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Evans Found Guilty of Murder

By Erin Camp
Grant County Press

The case surrounding the death of Robert “Bobby” Shoemaker, 22, of Petersburg ended last week when a Grant County jury found Joshua Edmond Evans, 33, of Old Fields, guilty of first degree murder.

Shoemaker’s body was found on July 14, 2017, approximately 261 feet from the end of Welton Orchard Road near the intersection from U.S. Route 220. It was discovered by current Petersburg Volunteer Fire Chief, Robert Funk, who was assisting in a vehicle accident further up the road. Funk spotted Shoemaker from the fire truck as they were leaving to return to the firehouse in Petersburg.

During the two day trial, the jury was not asked to examine who killed Shoemaker or how he was killed but why. In the opening statement from the defense, Evans’ attorney, Steven Nanners of Nanners and Willett in Buckhannon, said that while the evidence would show that Evans had struck and killed Shoemaker with his vehicle, it was an accident and not a murderous act.

The defense argued that Evans had dropped cigarettes on the floor of his vehicle while turning onto Welton Orchard Road and that, after he completed the turn, he looked down from the road to retrieve them from the floor. While looking down, the defense claimed that he struck something large and immediately looked back but did not see anything.

Evans claims to have assumed it was a deer at the time and kept driving. This argument was aided in the fact that, once hit, evidence shows Shoemaker was launched into the air, landing nearly 20 feet into the brush on the side of the road.

In his claim, they said that he had not rushed to fix his vehicle until after Shoemaker’s body was found, saying that when he realized what had happened, he panicked and tried to hide the evidence.

However, the prosecution, led by Grant County prosecutor John Ours, argued that the murder had been intentional and that Shoemaker had just not been the intended victim.

In his case, Ours presented three witnesses to give collateral evidence concerning a long-running feud between Evans and Cody VanMeter, another Petersburg native. The prosecution claimed that Evans had been attempting to murder VanMeter and that, while driving down the road and seeing Shoemaker, he had mistaken Shoemaker for VanMeter.

During the trial, the prosecution laid out multiple incidences of violence between the two men and evidence concerning a love-

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Wardensville Has Only All-Female Council, Recorder and Mayor in W.Va.

By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

When Elizabeth Fridley took the oath of office on Wednesday, Dec. 19, Wardensville became only the second town in the state to be governed by an all-female council. However, it is believed that Wardensville is the only town in West Virginia to have an all-female council, a female recorder and a female mayor.

“We officially have a hen-party,” said Mayor Betsy Orndoff-Sayers, who administered the oath of office.

Last year, the town of Buffalo, in Putnam County, elected an all-female council, but the mayor, Dave Melton was male. He has since been succeeded by Conrad Cain.

Public Hearings

Prior to the formal council meeting, the Wardensville Council held two public hearings. No one from the public attended either meeting.

The first was to amend the town code to repeal certain sections that related to the payment of the Municipal Judge, the Town Attorney and the members of the Sanitary Board. The changes repealed the per year payments and replaced them with per meeting, per day and retainer amount.

Council passed the amendment with a roll-call vote.

The second public hearing was to approve a lease-purchase agreement with Country Roads Leasing for the purchase of a new vertical turbine water pump, plus installation.

The amount financed is \$13,521 at 4.4 percent interest for 3 years. The town will pay \$434.51 per month with no penalty for early pay-off.

“We have the money to pay for the pump, but it would bankrupt our water fund if we bought it outright,” Orndoff-Sayers said.

Sewer Woes

While the Water Department is holding its own in the financial department, the Sewer Department is in dire straights, Orndoff-Sayers said.

“In order to pay our bills, the Sewer Department needs to borrow \$8,000 from the town’s general fund,” she said.

“We will hear from the auditors,” Recorder Maureen Martin

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Photo by Jean Flanagan

Elizabeth Fridley (right) takes the oath of office as a member of the Wardensville Council. Mayor Betsy Orndoff-Sayers congratulates her.

Tri-County BOE Meets in Moorefield



Photo by Jean Flanagan

Kim Coyle and Laura Sutton from Bowles, Rice LLP play Legal Jeopardy with members of the Hardy, Grant and Pendleton Boards of Education. The boards met on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at Moorefield High School. The topics covered included open meeting laws, school policy, hiring and firing and general information. The Moorefield High School Hospitality Services Simulated Workplace provided appetizers and a delicious dinner. The Tri-County Board of Education meeting provides the members with the opportunity to share ideas and information.

Moorefield Town Council Supports Make-a-Wish Project with Woodmark

By Hannah Heishman
Moorefield Examiner

The Moorefield Town Council held their final meeting of 2018 on December 18.

Jackie Barnett addressed the Council with a request to use the Town Park. Barnett works with Make-A-Wish foundation, and is part of American Woodmark Corporation’s Dream Team.

Following a news story about a \$4400 donation the Dream Team made to Make-A-Wish, the group received another donation of \$5000, enabling them to grant another local wish.

They raised money through raffles, donations, and hoagie sales.

Barnett asked the Town to donate use of the Town Park, minus the ball fields, on June 8 for a Make-A-Wish fundraising event tentatively called “Making Wishes in Moorefield.” She had done some research and planning, and identified interest, but needed a location to proceed.

Council members discussed concerns over conflict with youth league baseball games and parking. Several suggestions arose for solutions, including parking in other locations and transporting participants to the Park.

They also discussed the possibility of getting a sponsor for a Free Swim Day, which would allow them to include using the pool.

The Council unanimously approved the request to donate use of the shelters and pavilion.

Levee Update

Aterra Solutions, an engineering consulting company, has completed their analysis on Moorefield’s levee.

Previously, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) refused to certify parts of Moorefield’s levee based on its ability to protect part of Town, particularly the section behind Evans Motel and Baby Blues, north.

Aterra determined that due to other changes, the Town should be able to get from Weimer Automotive Group, south, certified. The levee north of Weimer will still need some work, not least because the levee and river get progressively closer together.

The next step in the process

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USDA Guideline On Food Service Cooperatives Provided to BOE

By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

Following the Hardy County Board of Education’s questions regarding a new food service supplier for Hardy County schools, Finance Director Veeta Burgess provided a US Department of Agriculture memo regarding Purchasing Goods and Services Using Cooperative Agreements, Agents and Third-Party Services. The board met on Monday, Dec. 17.

In November, the board questioned an invoice for \$3,150 from HPS, the company representing Gordon’s Food Service. The invoice was the county’s share of the negotiation and bid costs of the food service contract. All of the counties represented in a food service co-op were billed the \$3,150.

“The food service co-op consisted of eight people and they received bids from three companies,” Burgess said. “Gordon’s scored

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Nesselrodt Just Fell In Love With Teaching Kids

By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

It was her first semester at Shepherd College. Lori Nesselrodt was a pharmacy major. “I loved science,” she said.

But then Providence intervened.

“I got a part-time job at a day care center,” she said. “I loved working with the kids so much, I changed my major in my first semester. I graduated with a degree in elementary education.”

Nesselrodt is the new principal at East Hardy High School. She was hired to fill the vacancy when Jennifer Strawderman moved to the Assistant Superintendent’s position.



Lori Nesselrodt

Nesselrodt is a Petersburg native. She graduated from Petersburg High School in 1985 and

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OPINION

They Need Jail Time

We’re sure you read about the four people who went into a closed coal mine in Southern West Virginia searching for copper. We aren’t sure if they got lost or what, but what they were doing was definitely illegal.

The state and others sent people into the mine in a rescue effort. It cost a lot of money, time, and effort. One of the four found his way out, but the other three were actually rescued. And yes, they will probably be charged with trespassing, destruction of property and other charges.

We think they should be held responsible for the cost to taxpayers for the rescue efforts. The really stupid thing is one man had already been indicted in May for a similar event relating to theft of copper wire and two others have been either been charged or indicted on drug charges. You would think they would learn. But then we’ve noticed a lot of criminals are really slow learners.

One of the rescued is apparently carrying on a family tradition. His daddy is in prison for break-ins and thefts from mine sites, including stolen copper.

What ever happens we really hope they are required to pay the cost of their rescue as well as the various charges against them.

Copper is a salable item, but that doesn’t mean you can go rustle it from a closed mine.

The other side of the coin is we think the coal companies can do a better job of sealing off abandoned mines. Maybe they should be fined, too.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Editor,
I was very happy, and proud, to read young James’ letter in yesterday’s Examiner. One can only hope that many parents and/or students read same. Falling asleep in class is an issue that needs to be addressed by parents, teachers and faculty.
I am in my eighty-first year on the planet. The young people in our schools at this time are our hope for the future of the planet.

