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# State Receives Federal Funding for Corridor H

The West Virginia Congressional Delegation announced last week, the state will receive \$20 million for the construction of Corridor H in Tucker County.

According to Robbie Morris, Chairman of the Robert C. Byrd Corridor H Highway Authority, the funds will be used for paving, traffic control measures and guard rails on two sections of the highway between Kerens and Parsons. The grant will help construct approximately 10 miles of the four-lane highway.



Photo by Mike Mallow

This is a great day for Corridor H's Clifford Hollow Bridge at night  
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# Hardy County Schools Community Development Project Receives Grant



Students and administrators from Moorefield celebrate the grant award. From left Hardy County Schools Superintendent Sheena VanMeter, WV Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kathy D'Antoni, J.R. Helmick of the Rubenstein Center, Dalton Sothen, MHS Principal Patrick McGregor, McKinley Keplinger, Sydney Gribble, Jordan Mongold, Mary Catherine Slack, Ally Loftin, Brad Simmons, Haylee Tompkins and Executive Director of the Governor's Economic Initiative Clinton Burch.

By Jean A. Flanagan  
Moorefield Examiner

The empty lot at the corner of Main and Jackson streets in Moorefield will soon be a flurry of activity. The long-awaited Hardy

County Schools Community Development Project moved one step closer to reality with a \$50,000 grant from the West Virginia Department of Education's Division of Technical Education and the Governor's Economic Initiatives.

Students from Moorefield High School's Simulated Workplace representing a number of partners made a presentation in Charleston on Wednesday, Dec. 12. The Eco-  
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# On Track Program Donates Drug Incinerator to Law Enforcement

By Jean A. Flanagan  
Moorefield Examiner

In the past, the West Virginia State Police, Natural Resources Police, the Hardy County Sheriff's Department and the Moorefield Police Department disposed

of confiscated drugs through the West Virginia Department of Agriculture. A few times a year, the Department of Agriculture would call and say they have an incinerator available, said Sgt. W. M. Roden, commander of the Moorefield/Petersburg Detachment.

Thanks to the efforts of the Eastern Regional Family Resource Network On-Track program, getting rid of outdated drug evidence as well as drugs gathered at prescription drug collection locations will be quicker and easier in the  
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# PSD Board Honors Long-Serving Chairman

By Jean A. Flanagan  
Moorefield Examiner

Matthew G. Gapp was a founding member of the Hardy County Public Service District Board of Directors and served as its chairman for 44 years. Gapp passed away in November and the board honored his service to the PSD and the Hardy County community with a resolution at the monthly meeting held Wednesday, Dec. 12.

During Matthew G. Gapp's tenure on the Board of Directors, the district has grown to serve over 2,000 homes and businesses throughout Hardy County, part of the resolution reads.

It was very sudden and we were all surprised at his passing, PSD Executive Director Logan Moyers said. Matt worked really hard for the citizens of Hardy County.

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## Eastern Hires Stephen Smoot As Dean of Community Engagement and Partnerships

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is pleased to announce the hiring of Stephen Smoot as Dean of Community Engagement and Partnerships.

Within his role, Smoot will serve as Eastern's chief workforce education and community partnerships officer and be responsible for the development and implementation of instructional systems, credit and non-credit instructional programs and services in support of employers, economic development professionals and life-long learning. Additionally, he will directly supervise Eastern's Workforce Development Department, oversee the America's Promise (AP220) project and support, collaborate with the Institute for Rural Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (IREED) and represent Eastern at state and service district meetings.

Smoot most recently served as the Eastern Panhandle Director for Congressman Alex Mooney (D2) where he worked on economic

development, support for grants, international trade and exchange agreements and other regional partnerships. He previously served as the Director of Academic Programs for the National Journalism Center in Washington, DC and taught history at Potomac State College and the University of Rio Grande. He is the author of several published columns in Human Events, State Journal, Daily Caller, Hampshire Review, Mineral Daily News Tribune, Jackson View, among many others.

Smoot holds a Ph.D. from West Virginia University with specializations in American diplomatic history, American colonial and early republic history, West Virginia and Appalachian history and Eastern Europe/Russia. He additionally holds a master's degree in history from Marshall University with minors in political science and philosophy.

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.

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.

## Bobcat Trappers Needed For Home Range Study

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources is asking bobcat trappers to assist with a new study in Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Randolph and Tucker counties.

We're asking trappers in those counties who catch bobcats to call wildlife biologists so a research crew can place a radio collar on their animal and release it, said Gary Foster, assistant chief for Wildlife Management. A \$100 gift card, useable at several locations, will be awarded to all trappers contributing an animal for the study.

Animals caught and released will not count toward the trapper's seasonal bag limit, and trappers may contribute multiple animals to the study. Researchers retain the right to refuse animals based on research needs or condition of the bobcat.

The study will help DNR refine the population model used to manage bobcats in the state and guide harvest recommendations in the future. Radio-collared bobcats will yield important data regarding home range size, habitat use and



mortality factors. The study will take two trapping seasons to complete and biologists are hoping to collar 30 bobcats each season.

Upon trapping a bobcat in the targeted counties, trappers should leave the animal on site and call one of the numbers listed below during normal business hours, Monday through Friday. A research crew will be dispatched to

process and release the animal. Trappers should not keep animals through the weekend or holidays, as research crews will not be available to respond.

Call:  
Kirsten Belcher - West Virginia University - 304-293-0050 or 304-216-8482  
Rich Rogers - WVDNR - 304-822-3551

## 2019 Appalachian Grazing Conference Scheduled in Morgantown

The 2019 Appalachian Grazing Conference is scheduled for March 7-9 at the Morgantown Marriott at Waterfront Place Hotel in Morgantown. The conference theme is:

Create a Winning Combination ... managing soil, water, plant and animal health.

The conference will focus on farm economics, conservation strategies and how to sustain productivity for the long haul.

Attendees will learn a lot about the management of the key elements of soil, water, plants and animal health to improve grasslands.

Our goal is to send farmers home with an understanding about management strategies that will improve the grassland on their property and benefit their animals and our natural resources, said Joe Gumm, chairman of the Appalachian Grazing Conference Planning Committee. The conference presents a great opportunity to learn from the presenters and connect with numer-

ous vendors who will be displaying new technology and equipment.

Keynote speakers for the conference are Sarah Flack and Dr. Allen Williams.

Flack is the author of *The Art and Science of Grazing*, as well as *Organic Dairy Production*. She is a consultant who specializes in grass-based and organic livestock production. Sarah's approach in her consulting, writing and teaching is to empower farmers to create their own individualized management systems that can work successfully for them, their farm and family goals.

Williams, a sixth-generation family farmer, pioneered many of the early adaptive grazing protocols and forage finishing techniques and has spent the last 15 years refining those methods. He has been a professor at Louisiana Tech and Mississippi State universities and his major areas of research and business focus include soil health, cover crop/liv-

estock integration, adaptive forage and grazing management, and high attribute pasture-based meat production.

The event begins with a pre-conference bus tour Thursday afternoon of WVU's Animal Science Farm facilities on Stewartstown Road in Morgantown. The tour and a dinner at the Clubhouse Grill at The Pines (\$35 total cost) will include visits to the new dairy cow loafing barn and apple orchard, as well as discussions of a grazing management project and small ruminant research projects.

With more than 20 breakout sessions on Friday and Saturday, guests at the conference will be sure to find an agriculture management topic to benefit their operation's interests. Topics include animal health, soil health, weed control, fencing and watering systems, grass-fed livestock, farm apps, drought management, managing Tall Fescue, and other grassland management strat-

egies.

The 2019 Appalachian Grazing Conference will benefit new and seasoned producers by providing an opportunity for all attendees to gain knowledge and information on how to enhance their current operations. There will be informative presentations and demonstrations of interest to those with cattle, goats and sheep.

With a reasonable registration fee, the Appalachian Grazing Conference is an excellent value. To register online, visit wvage.com. For more information contact Jim Foster at 304-349-4985 or by email at jefoster63@hotmail.com.

### GLANCING BACKWARD EXTRA

#### Fifteen Years Ago December 24, 2003

The Planning Commission made changes to a Zoning Proposal affecting the flood plain.

The County Commission heard end of year reports from Parks and Recreation, Emergency Services, the RDA and PSD.

Pilgrim's Pride was facing more than \$80,000 in fines from the Department of Environmental Protection for more than four years of water pollution violations.

Jay Harmel Porter, 23, Reston, VA, died Dec. 13. Ernestine Gibson Jones, 83, Wardensville, died Dec. 18. Ruth Keener Cook, 88, Romney, died Dec. 15. Curtis Thomas Boswell, 78, died Dec. 12. Henry Sponheimer, 88, Old Fields, died Dec. 15. Emery Judson Harr, 86, formerly of Moorefield, died Dec.

16 Kathryn Harper Coffman, 83, died Dec. 20. Logan Miller, 85, Baker, died Dec. 18.

The Lady Jackets lost to Hampshire 46-36 and Petersburg 62-21. The Lady Cougars beat Shenandoah Valley Christian Academy 42-30, lost to Mt. Carmel 41-29. East Hardy boys defeated Pendleton 68-61. MHS boys lost to Bishop Walsh 55-46.

#### Thirty Years Ago December 28, 1988

Douglas L. Flory was named Chief Operating Officer of WLR Foods, Inc.

West Virginia received \$593,891 from National Forest receipts for FY 1988. By law, twenty-five percent of National Forest revenues are returned to the states. The State Fire Marshal's office

announced a year-long program to increase efficiency and effectiveness of that office. West Virginia is the first state to participate in this program under the National Fire Academy.

Dallas Ray Kimble, 34, Kearneysville, died Dec. 16 in a road construction accident. Ada Parker Miller, 77, Yellow Spring, died Dec. 20. Nora Miller Gochenour, 83, died Dec. 22. Jeffrey S. Holcolm, Cross Junction, had died. He was a vice president of American Woodmark Corporation. James Barb, 72, Mathias, died Dec. 17. Beulah Combs Oats Foreman, 78, Winchester, died Dec. 1.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Smallwood, a daughter, Stephanie Nicole. Moorefield lost to Hampshire 69-34 and defeated Elk Garden.

### NEWS BRIEFS

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Moorefield on Friday, January 4. Donors will be taken at the Moorefield Church of the Brethren at 115 Clay Street from 12:30 until 6 p.m. Both Power Red and whole blood will be taken. Power Red donors must meet specific eligibility requirements and have type A Neg, B Neg or O blood.

