appalachia, they found that 42 outperformed their statistical odds. A team of researchers has been studying why these communities are outliers. In all of the communities that researchers studied, a culture of sharing and volunteering were found to be essential in helping to improve health outcomes.

They called them "Bright Spots." Elizabeth, West Virginia, is one of them. With a population a little over 800, the town in the western part of the state near Parkersburg has few fast food chains and no liquor store. It's the center of government in Wirt County, the smallest county in the state.

When you walk through the door of a local diner here, a chalkboard lists some homemade desserts, and above that is written in blue chalk, "We do not have WiFi, talk to each other. Pretend it's 1995."

Carol Menefee has lived here her entire life.

I spend a lot of time in the Chicago area, and I tell the people here when I come back and I'm driving across the bridge there, I came out Route 50, and I drive across the bridge. I just have that feeling of home. And it's just, there's no place like going home," she said.

Many who grew up in Appalachia share similar deep feelings for home. But the region has long been plagued by bad news stories about economic challenges, as well as poor health outcomes and lower life expectancy. There are many different theories on why this is. The region has a higher rate of smoking, drug overdoses, obesity, and also challenges when it comes to accessing health care.

But some communities have found ways to improve health without a lot of money or resources.

A recent health study by the Appalachian Regional Commission, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Foundation for Healthy Kentucky looked at 10 counties across Appalachia, including Wirt, to find out why they did better than expected in most health measures. And what they found is, even though a lot of these places are resource-scarce, they have other cultural strengths that may outweigh the lack of money and access to fancy hospitals.

And because of those cultural strengths, they're faring better than their neighbors.

"Repeatedly we see that how people collaborate, how different organizations collaborate and work together and coordinate with each other, it rises up as one of the key ingredients in building a local culture of health, or even a statewide culture of health," said Hilary Heishman, one of the researchers involved in the Bright Spots study.

According to the study, research shows that the quality of where one lives, learns, works, and plays can have a greater impact on health than having quick access to a doctor. Not to say that doctors aren't incredibly important when it comes to improving health, just that there is a lot more to keeping people healthy, things like walking trails, activities that encourage people to be more active, and a strong network of churches that help on various community projects.

The researchers found all of these qualities in Wirt County.

Within walking distance of the local diner is a senior center, the three local schools, and the community health center, all connected by sidewalks that were built through a grant a few years ago. Many of the sidewalks are used by kids who walk to school, said Kathy Mason, director of the Wirt County Family Resource Network. Volunteers and various groups, including the Family Resource Network, worked on this sidewalk project together. They also built a walking trail that wraps around the elementary and middle schools.

After school lets out in the afternoon, the public is allowed to use the elementary school to do laps or walk inside the school gym, a resource Mason says has been popular among Elizabeth's aging population.

Both Mason and Menefee are involved in a number of community projects, including a Fourth of July picnic and fundraiser for the local volunteer-run fire department, Meals on Wheels and food giveaways during the holidays. Mason does most of this as part of her job, but like a handful of people in this community, Menefee does it as a volunteer.

The projects that are run by volunteers here is impressive. But in a community where so much work is done by volunteers, will volunteers get overworked? And when they leave, or pass on, who will be there to do the work after them?

I think that the volunteering spirit is here, but I think our little organizations are secluding ourselves," said Menefee. "They need to reach out and ask for those people to volunteer."

Another community project that's entirely run by volunteers is the Hope Thrift Shop, one of the most popular spots in town with its 25-cent clothing rack. The store raises money to supply a food pantry, located in this same building. Five churches regularly donate food here. Volunteer Beverly Chevront manages the Hope Shop.

Say it's just an emergency, or they're down on their luck for just one month, I mean they may not qualify for the food through the government standards, but we'll still be able to help them." The Hope Shop has been in this community about 20 years. But they do struggle to find enough volunteers to keep the place going. And, Chevront pointed out, more and more people here commute to Parkersburg or Ohio for work, limiting the time they're available to help on community projects.

So many people have to have two jobs to survive so that really affects if they have any time to volun-

teer." On top of managing this shop as a volunteer, Chevront operates a small store in a neighboring county about 40 minutes away. She loves living here in Wirt County, but she says it is a struggle to make a living without traveling elsewhere for work.

Elizabeth isn't located near any interstate exit, and it's not the kind of place you pass through accidentally. It takes about 20 to 30 minutes to reach the nearest hospital in Parkersburg. Residents can get a lot of their health care in downtown Elizabeth at the Coplin Health Clinic, inside the same building as the pharmacy.

Inside, where patients sign in, there's a sign that reads: "No patient will be denied services because they cannot pay."

We're gonna do everything we can to get them care at the time they need it," said Holli Ludtman, the clinic's office manager.

The Coplin clinic charges patients based on what they can afford, and their services include primary care, X-rays, labwork, behavioral health and cancer screenings. For more specialized services, such as dialysis, surgery or the birth of a baby, residents must travel out of the county.

But despite the challenges of living here, Beverly Chevront says Wirt County's best strengths are not in its resources, but in its people.

Though we don't offer a whole lot, what we do offer makes up for what we really do offer," she said. And that's a common core, family values, a close-knit community, people that will do anything for you."

And according to the researchers, while Wirt County is special, it's not entirely unique. Many of the residents in the other Bright Spots communities share the same values in their towns: a willingness among organizations to share resources, instead of competing, a strong support system, and people who will help each other out in times of need.

# HOLIDAY DEADLINES

The Deadline for the Jan. 2, 2019 issue of the Moorefield Examiner will be Thursday, Dec. 27 at noon.

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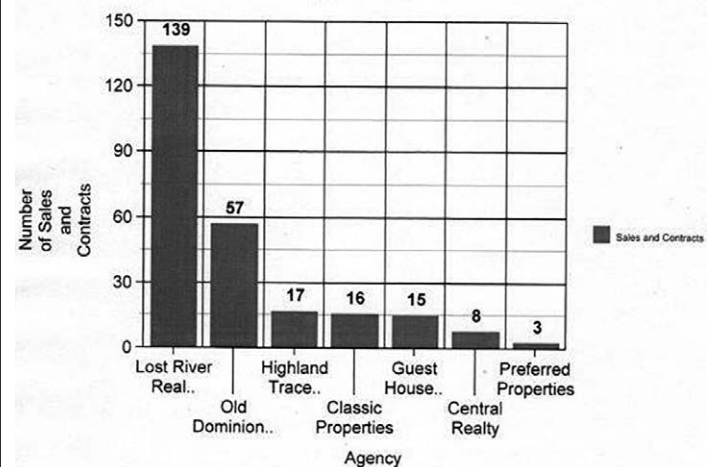
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## Committee Sends Water Quality Rules to Legislature

By Kate Mishkin  
Charleston Gazette-Mail

The Legislature will take up water quality standards during the 2019 session, the legislative rule-making committee decided Tuesday evening.

Before finally agreeing to send the proposed rule to the full Legislature, the committee first decided to modify it, eliminating new proposed parameters for different pollutants.

The rules set limits on pollution that enters the state's streams and rivers, and are up for review every

three years.

Lawmakers questioned Scott Mandirola, deputy cabinet secretary for the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, for over an hour Tuesday, asking for additional data and information about the rule, and how it compares to federal standards.

After a public hearing in early July, the state Department of Environmental Protection responded to almost 200 pages of comments. Many comments expressed concerns with the state's decision to look into 56 human

health water quality criteria, instead of the 94 chemical pollutants that the EPA recommends.