They need to study and learn so they can make the changes that are needed to insure not only their future, but that of their children and their children’s children.
Well done James. I wish you all the best in the future.
Stay warm, stay safe, stay above the sod
Bob Brookfield
Wardensville

OPINION-EDITORIAL

Quality Healthcare Knows No Borders

By Mark H. Merrill
Everyone deserves access to high quality healthcare. In fact, I’ve spent my career as a healthcare administrator working to ensure that essential healthcare services are accessible, safe and affordable to residents of rural and urban communities from Washington, DC, to Dallas, Texas, and in this beautiful region where West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland meet. Many of us in the tri-state area live, work, shop and play in different communities and different states. Our day-to-day activities are not constrained by politically-established boundaries: why then should some of our most important choices be?
At Valley Health, we are not defined by state borders; we have two hospitals, urgent care centers, physician offices and numerous other services in West Virginia. Winchester Medical Center is just minutes from the West Virginia state line via I-81, Route 522, or Route 50. Since 1903, the hospital and its physicians have been a vital resource for residents of eastern West Virginia, northwest Virginia, western Maryland, and even south-

ern Pennsylvania. Winchester Medical Center has long offered a distinctive breadth of specialty services often found only at urban and academic facilities, right here, close to our home.
At Valley Health, we understand the importance of controlling healthcare costs. As PEIA seeks to control its costs, I urge them to consider that outstanding care may often be just over the state line, closer to home than in-state options. West Virginia residents should not be penalized and required to pay more for their care or be forced to drive many hours, isolating them from their friends and family, especially at a time when they need them the most.
Valley Health is a long-standing, contributing corporate citizen of the Mountaineer state, investing over 100 million dollars in healthcare in the past decade and supporting a workforce of hundreds of employees. For nearly 30 years, we have operated War Memorial Hospital in Berkeley Springs and Valley Health welcomed Hampshire Memorial Hospital into our family

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MY UNBASED OPINION

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN



At a grocery store a couple weeks ago delivering Moorefield Examiners for counter sales, a lady asked me if I’d ever slept in a cold bed. Sort of an interesting question that can be taken a couple of ways. A bit more conversation clarified her query. She was asking about my experience in cold bed rooms and beds when I was young.
Well, yes I did sleep in cold conditions most of my life at Big House near Wardensville. Cold enough that I remember once when I swung my legs out of bed to jump into my clothes, I cut my foot on a piece of glass. A common glass tumbler filled with water placed on the three legged milk stool I used for a bedside table had frozen, cracked and broken during the night. My socked foot found it.
Yes, socks in bed. Big old warm wooly ones. Set aside so I didn’t dirty them outdoors thus allowing several nights’ use between washings.
Coldest nights, Mom tied night caps under my chin. Soft simple caps, I think she made from old worn flannel sheets, covered my

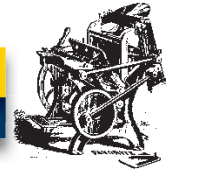
ears. Draw strings pulled them tight around my face. If left too loose, they’d turn on my head and leave me in the dark when I woke at daylight. I thought they looked silly and I never mentioned them to my buddies, but they sure helped keep my head warm.
Flannel sheets were winter standard on every bed in the house. Didn’t matter what calendars said. First chilly nights brought out fresh washed flannels the following week.
Cold room, cold bed. All the warmth in that bed came from my body. Really cold nights Mom might provide a hot water bottle for first warming, but when that rubber bottle cooled I was on my own.
A nest, a warm burrow under a stack of blankets. Cozy warm where I lay, usually in a near fetal position, but cold around me. Too many blankets, I’d wake up too warm and sneak an arm or leg outside the nest to a cold spot for some relief. Best defense against against too cold during the night was to reach down and pull up an-

other blanket Mom left folded at the foot of my bed.
I was a reader. My latest book from school library or a birthday/Christmas gift often went to bed with me. An old two cell flashlight had a place on my milk stool table, handy in case I needed to get up at night. Handy for use under covers in my sleeping nest. I’ve wasted many batteries when I fell asleep with light still on.
No clock on my table. Pap and Mom sounded alarms in our house. I still remember the tramp of Pap’s feet as he crossed the dining room floor beneath my room. I’d hear downstairs door latch lift at foot of steep crooked stairs and “David?” He wanted to hear my feet hit the floor before he closed that door. If he was held up doing barn chores, particularly during lambing season, Mom would be slightly gentler about calling me with, “You better get up before your father gets here.”
Unlucky, Sis, my sister, Eleanor, would beat me to the gas heated bathroom. I’d have to dress cold in my room and wait my turn for

potty and toothbrush.
Best part of those cold winter mornings was stepping into Mom’s wood fired range warmed kitchen. Breakfast smells, a few quiet words, perhaps scratching from a pasteboard boxed baby animal in need of a dose of warmth before return to it’s mother. Pap washing up at the kitchen sink and Mom plating buckwheat cakes with liver pudding or corn meal pancakes with country ham and red-eye gravy.
My old room in Big House is still pretty chilly, but I don’t sleep there anymore. Bed I grew up in is made up, but with no folded covers at its foot. Milk stool table holds a small wind-up alarm clock now with nobody to shout out and nobody to do the shouting.
This morning, December 23, 2018, I woke in my Doghouse recliner to the sound of Moore’s Run gurgling and wood stove popping beside me and sight of full moon light filtering through trees across the creek. I composed this column as I sat and remembered good days from my past.

GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES



Fifteen Years Ago January 7, 2004

Grover See was honored at a retirement dinner following his nearly 30 years with the WV Poultry Association as Executive Secretary.
Both the federal and state agriculture departments had sent out alerts to cattle growers to be aware of symptoms of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathies (BSE) or mad cow disease.
Gov. Bob Wise reminded West Virginians about the Earned Income Tax Credit.
Information about upcoming elections in the county and the Town of Wardensville was published.
Danny Bruce White, 43, Wardensville, died Dec. 26...Olga Davidson Crites, 89, Leesburg, VA, died Dec. 29...Twila Bean Zirk Hartman, 78, died Dec. 25...Robert Lee Biller, 74, Timberville, died Dec. 26...Tabatha Mae Dove, 23, Mathias, died Dec. 31...Dorothy McDonald King, 75, Wardensville, died Dec. 31...April Dawn Sherman, 23, died Dec. 10...Stanley William Stewart, 84, died Dec. 23 in Grant Memorial Hospital.
Amanda Jo Watchford and Robert Allan Wachter were married July 26, 2003...Penny Crites and Chad Hott were married Oct. 4.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Crites, a daughter, Madalyn Pearl...to Mr. and Mrs. Dorman L. See II, a son, Branson Leevi...to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan M. Cowger III, a son, Ivan Marsh Cowger IV.
Moorefield defeated East Hardy 59-47...Lady Cougars beat Harman 43-41...Lady Jackets lost to Pendleton 47-39...MHS won the Holiday Tournament beating East Hardy 61-57 in overtime and Petersburg 61-55.

Thirty Years Ago January 4, 1989

Hardy County welcomed the New Year with four inches of snow. Shawnee Girl Scout Council be-

gan a leader-in-training program with Renee Kuykendall, Jenny Carr and Tara Staley.
McDonald’s was to open in Romney with a special visit from Ronald McDonald and a ribbon cutting ceremony.
Arnold N. Cowger, 70, Winchester, died Dec. 28...Clarice Shobe Barger, 93, Petersburg, died Dec. 25...Arnold B. Delawder, 78, Lost City, died Dec. 25...Carrie McCarty Hedges, 54, Romney, died Dec. 19...George Nathan Rudolph, 82, Wardensville, died Dec. 20...Virgil Sine, 59, Wardensville, died Dec. 27...John Thomas Henderson, 83, Mathias, died Dec. 25...Verna Liller Woy Koetz, 86, Philadelphia, PA, died Nov. 30...Glenn Ray Mathias, Hyattsville, MD, died Jan. 1.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dwight T. Lewis, a son, Jaime Lee.
Moorefield defeated Circleville 61-60 and lost to Franklin 69-41 in the Holiday Tournament.

Forty-five Years Ago January 2, 1974

During the worst snow storm of the season, the annex at Moorefield High School burned destroying the entire science lab, the Vo-Ag Shop, band instruments and eight class rooms. The building damage alone was estimated at \$500,000.
Plans to double the size of Rockingham Poultry’s processing capabilities were announced. The expansion would bring an additional 100 jobs to the area.
Daylight Saving Time was to return Jan. 6 in a special energy saving measure. It will run 18 months until late October 1975.
Delford O. Miller, 75, Potomac Park, MD, died Dec. 23...Minnie Souder Sheckles, 83, Damascas, MD, died Dec. 24...Martha Simmons Bogan, 32, Petersburg, died Dec. 19.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Denny Dunlap, Jr., a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Huffman, a son, Brian Eugene.

Sixty Years Ago January 6, 1959

The South Fork Watershed Project was given final approval. This project was the largest in the nation consisting of some 185,000 acres.
The Lions Club had distributed 61 baskets to needy families at Christmas.
Senator Ralph Bean was notified that Moorefield’s National Guard Unit would not be moved.
Floyd Preston Baker, 67, Wardensville, died Jan. 2...Annie Goldizen Smith, 91, Petersburg, died Dec. 24...Robert Lee Conrad, 66, Middletown, VA, died Dec. 27...Eva Dove Nasselrodt, 98, Bergton, died Dec. 24...Rex Sheldon Sherman, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene C. Sherman, died Dec. 29...Sirans Ritchie, 78, and Carrie Foley Ritchie, 56, Mt. Jackson, were killed in an automobile accident Dec. 19.
Wilda Louise Sherman and Donald Lee Dasher were married Dec. 21...Helen Myers and Ralph Franklin Fisher were married Dec. 13...Dorothy Sue Harper and Lt. Ralph W. Smith, Jr. were married Dec. 30...Nina June Carr and Howard Evans, Jr. were married Dec. 25...Wanda Crites and Pvt. Raymond C. Shockey were married Dec. 24.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carter, a son, Harry Ellis, Jr...to Chief and Mrs. Wilbur McDonald, a daughter, Mary Seymour...to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schriver, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sager, a daughter...to Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Funk, a son, Dennis Arlie...to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson, a daughter...to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Cosner, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Crites, a daughter.
Moorefield defeated the alums 51-46 and Mathias 68-65 while losing to Franklin 61-49,

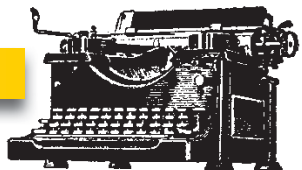
Seventy-five Years Ago January 5, 1944

The War Labor Board approved up to 10 cents an hour increase for

employees of Thompson Mahogany Company.
The Lions Club was told that the raising of poultry and eggs replaced cattle as the main industry in Hardy County.
Frank A. Wilkins, 72, had died at Needmore...Julius Marion Clarke, 93, had died at Needmore...Hannah Coffman Vermilyea, 84, died Dec. 29 in Miami, FL...Ada Bean Combs, 77, Needmore, died Dec. 28...Isaac Newton Ashby, 78, died Dec. 25 at Cross, WV...Lucy Graham Reel, 82, died Jan. 1...Thomas R. Miller, 89, Needmore, died Dec. 26...Isaac L. VanMeter, 82, died Dec. 29 at Ridgeley...Sally Williams Wright, Burlington, died Dec. 22...Wade Everett, Freemont, OH, formerly from Flats, died Dec. 17...Paul Williams died Jan. 3...Betsy Garrett Baker, 69, Wardensville, died Dec. 22.
Marriage licenses were issued to Ethel Elizabeth Ratliff and Brady Vernon Cullers...to Ethel Virginia Gochenour and Ervin Oakley Wilkins...to Agnes Mathias and George Washington May...Shirley Moyers and John Stultz had been married.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Newton, a son, Philip Stewart...to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schutte, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Don J. Taylor, a daughter Mary Ellen...to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shipe, a son.