Gov. Jim Justice says state revenue collections have surpassed tax estimates for eight consecutive months. Collections in November were \$18.8 million above estimates pushing year-to-date collections to \$141 million above estimates and 13.2 percent ahead of year-ago receipts. Year-to-date severance tax

collections are \$51.5 million ahead of last year, consumer sales tax collections are \$65.5 million ahead and personal income tax collections are \$82.5 million ahead.

Efforts to clean up the Chesapeake Bay will soon get a boost in funding. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Environmental Protection Agency said that more than \$13 million in grants are being awarded to bay restoration and conservation programs. Some of the projects supported by the grants will focus on helping farmers and towns to continue to reduce runoff. West Virginia is one of six states in the bay watershed.

According to AAA last week, gas prices in West Virginia had dropped nearly 7 cents to \$2.475. The national gas price dropped to \$2.413. AAA expects the national gas price average to drop to as low as \$2.40 by the end of the year due to cheaper crude oil prices. West Virginia is among states saving at least a quarter/gallon when filling up. Across West Virginia, prices ranged from a low of \$2.203 at Huntington to a high of \$2.659 at Morgantown. Area averages were \$2.626 in Jefferson, \$2.614 in Hampshire, and \$2.543 in Mineral counties. In Hardy County, gas prices in Moorefield were \$2.61 at Sheetz and \$2.69 at BP, \$2.64 at Wardensville 7-11 and \$2.73 in Baker.

### Letter to Editor

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Fortnite. They get addicted to them and can't stop playing them. Sometimes, they might even stay up all night long playing them. Parents need to enforce bedtimes so the kids get plenty of sleep.

If kids go to bed late they will be tired. They might not be ready

for school the next day. Usually if they are tired, they will sleep in. If they sleep in, they could be late for school and might fall behind on work. If they don't have enough energy and have a test, they will fail it and then have bad grades. School is very important, as is sleep.

Sleep is important and the right amount is needed. Parents should

enforce a set bedtime for their kids to go to bed each night. They need to stop them from playing video games all night long. Parents need to understand that school is important and their kids need to do well.

Sincerely,  
James Williams  
7th grader  
Moorefield Middle School

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Holiday Closures

The Hardy County Courthouse will be closed on Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25 for the Christmas holiday.

The Moorefield Examiner will be closed on Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25 for the Christmas holiday.

The Hardy County Library will be closed on Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25 for the Christmas holiday.

The Hardy County Courthouse will be closed on Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019 for the New Year holiday.

The Hardy County Public Library will be closed on Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019 for the New Year holiday.

### 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.

### Christmas House

Sponsored by the GFWC Moorefield Woman's Club, nominations for the Christmas House and the Christmas Yard will be taken until Tuesday, Dec. 18. To nominate a house or yard, call Billie Jo High 304-538-6169 or Tracey Ratliff 304-490-9002. If no answer leave the name and address of the house or yard being nominated.

### HARSE to Meet

The Hardy County Association of Retired School Employees will meet Tuesday, Dec. 18, at the Ponderosa Restaurant in Moorefield at 10:30 a.m. Any and all retired school employees are invited to attend.

### PHARC Meets

The Potomac Highlands Amateur Radio Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. at Sions Equipment, 331 Clay St. in Moorefield. Anyone interested in the radio hobby are welcome. More information at www.pharc.org.

### Holiday Open House

During Hardy County Heritage Weekend, tours of Stump Cabin, built in 1784, were cancelled due to bridge flooding of South Fork River. The family

has rescheduled tours for Saturday, Dec. 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will host a Holiday Open House for anyone who would like to come out and take a guided tour of the cabin and see the museum of old stuff. No tickets required.

### Office Renovations

The Moorefield Town Office will be closed Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019 for renovations. They ask that any customers paying their bill between Jan. 7 through Jan. 11, 2019, use the side door. The front office will be closed during that time. Sorry for any inconvenience.

### Food School

The Hardy County Health Department will host Food School on Monday, Jan. 7 at 9 a.m. at

the office 411 Spring Ave. in Moorefield. All classes are on a first-come, first-served basis. For information, call 304-530-6355.

### Preschool Registration

Save the dates - Registration for Pre-K in Hardy County will be held on Friday, Jan. 18, 2019 and Feb. 1 at the Moorefield Early Learning Center/Head Start and on Friday, Jan. 25, 2019 at East Hardy Early Middle School. Exact times will be forthcoming.

### First Responders Class

The Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority will host Autism and First Responders Class on Saturday, Jan. 19 at 1 p.m. at HCEAA building, 17940 SR 55 in Baker. The class is free and two CE hours will be credited. The class is open to fire,

EMS, dispatch and law enforcement. Call Derek Alt at 304-897-6060 for information.

### 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

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From left, Joanna Kuhn, WV State Police Sgt. W. M. Roden, Natural Resources Police St. Robert Clark, On Track Program Assistant T. J. Dawson and DNR Police Officer Michael Lindale.



Photos by Jean Flanagan

Representatives from the West Virginia State Police and Division of Natural Resources Police try their hand at loading the drug incinerator. Joanna Kuhn (at right) of the ERFNRN advises.

## Drug Incinerator

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future.

The ERFNRN purchased and donated a portable drug disposal incinerator. The Terminator is a self-contained incinerator that safely and quickly reduces dangerous drugs to a pile of ash.

One of the On Track strategies

is to identify local conditions, said ERFNRN Executive Director Joanna Kuhn. One of those conditions was the misuse of prescription drugs. One of the challenges we discovered was getting the medical return boxes emptied.

The \$5,000 incinerator is specially designed to destroy drugs, sy-

ringes and other debris safely and completely.

We are extremely appreciative, Sgt. Roden said. We have to retain evidence for a certain period of time. But we don't like to keep it longer than necessary. This will enable us to destroy outdated evidence on our own time schedule.

While The Terminator is portable, Roden said it will be easier if other law enforcement entities would bring their outdated evidence to the Moorefield/Petersburg Detachment for disposal.

"We'll be flexible," he said. "If it is necessary, we'll find a way to get it to folks who need it."

This is a great local resource, said Hardy County Sheriff Bryan Ward. What we've done in the past is take our outdated evidence to the Department of Ag a few times a year. Now we'll be able to dispose of it more promptly.

The Moorefield Police Department has a Drug Take-Back box

located in the lobby of their office. In the past the Drug Enforcement Agency has taken possession of the drugs collected sporadically.

Law enforcement agencies can contact the WV State Police Moorefield/Petersburg Detachment for information about access to the Terminator.

## Congress Approves \$400 Billion Farm Bill, Helps Farmers, Forests and the Poor

By Juliet Linderman

Associated Press

(AP) - After months of debate and negotiation, Congress voted final approval Wednesday to a massive farm bill that will provide more than \$400 billion for agriculture subsidies, conservation programs and food aid.

The House voted 369-47 for the legislation, which sets federal agricultural and food policy for five years, after the Senate approved it 87-13 on Tuesday. It is now headed to the desk of President Donald Trump, who is expected to sign it.

The measure reauthorizes crop insurance and conservation programs and pays for trade programs, bioenergy production and organic

farming research. It also reduces the cost for struggling dairy producers to sign up for support programs and legalizes the cultivation of industrial hemp.

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Rep. Michael Conaway, R-Texas, said the final bill looks at stresses and strains across all of rural America, economic development issues and just the practice of farming and ranching. It says: here are federal resources we want to put against those problems.

One thing the bill doesn't include: tighter work requirements for food stamp recipients, a provision of the House bill that was celebrated by President Donald Trump but became a major sticking

point during negotiations.

Another contentious piece of the House's original legislation, relaxing restrictions on pesticide use, also didn't make it into the final text.

Conaway championed the stricter work requirements, and fought to restrict the ability of states to issue waivers to exempt work-eligible people. The House measure also sought to limit circumstances under which families who qualify for other poverty programs can automatically be eligible for SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and earmarked \$1 billion to expand work-training programs.

The bill does increase funding

for employment and training programs from \$90 million to \$103 million.

The original House bill failed during its first floor vote when 30 GOP members blocked it over an unrelated immigration issue. It passed a second time around, but without any support from Democrats, who insisted they wouldn't vote for a bill with the new work requirements included.

The version we passed in June took bold steps to reforming SNAP and moving in the direction most of us believed was supported by the American people, Conaway said. That was not supported broadly by the body across the building, and we made the

compromise necessary to get us to this place.

The House and Senate also clashed over portions of the bill's forestry and conservation sections.

Negotiations were complicated in recent weeks when the White House asked Congress to make changes to the forestry section in response to deadly wildfires in California, giving more authority to the Agriculture and Interior departments to clear forests and other public lands. The final text doesn't significantly increase the agencies' authority.

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said the bill will help producers make decisions about the future, while also investing in im-

portant agricultural research and supporting trade programs to bolster export. But he voiced disappointment over the failed changes to work requirements.

While I feel there were missed opportunities in forest management and in improving work requirements for certain SNAP recipients, this bill does include several helpful provisions and we will continue to build upon these through our authorities, he said.

The bill maintains current limits on farm subsidies, but includes a House provision to expand the definition of family to include first cousins, nieces and nephews, making them eligible for payments under the program.

# Photos with Santa

Santa Claus will be making a special visit on **Friday, December 21st** from **4:00pm-6:00pm**. Bring your camera and have your picture taken with Santa.

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# OBITUARIES

## JOHN MITCHELL SHERMAN

John Mitchell Sherman, age 87, of Moorefield, W.Va., passed away on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at the Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center, Petersburg, W.Va. Born on December 21, 1930 in Moorefield, W.Va., he was the son of the late John Brook Sherman and Pauline Mae Poling Sherman. He is survived by his wife, Nina Hartman Sherman; and son, John Mitchell Sherman, Jr. both of Moorefield, W.Va.

John was a machinist and welder who began his career working for his father, Brook Sherman at Sherman Machine Shop. After his father's passing in 1958, he con-

tinued the business as Sherman Machine Shop and Parts Co. until 2016. Along with this business, he also was a dealer for Massey-Ferguson Farm Equipment and Big A Auto Parts. Later he acquired the local Radio Shack Dealership, which was run by his son, John Jr. In the 70 s, he was chief mechanic on race car 44, owned by Eddie Hartman.

John served in the Korean War with the US Army from December 1952 - November 1954. He was a charter member of the Moorefield Jaycees, a member of the Moorefield Lions Club (original Club Growler) for over 50 years, a mem-

ber of the Masonic Lodge #29 AF&AM and served as a councilman for Town of Moorefield for 15 years.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at Elmore Funeral Home, Moorefield, W.Va. with Pastor Harold George officiating. Burial will follow at Olivet Cemetery, Moorefield, W.Va. where military graveside rites will be accorded. Memorial donations may be made to Moorefield Lions Club, P. O. Box 452, Moorefield, W.Va. 26836.