To date, [the] DEP has never revised as many as 56 criteria changes during the same review year. If future needs call for the adoption of the additional nationally-recommended criteria, they can be added during a subsequent triennial review," the DEP ultimately wrote in a response to those public comments. The new rules will also comply with changes that were passed in the 2017 legislative session to the way the state handles overlapping mixing

zones and "harmonic mean flow," both of which would allow increased levels of toxins into the water.

Tuesday, lawmakers also said they were concerned about the remaining pollutants that the DEP wouldn't be looking into.

The rules can be altered at any time along the process.

Barbara Evans Fleischauer, D-Monongalia, said she'd rather not take a risk on the remaining pollutants, considering the state's high cancer risk.

What we're doing today is outrageous," she said.

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# Farmers

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Ponderosa Steak House, O Dell explained that he was referring to three law suits in North Carolina involving large hog farms that ended up with settlements against the company Murphy Brown, Inc., the integrator (owner of the hogs). Awards in those cases totaled over \$500 million. The cases involved commercial hog farms where residents living near the operations sued, alleging that the hog farms damaged their quality of life and enjoyment of their property mostly due to the odors and noise (largely from the associated trucking). And these suits, O Dell warned, are only the first wave, with some 18 additional ones pending.

To counter this threat, O Dell reported that he is already working with local State Senator Dave Seybolt to draft a "right to farm" bill. "Sypolt," he explained, "is the Senate Ag Committee Chairman, and he's been very supportive."

The bill they are working on would limit the punitive awards and the scope of such suits. His legislation would narrow the scope by limiting who could bring such a suit to those living within a mile of the farm, and the time frame: the claim must be filed within one year of either the establishment of the farm or when major operational changes are made.

The largest obstacle to his proposed legislation, he said, is likely to be the trial lawyers. If they get hold of it, they could throw a lot of money at it (to defeat it)." He asked the Association to consider setting aside a \$1,000 fund that

he could draw from to assist in his work on this issue.

Grower Steve Conrad proposed they set up a fund for Dwayne of \$1,000 that he'd have access to because this right to farm issue is just critical for us." The growers agreed and passed a motion to do that. O Dell also urged the group to identify two or three growers that could serve as active spokespersons on this issue in public hearings and who would be able to testify.

Grower J.R. Keplinger suggested that the WV County Commissioners Association would be good to get involved because there are so many WV counties involved in agriculture but most not as much as ours."

O'Dell warned them not to expect instant results. It often takes two to three years to get a good law enacted and this will be a tough bill to get passed because of the trial lawyers," he predicted.

O'dell also identified four key issues that the Farm Bureau is working on and suggested the Association consider supporting all of them. The first issue is the "right to farm" issue concerning nuisance law suits. The other three are:

- Ag Tag: Would allow drivers, when renewing their car tags, to have the option of donating \$10 to go to three Ag educational foundations -- 4-H, FFA, and Farm Bureau.

- Ag Taxes: Would maintain current tax exemptions for farm products and land values.

- Partition Suits: Would update the statute concerning parti-

tion law suits involving gas and oil which can often result in forcing farm families to have to sell their property.

The Association agreed to support all of them, and Keplinger suggested they also consider sending letters of support. That plays well," O'Dell said, "but we also will need some folks to come testify."

In the business portion of its meeting, there was good news for Hardy County in that the Association decided it wants to continue its partnership with the Moorefield Volunteer Fire Department concerning the golf tournaments, which netted over \$6,300 which they split evenly with the Fire Department.

President Scott Rightsell told the 25 or so gathered for the meeting at the Ponderosa Steak House he was concerned that the MVFD only provided two volunteers for the event noting We did a whole lot more work than they did," but noted that the ladies from the MVFD did provide lunch. In subsequent discussion, it was agreed that there needed to be an understanding about a better division of labor to warrant an even split of the funds. A resolution to that effect was proffered and passed unanimously.

Keplinger jumped into the discussion noting that I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but the Moorefield VFD wasn't sure they wanted to help us last year and we need to make some contact with them" about this. He noted that things changed last year when the carnival on the fairgrounds didn't

happen."

I don't think we'll ever get a carnival back here again," Rightsell added.

Association Secretary Cindy Shreve reported that the convention booklets yielded a net income of \$4,680 in advertising revenue. The Poultry Pageant raised about \$1,100 with 10 participants, she said, and indicated the contest needs more publicity, noting that participation has declined, not just here, but statewide in these contests.

Years ago our daughters were in it," grower Fran Welton said, and they were sponsored by companies, and lots of suppliers were sponsors and they paid most of the expenses. Back then, the Pageant had standing room only in the hall—it was a big deal."

The craft show, which was a first for the festival, attracted 11 vendors and made about \$250. We had some struggles, but got good feedback from the participants," Shreve said.

Of concern was the President's Dinner, which lost over \$900, Rightsell reported, largely because we thought more people would show up with late ticket purchases." Grower Steve Conrad suggested that the room was too large, making it look like it was not successful" and that the fans made it difficult for some to hear the speakers. Someone else suggested they consider the American Le-

gion Hall which, she said, could hold 125 people and has a good kitchen."

The BBQ Cookoff was deemed a success with 17 people competing, according to Liz Metheny, who explained that it had not happened the year before and it takes time to build it up after you skip a year."

The Youth Poultry Judging contest was very successful with about 45 kids from five different counties participating in four-person teams, according to Alex Straight. Two of the teams were FFA and the others were 4H. Hardy County teams won first and second place, she said.

Concerning the Poultry Producers of the Year event, grower Conrad indicated he liked the videos of the winning farms that we used to show." He suggested they use more videos of the farms and the growers and consider doing away with the speakers.

Several additional activities were suggested for consideration during Poultry Week, including: a fiddle or banjo contest, a trap and skeet shoot, and a turkey calling contest.

Concerning membership, Shreve reported that the Association now has approximately 340 members and 27 corporate sponsors. Rightsell proposed adding two new levels of membership an Allied and Associate memberships.

The Allied Membership could include poultry equipment companies, security/alarm companies,

poultry health companies and trucking companies, he explained. Associate Membership could include banks, hardware stores, physicians, insurance companies and politicians. The proposal was forwarded to the membership committee for action.

Member Jack Welton questioned why it was so difficult to get more members. We pay \$50 bucks a year to be Lions Club Members and work our tails off, but then we don't want to pay \$25 to belong to this association?"

The Association's membership is concentrated in Grant, Hardy, Hampshire, Mineral and Pendleton Counties where they also belong to the Chambers of Commerce. The Association agreed to continue its membership in those chambers.

Lastly, Clay Miller from the Shenandoah Valley Organic Cooperative Association, reported that their volume has grown significantly with 165,000 chickens now being processed per week and that they expect to move to a higher speed process shortly.

We currently have 39 houses representing 11 farms almost half our operation in West Virginia," Miller continued. "That's something we did not expect four and a half year ago."

Miller also reported that while we have not yet been profitable, we expect to be in 2019. Sales are booming for us."

# USDA

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future Farm Bills."