Ninety Years Ago January 3, 1929

Tom Williams had accepted a position in Ligonier, PA.
Margaret Williams was in training in Washington.
Vernie M. Mongold and George W. Whittington were married Dec. 29...Mrs. Pearl Grant and Dabney Scott were married Dec. 26...Mabel Bott and Paul Fogle were married Dec. 23...Ethel Marie Combs and Jonah Funkhouser were married Dec. 22.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bohn, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hartman, a daughter.



EXAMINER SAYS

Happy New Year

Over the years there have been many high water events in Mathias area from the Lost River and its tributaries. During these flooding events we know people have taken pictures. County Planner Melissa Scott is trying to document the high waters on Upper Cove Road where the burned building is still standing. If pictures can be provided it might be possible to qualify for FEMA funds to help mitigate the building which is in the floodplain. We know our read-

ers are good at documenting things that happen in their communities. If any of you can provide the Examiner or Melissa with pictures of high water in that area of Mathias, please share them. If they are printed on paper photos we will return them. If digital, we will make sure Melissa gets them. Please try to date the photo of high water and damage. And, thanks for your help.

Happy New Year

A follow up on the above item...we would welcome pictures of any events over the years and things that are happening now or will in the future. If you are a picture taker, we would love to share your efforts with our readers. We can publish in the printed edition or on Facebook or Hardy County Live. We would need your name so we can give you credit and if you send an actual paper photo we’ll return it if you want it back. Information about the event/people or location would help also. With only several

people on staff who take pictures we can’t be everywhere things are happening. It would be great if you, our readers, would help us cover more activities both by pictures and information.

Happy New Year

We can only hope that 2019 is a much better year than the one just past. At least we won’t have any elections. With that thought, we wish you a kind and gentler new year.

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Local Businesses Can Participate In Maple Days

Potomac Highlands Agri-Tourism is excited to announce that they will be participating in the 4th Annual West Virginia Maple Days designed to celebrate the growing maple industry in the state. Two different days - Feb. 23 and March 16 - will feature open sugar houses, and promotion of maple with statewide businesses and activities.

Maple participants can be included in one or both days. Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College Foundation will be developing a Maple Cluster around the March 16 date. They would love to have your business participate. The Maple Cluster will be promoting an entire day of fun activities for the entire family including sample itineraries for our region.

You can participate in Maple Days even if you are not a maple syrup producer: Examples include: adding maple syrup as an



ingredient in your menu, selling maple syrup, art or music around the tradition of "sugar camps or maple," offering recipes, offering a "maple discount," education, and so much more

The goal is to have people spend the day/weekend in the Potomac Highlands visiting your business. If you would like to participate, please let them know as soon as possible.

The WV Maple Syrup Produc-

ers Association will work with the WV Department of Agriculture and WV Tourism Office to develop promotional materials.

This is an excellent opportunity for businesses and organizations to work together to promote the Potomac Highlands.

For questions, please contact Sara Volkmann at sara.volkmann@easternwv.edu or Tina Metzger tina.metzger@easternwv.edu 304-490-9308

W.Va. Population Drops for 6th Straight Year

(AP) - The U.S. Census Bureau says West Virginia's population has dropped for the sixth straight year.

Estimates released Wednesday show West Virginia's population shrank by 11,216 residents. It was among nine states to lose popula-

tion.

As of July 1, the state's population was estimated at about 1.81 million residents. West Virginia's population has dipped every year since reaching 1,855,360 in 2012.

The state's seasonally adjusted

unemployment rate in November was 5.2 percent, compared with the national rate of 3.7 percent.

The estimates show the nation's population grew less than 1 percent.

Two More W.Va. Ski Resorts Open Slopes

(AP) - Two more West Virginia ski resorts have opened their slopes for the winter season.

Canaan Valley Resort in Davis and Winterplace Ski Resort in Raleigh County began offering skiing, snowboarding and snowtubing on

Saturday.

Snowshoe Mountain in Pocahontas County opened its slopes during the Thanksgiving holiday. The resort's Silver Creek area began welcoming skiers Friday.

Oglebay Resort in Wheeling and

Timberline Four Seasons Resort in Davis plan to open for skiers later this month.

The state's ski and snowboard season typically lasts through early April.

INTERCEPTED LETTER

Representative Mooney,

In a recent newsletter you mentioned advocating for term limits for congressional members - 3 terms for House of Representatives and 2 for Senators.

I have supported term limits for all government offices for years (local, states, and federal levels). I support you on this legislation.

I believe that this would encourage more people to become engaged in leadership. It would reduce corruptions, cronyism, and complacency. For those who wish to continue in politics, term limits would allow for rotation of posi-

tions, as seats would be vacated. Someone with leadership ambitions and skills could fill various leadership roles, rather than fighting to stay in the same place.

I would also recommend that such legislation be retroactive, such that anyone who has been in their current position longer than the term limit would be allowed to finish the current term then move on.

Also, even if this legislation does not pass, I hope that you will honor the concept and only serve 3 terms in the House of Representatives. You certainly could run for other

offices at the state or federal level.

In the 1990's many Republicans made pledges as part of their Contract With American propaganda to only serve a couple of terms.

Few honored that pledge once they got into office. I see that political maneuvering as part of what has brought us to the hostile political climate we live in today.

Here in West Virginia if your word is not honored, you have no honor.

Oscar Larson
Baker

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.

Directors of dance companies and schools across West Virginia are invited to enroll students in the WV Department of Arts, Culture and History's 2019 statewide dance festival. Directors', dancers' and scholarship applications

are due to the department no later than Friday, Jan. 11. Adjudication DVDs are due Feb. 15, and the adjudications will be held Feb. 22-24, 2019. Applications and guidelines, along with additional information about the festival, can be found on the department's website at <http://www.wvculture.org/dance/index.html>.

The Winter edition of Golden-seal is now available for purchase through retailers, by subscription, or by calling the office at 304-558-0220 in Charleston. Closest area retailers are Four Seasons Books in Shepherdstown, Cacapon Resort State Park in Morgan County,

and Blackwater Falls State Park in Tucker County.

According to AAA last week, gas prices in West Virginia had dropped nearly 14 cents to \$2.339. The national gas price dropped ten cents to \$2.310. Across West Virginia, prices ranged from a low of \$2.111 at Huntington to a high of \$2.506 at Morgantown. Area averages were \$2.465 in Jefferson, \$2.412 in Hampshire, and \$2.372 in Mineral counties. In Hardy County, gas prices were at \$2.49 in Wardensville, Baker and Mathias and \$2.45 in Moorefield.

Wardensville Resident to Judge Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show

Wardensville resident Sheree Moses, is among the judges at the 143rd Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City. This is her first Westminster assignment. She will officiate over several breeds during the daytime competition held at Piers 92/94 in New York City on Monday and Tuesday, February 11-12, 2019.

Moses will be judging the Australian Cattle Dogs, Australian Shepherds, Bouvier des Flanders, Finnish Lapphunds, German Shepherd Dogs, Pulik and Pyrenean Shepherds on Monday. All Best of Breed winners she selects will go on to compete in the Herding Group finals on Monday evening held at Madison Square Garden.

Moses began her career in dogs when she received a German Shepherd for her fifth birthday. Always an animal lover, she progressed as a teenager from Schutzhund competitions to conformation, and then bred her first litter when she was 17. During her professional career, she and her then-husband showed many top exhibits in several breeds, including the all-

time number one exhibit, German Shepherd, Ch. Altana's Mystique.

As a breeder, she has produced dozens of champions, including several Quaker Oats and national specialty winners, and was honored to receive the 2008 AKC Breeder of the Year award for the Herding Group. She has also had several champions, ROM and field titled animals in other breeds and is a breeder and judge of Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Pembroke Welsh Corgis, Labrador Retrievers and German Shepherds. Moses is approved to judge the Herding group.

All daytime preliminary breed and junior showmanship judging, agility and obedience competitions will be held at Piers 92 and 94 on the West Side of Manhattan. The Group, Best in Show and Junior Showmanship Finals judging will be held at Madison Square Garden in the evening. The dog show is preceded on Saturday, Feb. 9, by the 6th Annual Masters Agility Championship at Westminster on Pier 94 as part of the "Meet & Compete" event which also in-



Sheree Moses

cludes AKC Meet The Breeds® on Piers 92 and 94.