Arrangements are under the direction of Elmore Funeral Home.



## Moorefield Seventh-Day Adventist Church

504 Trough Road  
Moorefield, WV  
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Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
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## Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church

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Saturday Mass 6:30 PM  
Sunday Mass 9:00 AM

## HARPERS CHAPEL Church of the Brethren

Located on Lost River State Park Road  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Worship Service - 11 a.m.  
Pastor Johnnie Stump  
Everyone Welcome!

## Moorefield Assembly of God

139 Chipley Lane  
Moorefield, WV 26836  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Sunday A.M. Worship - 11 a.m.  
Sunday P.M. Worship - 6:30 p.m.  
Wade Armentrout, Pastor  
"Come celebrate the presence of the Lord"

## AGE IN ACTION

**MENU**  
**Dec. 24 - Dec. 31, 2018**  
**Mathias, Moorefield,**  
Wardensville  
Mathias & Wardensville - Home  
Delivered Only  
Moorefield Nutrition Site  
Meals served at 12:00-12:30  
Mon. Dec. 24- Lunch served at 11 a.m., sausage gravy over biscuit, hash brown, stewed tomatoes, mandarin oranges.  
Tues. Dec. 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL - CENTER CLOSED  
Wed. Dec. 26 - Meatball sub, turnip greens, coleslaw, peaches, fig bar  
Thurs. Dec. 27 - Chicken patty on bun w/lettuce, onion and mayo, parsley potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower.  
Fri. Dec. 28 - Calico beans w/ meat, peppers and onions, cornbread, applesauce  
Mon. Dec 31 - Lunch served at 11 a.m. Sausage biscuit, hash browns, pudding, orange juice

Wed. Jan. 02- Sauerkraut and pork, mashed potatoes, lima beans, wheat bread, applesauce  
Thurs. Jan. 03- Turkey Pot pie, coleslaw, cranberry sauce  
Fri. Jan. 04- Potato soup, meat salad sandwich, broccoli, mandarin oranges  
Meals are to be eaten here at the center or at E. A. Hawse Community room in Baker, Thursday s only.  
Persons under age of 60 are welcome to come and eat with us at a cost of \$5.25 per meal. THAT s A DEAL. Any donation over \$5.25 would be greatly appreciated.  
To cancel or order a lunch call 304-530-2256, ex. 231 or 232.  
Due to availability of delivered food, substitutions are sometimes necessary.  
**ACTIVITIES AT MOOREFIELD SENIOR CENTER**  
Mon. Dec. 24 - CENTER CLOSSES AT 12:00.  
Tues. Dec. 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS CENTER CLOSED  
Wed. Dec. 26 - Puzzles, Crafts  
Thurs. Dec. 27 - Puzzles, Crafts  
Fri. Dec. 28 - Puzzles, Crafts, Bible Study 11:15  
Mon. Dec. 31 - CENTER CLOSSES AT NOON  
Tues. Jan. 1 - CENTER CLOSED HAPPY NEW YEAR  
Please call about Bingo on Wednesdays.

Bingo with prizes and snacks every Wednesday at 12:30, except last Wednesday. Last Monday of month will be a Bingo with snacks by Grant Memorial Hospice/ Bobbie Wolfe  
**REMINDERS**  
If you want to pick/up carry out a meal at the senior center, call by 9:30. Wardensville area, please call by 9:00 for a home delivered meal.  
The seniors have their necklaces and other crafts available for sale. Check them out!  
**DONATIONS**  
Those making donations were Lola Crider, Lona Sherman, Ida Staggs, Patty and Harold Michael, Elmore Funeral Home, Phyllis Sager Family, Food Lion and the Moorefield Examiner. We would like to thank each and everyone for your donations, they are greatly appreciated. Have a safe and happy week.  
HCCOA receives funding from federal and state entities including Bureau of Senior services and Upper Potomac AAA, local government and memorial contributions.  
**DONATIONS NEEDED PLEASE READ**  
Hardy County Committee on Aging is participating in the AmazonSmile Program. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices and convenient shop-

ping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is when customers shop at AmazonSmile ( smile.amazon.com) the AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organizations selected by customers.  
Please remember us as you do your online shopping. AmazonSmile is an easy and convenient way to donate to your local Senior Center. Donations will be used to offset the expenses of our nutrition program which provides on-site meals, as well as home delivered meals to eligible seniors in Hardy County.  
For more information, please call us at 304-304-2256 or stop by the senior center at 409 Spring Ave, Moorefield, WV.  
Thank you for your support!  
**WE HAVE ENSURE**  
Flavors available are chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, and butter pecan. Regular and plus in same flavors. The cost has increased. We will only accept checks for ensure. No cash. Sorry for the inconvenience. Any questions, call the center at 304-530-2256.  
**MEDICARE**  
Do you need help with Medicare Part A, B, C, D? Call to make appointment with Arline at 304-530-2256, 8:00-4:00, Monday through Friday.

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**Rig Assembly of God Church**  
Rev. Brad Taylor

- Sunday Morning Service at 10 a.m.
- Sunday Night Service at 6 p.m.
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Kathy, Becky,  
and Sgt. Major Chipper

## This Week in West Virginia History

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.  
Dec. 19, 1794: A 40-acre tract of George Clendenin's land was selected as the site of Charlestown, later renamed Charleston. Clendenin, born in Augusta County, Virginia, in 1746, was one of the first settlers in the Kanawha Valley. Through Clendenin's influence the Virginia Assembly authorized the formation of Kanawha County from parts of Greenbrier and Montgomery counties in 1789.  
Dec. 19, 1832: The town of Ripley received its charter. It was probably named for Harry Ripley, a popular, circuit-riding Methodist minister who drowned in Mill



George Clendenin

Creek in 1830.  
Dec. 20, 2002: Grote Reber died. In 1937, Reber built the world's first parabolic radio telescope in his backyard. The Reber Telescope was moved to the National Radio Observatory at Green Bank in the 1960s and was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1989.  
Dec. 21, 1798: Wood County was

established by the Virginia General Assembly. It was named for James Wood, governor of Virginia from 1796 to 1800.  
Dec. 22, 1928: Radio station WMMN of Fairmont began operations as one of West Virginia's pioneer stations. For nearly two decades beginning in 1935, WMMN was an important outlet for country and western music performers. The highlight of this era was the Sagebrush Roundup, a Saturday-night live-audience show which began in December 1938 and was broadcast weekly for nearly ten years.  
Dec. 23, 1987: Lynette Squeaky Fromme escaped from the Federal Prison Camp in Alderson. Fromme, who was serving a life sentence for trying to kill President Gerald Ford, was captured two days later near the prison.  
Dec. 24, 1852: The last spike was driven on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad between Baltimore and the Ohio River. The event occurred at Rosbys Rock near

Moundsville. To mark the spot where the final spike was driven the following words were carved upon the rock: Rosbys [sic] Rock Track Closed Christmas Eve 1852.  
Dec. 24, 1942: The Committee on Fair Employment Practices ordered that Jehovah's Witnesses be reinstated to their jobs at Pittsburgh Plate Glass in Clarksburg. The workers had been fired for refusing to participate in union-sponsored flag-salute ceremonies at the plant.  
Dec. 25, 2002: Jack Whittaker, a Putnam County contractor, won the \$314.9 million Powerball jackpot. At the time, it was the largest single lottery jackpot in history.  
e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia is a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council. For more information, contact the West Virginia Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; (304) 346-8500; or visit e-WV at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

# West Virginia Board of Education Recommends More Funding for Teachers

(AP) - The state's Board of Education is recommending more funding for teachers, counselors and nurses as well as increased funding for career technical education and adequate funding for facilities.  
The State Journal reports the recommendations are a product of a select committee on finance formed by board President Dave Perry when he took over in July.  
Perry told the paper the committee looked at the school aid formula and determined it was very

equitable but also dramatically underfunded.  
In addition to hiring more staff, the proposal recommends allowing teachers to bank their sick days and time off. It also says more funding is needed to meet students' mental health needs, including hiring mental health counselors, guidance counselors, social workers, nurses, physical therapists and psychologists.  
The recommendations don't give dollar figures for how much should be allocated to each area.

Perry said they are leaving that up to the legislature.  
Obviously, none of us would expect that this would be funded 100 percent in the first year," Perry said. "But we would definitely hope that it will be looked at, and that it will start to turn this formula around and meet the needs of the students in the 21st century.  
At least one recommendation seems likely to have legislative support. Senate Finance Chairman Craig Blair, R-Berkeley, already has mentioned increasing the re-

imbursement to teachers for supplies from \$200 to around \$500. Other recommendations may be a tougher sell among lawmakers who may be looking for ways to cut taxes.  
House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay, has already said they will be discussing how to repeal the state's business inventory tax without hurting the public school system when the next session begins on Jan. 9. That could necessitate changing how schools are funded.

## DUPLICATE BRIDGE

A Howell game was played on Wednesday, December 12, with 4 1/2 tables in play in the South Branch Duplicate Bridge Club held at Colts Restaurant. There were 9 pairs playing 27 boards with an average match-point score of 36.  
Overall winners were: Lary Gar-

rett and Bruce Leslie, 48; Steve Kimble and Kevin McDonald, 41 1/2; Marion Marshall and Susan Newman, 38 1/2; Polly Long and Kathleen Puffenberger, 36 1/2; Bill Fisher and Rachael Welton, 36 1/2.  
The bridge club meets each Wednesday at Colts Restaurant beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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## Moorefield Presbyterian Church

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Oak Dale Chapel Rig Worship 10 a.m. SS - 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Worship - 11 a.m.  
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For our Special Son & Brother  
Today, tomorrow our whole life though. We will always love and miss you.  
Mom, Dad & Katie

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## Humanities Council Seeking Grant Proposals

The West Virginia Humanities Council announces its upcoming February 1, 2019, grant deadline for three grant categories: Major grants, which are awarded twice a year for projects requesting up to \$20,000; Fellowships of \$3,000, which are awarded annually for scholarly research projects; and Minigrants, which are awarded four times a year for projects requesting \$1,500 or less.

The Humanities Council, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, serves West Virginia through grants and direct programs in the humanities. A variety of matching grants are offered by the Humanities Council year-round to nonprofit organizations in West Virginia that support educational programming.

See below for complete descriptions of grant applications due

February 1:

Major grants. This category supports public programs including, but not limited to, lectures, school projects, symposia, panel discussions, reading and discussion series, exhibits, reenactments, and conferences. Major grant proposals may request up to \$20,000. Applicants should allow twelve weeks between the deadline and the start of the project.