This year total funding requests for projects was \$360,042 from West Virginia organizations, agencies and institutions. The SCBG program funded the following eight:

- WVDA (Statewide) - \$68,342: Developing New Detection Methods to Enhance Food Safety in Specialty Crops in West Virginia"

- WVDA (Statewide) - \$50,000: 2018-2021: West Virginia Specialty Crop Producer Education Opportunities"

- West Virginia University

- (Statewide) - \$31,460: Growing Farmers, Horticulturists, Nutritionists in West Virginia: Garden-Based Learning for Elementary Schools"

- Raleigh County Schools (Raleigh County) - \$25,000: Creating Education and Market Opportunities for Students and Beekeepers in Southern WV"

- West Virginia University (Jefferson County) - \$24,522: Initiative to Develop a Cider Apple and Cider Production Economy in West Virginia"

- Yew Mountain Center (Pocahontas County) - \$19,932: Yew

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- WVDA (Statewide) - \$17,500: 2018-2021: Supporting GAP Audits of Specialty Crops"

- West Virginia State University (McDowell County) - \$15,000: Southside K-8 Tunnel and School Farm Project"

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**CIVIL ACTION NO. 18-0-110**

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# SPORTS

## East Hardy Boys Basketball

# Cougars Climbing Terrain For Wins

East Hardy Boys Basketball is preparing to navigate through the tough terrain to gain victories this season with determination and consistency.

The Cougars finished last season with a record of 9-12 in the section quarterfinals, despite having one of the top scoring leaders in the Potomac Valley Conference.

East Hardy will work on developing stronger team chemistry by maintaining good communication on the court and strive to play more astute throughout each game.

Chris Hahn enters his 12th season as the East Hardy head coach and understands how important it is to play efficiently and improve each day.

"My goals and expectations are to win the sectional championship, get better every day and be an efficient basketball team that limits turnovers and has good chemis-

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## Moorefield Boys Basketball

# Moorefield's Past Brings Hope

Looking to the past for inspiration, the Yellow Jackets celebrate the 70th anniversary of the 1949 Moorefield boys basketball state championship this season bringing positive energy on the court moving forward through the year.

After reaching the section semifinals last season ending with a record of 4-20, Moorefield is changing gears and driving for success on the floor with a renewed sense of pride working to improve every step of the way.

"We have to improve every practice and every game to give us a shot to go somewhere at the end of the year. We want to out hustle and out work every team we play," Moorefield coach Scott Stutler noted.

"We have to finish games better and limit mistakes. We bring some experience back this year so hopefully we will be able to win some

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2018-19 East Hardy Boys Basketball team members in no particular order are: Aden Funkhouser, Cole Swanson, Adam Larson, Chance Dove, Colten Spaid, Seth Smith, Adam Baker, Ryan Cain, Andrew Tharp, Bryce Tharp, Christian Dove, Denny McDonald, Brayden Ritchie, Riley Mongold, Billy Smith, James Pierce, Noah Lang, Joshua Hahn, Kollin Quarles, Jacob Combs, Andrew Hahn, Justin Teets, Jacob Whetzel, Braden Orndorff, Alex Miller and Robert McNeal. EHHS Boys Basketball head coach is Chris Hahn.



2018-19 Moorefield Boys Basketball team members are in no particular order: Blake Watts, Grant Keller, Ben O'Neill, Ben Pyles, Chase Vance, Thomas Williams, Brent Moran, Lane Ours, Addison Barb, Yosef Mahali, Matthew Jenkins, Jaydon See, Hayden Baldwin, Ethan Sions, Jayden Moore, John Lehmeyer, Ryan McGregor, Dean Keplinger, Silas Inskeep, Blake Funk, Coleman Mongold, Sergio Moreno, Levi Thompson, Bryce Hines and Karson Reed. MHS Boys Basketball head coach is Scott Stutler.

## East Hardy Girls Basketball

# Cougars Have Room To Grow



2018-19 East Hardy Girls Basketball team members are in no particular order: Sierra Dispanet, Hannah Fogel, Rebecca Whetzel, Chelsea Keller, Jaden Fleshman, Erin Riggle, Perry Whetzel, Katie Short, Tera Jones, MaKenzie Blair, Jenna Lilly, Holly Snyder, Sarah Merritt and Courtney Shank. EHHS Girls Basketball head coach is Bridget Billmeyer.

The Lady Cougars are looking green, but have been growing exponentially during practice for this season.

East Hardy Girls Basketball lost five starting seniors including 1,000-point scorers Brooke Miller and Julia Hahn, but have a plethora of potential players learning the game to help this season become successful.

The Lady Cougars are guided by Bridget Billmeyer in her 10th season as head coach with assistant coaches Kathy Strawderman and Calvin Mongold.

East Hardy finished with an 11-11 record last year in the section semifinals.

This year there are two seniors for the Lady Cougars: Sierra Dispanet and Hannah Fogel, showing great intensity and a good shooting range.

East Hardy juniors are Rebecca Whetzel, Chelsea Keller and

Jaden Fleshman, who have good presence in the paint on offense and defense.

The Lady Cougars sophomore players are Erin Riggle, Perry Whetzel, Katie Short and Tera Jones and they have been quick on defense and provide good ball movement.

East Hardy freshmen are Makenzie Blair, Jenna Lilly, Holly Snyder, Sarah Merritt and Courtney Shank.

Most of the freshmen will be on junior varsity, but Blair will see time on the varsity floor.

East Hardy opens the season at home tonight against Class AA Berkeley Springs.

The Lady Cougars will play in the West Virginia Hometown Invitational Tournament.

East Hardy visits Moorefield on Friday and hosts the Lady Yellow Jackets on February 8.

The Lady Cougars play one

out of state opponent, Southern Garrett from Maryland.

East Hardy has a tough challenge, but the players are up to the task improving everyday.

"We have to control the tempo of games and make other teams play our style. We need to make good decisions on both ends of the court. Offense: take our time to get good shots. Defense: play smart effective defense without getting into foul trouble," Coach Billmeyer remarked.

Working on the inside and outside portions of the court will be crucial.

"We have to utilize our inside game, but take and knock down the outside shot in order to keep the inside game open. We have to work hard to control the boards and not give up a ton of second chance shots," Coach Billmeyer noted.

## Moorefield Girls Basketball

# Lady Jackets Eager For State Berth



2018-19 Moorefield Girls Basketball team members are: Isabelle Nesbit, Cherish Moore, Regan Davy, Gracie O'Neill, Remington Hinkle, Gianna Fair, Lindsey Rinker, Anna Riggleman, Madison McGregor, Hailey Biser and Lexi Gilhuys. MHS Girls Basketball head coach is Paul Keplinger.

Moorefield Girls Basketball team reached the Class A Region II championship last season and have been preparing for a return with hopes of taking the trip to Charleston for the state tournament.

The Lady Yellow Jackets finished the season with a record of 12-13, but proved improvements throughout the season yielded positive results against quality opponents.

Moorefield has a young, but experienced squad preparing for success this season.

Paul Keplinger enters his 8th season as the Moorefield Girls Basketball head coach.

"Looking to build on last years success of making regional final. Had returning players get a lot of floor time last year. We need to get better everyday and play our best at tournament time," Moorefield coach Paul Keplinger stated.

Keplinger was the Potomac Valley Conference coach of the year during the 2017-18 season.

MHS principal Pat McGregor is the assistant coach.

Moorefield junior Lindsey Rinker was the leading scorer last season and has a strong work ethic, having played AAU Basketball during the off-season with tournaments around the country.

Rinker was selected to the All-PVC team and given All-State honorable mention recognition.

Rinker has range inside to outside depending on what the defense gives her.

Moorefield junior guard Madison McGregor was recognized as an All-PVC team member last season for her good defensive skills and perimeter shooting.