For the full Westminster Week schedule, visit westminsterkennelclub.org

All Westminster Week events are presented by Purina Pro Plan®.

HardyTel Offering College Scholarships

Hardy Telecommunications is again sponsoring a \$2,500 college scholarship for graduating seniors from East Hardy and Moorefield high schools.

Members of the Class of 2019 at EHHS and MHS can apply through Hardy for the national Foundation for Rural Service College Scholarship Program.

The scholarship, open to applicants who receive local telecommunications service (either telephone, internet, or television) from Hardy, is worth \$2,000, and Hardy Telecommunications will contribute an additional \$500 to the amount, bringing the total one-time scholarship award to \$2,500.

Interested students can contact their guidance counselors at the two schools or download the application at the FRS website at www.frs.org. Students also can contact Derek Barr, Hardy director of customer service and sales, marketing and human resources, at 304-530-

5000 for an application. Completed applications must be sent to FRS postmarked no later than March 1, 2019, and must bear Barr's signature as Hardy's official representative, so students are asked to return their applications no later than February 15, 2019. Students should not send their applications directly to the Foundation for Rural Service. Applications should be returned to the guidance counselors at Moorefield and East Hardy high schools or to Barr at one of Hardy's offices in Moorefield, Lost River and Wardensville. Barr will ensure that all necessary Hardy signatures are obtained and mail all applications to the FRS.

The FRS will award scholarships nationwide. A qualified selection committee of current educators determined by the Foundation for Rural Service will select the winners; Hardy Telecommunications itself has no input in the selection process. Because the scholarships are awarded by region throughout the United

States by an independent FRS panel, Hardy Telecommunications is not assured of having a student selected each year.

Applicants must be a U.S. citizen and graduating high school senior; accepted by an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school; have at least a C grade point average; express an interest in returning to a rural community following graduation; and be sponsored by a current member of NTCA - The Rural Broadband Association.

The FRS was established in 1994 to promote, educate, and advocate rural telecommunications issues to the public in order to sustain and enhance the quality of life within communities throughout rural America.

Hardy Telecommunications Inc. is a non-profit cooperative dedicated to bringing affordable telephone, Internet, and television service to the citizens of Hardy County. It was incorporated in 1953.

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In 2008. In recent years, we have built new hospitals in both of these communities, replacing World War II era facilities with state of the art hospitals. When local leaders approached us, concerned about community wellness, we built the award-winning Hampshire Wellness and Fitness Center that is also improving lives, young and old. Each year, Valley Health provides more than a million dollars of support to community health initiatives in West Virginia communities. While Valley Health has facilities throughout the tri-state region, more than 25% of our nearly 6,000 employees live in West Virginia.

We are your neighbors.

We are dismayed that West Virginia residents whose medical needs could be met nearby are often required to use hospitals hours away. Does it make sense to tell the distraught parents of a premature or critically ill newborn they must travel more than two hours to Morgantown when there is a beautiful, well-staffed Level 3 Neonatal Intensive Care Unit just minutes down the road in Winchester? Why shouldn't a Panhandle resident be encouraged to have heart or brain surgery, or cancer care, near home and their family rather than needlessly travel for medical care?

While the Governor's Task Force has worked hard to address

PEIA reform, and there are numerous, complex issues being addressed, we feel the most important concern remains ensuring residents have access to high quality care close to home.

Mark H. Merrill is President and CEO of Valley Health System, a regional not-for-profit network of hospitals, Urgent Care centers, physician practices and other resources for rehabilitation, fitness and health serving a population of more than 500,000 in the Eastern Panhandle and Potomac Highlands of West Virginia, northern Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, and western Maryland.

Visit www.valleyhealthlink.com.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

PVCD Meets

The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the USDA Service Center in Moorefield. A copy of the agenda will be available three days prior to the meeting and may be obtained at the District office, 500 East Main St., Romney, WV or by calling 304-822-5174. The public is invited to attend.

CERT Meets

The Hardy County Community Emergency Response Team will meet on Thursday, Jan. 3 at 6:30 at the 911 Center, 157 Freedom Way in Moorefield. The snow date is Feb. 7. Anyone interested in CERT and the public are invited to attend.

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/Medicaid card. Call 304-530-6355 for information.

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.

LEPC Meets

The Hardy County Local Emergency Planning Committee, will meet on Jan. 8, 7 p.m., at the Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority Building, Baker. The snow date is Jan. 15. The public is welcome to attend.

Landmarks Commission

The Moorefield Historic Landmarks Commission will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 6 p.m. at the Town Office, 206 Winchester Ave. The public is in-

ited to attend.

Registration

Kindergarten registration for any student NOT CURRENTLY enrolled in Hardy County Pre-K will be on Thursday, Jan. 24, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Moorefield Elementary School for the Moorefield attendance area. You will need to bring documentation and your child with you. Please call Moorefield Elementary at 304-530-6356 for an appointment.

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

Now is the perfect time! The perfect time to get your cat and

dog spayed and neutered. Spay Today is our area's non-profit, reduced-priced spay and neuter program. At the time of surgery, initial shots and tests can also be obtained at lower rates.

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

Sunday Hunting

Sunday hunting is legal statewide on private land with written permission from the landowner, and it is lawful to hunt throughout West Virginia on federal land where hunting is permitted, in a state forest, on land owned or leased by the state for wildlife purposes, and on land managed by the state for wildlife purposes pursuant to a cooperative agreement.

HARDY LIFE

Wardensville Garden Market Announces Scholarships, Year of Accomplishments and 'Best of WV' Awards

Photos and Story Courtesy
Wardensville Garden Market

The Wardensville Garden Market has wrapped an amazingly successful year, having created a total of 70 jobs since its founding in mid-2016, with more than 40 local high school students now on staff. The local Wardensville educational nonprofit was recently honored by WV Living magazine as the number two Best Charity in the state, and the Best Bakery in the Potomac Highlands Region. "This honor represents a lot of hard work and we are thrilled to share the page with established charita-

ble organizations like the YWCA of Charleston, and United Way of Central WV," said Vicki Johnson, Director of Education. The Wardensville Garden Market is a farm and food-based educational project dedicated to expanding opportunities for local Appalachian youth. The farm reinvests 100 percent of every purchase made at the market and bakery back into the program to hire and inspire even more young people. It realizes this mission through individualized mentoring, enrichment classes, college and career preparation and scholarships. This year, thanks to the gener-

osity of the JDL Foundation and the Wardensville Garden Market customers and supporters, they awarded a total of \$22,000 in scholarships to 11 students, some of whom were awarded twice, for a total of 16 scholarships. Operations Manager Ryan Grimm says, "We are very proud of our student staff, who were not only on the receiving end of giving this year. They also gave back." The students also developed their own philanthropic skills giving out almost \$14,000 in money they raised or earned from tips. In August they organized a Farm 5K that raised \$7,200 for the local Wardensville Volunteer Rescue Team and the Capon Valley Volunteer Fire Department.

The student employees also voted to donate over \$6,700 they made in tips from their loyal customers to other local non-profit causes.

Earlier this year, they gave \$2,000 each to The River House in Capon Bridge and Potomac Highlands Animal Rescue.

In December, they used \$2,700 of their collective tip money to buy gifts to support nine local families in need for the holidays. This is their third year working with the local charity East Hardy County Elves to help provide a happy holiday to families in need. The Wardensville Garden Market students hope their generosity inspires others as much as it does the students themselves.

The Wardensville Garden Market team offers many programs and events for the community at large and will update their website soon on 2019 dates and opportunities to get involved. Please stay tuned for more information on social media or at their website: www.wardensvillegardenmarket.org.



Proceeds from the Farm 5K in August, were split between the Capon Valley Volunteer Fire Department and the Wardensville Volunteer Rescue Squad.



Student employees at the Wardensville Garden Market contributed funds to the Potomac Highlands Animal Rescue.



Morgan Armentrout and Alyssa Rexrode show the Wardensville Garden Market student-employees' Christmas contribution to nine families in the community. The gifts were purchased with the employees' tip money.



The student employees of the Wardensville Garden Market contributed \$2,000 to the River House in Capon Bridge.

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to get more of the levee certified, is a discussion with FEMA, which has not yet officially approved the model used to conduct the study. The Aterra survey verified that Moorefield can move forward on certifying the south levee, which is the part protecting the townown

south of the South Fork River bridge in Town.

Other Business

The Council approved a request from Gwin, Dobson & Foreman, another contractor working on the Town's new water treatment facility, which requested full payment

in this calendar year, for tax purposes.

The amount, \$67,000, will be refunded to the Town through grants.

City Clerk Rick Freeman reported he can pay this and still meet the Town's other requirements. The Council approved the payment.

The next meeting is Wednesday, January 2, at 7 p.m. at the Town Office. The public is invited to attend. Also, renovation work on the Town Office is set to begin on January 5. The office will remain open, but access may change to the door on the side by the parking lot.

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best on the matrix and each county paid the \$3,150."

The eight individuals represented the Eastern Panhandle counties of Hardy, Hampshire, Grant, Pendleton, Mineral, Morgan, Berkeley and Jefferson.

The USDA memo states it is permissible for child nutrition program operators to form cooperative agreements to competitively procure goods and services.

The memo also states Group Purchasing Organizations, Buying Organizations and Third-Party Vendors may be used and those entities may charge a fee for access to the goods and services

price lists. The memo says transactions below \$3,500 are reasonable and should be equally distributed among the users.

"HPS also provides dietary information, menus, caloric analysis and cost effectiveness," Burgess said. "Food costs are lower, revenue is up and we're feeding more children."