Fellowships. Stipends of \$2,500 are awarded once a year to West Virginia college and university humanities faculty and independent scholars for research and writing projects. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, the study of interpretive archaeology; the history, theory, and criticism of the arts; ethics; history; jurisprudence; modern and classical languages; linguistics; literature; philosophy; comparative religion; and philo-

sophical and historical approaches to the social sciences.

Minigrants. Humanities Council minigrants support small projects, single events, lectures, small museum exhibits and brochures, consultation needs, and planning for more complex projects. Minigrant deadlines are February 1, April 1, June 1, and October 1 for projects requesting \$1,500 or less. Applicants should allow six weeks between the deadline and the start of the project.

For more information about the West Virginia Humanities Council grants program contact Humanities Council grants administrator Erin Riebe at (304) 346-8500 or via email at riebe@wvhumanities.org. Grant guidelines and applications are also available on the Humanities Council website, www.wvhumanities.org.

## Barnes Selected As Potomac Center's DSP of the Year



Megan Meehan 2nd runner-up, Karen Slonaker 1st runner-up, Kim Helmstetter COO, Tammy Barnes winner of DSP of the Year, Rick Harshbarger CEO.

Tammy Barnes of Springfield, West Virginia, was recently named Direct Support Professional of the Year by Potomac Center's Management. DSPs are those employees who work directly with individuals with developmental/intellectual disabilities served by Potomac Center.

The recipient of the DSP of the Year award is announced at a general staff meeting where as many staff as possible are in attendance. To heighten the suspense of who is the "big" winner, the finalists are announced prior to the ultimate frontrunner.

The three finalists for 2018 were Barnes, Karen Slonaker, and Megan Meehan. Slonaker was chosen first runner up and Meehan was selected second runner-up.

I was very shocked about my nomination which I appreciate tremendously, Meehan said. I truly

care about the individuals I serve and have served for the past four years. I love to see my individuals grow in their independence every day. I would like to thank my co-workers and my supervisors for making this a great place to work.

The individuals at the Potomac Center have always been a big part of my life," Slonaker said. "I find it rewarding to observe them as they grow and meet their goals.

I never dreamed that getting a job at Potomac Center would turn into a passion, DSP of the Year Barnes said. I love the kids we serve like they are my own. Watching them grow and learn is one of my favorite parts of the job. I am honored and privileged to play a small role in their lives. I love the Potomac Center and what it stands for. To be a part of a company that literally helps change lives is wonderful. I am honored to have been

chosen as DSP of the Year, but it is a team effort, and I work with some amazing people.

Selecting our DSP of the Year is always something I look forward to participating in every year, CEO Rick Harshbarger said. We always have so many deserving candidates --especially this year. Megan, Karen, and Tammy are all excellent employees and work so very well with our folks. Tammy is a great choice for DSP of the Year and it was an honor to present this award to her.

Potomac Center is West Virginia's only residential facility of its kind serving both children and adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities. The Center's main campus opened in October 1980 and is one of Hampshire County's largest employers.

**The Ruddle Family**  
would like to thank everyone involved with the benefit dinner.

We extend our gratitude to friends, family, local businesses, our community folks at Moorefield Church of Christ and Duffey Memorial United Methodist Church and others who extended a helping hand.

Your love, kindness, generosity and prayers will forever be in our hearts.

**Thank You!**

On behalf of the Moorefield Middle School Football Players, Coaches and Parents, we would like to thank the following businesses for their donations to our end-of-season banquet:

**Miller Family Health Care  
EZ Care  
and Moorefield Sheetz.**

Thank you for your support

**HARDY COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT  
Resolution in Memory of Matthew G. Gapp**

WHEREAS, Matthew G. Gapp, a resident of Hardy County, West Virginia, passed from this earth on November 29, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Matthew G. Gapp was a founding member of the Board of Directors of the Hardy County Public Service District and held the position of Chairman of the District Board for over forty-four years since the District was created in 1974; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as a member of the Board of Directors Matthew G. Gapp faithfully served the District and the citizens of Hardy County, West Virginia and was instrumental in bringing public water and wastewater service to residents throughout Hardy County who previously had no such access

WHEREAS, during Chariman Matthew G. Gapp's tenure on the Board of Directors, the District has grown to serve over 2,000 homes and businesses throughout Hardy County.

NOW, THEREFORE, WITNESSETH, that the Hardy County Public Service District adopts this Resolution recognizing the life of Matthew G. Gapp and his service to this District and to Hardy County, West Virginia.

Adopted this 12th day of December, 2018.

By: *Robert W. Harper*, Board Member  
*Rose Helmick*, Board Member

Attest: *Logan Myrick*, General Manager  
*Connie Sherman*, Secretary

**Mathias Cemetery  
at Hill Circle  
Spring 2019  
Fence  
Construction**

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**Christmastime  
at  
Moorefield Presbyterian Church**

*Sunday, Dec 23 @ 11 am — Nativity Play & Service  
Our children and youth will lead worship and retell the Christmas story in word & song*

*Sunday, Dec 23 @ 3:30 pm—Blue Christmas Service  
A contemplative service for those who find this a more difficult time of year*

*Monday, Dec 24 @ 8 pm—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
A service of lessons and carols ending with the lighting of candles and singing Silent Night*

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Plus Wellness  
Program**

In an effort to educate our community on important issues, the Potomac Highlands Guild is proud to announce that prevention professionals from PHG and the Berkeley County Recovery Resource Prevention Program have become the first in the nation to be trained to implement the new Vaping Prevention Plus Wellness Program to youth. Dr. Raj Masih, Roger Dodd, Jeanie Hawk, Kevin Knowles, Paige Mathias and Stephanie Stout attended the 5-hour live online training to become certified program implementers of this evidence-informed program. This program will be provided to elementary, middle and high school youth in all eight counties of the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia.

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JANUARY 16 - TRI STAR 12 GA

JANUARY 17 - SAVAGE 243  
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JANUARY 19 - SAVAGE 12 GA  
JANUARY 20 - \$500  
JANUARY 21 - HENRY LEVER ACTION 22 LR  
JANUARY 22 - THOMPSON CENTER 308  
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JANUARY 26 - REMINGTON 783 22/250  
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## AT THE LIBRARY

### Movie at the Library

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

### Closed for the Holidays

The Hardy County Public Library will be closed Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25 for the Christmas holiday. We will also be closed Tuesday, Jan. 1, for the New Year's holiday. Everyone have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

### New Fiction

*The Enemy of My Enemy* (Clandestine Operations; 5) by W.E.B. Griffin - Special agent James Cronley Jr. uncovers evidence of a stolen fortune in the hands of Odessa while tracking down two escaped Nazi war criminals.

*The Bride of Ivy Green* (Tales from Ivy Hill; 3) by Julie Klassen  
In 1821, several villagers of Ivy Hill have found new love and pur-

pose, while questions and dreams remain. When a secretive new dressmaker arrives, the ladies suspect she isn't who she claims to be. While residents of Ivy Hill anticipate one wedding, an unexpected bride may surprise them all.

### New Non-Fiction

*Did You Just Eat That?: Two Scientists Explore Double-Dipping, the Five-Second Rule, and Other Food Myths in the Lab* by Paul Dawson and Brian Sheldon  
Food scientists take you into their labs to show how they have determined everything from how much bacteria gets transferred from sharing utensils to how many microbes live on restaurant menus.

*Copperplate Calligraphy from A to Z: A Step-By-Step Workbook for Mastering Elegant, Pointed-Pen Lettering* by Sarah Richardson  
This photo-packed guide breaks down every skill, step and stroke into easy-to-learn techniques. It shows you how to build a solid foundation in drawing beautiful letters as well as ways to add flourishes and embellishments to your personal

projects.

### New Jr Fiction

*Major Monster Mess* (Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol; 6) by Andres Miedoso  
Desmond and Andres face down the creepy monster lunch ladies at Kersville Elementary.

*Squirm* by Carl Hiaasen  
Billy Dickens discovers that his mysterious father lives in Montana, so this summer Billy will fly across the country, hike a mountain, float a river, dodge a grizzly bear, shoot down a spy drone, and save his own father.

*The Nebula Secret* (Explorer Academy; 1) by Trudi Trueit  
Twelve-year-old Cruz Coronado leaves his home in Hawaii to study and travel with other young people invited to attend the elite Explorer Academy in Washington, D.C.

### New Jr. Non-Fiction

*The Orca Scientists* by Kim Perez Valice  
Follow the scientists working in the Pacific Northwest to learn about the orca whale pop-

ulation there, as they race to save these remarkable mammals from extinction.

*Children's Illustrated History Atlas* by Simon Adams  
An atlas that provides the history of human civilization from the ancient world to the modern era and examines religion, exploration, war, colonization, kingdoms, and technology.

*Visual Guide to Math* by Karen Wilding  
Shares a visual guide of basic math operations, including counting, measuring, and shapes.

*Seeing Stars* by Sara Gillingham  
Illustrated guide to the 88 internationally recognized constellations with stories and legends, including key star information, location descriptions, and maps.

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*Eat Pete!* by Michael Rex  
When a hungry monster appears

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Pig the Pug often lies to get what he wants, and blames Trevor the sausage dog for his own misdeeds--but when his latest lie results in an accident and the loss of a tooth he finally learns his lesson (maybe).

*Night Train, Night Train* by Robert Burleigh  
Told in rhyming text, a train speeds through the night, revealing the sights and colors along the way to its young and sleepy riders.

*What If Everybody Said That?* (What If Everybody) by Ellen Javernick  
A child learns that there are consequences for saying thoughtless things, from making fun of someone with glasses to

refusing to invite a new kid in the neighborhood to play.

*Night Job* by Karen Hesse  
On Friday night, a boy accompanies his father to his night job as the school custodian.

*Sleepy, the Goodnight Buddy* by Drew Daywalt  
When a boy who routinely refuses to go to bed gets a talkative stuffed animal, the tables are turned!

*Crash, Splash, or Moo!* by Bob Shea  
Mr. McMonkey hosts a game in which the reader is invited to guess whether a stunt will result in a crash, a splash, or a moo.

*Scaredy Bear* by Steve Smallman  
When brave Little Bob the bunny learns about a scary creature called the Big Hairy who lives in the forest, he sets out to find it, and befriends a very timid bear along the way.

*Mustafa* by Marie-Louise Gay  
After leaving his war-torn country with his family, Mustafa visits a park near his new home and finds beautiful flowers, lady bugs, fall leaves, and finally, a friend.

## PSD

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The remaining members of the board approved the resolution, which will be printed, framed and presented to Gapp's family.