As a center, Moorefield junior Gianna Fair provides presence in the paint as a shot blocker which helps create momentum.

Fair joined Rinker on the AAU team over the off-season.

Anna Riggleman, junior forward, has been a great asset on defense and aggressively attacks the basket.

Rinker, Riggleman and McGregor provide great ball handling on offense and can shoot at any range.

Isabelle Nesbit, junior forward, can create plays in the post and plays physically on defense.

Providing additional rebounding and solid plays in the paint for the Lady Jackets are sophomores Gracie O'Neill, Remi Hinkle and Regan Davy.

Moorefield freshman guard Lexi Gilhuys has great speed and knows how to handle the ball and fellow freshman forward Cherish Moore provides quality minutes with good hustle.

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# High School Wrestling



2018-19 East Hardy Wrestling team members in no particular order are: Sky Spell, Dayton Miller, Emma Lutz, SierraMarie Miller, Emili Flynn, Jessica Smith, Marina Stotemyer, Jasmine Abrell, Eric Flynn, Damian Iman, Patrick Helsley, Casey Sine, Nathan Phillips, Conner White, Caleb Childers, Cole Pustl, Hunter Ames, Hinton Shifflett and Dale Hockman. EHHS Wrestling head coach is Stevie Miller and assistant coach is Mason Gray.

## East Hardy Wrestling Slams For Success

The East Hardy Wrestling program keeps growing and has the knowledge to deliver takedowns and pins to garner victories this season.

There are 18 grapplers on the squad this year led by head coach Stevie Miller in his second season.

Last season, East Hardy had two wrestlers place at the Region II Tournament as sophomores Sierra Marie Miller took fifth place and Sky Spell was sixth overall.

It is a goal to reach the state tournament and the top four wrestlers qualify for the state tournament in Huntington.

My goals for the team this year is to focus on improvements, teach

newcomers the sport and have fun," East Hardy Wrestling coach Stevie Miller commented.

We have many new wrestlers including many second year wrestlers. There is also a few athletes that are experienced from past years."

Learning from a match is crucial for future success.

Nothing can compare to the lessons gained in a match. You can go through live wrestling in practice, but you are put to the test during a match when you're on your own," Coach Miller noted.

East Hardy Wrestling seniors are Emili Flynn (138-lb.), Jasmine Abrell (138-lb.), Marina

Stotemyer (132-lb.) and Emma Lutz (152-lb.).

The juniors wrestling for the Cougars are: Hinton Shifflett (285-lb.), Casey Sine (195-lb.), Patrick Helsley (182-lb) and Cole Pustl (160-lb.)

East Hardy sophomores are SierraMarie Miller (106-lb.), Nathan Phillips (132-lb.), Sky Spell (145-lb.), Conner White (152-lb.), Dayton Miller (170-lb.) and Hunter Ames (220-lb.).

East Hardy freshmen are Damian Iman (126-lb.), Caleb Childers (182-lb.), Eric Flynn (170-lb.) and Dale Hockman (285-lb.).

The weight classes have not been set in stone, so there could be

changes throughout the line-up.

The Cougars tested their strength in Woodstock, Virginia against Central on Tuesday for the season opener.

East Hardy will compete in the Max Horz Invitational in Berkeley Springs this weekend and the second tournament will be the Viking Smash in Petersburg on January 25-26.

The Cougars host Moorefield on December 19, then visit Hampshire to close out 2018 on the 27th.

East Hardy begins the New Year at Hampshire on January 11, then visit Page County, Virginia on January 16.

The caliber of wrestling has been

elevated for the Cougars with the growing youth program providing early experience for the grapplers.

Staying proactive on the mat is very important in order to not be taken by surprise or placed into a difficult hold such as a cradle.

Knowing how to escape from a cradle is obviously important if you're ever put in this position. It's best to stay proactive and try tactics that will prevent the cradle. Kicking out is the best defense to get out," Coach Miller remarked.

Some wrestlers prefer to get a fast pin, but others rely on points and endurance through three periods.

"Depending on the wrestler,

some would rather get a quick pin. Others that are able to endure all three periods, look to get more points such as back points for a definite win," Coach Miller noted.

Striving to do their best is exactly what Coach Miller desires out of his wrestlers.

"Each wrestler is different, however, I teach my athletes to always give their best and to never give up. Putting all other things/issues/thoughts away and focusing on the task at hand," Coach Miller said.

East Hardy Wrestling has a mixture of experienced and novice grapplers ready to battle on the mats looking for wins this year.

## Moorefield Boys Basketball

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Coach Stutler's philosophy in his third season at the helm is copacetic with those expectations and seeks certain characteristics to be installed in each member of the squad.

"We want to out work and out hustle everyone we play, we also want our players to show self-discipline, mental toughness and good character."

Assisting Stutler on the sidelines will be Jared Wratchford and Garrett Haggerty.

The Yellow Jackets have a dozen players listed on the varsity roster including returning starters Blake Watts, a senior, and juniors Chase Vance, Thomas Williams and Brent Moran.

Watts is a presence in the paint, Vance and Williams provide long range support and defensive quickness and Moran is the tactical leader executing the plays with alertness on defense.

Vance and Williams averaged ten points per game last year, while Watts and Vance collected five boards a game.

Moorefield seniors Grant Keller, Ben O'Neill and Ben Pyles also bring energy to the floor with the knowledge to keep the Yellow Jackets offense flowing.

Moorefield juniors Lane Ours and Addison Barb are fast on defense and have good ball movement on offense slicing through to the basket and newcomer Yosef Mahali is developing into an all-around player expected to provide support all season.

The Yellow Jackets have sophomores Matthew Jenkins and Jaydon See creating strong post play to add to the grit needed to win.

See is versatile with the ability to work in the paint or drill a 3-pointer, while Jenkins muscles inside and gets rebounds.

The junior varsity team includes sophomores Hayden Baldwin, Ethan Sions, Jayden Moore, John Lehmyer plus freshmen Ryan McGregor, Dean Keplinger, Silas Inskip, Blake Funk, Coleman Mongold, Sergio Moreno, Levi Thompson, Bryce Hines and Karson Reed.

Moorefield will look to keep the tempo in its own style or as coach Stutler said "we want to play at a

pace that is going to benefit our team."

Keys to that tempo will be to make shots and getting back in transition defense, then being in the right spots defensively.

Teams with the rebounding advantage typically garner the victory, so the Yellow Jackets will be buzzing to the rim.

"Teams that win the rebounding battle usually wins the game, this is something we have to get better at and emphasize all the time," Stutler remarked.

Moorefield wants to improve ball security to limit mistakes and show mental toughness whether in taking a charge or hitting a shot under pressure.

Having a deep bench this season will help the Yellow Jackets stay fresh throughout the game.

Moorefield has a strong schedule with Class AAA Washington, four Class AA teams in Frankfort, Petersburg, Keyser and Berkeley Springs plus Class A state tournament representatives Trinity Christian and Tucker County.

The Yellow Jackets play two out of state teams twice beginning with the home season opener against

Southern Garrett from Oakland, Maryland today and the Rams from Strasburg, Virginia come to the Hive next Tuesday and visit those teams January.

Moorefield faces Class A Potomac Valley Conference opponents East Hardy, Union, Pendleton County, Tucker County and Paw Paw.

The Hardy County Hardwood Classic against East Hardy will be held in Baker on December 14 and in Moorefield on February 15.