"We just wanted to make sure we evaluate and get the best use of our money," said Board member Jerry Yates.

There were questions about the quality of the food and the portion sizes.

"I'm all about the money," said Board President Nancy Hahn. "Are the kids eating the food?"

"This contract has an automatic renewal," said Board member Melvin Shook. "We need to look at it again before it renews."

The next meeting of the Hardy

County Board of Education will be held on Monday, Jan. 7 beginning at 5 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Central Office, 510 Ashby St. in Moorefield. The public is invited to attend.

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January Topics

Group Lifestyle Balance, Cold Stress, Wellness Education

Heritage Hearing will be providing free hearing screenings/education.

For more information, call Julie Kesner at 304-257-5806

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Borrowing funds to pay for water and sewer is frowned upon by auditors as those entities are mandated to finance themselves.

Orndoff-Sayers said the last water increase was in 2009 and the last sewer increase was in 2013. “We know we have to increase rates,” she said.

The Sewer Department is still in debt to the town’s general fund from a \$5,000 loan made by a previous administration. “We still owe \$2,000 on that loan, Martin said.

“We have tried everything we know to do to keep from borrowing money,” Councilwoman Charlotte Bowman said. “This is our only option. If you have another option, we’d be glad to hear it.”

The council approved the loan.

Town Accountant

The council approved the hire of Chuck Young as the town’s accountant.

Orndoff-Sayers said he provides accounting services for other small towns in West Virginia, including Harper’s Ferry.

“The first priority is to complete the financial statements for fiscal year 2018,” Recorder Martin said. “Then we can have him look at the water and sewer situation.”

Martin said the state auditors requested financial statements to close out FY2018, which ended June 30.

Public Works

Erich Atkinson, public works director said the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection inspected the sewer lagoon

and found it to be satisfactory. The council was extremely pleased at the news.

Atkinson said the Water Boy needs a new solenoid at a cost of \$200.

He also reported a water main leak near Warden Acres. He will have Hott-Miller dig the suspected leaking pipe and repair it.

Other Business

•The council approved a motion to require business professionals to provide their credentials along

with their business license renewals on an annual basis.

•The council approved an expenditure for the Fitness Center to solicit new membership.

•The council approved the liability insurance updates.

•The council agreed to allow the Wardensville Development Authority to pursue grants for improvements to the municipal parking lot.

•The council will forward an assessment on the library equipment to the Library Board. The assessment made recommendations

about updates and replacement of computers in the library.

•The council approved expenditures for members to attend the Municipal League’s conference in January. The conference will focus on lobbying efforts in support of Home Rule.

The next meeting of the Wardensville Town Council will be held on Monday, Jan. 14 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held in the Conference and Visitors Center on Main Street. The public is invited to attend.

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Nesselrodt
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Shepherd College in 1988. She has two master’s degrees from Frostburg University - one in Curriculum and Instruction and one in Counseling.
Her Administration Certification is from West Virginia University.
Nesselrodt’s teaching career runs the gamut from first grade to middle school science to guidance counseling. She was even an Athletic Director for a year.
Nesselrodt taught 7th, 8th and 9th grade science at PHS, 1st grade at Dorcas Elementary and elementary and junior high guidance at Petersburg Elementary and PHS.
PES is a Pre-K - 6th grade school and PHS includes grades 7 - 12.
In 2010, Nesselrodt took the job of Assistant Director at the South Branch Career and Technical Center. It was a tumultuous time at the center. The director came under scrutiny from the state. “I was encouraged to apply for the director’s position, but didn’t,” she said.
“A new position was created at Petersburg High School and I took it. I was Dean of Students and AD. It was brutal. I was the Dean of Students during the day and would work on the AD job after school. I didn’t see my kids very much.”
In 2015, Nesselrodt returned to SBCTC as assistant director.
In April 2017, she was diagnosed

with Stage 2 breast cancer.
“I took chemo and radiation and rarely missed a day,” she said. I was very blessed.”
And as ‘fate’ would have it, Nesselrodt’s chemo nurse was a former student from PHS.
In June 2018, when the EHHS Principal’s position was posted, Nesselrodt wanted the job, but had some trepidation.
“Throughout my career, I always wanted to be a high school principal,” she said. “In a small town, small area like this, those jobs don’t come around very often.”
“But I was concerned about my health. I wanted to make sure I could give 200 percent, because I know that’s what it takes. So far, it’s been wonderful.”
Her first challenge was getting to know the teachers, staff and students.
“I knew one teacher, Mr. Thompson,” she said. “At the start of the school year, East Hardy High School had a new principal, a new assistant principal and four new teachers. For a small school, that’s a lot of change.”
Nesselrodt said the faculty and staff have been a tremendous help with her orientation.
“The staff here are amazing,” she said. “They work as a team. Everybody works together. They absolutely have the students’ interests at heart every day.”
Shortly after school started, Nesselrodt encountered another challenge, the sudden and tragic death of a well-loved teacher, Mr. Rodney Hardman.
“I didn’t know him, although I met him at the fair,” she said. “He made a large impact on a lot of students. It was hard for both the students and the faculty. I saw my job as helping the students and the faculty, as much as I could, wrap their heads around what had happened.”
Ongoing challenges, Nesselrodt said, are the same as with every small school - being able to offer a variety of subjects with a limited number of staff.
“Students have so many more opportunities today,” she said. “I love to see them explore those opportunities, so we’re addressing some of the limitations of a small school with virtual school.”
Virtual school allows students to take classes via the Internet. It not only helps homeschooled and homebound students, but also allows students access to classes not offered at their school.
Nesselrodt also sees the advantage of a small school - smaller class sizes. “Teachers have the opportunity to get to know their students and their different learning styles,” she said.
Nesselrodt’s goals for the future include getting to know the stu-

dents and their parents.
“I want to establish communication with the parents,” she said. “We’ll be doing some Parent Night activities in the future.”
Nesselrodt is also looking forward to taking advantage of some new technology coming to EHHS. Just last month, a Portal device was delivered as part of a West Virginia Humanities Council grant. The Portal allows students to access resources around the world in real time. It will spend three months at EHHS and then go to Moorefield High School.
In addition, EHHS teachers have received Apple Mac Book laptops. They are currently receiving training on how to incorporate them into the curriculum. Next year, every student at EHHS will receive a Mac Book.
But first, Nesselrodt has to contend with a residual effect of her breast cancer. She had surgery just before Christmas and will be out of school for a few weeks. “The doctor says six to eight weeks, but I’m shooting for four,” she laughed.
“I have every confidence the staff here will be just fine,” she said. “But I feel like I’m just getting my land legs. It will be like starting over again.”
But this time, she will know the players, and it will probably be like she never left.

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OBITUARIES

PAUL WILLIAM HARDY

Paul William Hardy, age 91 of Rig West Road, Moorefield, W.Va. went to be with the Lord Monday evening, December 24, 2018 at the Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, Va. Born on March 28, 1927 in Rig, W.Va. he was a son of the late William "Bill" Abraham Hardy and Grace Rumer Hardy. Paul was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Ruth Evans Hardy in November 2009. Two sisters, Mernie Evans and Ruth Crider-Simons also preceded him in death.

Surviving is a son, Terry P. and wife Kathy Hardy of Moorefield, WV; two granddaughters, Dr. Sarah Hardy of Hot Springs, Alaska and Anne Hardy of Washington, DC; two brothers, John E. Hardy of Cabins, W.Va. and James W. Hardy of Moorefield, W.Va. along with many nephews, nieces and friends.

Paul was a welder for Allegheny Mining in Mount Storm for more than 20 years. Prior to this he was a heavy equipment operator and was among the first group of men employed by the late Elvin Riggelman. He finished his working career with the WV Department of Highways as an equipment operator. Paul was a talented individual who could repair or create whatever was needed to get the job done.

A World War II Veteran of the U.S. Army he served at the end of the war in the European Theater where he was part of the occupation forces in Germany until his Honorable Discharge in 1946. He was a member of the John M. Golliday Post #64 American Legion.

As a lifelong resident of Rig, Paul was a member of the Oak Dale Christian Church for more than 55

years; serving as a trustee for many years and Superintendent of Sunday School several times. He was also very active in the creation and remodeling of the Rig Civic Center.

A Celebration of Life was held beginning at 11:00 AM Saturday, December 29, 2018 at the Oak Dale Christian Church with Pastors Lynn Rohrbaugh and Dan Sterns officiants. Interment followed at the Newhouse Cemetery where Military Graveside Rites were accorded by the U.S. Army and the Moorefield Veterans Honor Guard.

Memorials in Paul's Honor may be directed to: Oak Dale Christian Church Mission Fund, 3989 Rig Road, Moorefield, WV 26836; Rig Civic Center, c/o Bennie Miller, 342 Rig West Road, Moorefield, WV 26836 or Samaritan's Purse, PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607.



Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on Paul's Tribute Wall at www.fraleymfuneral-home.com Arrangements are under the direction of the Fraley Funeral Home.

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Wade Armentrout, Pastor

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Anthony Wayne "Tony" Rockwell, 50, of Ridge Road, Burlington, W.Va., died Friday, December 14, 2018 at his residence.

Born on July 19, 1968 at Madison Plains, Ohio, he was a son of the late Sue (Holtzman) Anderson. He also was preceded in death by a sister, Tami.

Mr. Rockwell was formerly employed with American Woodmark in Moorefield, W.Va. He loved hunting and fishing and was an avid Ohio State Buckeyes fan.