### Baker Water Project

Moyers informed the board the funding application for the Baker Water Project has been accepted by the regional USDA Rural Utility Service representative.

The application will be forwarded to the state office for final review, he said. We are hoping to receive a funding commitment in the near future.

The Baker Water Project involves an upgrade to the Baker treatment facility to eliminate disinfection by products from the treated water. The project also includes a number of main line extension projects, a fire suppression line and repairs on an existing main line.

The total cost of the projects is approximately \$3 million. The PSD has applied for a combination grant/loan package with the USDA/RUS.

Board member Rose Helmick commended Moyers the PSD employees on the grant process. You have done a wonderful job with the grant application, she said.

Moyers said while waiting for funding approval, the PSD has filed a Notice of Intent with the West Virginia Public Service Com-

mission. A Certificate of Convenience and Need must be obtained from the PSC before the project can begin.

We can request permission to bid the project before we actually have the certification," Moyers said.

The contract for the water treatment facility upgrade portion of the project will likely take six to eight months after the bid is awarded. Since we already have the easements, the extension projects won't take as long, he said.

### Hampshire County Water

Moyers said he is working with the Central Hampshire PSD to determine how much it will cost to sell water to Purgitsville.

A representative from the Purgitsville community approached the Hardy County PSD to request water service be extended into Hampshire County.

Moyers said the most expedient way to get water to the Purgitsville community was for Hampshire to build the infrastructure - water lines, storage tanks, etc. - and for the Hardy County PSD to sell them water.

Hampshire has requested a resale rate, he said. Our accountant is looking at those numbers.

Moyers said the rate will include the anticipated rate increase from the town of Moorefield.

The PSD purchases water from

Moorefield.

### Office Rebuild

Moyers reported the Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved the expenses for the damage to the PSD office and garage. The building was flooded during a rain event in June. It has since become uninhabitable because of mold.

The PSD has also applied for hazard mitigation funds to rebuild the office/garage in a manner that will prevent future damage should another rain event occur.

"While we are waiting for a final determination from FEMA on exactly how much grant funds we can obtain, we have reached out to local architects to get a quote on producing bid-level drawings and specifications for a new facility," Moyers said. Once we have a final dollar figure on what we can expect to receive from FEMA, we will be able to determine a scope of the rebuild project and we can move forward.

In the meantime, the PSD will remain in the portable office.

The next meeting of the Hardy County Public Service District will be held on Wednesday, Jan 9 beginning at 4:30 p.m. The meetings are held at the PSD office, 2094 U.S. Route 220 South in Moorefield. The public is invited to attend.

## Corridor H

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dor H, Morris said. It has been a decade since federal money was specifically awarded for the construction of Corridor H. Our federal delegation has been working with U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao to ensure our BUILD grant was approved.

Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development grants are awarded on a competitive basis for projects that have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan or regional area. The infrastructure improvements are essential to the economic revitalization of rural communities. BUILD transportation grants are major investments in road, rail, transit, an port projects that serve as a down payment on this administration's commitment to America's infrastructure, said US Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao.

The Corridor H grant was one of 851 eligible applications that were sent in response to the funding opportunity. That was double the 2017 requests. A total of \$10.9 billion was awarded.

According to Secretary Chao's office, the BUILD grants endeavor to balance a 10-year underinvestment in rural communities. Underinvestment in rural infrastructure has led to a decline in the routes that connect communities in rural America.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 appropriated \$1.5 billion for BUILD Transportation grants. West Virginia received a total of \$40 million, with \$20 million allocated to the U.S. 522 Berkley Springs Bypass in Morgan County.

Investing in American infrastructure is one of the most important steps we can take to put people back to work and get our economy moving again, said Senator Joe Manchin III (D-WV). I will continue to push for increased funding to complete Corridor H and the Appalachian Highway Development System.

"From my first day in the Senate, I have advocated for Corridor H and similar projects that will greatly improve our transportation infrastructure," said Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV). I will continue working to help deliver similar resources.

These investments will continue to boost economic activity and enhance safety, said Congressman Alex Mooney (R-2nd).

## Community Development Project

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omic Projects Impacting Communities or EPIC was a competitive process wherein five student-initiated projects received \$50,000 each.

The students from MHS included Ally Loftan, Haylee Tompkins, Sydney Gribble, Dalton Sothen and KcKinley Keplinger.

Ally and Haylee have directed a core group, MHS Simulated Workplace Advisor Mary Catherine Slack said. They investigated several economically viable projects. They reached out to various organizations and determined the critical needs.

What the group found was the Potomac Highlands and Eastern West Virginia has no food hubs - no access for the distribution for small farmers or craft food developers.

Their vision is for a USDA approved food processing facility where students and members of the community can develop recipes and sell locally produced products, Slack said.

Hardy County's project involves transforming the vacant lot into a series of five micro-businesses and an outdoor education center for both community and student use. The site will also include a greenhouse and high tunnel that will augment Hardy County Agricultural Education program.

The list of collaborators include the East Hardy High School Pro-Start program, the South Branch Career and Technical Center, the Rubenstein Center, Hampshire High School and Putnam County Career and Technical Center.

Loftan and Tompkins were both proud and excited to bring home the big check for \$50,000. They, along with others in the group, worked long and hard on the inch-thick grant application.

Mr. Burch said he was surprised the application was completely done by high school students, Tompkins said. He had to take it home to read it.

We included anything we could



Haylee Tompkins, Ally Loftan and MHS Principal Patrick McGregor prepare to display the "big check" and award plaque from the EPIC grant at the school.

think of that we thought would help us get the grant," Loftan said.

Clinton Burch is executive director of the Governor's Economic Initiative, which partnered with the WVDE to challenge simulated workplace companies across the state to participate in the grant competition. The other winners were in Wetzel, Gilmer, Roane and Putnam counties.

In addition to the EPIC grant, the project has already received funding from the US Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection. The Hardy County Commission and the town of Moorefield provided letters of

support.

In addition to Slack, MHS Principal Patrick McGregor, Hardy County Schools Superintendent Sheena VanMeter and Secondary Curriculum and CTE Specialist Brad Simmons worked with the students on the project.

The EPIC project must be completed over the next two years and will require participation from local businesses and other organizations.

While Loftan and Tompkins are seniors, there are underclassmen who are part of the team and will make sure the project is done. I wish it could be finished before I graduate, Loftan said.

# HOLIDAY DEADLINES

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

The Deadline for the Dec. 29, 2018 issue of the Hardy Weekender will be Friday, Dec. 21 at noon.

The Examiner office will be closed on Dec. 24, 25, 2018 & Jan. 1, 2019.

There will be NO EDITION of the Moorefield Examiner on December 26, 2018

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Section **B**



# SPORTS

## Cougars Deck the Halls

By Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

What was the main course for the Christmas dinner?

Both teams were hungry coming into the Hardy Boys Hardwood Classic seeking the first win of the season and East Hardy feasted on the Yellow Jackets for a 72-59 victory last Friday in Baker.

We were hungry and they were hungry for a win. They did what we asked them to do and I am really proud with the way they responded. Hopefully they can carry momentum out of this game. We have many challenges ahead, East Hardy coach Chris Hahn stated.

Moorefield took an early lead, but only managed to have an edge for a total of two minutes and 17 seconds for the entire game as the

Cougars controlled the overall pace and took the lead for good a minute into the second period.

The Yellow Jackets took the opening possession and Brent Moran dashed into the paint, but took a dive to the floor as the ball was deflected out.

A walk was called on Moorefield's Chase Vance, then the Cougars had two attempts on offense with rebounds going to East Hardy's Adam Larson and Moorefield's Lane Ours.

Grant Keller gave the Yellow Jackets the initial lead at the 7:18 mark with a jumper.

Vance stole the ball, but the ensuing shot was off the rim and East Hardy's Chance Dove snatched the board before feeding Adam Baker with a tying shot in the paint at 6:50.

Moran grabbed an offensive rebound and dished to Keller for a 3-pointer on the next possession.

Baker knocked over a defender going into the paint, then passed to Larson and his pass was swatted by Ours.

The Cougars recovered, but missed the basket and Moran collected the board.

Dove made a defensive rebound, then East Hardy's Andrew Tharp and Moorefield's Chase Vance got locked up for a jump ball to the Cougars.

Chance Dove drilled a 3-pointer to tie the game at the 5:27 mark.

The Yellow Jackets were called for a double dribble infraction, then Ours swiped the ball and drew a foul leading to two missed free throws and Tharp grabbed the rebound.

Baker netted a mid-range jumper to give East Hardy its first lead at the 4:42 mark, 7-5.

Moorefield missed two opportunities with rebounds going to Vance and Tharp, then the Cougars failed to connect and Moran fielded the carom.

We played awful, we coached awful. It was just a bad game overall. The Dove kid that came off the bench for them hit some shots and gave them some energy and they made some shots down the stretch to win the game. We didn't have much intensity the entire game and that's on me. I have to get them ready to play," Moorefield coach Scott Stutler commented.

Tharp collected another defensive board, then Dove was whistled for a carry.

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Photo by Carl Holcomb  
East Hardy's Chance Dove keeps the ball away from Moorefield's Brent Moran during the Hardy Boys Hardwood Classic in Baker.

## Yuletide Overtime Can't Save Jackets

### Petersburg Rallied To Edge Lady Jackets In Holiday Championship

By Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

Moorefield was in control most of the championship game including a 12-point lead midway through the third quarter, but the inundating pressure from the Lady Vikings splashed through defensive walls creating a rush for a late rally to force overtime en route to a 55-47 victory avenging last year's loss claiming the Petersburg Holiday Tip-off Tournament Championship title on Saturday night.

They came out and put pressure on us and we froze up. That should never happen, that's what we do to other people. We didn't execute and credit to Petersburg for being aggressive," Moorefield coach Paul Keplinger stated.

Heavy rain in the area created high water in places which caused the cancellation of the consolation match for Pendleton County and Union.

The Lady Yellow Jackets defeated Pendleton County on Friday by a score of 65-28 and Petersburg cruised past the Lady Tigers 60-12 to setup the championship rematch which was won by Moorefield last year 71-59.

They showed a lot of heart in the second half never giving up and playing hard. We attacked the basket and gave up a lot of size. Moorefield plays good defense in the half-court, so we tried to get

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Photo by Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield's Gianna Fair secures a rebound against Petersburg's Casey Watts during the Petersburg Holiday Tip-off Tournament Championship on Saturday.

## Moorefield Plays Grinch to Wildcats

By Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

Moorefield swarmed the courts in Franklin forcing 20 first half turnovers buzzing to a 34-12 halftime lead and kept the pressure going for a 69-31 victory over the Lady Wildcats last Wednesday.