Moorefield participates in the Petersburg Holiday Tournament on December 27-28, the oldest tournament in the state.

"I believe our schedule is one of the toughest in single A. We added another AA team in Berkeley Springs this year. Playing tough competition will get us ready for the tournament," Stutler stated.

Coach Stutler provided insight on his varsity players for the upcoming season:

Grant Keller - Keller missed a lot of action last year due to an injury but has been looking good so far this season. He is versatile and can play a post or a guard and will be one of the smartest players on

the floor.

Blake Watts - Watts will bring good energy on the defensive side of the ball. He will also be looked at to rebound the ball on offense and defense.

Ben O'Neill - Ben is a player that brings good energy into the game. He's a smart player that knows the offense and capitalizes on the things that he can do well.

Ben Pyles - Pyles has improved from last year and will help us out defensively this Season. He's a hard worker that will do whatever he is asked to do.

Chase Vance - Chase has played a lot of basketball since last year and has become a complete player. He can play a guard or post and will be a hard match-up for other teams.

Thomas Williams - Thomas will continue to be a 3-point threat but has added a more complete game this year. He will also be solid defensively and be asked to handle the ball.

Brent Moran - Moran will be asked to handle most of the point guard duties. He will look to push the pace on offense and make good decisions.

Lane Ours - Lane plays hard and will be a key defender. He is a lot bigger and stronger this year and will look to contribute more at both ends of the floor.

Yosef Malahi - Yosef is a kid that loves basketball and plays basketball everyday. He has a lot to learn but should be able to provide some good minutes throughout the season.

Addison Barb - Addison is another kid that loves basketball and plays as much as he can. Addison is a smart player and likes to create opportunities for others on offense.

Jaydon See - Jaydon has grown a bunch and should provide quality minutes on the varsity as a sophomore. He can post up or shoot the 3 so he should be a match up problem for other teams.

Matthew Jenkins - Jenkins is a strong post player that will be asked to bring a lot of energy and toughness to both ends of the floor. He is strong and athletic and should be able to rebound well.

The Yellow Jackets are ready to fly down the court and play every possession with heart and determination.

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2018 Moorefield Wrestling team members are: Joseph Palm, Matthew Wright, Dominick Davis, Kevin Wetzel, Allen Hardbarger, Jake Frederick, Isaac Van Meter, Cooper Riggelman, Jackson Weese, Tyberious Clayton, Matthew Delawder, Madalynn Clayton, Jaxen Ratcliff (not pictured) and Pedro Santiago (not pictured). MHS Wrestling head coach is T.J. Van Meter and assistant coaches are Larry Schoonover and Darby Clayton.

# Moorefield Grapples For Domination

The Yellow Jackets swarmed the mats last season grappling to new heights in program history and that intensity is growing as Moorefield Wrestling smashes towards success this year.

Moorefield set school records in several categories and the potential is there to exceed those marks this season which were a single season individual win record (54), team dual wins (23), three state qualifiers and Class A ninth place ranking.

"The wrestlers definitely feed off of one another's energy and victories. They battle and prepare with each other every day in practice. So, when one wrestler experiences a win they all experience it, because the whole team contributes to the process of becoming successful," Moorefield Wrestling Coach T.J. Van Meter commented.

T.J. Van Meter enters his third season at the helm of the Moorefield Wrestling program and is assisted by veteran Larry Schoonover.

Coach Van Meter was excited about the success from last season and has a goal of qualifying more for the state tournament.

"Last year we had the most successful year in our program's history. We set several school records; dual wins (23), state qualifiers (3), and highest state finish as a team (9th in Single A). We also had a wrestler break the school record for wins in a single season. So, last year was a great year for us! This year we're focused on qualifying more kids for the state tournament and breaking into the top five or higher in Single A," Coach Van Meter said.

The Yellow Jackets have 14 wrestlers this season with a plethora of experience led by senior captain Matthew Wright, junior captain Jackson Weese and sophomore captain Isaac Van Meter.

"As a team we are on the road to get better everyday and strive to beat our opponents and out-work our opponents in the off-season. I think we've done a pretty good job of that and the season has a really bright future ahead of us," Moorefield senior captain Matthew Wright noted.

Last year each captain placed at the Region II tournament as Van Meter won the championship, Wright finished in fifth place and Weese took sixth place.

I think we are looking really good. We're in the weight room a lot and getting stronger everyday. During practice we are doing more intense practices and putting in a lot of drills. I see a bright future ahead of us," Moorefield junior captain Jackson Weese remarked.

Van Meter joined fellow sophomore Kevin Wetzel and Paxton Coby at the state tournament last season as both earned spots with fourth place podium finishes at the

regional tournament.

"Our biggest goal is to qualify more for regionals. I think we have a good chance at that and we are working harder this year than we did last year," Moorefield sophomore captain Isaac Van Meter stated.

The Yellow Jackets have the drive and determination to buzz to wins on the mats.

Moorefield's experience is strong as four-year varsity senior Matt Wright competes in the 160/152 weight class and second-year senior Joseph Palm anchors the team in the 285-lb. division.

Wright and Palm constantly talk to their coaches to find ways to improve and train hard to gain the edge.

Wright explained what it means to wear the blue and gold as a Moorefield wrestler and how the team is being recognized now: "It means a lot, because in the past a whole lot of people haven't known much about Moorefield Wrestling and that we had a program here. I think we are really starting to jump start that and I think in the next couple of months everybody is going to know who Moorefield Wrestling is."

Weese is in his third season showing great athleticism and will be grappling in the 132 and 138-lb. classes this year.

"This sport is a really good sport. Everyone is going to start noticing us and I am excited about that and ready for the challenge," Weese said.

Pedro Santiago is a first-year junior and looks to bring energy at various levels from 152 to 182 pounds.

The sophomore class is tenacious with experience for each wrestler: Van Meter (170/182-lb.), Wetzel (145/152-lb.), Allen Hardbarger (170 to 195-lb.) and Jake Frederick (170/182-lb.).

Van Meter garnered the most wins in school history during a freshman campaign becoming the Region II champion and finished third at the state tournament in Huntington earning All-PVC and All-State honors.

It means a lot to wear the blue and gold, not just because of us, but because of the great athletes who came before us. It is a great opportunity," Van Meter added.

The freshmen class has a lot of energy and potential led by Tyberious Clayton, who won a youth state title last year and will be competing in the 145 to 160-lb. class, joined by twin sister Madalynn Clayton in her first season wrestling in the 113-lb. class, Matthew Delawder (195/220), Dominick Davis (138/145), Jaxen Ratcliff (138/145) and Cooper Riggelman (220/285).

There will be plenty of excitement with takedowns and pins during the season, so look out for signature moves in the matches such

as the crucifix (Van Meter), blast double (Wright) and misdirection into a high crotch (Weese).

Moorefield started the season at the Hedgesville Tournament where captains Isaac Van Meter and Matthew Wright went undefeated with ten victories and Wetzel posted seven wins on the weekend.

The Yellow Jackets have a huge lineup of tournaments on the schedule with trips to Keyser, Berkeley Springs, Musseleman, Hampshire, Fairmont, Clarksburg and Petersburg.

Having such a large number of tournaments reduced the regular dual match slate this season, but Moorefield inked East Hardy in Baker on December 19, hosts Northern on January 22, and visits Skyline in Front Royal for a quad-match.

Coach Van Meter took time to provide insight into his program and answers to an array of wrestling questions for the preview:

Who are your top wrestlers and promising newcomers?