Surviving is his wife of 26 years,

Christy L. (Taylor) Rockwell; three daughters, Rachel Holliday of High View, W.Va., Annie Heward and husband Rob of Purgitsville, W.Va. and Lily Sue Rockwell of Burlington; three grandchildren, Zackary Holliday and Philip and Zoey Heward and two brothers, Ty Shaw and wife Vivian of Waxahachie, Texas and Troy Shaw of London, Ohio.

A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, December 29, 2018 from 2-4 p.m. at the Rig Assembly of God Church.

The Smith Funeral Home, Burlington Chapel, is in charge of the arrangements.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to a college scholarship fund for Tony's daughter, Lily. Contributions may be mailed to Pendleton Community Bank, 402 South Main Street, Moorefield, W.Va. 26836.

Condolences and personal reflections to the family may be left after Mr. Rockwell's obituary at smithfuneralhomes.net.



ANTHONY 'TONY' ROCKWELL

ANNA MARIE KING

Anna Marie King, 82, of Wardensville, W.Va. died on Monday, December 24, 2018 at the Greenfield Senior Living in Strasburg, Va.

Anna was born on April 27, 1936 in Lost River, W.Va., the daughter of the late Clifton L. and Golda V. Strawderman Teets. She was a member of the Methodist Church and a lifetime member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post #2102. Anna loved yard sales, collecting music boxes, working outside in her garden and watching hummingbirds.

Anna married the late John Miller, Jr. on June 20, 1953. She was then married to John Precnick on March 5, 1969 in Winchester, Va.

John died on October 7, 1983. She then married John King on June 29, 1993 in Woodstock, Va. John died July 15, 2003.

Surviving are three sons: Stephen Miller of Wardensville, W.Va.; Dennis Miller of Lynchburg, Va.; Gregory Miller of Catlett, VA; one daughter: Karen Sager of Lost River, W.Va.; two brothers: Theodore Teets of La Plata, MD; Clifton L. "Joe" Teets, Jr. of Baker, W.Va.; four sisters: Virginia Combs of Wardensville, W.Va.; Betty Malone of Woodstock, Va.; Frances "Sue" Booher of Manassas, Va.; Linda Sine of Middletown, Va.; eight grandchildren and six great-grand-

children.

She is preceded in death by a son: Richard Miller; one brother: Earl Teets; one sister: Lucy Ramesch; one grandchild: Dwayne Sager.

A funeral service was held at the Loy-Giffin Funeral Home & Crematory in Wardensville, W.Va. on Saturday, December 29, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Officiating was Pastor Jan Orndorff. Entombment was private.

Memorial contributions may be made out to Blue Ridge Hospice 333 West Cork Street, Winchester, VA 22601 or donor's choice.

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SHIRLEY VIRGINIA PERANDO

Shirley Virginia Perando, 79, of
Old Fields, W.Va. passed away on
Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at
Piney Valley Nursing Home, Key-
ser, W.Va..

Born on March 6, 1939 in Bloom-
ington, Md., she was the daughter
of the late Delbert Streets and Bar-
bara Moorehead Streets.

She was a member of the Rom-
ney Church of the Brethren.

Along with her parents, she was
preceded in death by her husband,
Jack Adam Perando on Dec. 9,
1999.

She is survived by 4 daughters:
Jacalyn A. Riggelman (Steve) of
Moorefield, W.Va., Barbara Lip-
scomb (Roger) of Old Fields,
W.Va., Cheryl Strawser (Ray) of
Augusta, W.Va., Tina Perando
of Rochelle, Ill.; a son, Paul M.
Streets of Romney, W.Va., and
a sister, Alice Magruder of Bar-
ton, Md., 18 grandchildren and 39



great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on
Sunday, December 23, 2018 at 2:00
PM at McKee Funeral Home, Bak-
er, W.Va. with Pastor Kris Lengel
officiating. Interment was in the
Perando Family Cemetery.

All arrangements are under
the direction of McKee Funeral
Home, Baker, W.Va..

ELVA MAY TRENT

Elva May Trent, 84, of Salem,
Va., passed away Sunday, Decem-
ber 23, 2018. She was a devoted
Air Force wife and mother and
was a long time registered nurse at
Roanoke Memorial Hospital. She
was predeceased by her husband,
Kay Russell Trent and son, Walter
Allen Trent.

Surviving family includes sons
and daughters-in-law, Wesley and
Cheryl Trent of Salem,Va. and
Wayde and Connie Trent of Can-
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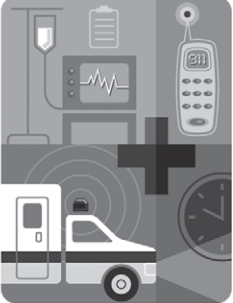
Mike Trent, and Bryar Trent, and
great-grandchildren, Kayla Smith,
Walter Wiles, Raegan Whiteman,
and Charlotte Whiteman.

A celebration of her life was
held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday,
December 27, 2018 at the Lotz Fu-
neral Home Chapel in Vinton, Va.
Interment followed in Old Domin-
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The Bridge Club's Christmas dinner was held at Colt's Restaurant with 26 people enjoying the meal.

Following dinner a Howell game was played on Wednesday, Dec. 19 with 5 1/2 tables in play in the South Branch Duplicate Bridge Club held at Colts Restaurant. There were 11 pairs playing 27 boards with an average match-point score of 54.

Overall winners were: Kevin McDonald and Bruce Leslie, 71; Eleanor Heishman and Leona Reynolds, 65; Steve Kimble and Lary Garrett, 63; Donovan Kimble and Jimi Kimble, 60; and Bill Fisher and Rachel Welton, 55 1/2.

The bridge club meets each Wednesday at Colts Restaurant beginning at 7:00 p.m. There was no game, Dec. 26. The next game is this evening, January 2.

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January 1-2, 2019 – NO SCHOOL – HOLIDAY/CE DAY

Thursday, January 3 – Creamed Chicken on Biscuit or Bread Bowl, Peas, Peaches

Friday, January 4 – Cheese/Hamburger, Oven Fries, Frozen Fruit Cup

Monday, January 7 – Hot Dog on Roll, Baked Beans, Applesauce

Tuesday, January 8 – Wonder Bites Teriyaki Beef Dippers, Sauce Dipper, Broccoli, Rice, Pineapple

Wednesday, January 9 – Chili w/ Cheese Fries, Frozen Fruit Cup

Thursday, January 10 – Golden Crispy Chicken Tenders, Sauce Dipper, Sweet Potato Tots, Mixed Fruit

Friday, January 11 – Pepperoni Roll, Mixed Vegetables, Frozen Fruit Cup

Monday, January 14 – Chicken Patty Sandwich, Beans with Ham,

Fruit Cocktail

Tuesday, January 15 – Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Rolls, Applesauce

Wednesday, January 16 – Mac 'n Cheese, Egg, Steamed Spinach, Fruit Crisp

Thursday, January 17 – Chicken Nuggets, Sauce Dipper, Steamed Broccoli, Pineapple

Friday, January 18 – School-Made or French Bread Pizza, Carrots, Peaches

Monday, January 21 – NO SCHOOL – HOLIDAY

Tuesday, January 22 – Baked Chicken, Steamed Broccoli, Pears

Wednesday, January 23 – Chili Con Carne, Rolls, Corn, Applesauce

Thursday, January 24 – Calzone, Marinara Sauce, Mixed Veggies, Frozen Fruit Cup

Friday, January 25 – Fish Sticks,

Winter Blend, Pineapple

Monday, January 28 – Pork BBQ Sandwich, Orange Medley JJ/Carrots, Pears

Tuesday, January 29 – Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Garlic Toast, Green Beans, Frozen Fruit Cup

Wednesday, January 30 – Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Rolls, Pineapple

Thursday, January 31 – Beef Taco, Salsa, Refried Beans, Applesauce

NOTE: All lunch meals are served with a fresh fruit and garden bar and a variety of low-fat or fat-free milk. Portion sizes may be larger for high school students, and additional items may be on the menu to meet requirements. Go to the School Nutrition website for up-to-date menus and nutritional information! www.hardycafe.com

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Evans Guilty

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triangle between VanMeter, Evans and Amber Barr, who also testified in the case.

In his testimony, VanMeter referred to three instances in which the two had fought and the cases that Evans had threatened to kill him. In one case that occurred in 2016, the two had fought over Barr being at Evans' home in Old Fields. During the incident VanMeter had threatened Evans via phone and had then gone over to confront him. When he arrived, Evans ran over VanMeter with a four-wheeler and VanMeter responded by hitting Evans over the head with a wooden club. When Evans and Barr left, Barr said she remembers Evans saying that he "would kill him for this."

In another incident in 2017, Evans attacked VanMeter with a crowbar while he was working on his four-wheeler in front of a home in Petersburg and, in the final incident presented, Evans threatened VanMeter with a metal bat and then proceeded to chase him around 7-11 in Petersburg. This incident was confirmed by Megan Alt, an employee of 7-11 who witnessed the incident and notified the police.

Another witness was Brittney White, who had been in a relationship with Evans until May 2017. White said that Evans had spoken of VanMeter multiple times and had said he would someday kill him. Evans was also accused of firing a gun at VanMeter's residence.

"The intended victim of this crime was Cody VanMeter," Ours said later in his closing remarks. "Now he had him alone. Now he had him in front of his truck. As he had told Ms. Barr 'I'm going to make him pay for what he did to me.'"

The defense dismissed the claims, saying that while there was a clear feud between the two men, at no time did Evans actually act to take VanMeter's life and that VanMeter had been an active participant in the violence, making threats and even traveling to Evans' home to fight.

They also presented a claim that there was no way Evans could have mistaken Shoemaker for VanMeter because they were cousins and were "well acquainted." They also pointed towards a statement made to police by Shoemaker's widow, Rebecca Shoemaker.