I am pleased with our effort. It doesn't matter who we are playing, we come out with different people scoring. They are an unselfish bunch. We put the pressure on and that's what we need to do, Moorefield coach Paul Keplinger remarked.

After the opening tip, steals were made by Pendleton County's Leah Loudermilk and Moorefield's Anna Riggleman.

The Lady Yellow Jackets struck first after a rebound by Riggleman with a pass out to Lindsey Rinker, who drilled a 3-pointer at the 7:45 mark.

Riggleman swiped the ball and went in for a layup making it 5-nil.

Moorefield forced two more turnovers over the next minute, but didn't capitalize on them.

Pendleton County's Claire Heavner completed an old-fashioned three-point play at the 6:07 mark to make it a one possession

game, 5-3.

Moorefield's Remi Hinkle recorded a putback eight seconds later.

Gianna Fair snatched a defensive rebound, but Heavner tied her up for a jump ball.

Fair responded with a blocked shot and the ricochet went off the Lady Wildcats out of bounds.

Heavner and Hinkle made defensive rebounds, then Pendleton County's Katie Scott snatched a board off a Lady Yellow Jackets miss.

Moorefield's Madison McGregor made a steal and was fouled, then the Lady Yellow Jackets hit the rim and Scott grabbed the carom.

McGregor deflected the pass out of play, then Rinker made a steal and Moorefield found the rim again on a slow start to the game.

Pendleton County's Emma Thompson hit a 3-pointer at the 3:42 mark to pull within one point, 7-6.

The pressure didn't bother us, we just didn't take care of the ball. We didn't execute, Pendleton County coach Micah Bailey remarked.

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Photo by Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield's Remi Hinkle scores on a layup after a steal ahead of Emma Thompson and the Lady Wildcats during win in Franklin.

## BAH HUMBUG!

### Lady Wildcats Thrash East Hardy at Home

By Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

Pendleton County kept the Lady Cougars off the scoreboard in the second period, while building a 24-8 halftime advantage en route to a 46-26 victory in Baker on Tuesday.

We are a young team and have a lot of things we need to work on this season, East Hardy coach Bridget Billmeyer noted.

East Hardy kept pace in the first period as the Lady Wildcats only held a 13-8 edge before making an

11-0 run in the second period.

The Lady Cougars were led in scoring by Tera Jones with a dozen points including four in the first period and eight in the third period.

East Hardy's Hannah Fogel and Chelsea Keller both added two points in the opening stanza.

Fogel contributed eight total points on the night for the Lady Cougars with six markers coming in the fourth period.

Claire Heavner paced Pendleton County with 12 points including four in the first period, fol-

lowed by Katie Scott and Emma Thompson with ten points apiece.

Thompson notched a 3-pointer and a jumper in the first two minutes of the second period and Leah Loudermilk added a layup to help the Lady Wildcats pounce ahead to a 20-8 advantage.

We came out and executed. We forced turnovers and kept the pressure, Pendleton County coach Micah Bailey said.

After a Lady Cougars turnover, Pendleton County's Hannah Swigunski made one free throw at the 4:59 mark and teammate Katie

Scott was fouled on the rebound leading to an additional free throw made.

Scott stole the ball and a jump ball was forced by Jones.

Brooke Walls hit a jumper for the Lady Wildcats on the ensuing possession to take a 24-8 lead at the 4:12 mark and there was no scoring for the remainder of the first half.

Back-to-back jump balls were called, then Pendleton County missed a basket and a foul was called on Walls.

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Age 9  
of Mathias



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Madilyn Funk**  
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Age 5-7 Division

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Age 7  
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Age 7  
of Moorefield



**2nd Runner-Up  
Hannah Wangerin**  
Age 7  
of Moorefield

More  
Runners-Up  
Inside



# Santa is Coming

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ryan and I am 2 1/2 years old .For Christmas I want a new bike, a yo-yo, and a Groot toy. Please remember my sister, Ie-sha, my brother Gage and my dog, Marshall.  
Love,  
Ryan Riggelman

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Dear Santa,  
My name is gage and I am 5 years old. For Christmas I want a hatchimal, a remote control truck and a Mano DS game. I will try to listen better for next year.  
Love,  
Gage Riggelman

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Dear Santa,  
My name is Connor William and I am 5 years old. Before you check the naughty list, I can explain. See Mommy says the ole Devil must have gotten into me because of how I have acted at times. So I believe the ole devil made me do it. So it has to be his fault, Right? Everyone knows how the ole Devil is. Santa, if you can find it in your heart to forgive me , here are a few gifts I would like to have: Cars, trucks, nerf gun, Jurassic World dinosaurs, grumbles, Jurassic world grosphere remote control.  
Santa, please don t forget my brother Trevor Gage. I heard him ask for a pair of \$300 shoes. He said if he had those he could jump to the moon. I want to see him go to the moon.  
Remember my Grandma, Pap-

py., Mommy , CR and April.  
Love,  
Connor William Ault

PS, I will leave you milk and cookies and carrots for your reindeer. See you soon!

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Dear Santa,  
My name is Kelten Keplinger. I feel I have been a pretty good boy this year.  
This year I would like for you to bring all my family something very nice.  
If you have any room left I like anything camo, hunting stuff, four wheelers, trucks, paw patrol, and farm equipment. I will be leaving you a whole plate of cookies and a large glass of milk.  
P.S. I have a bag of carrots for the reindeer.

Kelten Keplinger  
Age:3  
3080 Terra Alta School Road  
Baker, WV 26801  
304-703-9548

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Dear Santa,  
My name is Raelynne Keplinger. I wasn t old enough last year to quite understand. However, this year is a different story. I am almost two years old and ALL girl. My likes are doll babies, minnie mouse, head band, and most important FOOD. If you have anything extra bring it to my big brother Kelten even

though we butt heads sometimes. I will share some of my food with you so expect a surprise for you and the reindeer.

Raelynne Keplinger  
Age:1

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Dear Santa,  
My name is Drake Roy and I am 4 years old. I want a blue watch so I can call the people I love and my brother Alex wants one too. Also the big monkey at Walmart.  
I will leave you cookies.  
Love,  
Drake Roy

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Dear Santa,  
My name is Alex Roy and I am 2 years old. I would like trucks, cars and trains.  
Love,  
Alex Roy

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Dear Santa,  
My name is Kaitlyn Hose and I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl this year. What I want for Christmas is a Lucky Duck game, horses, dolls, a four wheeler, games, my little ponies.  
Thank you Santa and Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Kaitlyn Hose  
P.S. I will leave cookies and milk for you..

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Dear Santa,  
My name is McKenzie Bradley. I am in kindergarten at Moorefield Elementery. Thank you for all the toys and things that you brought me last year. I have been a very good girl this year. I really want a puppy this year, I need some new earrings, an earring tree, clothes, LOL dolls, a doll house and anything else you may find that I need or would like. Don t forget to bring my sister, Chloe and my brother, Chase, something nice too. Bring my teacher Ms. Shingleton and aide Mrs. Vance something nice for helping me learn to read, write and count. Oh, I have a special friend in my class too, Roger and I really hope you bring him something special too.  
Love,  
McKenzie Bradley  
Age 5  
PS. I will leave cookies and milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.

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Dear Santa,  
I want a puppy and a kitty and all the animals. I want a game where you race as Bob Ross and Wreck-It-Ralph stuff. Do you come down all the chimneys on Christmas night? Some of those pipes are small and you are not.  
Love,  
Hazel  
Age 5

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Dear Santa,  
My name is Annikha Fitzwater

and I am 3 years old. I have been a ggod girl this year. With the help of my mommy, I can say all of my ABC s and count to 10. I can say my primary colors and shapes. So, Santa if it is not too much to ask, could I have a big stuffed unicorn, learning activity books, the lucky ducks game, a few ducks and reading books and some mega blocks. My mommy and daddy said that there will be milk and cookies for you and carrots for the reindeer.  
Sincerelly  
Annikha Fitzwater

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Dear Santa,  
My name is Jocalynn Deborah George and I just turned five years old on December 5th. My Mommy and Daddy say that they are pretty sure I will get what I want this year since I have been such a good big girl! I have three things on my list Santa.I really want a baby alive, snackin noodles baby doll with blonde hair. I want a newborn pups barbie doll set with blonde hair. I would like for them to have blonde hair like mine, so we can all match! Also, I would like to have a stuffed black poodle toy. I would really love to have a real black poodle, but we already have a little Corgi dog named Danny and he is really old. Mommy says that one of these days I will have my real black poodle, but until then I would love to have a toy one. Me and my little brother will leave you EXTRA milk and cookies this year. We will leave snowman soup to warm you on your long Christmas Eve journey. We will also leave milk and

carrots for your reindeer. Also, could you please give Rudolph a big hug from me. I live him a lot and sing his song all year long.

Love,  
Jocalynn

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Dear Santa,  
My name is Jonah Gregory George and I will be turning three years old on December 9th. My Mommy and Daddy say I have been a very good boy this year and that I am a big boy too! Please Santa, if you have any boss babies or talking cookie monsters in your toy sack, I would really love to have one of each. I wouldn t mind having a Dash off of the Incredibles movie. These are the toys I would really, really like to have this year. I would also like King Kong, dinosaurs, Spiderman, Batman and paw patrol. I also want to wish you a very Merry Christmas Santa. Me and my big sister will leave you milk and cookies on our kitchen table and some supplies to make snowman soup to make your cold busy night a little warmer. We will leave milk and carrots on our porch for your reindeer.