Our team captains this year are Matt Wright (sr.), Jackson Weese (jr.), and Isaac Van Meter (so.). All three were instrumental in the success we had last season and really set the tone as leaders of the team in the practice room. Kevin Wetzel is another key member of the team that qualified for the state tournament last year as a freshman. Pedro Santiago (jr.) is new to the high school team this year. His energy and competitive drive are a welcome addition to the team. Ty Clayton begins his high school wrestling career this season. Ty has several years of youth experience and earned a state last year as an 8th grader. Coach Schoonover and I are excited to finally have him on the team. Cooper Riggelman is another freshman to keep an eye on. He's new to the sport, but he's an athletic and strong big man and I think he will be one to watch over the next four years.

How important is the experience gained from matches?

It's definitely important. As much as we try as coaches, you can't quite duplicate all aspects of a match in practice.

Does the youth program elevate the caliber of wrestling you will have?

Absolutely! Last year, Kevin was a great example of what just one season in the youth ranks can do for an incoming high school wrestler. As an 8th grader he had about a .500 season. Then last year as a freshman he was able to hit the ground running! He finished with over 30 varsity wins and earned a trip to the state tournament. This year freshmen Dominick Davis and Matthew Delawder will be looking to replicate Kevin's blue

print for early high school success. Both were new to the sport last year, but have shown tremendous improvement.

What do you need to do to prepare for a wrestling match?

That's really a BIG question! Wrestling is a lifestyle. You have to train, eat right, rest, lift weights, innovate, learn, etc. It's such a culmination of so many things.

Are there certain eating requirements for a wrestler and when they should have something prior to a match?

The biggest requirement is discipline. Most teenagers/adults do not eat well. Eating a well-balanced and healthy diet is important for any athlete and wrestlers are certainly not any different. Of course you do not want to eat anything that will set heavy on your stomach prior to a match.

What is the best type of nutrients for a wrestler during the season?

Again, a well-balanced diet rich in whole foods is the way to go. We try to steer our athletes away from processed and fast-food.

Can even having a bottle of water affect the weight of a wrestler before a match weigh-in?

Weight management is part of the sport. Just like positions on a baseball team, there are weight classes on the wrestling team. It is the wrestler's responsibility to make their weight class. Some are closer than others to the top end of their respective class, so in certain instances that bottle of water may make a difference. Other wrestlers may be five to ten pounds under weight for their weight class.

A lot of wrestlers run around the mat before the match, how does this help the wrestlers?

Being warmed-up and ready to go helps the athlete avoid injury.

How important is mental strength for a match? Are there certain ways to maintain focus?

Mental strength/toughness is important for any athlete. In a wrestling match it's one-on-one, so I think mental toughness becomes an even more important factor for success. There's nowhere to hide. A lot of people cannot handle that level of stress and pressure. Personally, I believe the ability to maintain focus comes from the hours upon hours of practice and preparation that develops into confidence in what the athlete is trying to accomplish. Specifically, most wrestlers have sort of routine. Pre-match a lot of wrestlers like to listen to their favorite songs or some prefer solitude and quiet.

Does a wrestler need to be concerned about the clock during the

duration of the match?

Generally speaking, no, we do not want them watching the clock. We want our wrestlers focused on scoring points and executing moves. However, mat awareness is a component of a successful wrestler and we want our wrestlers to develop a sense of where they are time-wise during the course of a match.

Does it favor a wrestler to make the first takedown or to be taken down and make a reversal?

We always want to score points. Statistics have shown whoever scores first in a match wins the majority of the time. Coach Schoonover and I believe if we can get our wrestlers to dominate the takedowns in a match that they will be in a good position to dictate the pace of the match and come out with a win.

Is understanding and knowing takedown maneuvers a crucial aspect of wrestling? What is the best type of takedown?

A double-leg takedown is essentially a good form tackle in football. It's not overly complicated. The crucial aspect is the timing, positioning, and the set-ups involved to make a takedown work. The best takedowns are the ones that work!

Are there signature moves a wrestler should have?

You need to know the basics. A good takedown, a good pinning combination, a good breakdown, and a good escape are great places to start. After that it's about learning different techniques and skills to add to your personal arsenal. One or two moves are easy to stop, but when a wrestler can come at you in a variety of different ways it is tough to defend.

Is it better to get a swift pin or to wrestle for a certain length of time such as three full periods?

A pin is worth six team points. We will always take a pin when we can get it.

Do you have a certain coaching philosophy on wrestling, specifically how to mentally approach each match opponent?

Coach Schoonover and I preach being aggressive in all positions. Always look to score. Take advantage of pin fall opportunities. Specifically, we teach our wrestlers to first be in good position, then look to score points, and finally to look for pinning opportunities. Mentally, you have to envision winning each match. Focus on what you are going to do, not what your opponent wants to do. Stay aggressive throughout the match and make your opponent react to you.

What are the weight classes, skill and experience for each wrestler?

Matthew Wright (12th): 3-years varsity captain, 4-year varsity wrestler, 2X regional place winner. Matt will compete at 160 this and possibly 152 later in the season. He is a tremendous leader with a great work ethic. He sets the tone for our team.

Joseph Palm (12th): 2nd year varsity. Joe will look to build on his success from last year. "Big Joe" will be our anchor at the 285 spot. Joe had some key wins for us last year, but none were bigger than the pin he had against Doddridge Co. that made the difference in us winning the dual!

Jackson Weese (11th): 3rd year varsity starter, team captain, regional place winner. Jackson will compete at the 132 and 138 spots in line-up. Jackson is a natural athlete that has greatly improved his wrestling skills over the last couple of seasons. His speed and increased wrestling skill will pose problems for his opponents this season.

Pedro Santiago (11th): First year. Pedro is a strong and aggressive kid that is quickly learning to wrestle. He put in a lot of work this off-season to make himself as prepared as possible. Pedro is looking to crack the varsity lineup anywhere from 152 to 182, depending upon the needs of the team.

Jake Frederick (10th): 2nd year varsity. Jake will compete at the 170 and 182 spots. Jake is a tough-nosed wrestler willing to put in the work it takes to be successful. He's a tenacious competitor with a strong desire to win.

Allen Hardbarger (10th): 2nd year varsity. Allen gained a lot of experience last year and has put a lot of work into the offseason. He comes in this year in much better shape. We're excited to see his continued growth as a wrestler this season. Allen will compete anywhere from 170 to 195 this year based on the needs of the team.

Kevin Wetzel (10th): 2nd year varsity, regional place winner, state qualifier. Kevin will compete at 145 and 152 this season. Kevin had a very successful freshman season and he looks to build on that this year. He will be one of the best wrestlers on our team and is emerging as one of our leaders as well.

Isaac Van Meter (10th): 2nd year varsity, team captain, all-PVC, all-state, regional champion, 3rd place at states. Isaac will compete at 170 and 182 this season. His success last year speaks for itself. This year he's added 15 to 20 pounds of muscle to his frame and is poised for another great season.

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# Local Students Play on WVU Basketball Court During Halftime



Photos by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield Youth Basketball League along with East Hardy teams took nearly 400 members on four buses for a special trip to Morgantown last Saturday for the WVU Men's Basketball game against Youngstown State.

In addition to being recognized on the scoreboard, first and second graders

formed teams to play at halftime on the Coliseum court with the Mountaineer mascot being the referee and the crowd cheered when the kids scored.