In her statement, she said that she did not believe the two men could be mistaken, as Bobby Shoemaker was taller than VanMeter and he had "a distinct walk." However, in her testimony she said she

was not so sure about her statement and that, without a hat and with shorter hair, she could see how they could be confused. She also pointed to their family relation, saying, "I guess they do look similar, they are related." VanMeter testified that he often wore a hat but that he did cut his hair short in the summer.

Following the establishment of the feud between the two, the prosecution turned toward verifying the time that Shoemaker was killed. To determine this, the prosecution called three witnesses, Catherine VanMeter, Bobby Shoemaker's grandmother whom he lived with, Katrina Vance, his long-time friend and Rebecca Shoemaker, his wife.

In a tearful testimony, Shoemaker's grandmother said she was the last family member to see Bobby Shoemaker alive. She said he left her home walking down Welton Orchard Road on July 10 to meet a friend, Joseph Chapman, in town. Later that evening, Chapman visited the house looking for him after he did not show up.

Vance testified that she had been text messaging Shoemaker for most of that day and that the last communication she received from him was at 7:23 p.m. Later, she messaged him again at 8:45 p.m. and there was no response.

Perhaps the last person to communicate with him before his death was his wife, Rebecca Shoemaker, who spoke with him at 8:19 p.m. This indicates that Bobby Shoemaker was hit by the truck between 8:19 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. on July 10.

Next, the prosecution called back-to-back witnesses Joseph Combs of Hardy County and Damien VanMeter of Petersburg. The two were coming off of Charlie's Knob in the late evening of July 10 when they say Evans' maroon Chevrolet S-10 was coming off the mountain. Both men said the truck was heavily damaged and that the windshield was "busted in." They also said that the damage was so severe, Evans was leaning over to the passenger side to see out. However, while Combs said he was not able to make out the driver, D. VanMeter said he could.

"I saw the truck and thought that Cody must have thrown a rock through the windshield," D. VanMeter said. "The last thing on my mind was that he would have killed my cousin." D. VanMeter was referencing Bobby Shoemaker.

It would be four days before Bobby Shoemaker's body was discovered.

Corporal S. A. Nesslerodt of the West Virginia State Police and a member of the crime scene

response team, responded to the scene after the body was discovered. Nesslerodt noted multiple important things about the scene, including the lack of skid marks on the road indicating there was no attempt to brake, there were no roll or drag marks leading to the body, indicating it landed there after being launched; and that it was unrecognizable apart from identification in a wallet. Nesslerodt said that, at the time, he was not aware of any ongoing missing persons report for Shoemaker. However, he explained that he may not have been aware if it was ongoing in a department outside of the West Virginia State Police, or even being handled by another officer.

The next witness in the case was Josh Stonestreet of Petersburg. Evans contacted Stonestreet on July 14 asking for help in moving his Chevy S-10. Stonestreet said Evans picked him up in another truck, went to Evans' home where they split up as Evans retrieved the S-10 and Stonestreet drove the other truck. They then met at a camping lot owned by Evans' half brother, Edmond Gossard. At the time, Stonestreet said the truck did not have a windshield and it was still maroon in color.

When pressed, Stonestreet said Evans told him "I hit something. It might have been a person and I heard they died." Stonestreet then told Evans to take him home and that he didn't want to be involved. "I guess I didn't really believe him at the time," Stonestreet said. "I hadn't heard anything and it is a small town so I figured I would have heard something. Then the next day I saw it all over Facebook that they had found a body."

Next to testify was Gossard, who purchased black spray paint for his brother. In his testimony, he said he did not know his brother wanted to paint his truck and that he was also purchasing paint for himself to paint a wrought iron table and chair set. Gossard purchased approximately six cans of spray paint and gave half to Evans.

However, the prosecution said this story was different than the one previously given to investigating officers. Investigators said in Gossard's first interview, he told them he was aware his brother wanted to paint Evans' truck.

Sergeant Kessel of the West Virginia State Police, who handles cases throughout the Eastern Panhandle, also interviewed Gossard and Evans and said the story he was told about the vehicle was different.

Kessel said Evans informed him that he had sold the truck while at his brother's lot to two individu-

als named "Charlie and Tim" who asked if Evans would be interested in selling. Evans said he told them he would sell it for \$800 and they later returned with the money and he had not seen the vehicle since. He told Kessel that he had nothing to do with removing the windshield or painting the truck black. This interview was after Kessel's interview with Gossard, in which he admitted to purchasing the black spray paint.

Next on the stand was Deputy K.R. Thorne of the Grant County Sheriff's Department and chief investigator in the case. Thorne responded to multiple pieces of important evidence that linked Evans to the truck's damage, including a piece of faded maroon plastic that was discovered at Evans' residence.

The piece fit back together with the vehicle's air dam, indicating it was broken off of the front, driver's side of the truck prior to being painted. Thorne also discovered a bumper piece with severe damage to the driver's side discarded at Evans' residence that matched the S-10.

There was also multiple forensic evidence reported from two investigators with the Federal Bureau of Investigations out of Quantico, Va.

The truck did, at some point, leave Evans' possession as it was discovered broken down along the road off the eastbound lane of U.S. 48 in between Luxemburg Road and the Baker exit in Hardy County. When Hardy County Deputy John Baniak responded to a distress call for the vehicle it was painted black and still did not have a windshield. The vehicle was being driven by Larry D. Lite Jr. and Stacy Stamp.

At the time, Baniak could clearly see the red paint under the black layer and was aware that a similar vehicle was wanted in Grant County. He turned the vehicle over to Grant County officers for the investigation.

The final testimony heard in the case was from Dakota Swick of Fisher, who was in jail with Evans after he was arrested in early August 2017.

Swick said that Evans told him two distinct stories of what happened in Bobby Shoemaker's death, while the two were incarcerated together. Swick said that when Evans first arrived in jail, he said that he was arrested "for hitting someone with his truck."

However, Swick said he later elaborated on the story, saying it was an accident and telling the story about dropping his cigarettes and believing he had hit a deer. Swick did not believe this story

and, when he pressed him, claims that Evans told him a different version.

According to Swick, Evans said that he said that he was coming up the road and saw Cody walking and became angry. Swick said "he laid into it and swerved to hit him" but thought he had missed. Swick also said he backed up to look but didn't see anything.

"I was still in jail when I heard about Bobby being killed but I didn't put the two together," Swick said. "I thought he had gone after Cody, not Bobby."

The defense accused Swick of attempting to use the story to get special treatment from prosecution and hoping to strike a better deal in his own upcoming criminal case. Swick is currently facing drug charges in Grant County.

The defense also pointed to inconsistencies in Swick's story, saying that at one point he said Evans had backed over the body a second time and that they had a verbal clash before Evans hit him.

The prosecution rebuffed these claims, saying that as a young, first time offender Swick would receive the same treatment as every other person charged in similar situations and said that, to Swick's knowledge, neither he nor his attorney had ever asked for special treatment in exchange for his testimony.

In his own testimony, Deputy Thorne clarified that Swick had reached out to him with information and that Swick had not been sought for information. He also disagreed with the idea that Swick was only testifying in hopes of relieving his own legal pressures.

"That's not always the case," Thorne said. "This is a small town and people know each other. We don't live in a big city. If they feel someone they know was wronged they will come to their defense."

The medical examiner who had conducted the autopsy on Bobby Shoemaker's body was also scheduled to testify; however, due to the fast pace of the trial, he was unable to arrive in time. Instead, the jury was presented with his report and the prosecution pointed to several important facts in it.

The main points referenced from the report were the injuries sustained by Bobby Shoemaker from the vehicle. According to the autopsy report, Shoemaker sustained a broken neck, multiple nasal fractures, a broken arm, severe lacerations, two broken ribs that, punctured his lung, contusions on his legs, a broken leg and two "L" shaped contusions that the prosecution claimed, could be consistent with the S-10 grill.

Following the testimony, the defense moved for a mistrial based on a possible violation of Evans' Miranda Rights. The motion was denied by Nelson, the statement was struck from the record and the jury was told to disregard it.

The defense then asked for an acquittal on the basis that the prosecution had made no testimony towards malice, saying that the case did not warrant the first degree murder charge. This motion was also denied.

Finally, the defense asked for a directed verdict for involuntary manslaughter, saying that the incident was a case of distracted driving and not intentional murder. Nelson also denied this request.

"We never have disputed that Mr. Evans was driving that maroon pickup truck that night on July 10," defense attorney Brent Easton said in the defense's closing statement. "Could you call it negligent, distracted driving that was reckless? Maybe, but the most he can be held responsible for is involuntary manslaughter."

In his closing arguments, Prosecutor Ours rebuffed the claim of the incident being an accident. He pointed to the fact that, for his story to be true, Evans would have had to be retrieving his cigarettes from the floor for more than 87 yards, most of the length of a football field, before looking back at the road after hitting Bobby Shoemaker.

Ours gave the jury an impassioned statement, explaining that intent is transferable. He explained that if Evans acted to kill Cody VanMeter and, in that act, killed Bobby Shoemaker, then he is still a murderer.

The trial then ended and the jury went into deliberations. Multiple verdicts could have been returned, including finding him not guilty of any crime, finding him guilty of first degree murder or finding him guilty but reducing the crime to a lesser charge, such second degree murder, voluntary manslaughter or involuntary manslaughter.

After an hour and a half of deliberations and returning three questions to the judge for clarification, the jury returned with a guilty verdict for first degree murder.

In the end, the jury ruled that it was a tragic case of mistaken identity in an attempt to murder someone else that led to Shoemaker's death; not an accident caused by distracted driving.