Love,  
Jonah

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Dear Santa,  
I would like a big big Elsa blanket for Christmas.  
Love,  
Adalie Tusing

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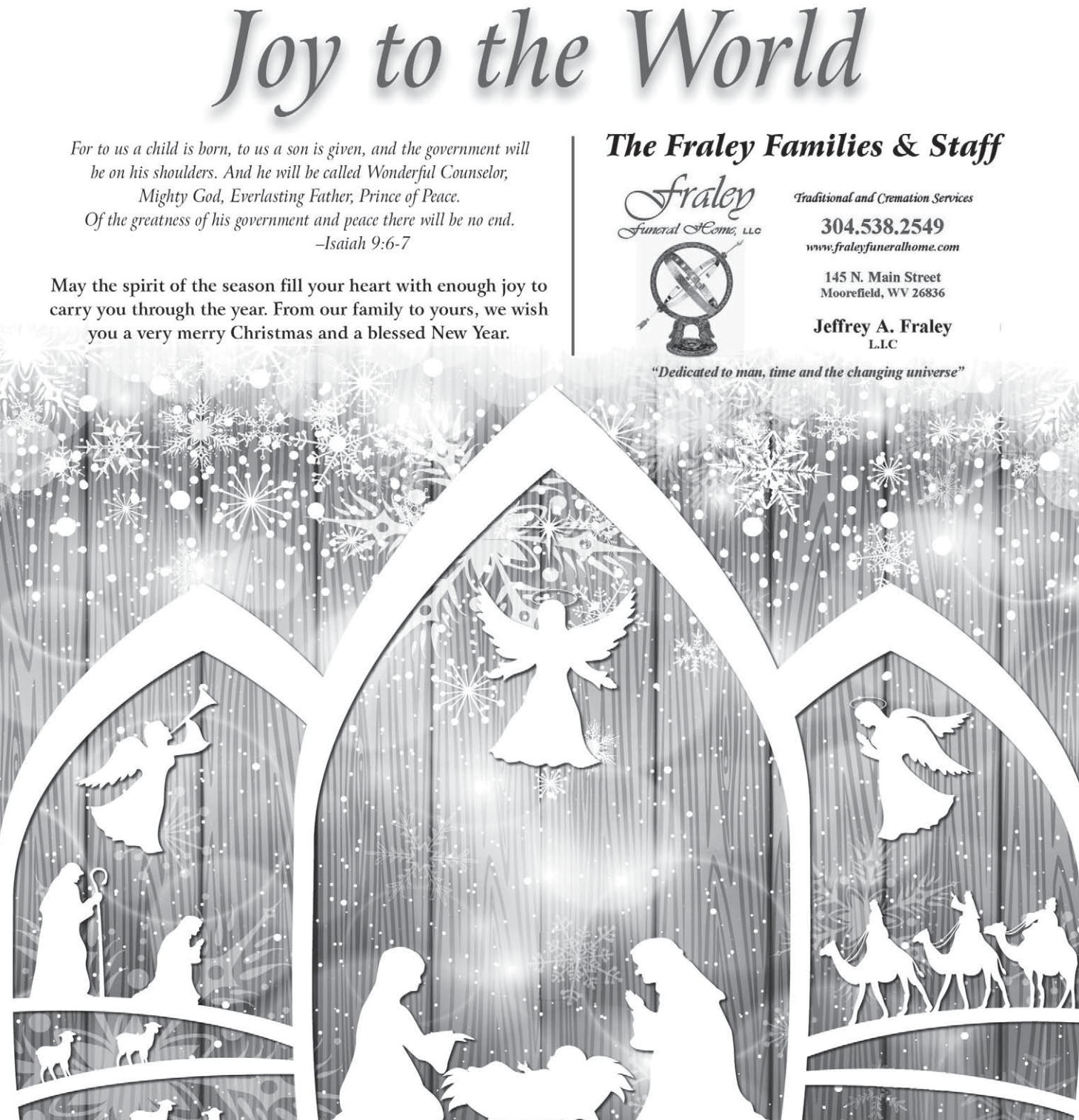
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## Ages 8-10 Division

3rd Runner-Up



**Paisley Rodgers**  
Age 9 of Moorefield

4th Runner-Up



**Brooklyn Saville**  
Age 10 of Cabins

5th Runner-Up



**Emily Cooper**  
Age 9 of Remington, Va.

## Ages 5-7 Division

3rd Runner-Up



**Keysean Washington**  
Age 7 of Moorefield

4th Runner-Up



**Adelyne Sirbaugh**  
Age 6 of Mathias

5th Runner-Up



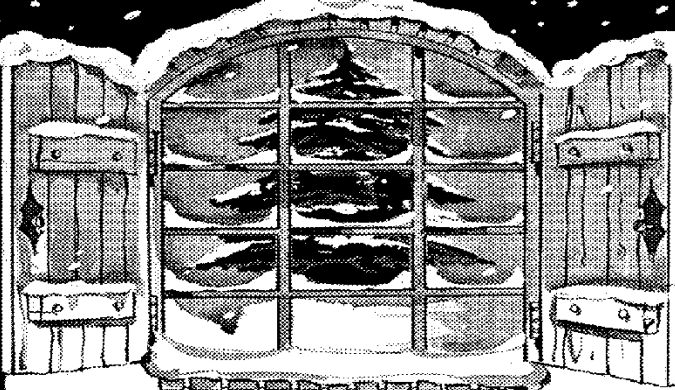
**Addison See**  
Age 6 of Moorefield



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# More Santa Letters



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Dear Santa,

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Pets, and the following games: Don t Wake Daddy, Catch the Fox, Pop the Pig, Don t Rock the Boat, and Doggie Doo. I will leave cookies and milk and carrots for your reindeer. Safe travels Santa and Merry Christmas!

Love,  
Bayleigh

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Dear Santa,

My name is Owen and I am 7 years old. I have been good this year and hope I made it on the nice list. This year for Christmas I

would like an ultimate rescue Paw Patrol fire truck, Power Rangers super ninja steel toys, a Ben 10 omnitrix and a new bike. I think my dog Kenai would like a new chew toy for Christmas too. I am going to help my mom bake Christmas cookies for you and we will leave some carrots out for your reindeer.

Love Owen Still

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Dear Santa,

My name is Amarri Stroman Funkhouser. I am 7 years old. For

Christmas can you please bring me the video game called Lego DC Super Villians. That s all I would like. Also, would you please get my baby brother, Asher a good gift and send my love to my sister, Imagine in heaven. Tell her that we miss her. Santa I hope you have a good Christmas.

With Love,  
Amarri Stroman Funkhouser

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Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is 1.01 bigger surprise, purple tablets

with head phone, baby dolls, new clothes, mega blocks, for me and bubbly, Moana blanket, lip gloss,. I would give everyone a hug and wish people happiness and love. Santa, have a safe trip to everyones house.

Love,  
Natalia Ayers

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Dear Santa,

My name is Brenna See. I am 9 years old this year. Thank you so much for everything you brought me last year! I loved it all so much!

This year I would like a instant Fujifilm instax Mini camera with some film, some things for my spa such as: Lotions, make-up, and hair stuff. I also would like some clothes and shoes for me and my American Girl Doll. Santa, you can bring me anything else you think I need or would like.

Love,  
Brenna See

P.S. My elf Winter has been very naughty this year, like always!

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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# A Few Surprises on 2018's List of Most Downloaded Christmas Songs

Music is integral to many celebrations during the holiday season. Whether you're planning an office party, hosting friends and family at home or simply looking to get in the holiday spirit, you might want to explore this list of the most downloaded Christmas/holiday songs on iTunes.

1. All I Want For Christmas Is You - Mariah Carey
2. Mary, Did You Know? - Pen-

tatonix

3. Christmas/Sarajevo 12/24 (Instrumental) - Trans-Siberian Orchestra
4. Mistletoe - Justin Bieber
5. Christmas Canon - Trans-Siberian Orchestra
6. Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree - Brenda Lee
7. Believe - Josh Groban
8. Last Christmas (Single Version) - Wham!

9. Jingle Bell Rock - Bobby Helms
10. It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year - Andy Williams
11. Hallelujah - Pentatonix
12. Wizards in Winter (Instrumental) - Trans-Siberian Orchestra
13. Winter Song - Sara Bareilles & Ingrid Michaelson
14. Hallelujah - Lindsey Stirling
15. Last Christmas - Taylor Swift

16. Feliz Navidad - Jos Feliciano
17. Santa Tell Me - Ariana Grande
18. A Holly Jolly Christmas - Burl Ives
19. The Christmas Song (Merry Christmas to You) - Nat King Cole
20. Hard Candy Christmas - Dolly Parton

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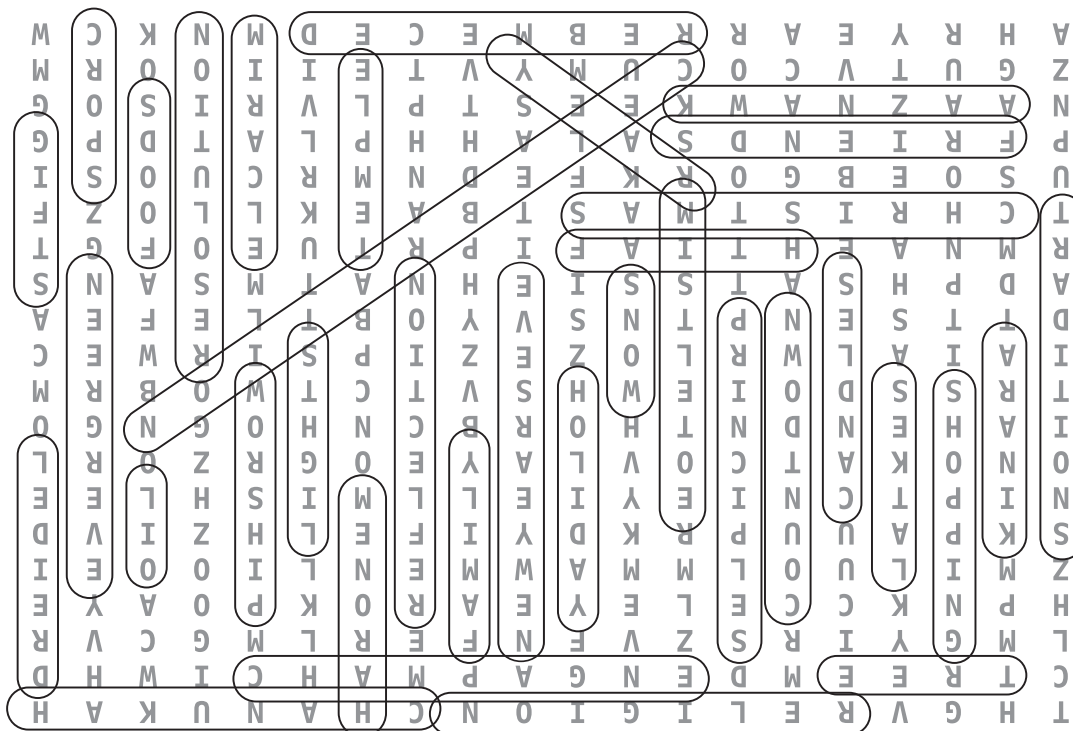
# Experience Gifts Are the New Trend

Giving the gift of an experience is a rising trend, particularly among millennials. Harris research has determined that millennials (defined as people born between 1980 and 1996) highly value experiences, and they are increasingly spending time and money on them. Types of experiences include athletic pursuits, cultural visits, concerts, social events, and various travel. The research goes on to say that more than three out of four millennials choose to spend money on a desirable experience instead of buying a product. And it's not just millennials. Overall, consumer spending has shifted in the last 10 to 15 years. HSBC bank chief economist Kevin Logan has said consumer spending on recreation, travel and eating out has been trending up-



ward for more than a decade, while purchases of clothing and shoes as a share of discretionary spending has dropped. These trends can help drive purchases during holiday gift-giving. Gifts that are more experience-oriented may be more appreciated by their recipients.