MYBL president Kevin Reed organized the trip for the teams and family members. We offer this trip every year for the youth. It is an exciting atmosphere for

them and very rare to have the special opportunity to play on the court here. Everyone had fun today, an experience that will last a lifetime," Kevin Reed noted.

History was made as WVU coach Bob Huggins earned his 850th career victory.

## Moorefield Wrestling

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Matthew Delawder (9th): First year. Matthew will compete for us at the 195 and 220 spots in our line-up. He's an athletic big man with very good quickness. This is only his second season wrestling, but he shows a lot of natural ability.

Dominick Davis (9th): First year. Dominick will compete for us at 138 and 145. He's an extremely tough and physical wrestler that will surprise many opponents this season. Dominick is deceptively strong for his size and age, a testament to the hard work he devotes to the weight room.

Tyberious Clayton (9th): First year. Ty finished his youth wrestling career with a state title. He brings a tremendous amount of experience to our team. He is a driven competitor that I've enjoyed watching grow-up and develop as

a wrestler. Ty will most likely compete at 145 to 160 this season.

Madalynn Clayton (9th): First year. Although this will be Maddy's first year competing she has been around the sport most of her life. She has displayed an impressive ability to remember the moves and techniques we drill in practice. She will be a valuable member of our team competing at the 113 spot.

Jaxen Ratcliff (9th): First year. Jaxen is a first year wrestler, but he's put a lot of time in the off-season to prepare himself. He's a quick and athletic wrestler that will compete for us at the 138 or 145 spot in the lineup.

Cooper Riggelman (9th): First year. Cooper has impressed me with his drive and work ethic. He's a big strong young man that will compete well for us in the 220 and 285 spots.

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## WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

East Hardy Boys Basketball		
DATE	TIME	Home/Away
12/4	6:00 p.m.	A
12/5	6:00 p.m.	A
12/11	6:15 p.m.	A
12/14	6:00 p.m.	H
12/18	6:00 p.m.	H
1/02	6:00 p.m.	H
1/09	6:00 p.m.	H
1/10	7:00 p.m.	A
1/11	6:00 p.m.	H
1/14	6:00 p.m.	A
1/17	6:00 p.m.	H
1/18	7:00 p.m.	H
1/22	5:45 p.m.	A
1/25	7:00 p.m.	H
1/29	6:00 p.m.	H
2/1	7:00 p.m.	A
2/5	6:00 p.m.	A
2/9	7:00 p.m.	H
2/13	6:00 p.m.	A
2/15	6:00 p.m.	A
2/19	6:00 p.m.	A
2/21	7:00 p.m.	H

Moorefield Girls Basketball		
DATE	TIME	Home/Away
12/7	6:30 p.m.	H
12/10	6:00 p.m.	A
12/12	6:15 p.m.	A
12/14	TBD	A
12/15	TBD	A
12/18	5:45 p.m.	A
12/19	5:45 p.m.	H
12/21	6:30 p.m.	H
12/29	6:00 p.m.	A
1/2	7:00 p.m.	A
1/4	6:30 p.m.	H
1/8	6:00 p.m.	A
1/11	6:30 p.m.	A
1/16	7:30 p.m.	A
1/18	6:30 p.m.	H
1/25	6:30 p.m.	H
1/28	5:45 p.m.	H
1/30	6:30 p.m.	H
2/6	6:30 p.m.	H
2/8	7:00 p.m.	A
2/13	6:00 p.m.	A
2/14	6:30 p.m.	H
2/19	6:30 p.m.	H

Moorefield Boys Basketball		
DATE	TIME	Home/Away
12/6	6:00 p.m.	H
12/11	6:00 p.m.	H
12/14	6:00 p.m.	A
12/19	7:15 p.m.	H
12/27	TBD	A
12/28	TBD	A
1/2	6:00 p.m.	H
1/4	5:45 p.m.	A
1/9	6:00 p.m.	A
1/11	6:00 p.m.	H
1/17	6:00 p.m.	H
1/18	6:00 p.m.	A
1/24	6:00 p.m.	H
1/26	1:30 p.m.	A
1/28	7:15 p.m.	H
2/1	6:15 p.m.	A
2/5	6:00 p.m.	H
2/7	6:00 p.m.	A
2/12	6:00 p.m.	A
2/15	6:00 p.m.	H
2/18	6:00 p.m.	A
2/21	6:00 p.m.	H
2/26	6:30 p.m.	H

Moorefield Wrestling		
DATE	TIME	Home/Away
11/30	3:00 p.m.	A
12/1	10:00 a.m.	A
12/7	4:00 p.m.	A
12/8	10:00 a.m.	A
12/14	4:00 p.m.	A
12/15	10:00 a.m.	A
12/19	6:00 p.m.	A
12/19	7:00 p.m.	A
12/27	10:00 a.m.	A
1/11	4:00 p.m.	H
1/12	10:00 a.m.	A
1/18	4:00 p.m.	A
1/19	10:00 a.m.	A
1/22	6:00 p.m.	H
1/25	1:00 p.m.	A
1/26	10:00 a.m.	A
1/30	5:00 p.m.	A
1/30	6:00 p.m.	A
1/30	7:00 p.m.	A
2/8	TBD	A
2/9	TBD	H
2/21	TBD	A
2/22	TBD	A
2/23	TBD	A

East Hardy Girls Basketball		
DATE	TIME	Home/Away
12/5	6:00 p.m.	H
12/7	6:00 p.m.	A
12/11	6:00 p.m.	H
12/19	6:00 p.m.	A
12/21	6:00 p.m.	H
1/2	5:45 p.m.	A
1/4	6:00 p.m.	A
1/8	6:00 p.m.	H
1/12	5:00 p.m.	H
1/16	6:00 p.m.	H
1/19	5:00 p.m.	H
1/21	6:00 p.m.	H
1/23	6:00 p.m.	H
1/25	6:00 p.m.	H
1/29	6:00 p.m.	A
1/30	6:00 p.m.	A
2/4	6:00 p.m.	A
2/6	6:00 p.m.	A
2/8	6:30 p.m.	H
2/15	6:00 p.m.	A

East Hardy Wrestling		
DATE	TIME	Home/Away
11/28	5:00 p.m.	A
12/04	6:00 p.m.	A
12/7	2:00 p.m.	A
12/8	9:00 a.m.	A
12/19	6:00 p.m.	H
12/27	10:00 a.m.	A
1/11	6:00 p.m.	H
1/16	6:00 p.m.	A
1/17	6:00 p.m.	A
1/25	1:00 p.m.	A
1/26	10:00 a.m.	A
2/8	TBA	A
2/9	TBA	A
2/21	TBA	A
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## East Hardy Boys Basketball

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try," Coach Hahn stated.

The Cougars will be led by seniors Aden Funkhouser, Cole Swanson, Adam Larson and Chance Dove.

Funkhouser was the second statistical leader in every category as a guard last season from scoring and assists to rebounding and steals.

Funkhouser can create plays inside or outside to lift the Cougars.

Dove provides great defense as a guard and knows how to distribute the ball with efficiency.

Larson and Swanson have good height as forwards and have quickness to work in the paint to score and snatch rebounds, but the outside shooting range is a threat.

East Hardy junior center Adam Baker will play a key role in the paint with his size and strength.

Junior point guard Seth Smith will provide exceptional shooting range and defensive pressure for the Cougars.