Judge Lynn Nelson presided over the case.

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Section **B**



SPORTS

A Look Back at Sports in 2018

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The Moorefield Yellow Jackets baseball team celebrates after clinching the Class A West Virginia baseball title for 2018.



Moorefield's Kevin Wetzel celebrates with his parents after clinching a state wrestling tournament berth. History was made that day with Isaac Van Meter being the First Freshman Regional Champion in Moorefield Wrestling History. SierraMarie Miller was the first female wrestler to medal in East Hardy history.



Brooke Miller



Julia Hahn

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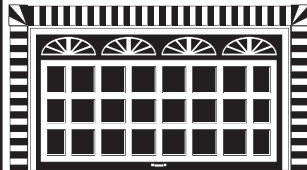
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TRUSTEE S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned trustee by that certain deed of trust dated the 3rd day of October, 2006, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 223, at Page 854, executed by Steven LaFrance and Barbara LaFrance, to Jack H. Walters and Howard E. Krauskopf, Trustees, either of whom may act to secure the payment of that certain negotiable promissory note described therein, payable to the order of Capon Valley Bank, a West Virginia Banking Corporation, at its address of P.O. Box 119, Wardensville, WV 26851 and signed by the said Steven LaFrance and Barbara LaFrance as makers, and Renick C. Williams as Guarantor, and default having occurred in the payment of said negotiable promissory note secured by the Deed of Trust set forth hereinabove, and the said Capon Valley Bank, as the holder of said note, having notified the undersigned trustee in writing to do so, said trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder, the following described tracts or parcels of real estate, at the Courthouse in Moorefield, Hardy County, West Virginia, on

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019 AT 11:00 A.M.

all that certain tract or parcel of real estate containing 1.42 acres, more or less, together with any and all rights, rights-of-way, easements, minerals, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being situate in Moorefield District, Hardy County, West Virginia and being more particularly described as Lot 37 of the Ogden Farms Meadows and being more particularly bounded and described on a plat of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Map Book 6, at Page 47. Reference is hereby made to the said aforementioned Plat or Map for a more particular description of the tract or parcel of real estate being offered for sale herein.

And being the same tract or parcel of real estate conveyed unto Steven LaFrance and Barbara LaFrance by Smith by that certain deed dated September 29, 2000 and of record of the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia in Deed Book 257, at Page 756. Reference is hereby made to the said aforementioned deed for any and all pertinent purposes.

The tract or parcel of real estate being offered for sale herein is being offered

for sale, subject to any and all restrictions, reservations, covenants, conditions, easements and rights of way contained in, provided for or reserved in any and all prior instruments in chain of title. Specific reference is made to those certain protective covenants and restrictions for Ogden Farms Meadows, which are of record in said Clerk's office in Deed Book 253, at Page 393 and the Amended Protected Covenants and Restrictions relating to Ogden Farms Meadows and the lot offered for sale herein are of record in said Clerk's office in Deed Book 257, at Page 371. Same shall be incorporated into the Deed of Conveyance, by reference, to the high bidder at the sale referenced herein.

The tract or parcel of real estate offered for sale herein is situate in a unique and exclusive development in Hardy County, West Virginia and same is serviced by an access road. The 911 address of the real estate being offered for sale herein is that of 271 Jacob Drive, Moorefield, WV 26836. The real estate offered for sale herein is improved by a 2000 double-wide mobile home.

The hereinbefore advertised tract or parcel of real estate shall be conveyed unto the highest bidder or bidders by special warranty Deed from your undersigned trustee.

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The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying subject real estate to vacate said property.

The real estate offered for sale herein is designated as Parcel 5.41 of Map 264 of Moorefield District, Hardy County, West Virginia.

All costs for Deed preparation and transfer stamps shall be paid by the purchaser.

In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens of record against the real estate subject of the sale notice, the United States Government shall have the right to redeem the real estate within 120 days from the date of said sale or a period allowable for said redemption, whichever is longer.

TERMS: A \$10,000 deposit is required on day of sale with a balance to be paid at closing. Closing is to occur at the office of your undersigned Trustee at 204 N. Elm Street, across from the Courthouse, in Moorefield, Hardy County, West Virginia, at a date and time to be mutually agreed upon between the Trustee and the high bidder, which said date and time shall not exceed twenty (20) days from the date of sale. Failure to close in accordance with the terms herein shall result in the forfeiture of the deposit. Purchaser may elect to pay the entire purchase price on day of sale.

Prospective bidders are invited to contact your undersigned trustee or Capon Valley Bank, prior to the day of sale with regard to any and all questions that might arise.

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FOUR PAWS PROPERTIES, LLC, FARM CREDIT OF THE VIRGINIAS, ACA, PARCEL NO. 11 SUN OIL COMPANY, C. E. BECK, POTOMAC LIGHT & POWER, HARDY COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY, and SHERIFF OF HARDY COUNTY, RESPONDENTS.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

TO. The above named Defendant, (j/l mer, claimants, or lienors of the land herein referred to:

You are hereby notified that on the 19 day of March, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, application will be made upon a verified Petition, to be then and there presented by the undersigned, the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, a West Virginia Corporation, to the Circuit Court of Hardy County, West Virginia, at II session of said Circuit Court to be then held at the Courthouse of said County. The Petitioners will request an order vesting defeasible title to the Petitioners of said lands, rights of way, and easements as the Petition for Condemnation filed in this case, pursuant to Section 14a, Article 2, Chapter 54 of the Official Code of

West Virginia, 1931, as amended.

The land to which defeasible title is sought by the Petitioners is located in South Fork District, Hardy County, West Virginia, and is designated as Parcel Nos. 11, Project No. U316-220-8.50 all the maps and plans of said project. Said lands, rights of way, and easements are more particularly bounded and described in the Notice filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hardy County, West Virginia.

Certain persons appear of record as lienors, encumbrancers or claimants of said lands in the aforesaid Notice, as follows: Tom Parisi c/o Four Paws properties, LLC, Farm Credit of the Virginia, ACA, Sun Oil Company, C. E. Beck, Potomac Light & Power, Hardy County Public Service District, The Potomac Edison Company, and Sheriff of Hardy County

At which time and place you may attend and protect your interest if you are so advised.

Dated this 21st day of December, 2018

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS, a public Corporation, and THOMAS J. SMITH, P.E., SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS, BY COUNSEL FOR THE PETITIONERS 1/2, 1/9 2c

ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE FAMILY COURT OF HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA IN THE MATTER OF: R.L.M. Civil Action No. 18-FIG-16 THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN

To the above named Respondent: It appearing by affidavit in this action that after diligence to determine the address of Sherry A. Lauderdale, residency is unknown, it is hereby ordered that Sherry A. Lauderdale upon Brenda Taucher, whose address is: 457 Warden Hollow W. Road, Wardensville, WV 26851,

an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition for Appointment of Guardian filed in this action, on or before January 12, 2019. If you fail to do so, thereafter judgment, upon proper hearing and trial, may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court on this 13 day of December, 2018.

Kelly J. Shockey
Clerk of Court
By Deboarh J. Hines

12/19, 1/2 2c

ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE FAMILY COURT OF HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA IN THE MATTER OF: E.P., Civil Action No. 18-FIG-15 THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN

To the above named Respondent: It appearing by affidavit in this action that after diligence to determine the address of Melissa Tustin, residency is unknown, it is hereby ordered that Melissa Tustin serve upon Tracey Poe, whose address is: 48 Snyders Ridge Rd., Mathias, WV 26812 an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition for Appointment of Guardian filed in this action, on or before January 18, 2019. If you fail to do so, thereafter judgment, upon proper hearing and trial, may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court on this 10 day of December, 2018.

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HIGH GAME MEN (SCRATCH): Clayton Laub 235, Jerry Propst 205, Richie Burgess 203; (HANDICAP): Clayton Laub 256, Jerry Propst 250, Caden Mongold 243;

HIGH SERIES MEN (SCRATCH): Clayton Laub 618, Larry Walp 575, Josh Mongold 558; (HANDICAP): Clayton Laub 681, Jerry Propst 679, Caden Mongold 623;

HIGH AVERAGE (MEN): Larry Ware 189.75, Larry Walp 188.69, Troy McGreevy 188.62;

HIGH GAME WOMEN (SCRATCH): Emily Stark 196, Teresa Sullivan 193, Tonya Keplinger 185, (HANDICAP): Teresa Sullivan 243, Emily Stark 240, Tonya Keplinger 219;

HIGH SERIES WOMEN (SCRATCH): Tonya Keplinger 525, Dee Anna McDonald 485, Emily Stark 482, Sarah Earle 482; (HANDICAP): Tonya Keplinger 627, Teresa Sullivan 621, Emily Stark 614;

HIGH AVERAGE (WOMEN): Sarah Earle 168.67, Dee Anna McDonald 162.26, Rosie Sampsell 148.38;

THURSDAY NIGHT MENS LEAGUE 12/20/2018

TEAM STANDINGS: Vetter's Mini Mart 43 – 21, Golden Lanes 40 – 24, Pepsi Cola 39.5 – 24.5, Country Cars & Trucks 33 – 31, Builders Center 33 – 31, Reed Insurance 31.5 – 32.5, J & K Pest Control 24 – 40;

HIGH GAME (SCRATCH): Larry Walp 268, Jeremy Vetter 231, Chris Kesner 216, Josh Mongold 215, Larry Ware 214; (HANDICAP): Larry Walp 276, Chris Kesner 253, Jeremy Vetter 251, Randy Thorne 240, Josh Mongold 238;

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