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Commissioners Elect Michael President

By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

The first item of business for the Hardy County Commission meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 2 was the election of a president for the 2019 calendar year. Commissioner David "Jay" Fansler nominated Harold Michael and he was unanimously approved. Michael served as Commission President in 2017.

The commission recognized a county employee and an elected official who retired at the end of 2018.

William "JR" Keplinger retired after serving 18 years as a County Commissioner. He chose not to seek reelection in 2018. Commissioner Michael, on behalf of the county, expressed his thanks to Keplinger for his service.

Ralph Dean retired as Chief Tax Deputy in the Hardy County Sheriff's Department. Dean retired after nine years of service. "You certainly left the department better than you found it," Michael said.

Both men were presented plaques to recognize their service.

The commissioners set the schedule for their 2019 meetings, deciding to continue with one meeting a month on the first Tuesday of each month. All meetings will begin at 9 a.m.

The Hardy County Commission will meet on the following days:

Tuesday, Feb. 5
Tuesday, March 5
Tuesday, April 2
Tuesday, May 7
Tuesday, June 4
Tuesday, July 2
Tuesday, Aug. 6
Tuesday, Sept. 3
Tuesday, Oct. 1
Tuesday, Nov. 5
Tuesday, Dec. 3

The commission will meet as the Board of Review and Equalization on Monday, Jan. 28, Friday, Feb. 1, Thursday, Feb. 7, Wednesday, Feb. 13 and Tuesday, Feb. 19.

The commission will also meet on Tuesday, April 16 to lay the levy as required by state code.

At the December meeting, the commission approved the holiday schedule for 2019. The courthouse will be closed on the following days:

Monday, Jan. 21 - Martin Luther King Day
Monday, Feb. 18 - Presidents Day
Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day
Thursday, June 20 - West Virginia Day
Thursday, July 4 - Independence Day
Monday, Sept. 2 - Labor Day
Monday, Oct. 14 - Columbus Day
Monday, Nov. 11 - Veterans Day
Thursday, Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving Day
Friday, Nov. 29 - Lincoln's Day
Tuesday, Dec. 24 (4 hours) - Christmas Eve
Wednesday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Day
Tuesday, Dec. 31 (4 hours) - New Year's Eve

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Photo by Jean Flanagan

The Hardy County Commission recognized two retirees at the Commission meeting on Jan. 2. From left is Commissioner David "Jay" Fansler, retiring Hardy County Tax Deputy Ralph Dean, retiring Hardy County Commissioner JR Keplinger, Commissioner David Workman and Commissioner Harold Michael.



The Sun Sets on a New Year in Hardy County

Photo by Nathan Walters

Three Sentenced To Drug Court in December Circuit Court Proceedings

By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

Griest was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$844.

Ronald Griest, 38, of Moorefield, Ieesha S. Cole, 24 of Moorefield and Aaron A. Eye, 31 of Ft. Seybert were ordered to complete the South Branch Valley Drug Court Program as a condition of their guilty pleas in Hardy County Circuit Court in December 2018.

Griest pleaded guilty to two counts of burglary following his indictment in October. He was originally charged with three counts of burglary as well as petit larceny, a misdemeanor charge.

If Griest does not successfully complete the Drug Court Program, he could be sentenced to not less than one year and not more than 10 years in prison for each count.

Ieesha S. Cole pleaded guilty to one count of shoplifting, third offense. Cole was charged on an information indictment, meaning she waived the grand jury proceeding.

In July, Moorefield Police were called to Wal-Mart, where video surveillance showed Cole gathering, but not paying for two items.

Cole pleaded no contest to shoplifting in Grant County in 2015 and Mineral County in 2017.

If Cole does not successfully complete the Drug Court Program, she could be sentenced to not less than one year and not more than 10 years in prison and a \$500 fine.

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Moorefield Council Discusses Boil Water Procedures

By Hannah Heishman
Moorefield Examiner

The Moorefield Town Council's first meeting of 2019 was held Wednesday, Jan. 2, due to the New Year holiday.

Public Works director Lucas Gagnon briefed the Council on a discussion with Bill Ours from the Hardy County Health Department about the Town's boil water procedures.

Anytime someone loses water due to a problem in the Town's system, the Town will put them on a boil

water notice until the water passes testing.

"It's an extra layer of protection to remove contaminants from the system," Gagnon said.

Town personnel installed a flow meter at the Spring Avenue sewer pump station; they have six more to do. They also had to replace the flow meter at the South Branch Inn pump station.

Public Works crews have been working on a water line extension on Town Run Road for the water fill station being installed for bulk

water customers. Operations will not yet shift completely from the old bulk fill station.

Park personnel are restoring bleachers, have painted parking lines and concrete curbs, and built a wooden bridge for installation at the gazebo.

Gagnon also reported that because the federal government is shut down, the US Department of Agriculture Rural Development arm is affected, and further action on the water plant is halted.

City Clerk Rick Freeman talk-

ed to the Council about potentially annexing the Poppy Bean Preserve, which is owned by the West Virginia Land Trust (WVLT).

The land, approximately 80 acres, was donated to the WVLT as a nature preserve. It is situated west of Town, from where the South Branch and the South Fork conjoin, south to approximately Beans Lane.

Some of the land is currently leased for farming, and the Hardy County Commission plans to construct a bike trail on part of it. Potential future uses include

trails, community gardens, and gathering spaces, historical and archeological interpretation, and environmental education and research.

The annexation would constitute a minor boundary adjustment to the Town limits.

The Council unanimously approved the suggestion, and Freeman will approach the WVLT.