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# Avoid the Naughty List: Don't Let the Holidays Ruin Your Credit

## StatePoint

Looking for the perfect gifts, paired with enticing retail discounts and deals, can pressure holiday shoppers to spend more than they can afford. As a result, consumers may max out credit card limits or miss payments, negatively affecting credit scores. In addition, store credit cards may offer instant discounts that are tempting at the register -- but that new application could decrease your credit score.

Not having enough money for presents and the strain holiday shopping puts on their finances are big causes of anxiety for many consumers, according to a recent Experian survey. However, many of these same consumers seem to be on the right track: in the survey, respondents listed several smart financial resolutions, including 28 percent who want to improve their credit scores, while almost 50 percent said saving more was a New Year's resolution.

But understanding how your credit score is calculated is critical. With this mind, here are some key factors:

**Payment history:** Accounting for roughly a third of your credit score, paying loans on time is crucial; too many late payments can decrease your score.

**Balance:** You never want your credit card balance to be higher than 30 percent of your credit limit -- on a single card and across all of them. Keep balances low to keep your score high.

**Credit history:** Those who've



never used credit before will likely have a low score, or no score at all, while credit accounts that have been active for a long time reflect positively on your score, as does a healthy mix of accounts, such as having a mortgage, a few credit cards and auto loans.

**Staying out of hot water:** Many people believe that financial transactions like rent, utility and telecommunications payments impact credit scores, but in fact, these are not factored in by many scoring companies. However, if you don't pay bills and they get turned over to a collection agency, this could affect your credit score. Severely

delinquent accounts are often reported to the credit bureaus.

While it's fun to give to others during the holidays, make sure to give yourself the gift of not getting into debt, says Rod Griffin, director of Public Education at Experian. Stick to a shopping budget. Only use credit cards for an amount you can pay off and pay the bill in full on time. You'll lose your cheer quickly after the New Year if you face a mountain of debt.

A positive credit profile and history of using credit smartly can open up financial opportunities, like getting a car loan or home

mortgage. There are clear benefits to building your credit file, but if you don't build it responsibly those gains won't be felt. To plan for the holidays and 2019, visit experian.com/education for information about credit scores, as well as personal finance tips.

Credit is a tool to be used wisely," adds Griffin. "If you check your credit score regularly and make strategic decisions on when and how much credit to use in the short-term, it will benefit you when you absolutely need credit to make a large purchase or for an emergency expense."



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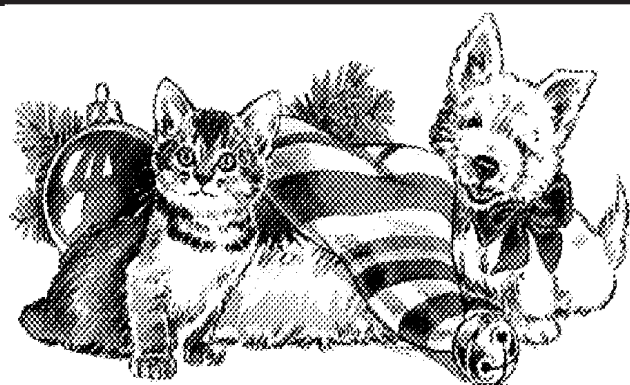
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## Gingerbread's History Traces Back To Medieval England

Gingerbread is a broad term that can describe anything from a firm and crispy cookie to a moist, soft cake. Traditionally, gingerbread is seasoned with ginger, cloves, nutmeg, and other aromatic spices. Molasses and brown sugar counteract the spice with sweetness.

North Americans have been baking gingerbread in various shapes or forms for more than 200 years, and the recipes even pre-date the American revolution. However, gingerbread dates back even further to the Shakespearean era, with The Bard having mentioned it in one of his plays.

Gingerbread's name can be traced to medieval England and once referred to any kind of preserved ginger. The term went on to reference ginger-flavored cakes in the 15th century, and gingerbread eventually became popular throughout the world. Even though gingerbread cakes and cookies have been made for centuries, Germans are often credited with creating gingerbread houses, according to Smithsonian. They were probably modeled after the witch's candy cottage in the German fairy tale, Hansel and Gretel. Even though gingerbread can be made any time of year, it is particularly associated with the Christmas season, with gingerbread men and other fanciful shapes turning up on cookie platters.



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# Keep Poinsettias Looking Great Through the Holidays

Along with the fragrant evergreens and twinkling lights synonymous with the holiday season, poinsettias make up a key component of holiday decorating.

Unlike holly and some of the other greenery that is commonly associated with the holidays, poinsettias do not naturally thrive in the colder temperatures. These plants originate in southern Mexico and were considered an exotic plant when first introduced to the United States by Joel Robert Poinsett, the first American ambassador to Mexico.

Poinsettias can be fickle plants and ones that gardening novices may find challenging to maintain. The plants are comprised of green foliage, colorful (often red) flower bracts, and the actual flowers of the plants, which are the red or green buttonlike parts nestled in

the center of the bracts.

Because they are a tropical plant, poinsettias can be damaged by exposure to low temperatures, even if they are only exposed for short periods of time. They should be wrapped and protected against the elements when brought home. For maximum plant life, poinsettias need to be placed near a warm, sunny window, or another area that has ample amounts of light. They thrive in temperatures between 60 and 75 F and should be kept away from warm or cold drafts.

Water the plant whenever the surface feels dry to the touch. Water until it drains out the bottom, but don't let the plant sit in water. Over- or under-watering can cause leaves to drop prematurely and wilt. If your home lacks in humidity, you may need to water the

plant more frequently. Poinsettias do not need to be fertilized while the plant is in bloom.

The Ohio State University Extension says poinsettias can be re-flowered the following Christmas, but unless a yearlong schedule of care is observed, the results usually are not good. You can speak with a gardening expert or consult online resources for the proper care schedule. Caring for a poinsettia year-round involves gradually drying out the plant and storing it in a cool location. The plant later will be moved outdoors and then back inside and pruned to keep a full shape.

Poinsettias are short-day plants, which means they flower about 10 weeks after the daylight shortens to about 12 hours or less. Therefore, to have the plant in full flower by Christmas, it will have to be kept

in complete darkness between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. from the first part of October until Thanksgiving. Many people find the affordability of poinsettias makes it more convenient to buy new ones each year than try to foster regrowth.

Contrary to popular belief, poinsettias are not poisonous to humans or animals, but they should not be ingested due to the potential for allergic reactions. Poinsettias can help remove pollutants from indoor air, which is advantageous during the winter months when doors and windows are typically kept closed.

Select plants that have dark green foliage and no low or damaged leaves. This ensures the best success for keeping poinsettias looking healthy and vibrant throughout the holiday season.



# Santa Claus' Visual Style Goes Back to Civil War-Era Cartoon

Nineteenth century political cartoonist Thomas Nast was among the most influential people of his time, and chances are he's still in-

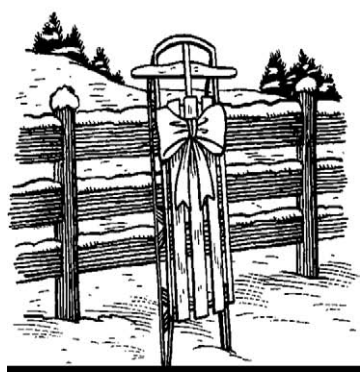
fluencing the lives of millions of young people today, more than a century after his death. In addition to his political cartoons,

which historians feel are invaluable tools in helping to understand how nineteenth century Americans felt about their country's civil war,

Nast created the now-iconic image of Santa Claus. Nast, who was born in 1840, created the image in 1863 after his wife read him Clement

Clark Moore's poem "A Visit from Saint Nicholas." Though the image of Santa Claus has evolved from Nast's original in 1863, he is cred-

ited with forming the basis of the popular depictions of Santa that have become synonymous with the holiday season.



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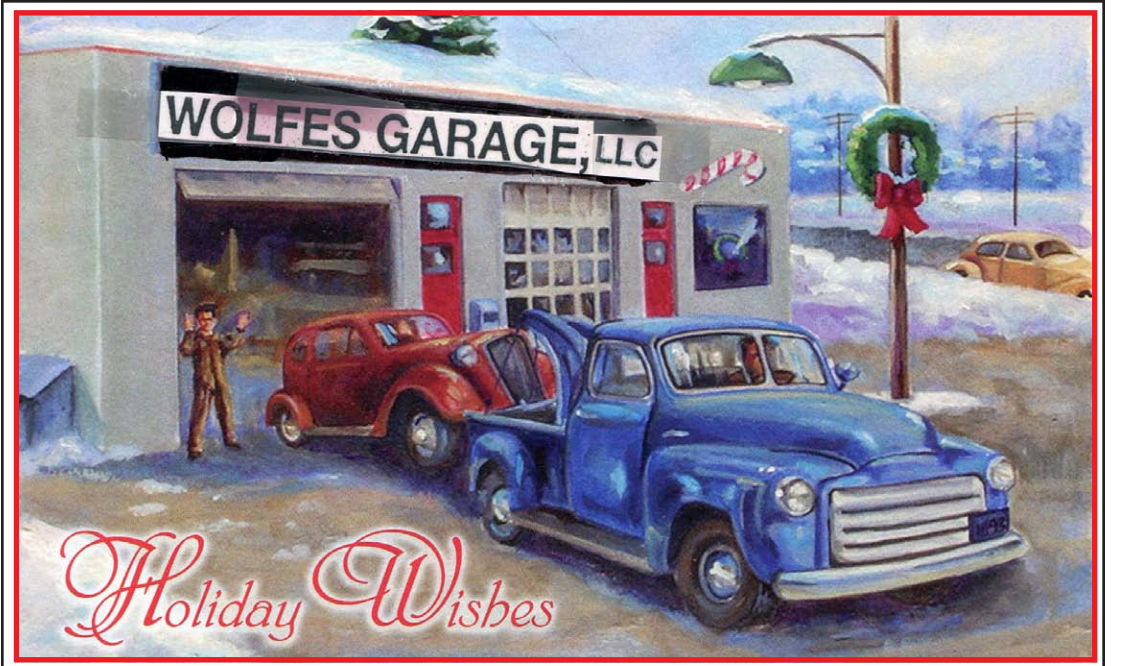
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