East Hardy sophomore guards Christian Dove and Andrew Tharp have great instinct and provide more intensity on the floor.

Additional varsity players are Colten Spaid, Ryan Cain, Bryce Tharp, James Pierce and Robert McNeal.

The junior varsity players are: Denny McDonald, Riley Mongold, Billy Smith, Noah Lang, Joshua Hahn, Kollin Quarles, Andrew Hahn, Justin Teets, Jacob Whetzel, Braden Orndorff, Alex Miller, Jacob Combs (IR) and Brayden Ritchie (IR).

The Cougars started this ends yesterday against Class AA Frankfort in Short Gap to start a three-game road trip before returning

home on December 14 against Moorefield for the Hardy Boys Hardwood Classic.

East Hardy added Mountain View Christian Academy for a pair of games including the season finale.

East Hardy faces three Class AA teams in Frankfort, Petersburg and Berkeley Springs.

The Cougars will be competing in the annual West Virginia Home-town Invitational Tournament.

East Hardy is prepared to hit the shots and defend the Den.

Coach Hahn shared his vision for the team for the preview:

Ways to improve - communication good defense knows where everyone else is going to be, we have to be better at communicating on the floor.

Coaching philosophy - I want winners and I want good attitudes - I live here and always plan to if I can instill a little bit of work ethic and accountability I think our community will be all the better for it.

If we can learn the game and have some fun in the process that would be great.

Returning starters - Aden Funkhouser is my returning starter was 2nd in every statistical category last year we will expect him to shoulder the burden of leading the team. He is used to it had to do it in football also he is a very talented player very athletic.

Varsity players:

Aden Funkhouser, Senior guard, is expected to lead the team and will probably draw the best de-

fender every night. Aden is a kid that has a great attitude and is very coachable I think he will have a great year for us.

Chance Dove, Senior guard, Chance is our facilitator he is quick with the basketball and an excellent defender. We aren't the same team without him on the floor he is a great teammate and very physical.

Adam Larson, Senior forward, Adam can score quickly has developed nice outside range and is long and athletic. If he improves on his defense he wouldn't surprise me having a double-double every night.

Cole Swanson, Senior forward, Cole has really improved his game this year he can get to the rim very nicely his outside shot is better and his rebounding might be the best on the team.

Adam Baker, Junior center, Adam plays smart, he does a great job positioning himself in the post, he knows what I need from him and if he can stay healthy he could be a force inside this year.

Seth Smith, Junior PG, Seth is a sharpshooter and has good vision. He harasses the ball well and plays physical for a small guy. He could have 15 points a night and I wouldn't be surprised at all.

Andrew Tharp, Sophomore guard, strong very physical great body control. If Andrew can improve his vision on the court he will be hard to keep off the floor. His motor never stops and he gives 100% every second he is out there.

Christian Dove, Sophomore guard, smart great vision, good perimeter shooter, Christian knows what the play is supposed to do

and has the natural instinct that you can't coach. The sky is the limit for what he can do this year.

What can you do to change tempo?

Switch up defenses.

Transition is a very important part of the game we work on it every day if you don't get in position you don't give your defense a chance and that puts more pressure on your offense. Find the ball and stop the ball.

Importance of rebounding- We put a big emphasis on rebounding positioning we are rarely bigger than other teams so we have to rely on technique and hustle.

We will score when it's available if we can get the defense out of position early we will score early but if we can't then we will be deliberate and try and be efficient in our half-court offense.

Shot selection - Closer the better but sometimes defense will really pack it in tight in the lane so we have to be able to extend them with the 3-point shot. I was a guard when I played so I love the long ball, but we want to spread you out so we can get a good lane to the rim.

Perimeter Accuracy - We are improving as I team I think this is one of the better three point shooting teams I have had but we aren't quite there yet hopefully by new years we will be where we want to be.

handler, All-state and All-PVC player.

Madison - 3rd year guard good shooter, knowledge of game, good defender, hustler, All-PVC player.

Anna - 3rd year forward, rebounder, hustler, good defender.

Gianna - 3rd year center shot blocker big presence in the paint, game changer.

Dribbling and ball control - if you can limit turnovers you have a lot better chance of winning so we try and put a heavy emphasis on not turning the ball over.

Player Movement - depends on the offense. Some offenses we run are a constant movement trying to not let the defense get comfortable with their help responsibilities a couple of them are more deliberate and floor spacing is the biggest thing we are trying to achieve.

Importance of setting picks - if you don't set picks you can't score so someone has to be a team player and go set a good screen so someone else can get open.

Charges - again you will find who the team players are by the guys playing defense and staying in front of their man.

Drawing defenders - we would like to have a guy draw a defender but as long as someone is out of position on defense that is all we need to make a pass.

Team Chemistry - The best teams have great chemistry, they like playing with each other they trust each other. One thing in common with every good team I have ever coached at any level in any sport is if the kids like each other and trust each other they have more success than the teams that have had a "what about me" attitude. I think this team is one of the most unselfish teams I've ever coached they are always looking for the open person and that is fun to watch.

Deep bench - I am hoping that it is not that important... We aren't very deep which limits your options as far as defensive strategy and how we can stay out of trouble. Ideally, we would like to be a little deeper in the bench but that is what happens when you have a school with 240 kids in it.

I think we can beat anyone on our schedule if we show up ready to play four quarters of basketball every night.

New teams on the schedule - MVCA which used to be SVCA they are a private school in Winchester.

We had a scheduling snafu and thought we were in a Holiday Tournament in Oakland again this year so we had to scramble to fill those dates. I liked the fact that we played up a level or two in that tournament so we tried to find a team that was pretty good to play. MVCA used to recruit some high-level kids when they were SVCA and I think they are probably off a bit from that level but I expect we will be challenged greatly when we play them. Petersburg freed up a couple games so we have them back on the schedule and from what I saw of them last year they are as talented this year as anyone around. We open with Frankfort and we have Berkeley Springs on the schedule so 6 of our games are against AA. We play in the WVHIT which are always competitive and gives us a chance to see what the rest of A is doing in the state. The rest of our schedule is completed by the usual conference opponents.

Isabelle - 3rd year forward, role player, physical.

Gracie - 2nd year guard hustler physical, good rebounder.

Remi - 2nd year forward physical, good defender, good length rebounder, physical.

Regan - 2nd year center, good shooting range, very physical, role player.

Lexi - 1st year guard, great ball handler, penetrating guard, lot of energy, hustler, good shooting range.

Cherish - 1st year forward, hustler, role player.

## Moorefield Girls Basketball

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Moorefield opens the season at home against East Hardy on Friday.

The Lady Yellow Jackets play three out of state teams: Allegany and Southern Garrett from Maryland and Strasburg Rams from Virginia.

Moorefield plays in the Petersburg Tip-off Tournament on December 14-15.

The Lady Yellow Jackets play three Class AA teams: Petersburg, Keyser and Berkeley Springs.

"Games with Southern Garrett (Maryland state champion), Allegany, Strasburg, and Petersburg makes strong schedule. Tucker as always will be good as well as teams in region. Trinity will be strong returning most of last years state tournament team and other transfers from AAA teams. Lewis County is a new team," Coach

Keplinger noted.

Moorefield has the talent to make another run in the playoffs this season.

"Conditioning and staying healthy is a must. That will aide and help determine how far we can go at tournament time," Coach Keplinger remarked.

Coach Keplinger commented about his players:

Lindsey - 3rd year guard leading scorer, good shooter, good ball

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