Freeman informed the Council that work on the front office began Saturday, Jan. 5. During renovation, the public should use the door on the parking lot side of the building.

Moorefield Town Elections

Candidate filing for the June 11, Town of Moorefield Municipal General Election begins on Monday, Jan. 14, and will end Saturday, Jan. 26. If mailing your application, the envelope must be postmarked by U.S. Postal Service no later than midnight Jan. 26, 2019.

A recorder and three councilmen will be elected to serve for a four-year term from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023.

All residents over the age of 18 and living within the corporate limits of the Town of Moorefield are eligible to be candidates for office.

Filing forms may be obtained from the City Clerk at the Town Offices at 206 Winchester Avenue, Moorefield, WV 26836.

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OPINION

What Were They Thinking?

Or maybe that’s the problem. They weren’t thinking.

The government shutdown wasn’t supposed to go but a “short” time. Over two weeks later it’s become a reality to the adults in the administration who now realize that the national emergency Trump considers the reason for building the wall is not an emergency when stacked against the real emergency he has personally created: the deaths of people in an unstaffed National Park...the poverty stricken who can’t get food stamps...the people who expected to receive their tax refunds and there’s no one to process them...and then adding insult to injury by giving \$10,000 raises to political employees when 800,000 federal workers are without work or pay.

Stupid - Stupid - Stupid
And the infant in the White House thinks he’s smarter than all the rest of us.

We’ve held back on writing about the man who was elected President of the United States two years ago, mainly because we just could not believe he was as inanely out of touch with the world as he appeared. Apparently we were wrong and he is.

Then we read that his administration had not anticipated a long-term shutdown and were finally beginning to recognize the scope and impact.

What were they thinking?
Webster defines inane as empty, insubstantial, lacking significance, meaning or point. Dear, Lord, that’s the perfect definition of the man who was elected to run this country.

He won’t listen to the adults around him and generally gets rid of anyone who disagrees with him,
This mess should not be about party lines. It should not be about power plays. It should be about running a country that has been and can be again the greatest country in the world due to our resources, our people and their ability to solve problems while helping others around the world. This is what makes America great, not the leader who has never understood greatness except as a rich kid with no concept of those he steps on to get what he wants.

We can only hope the folks in Congress who can clean up the mess created by the White House will step up to their Constitutional responsibilities.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Editor,
Virtually every news source is currently comparing Trump pulling our troops out of Syria with “the mistake of” President Obama pulling our troops out of Iraq.
My memory is pretty good. I remember the Bush 43 administration in 2008 negotiating the 2011 troop withdrawal from Iraq as a way of hamstringing Obama’s options in that country so the withdrawal would be on Bush’s terms.
I remember the Obama Administration trying to negotiate a new Status of Forces Agreement with

Iraq so that a relatively small US/ Coalition force could remain to secure stability and the Shia dominated (and Iran aligned) Iraqi government said, no, you need to leave. They wanted us gone. So the US had no choice but to leave - with tragic consequences.
It is a frustrating thing to see such recent and widely reported events become so distorted.
President Obama made mistakes. This wasn’t one of them.
Regards,
Neil Gillies

MY UNBASED OPINION

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN



Packages of cheese, peanut butter and soup crackers become almost impossible to open without crushing contents. Potato chip bags are easier, but bags’ sides rip down more often. Individually wrapped tea bags lose tea from torn bag corners and end up with tags pulled off before they get into my cup.
My fingers scramble when I attempt to pick up fallen sheets of paper from a smooth floor. I need tweezers to pick up small smoothly rounded gelatin capsules containing one of my prescribed medications when I sort them into my weekly, AM/PM pill sorter. I pour pills into a plastic plate when I count them into sorter to prevent spillage of rolling escapees. Woe be unto me if a stray pill sickens one of my daughters’ dogs when they burst through our kitchen door.
When I eat friend Mary Wicks’ wonderfully prepared meals at Wardensville, at least one of her small dogs resides under my chair. Her Elsa is a crumb cleaner-upper

much more efficient than any advertised robotic vacuum. Yesterday evening I finished a personal bowl of garden salad at Mary’s house by cutting it fine and eating it with a spoon. It was a good little salad and darned if I was going to waste any. With age and indisposition I tend not to let good table manners get in my way of consuming a good meal. I avoid actions which might offend other folks at table, but small things, like trading fork for spoon, are changing.
I turned seventy-four a couple days ago. I’ve been diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease. I never was good at small motor functions. I’ve been dropping, breaking, bruising, bending, spilling things all my life, but not to the extent I do it now. I don’t know whether it’s simply old age and coarsened movement or debilitating effects of the Parkinson’s.
Parkinsonian tremors in my right hand are causing changes, particularly in driving. The other morning

on my 4:30 A.M. run to Romney to load and haul newspapers, I held my large sipper cup of coffee balanced on right knee. I caught deer movement on the right shoulder, sailed on by without incident, except that sudden involuntary right hand tremors spilled hot coffee down my leg. Apprehension and sudden stress can trigger tremors in relaxed hand and arm.
Those bundles of Moorefield Examiners I haul must be opened, inserted, counted, sorted, rebundled and bagged before local delivery or entry into postal system. Inserting preprint advertising, Hawse’s Shop & Save and Kerr’s Market flyers for instance, means each newspaper must be opened by hand and individual advertising pieces inserted. I used to be good at inserting. Fast. Efficient.
No more. Now my speed is embarrassing, at least to me. No pain, no notable stiffness, just no noticeable speed. Nobody says anything. Instead, other workers sim-

ply take up the slack and get the job done, while I go on to other tasks requiring less precision of movement. Fortunately I have freedom to “goof off” and change since my wife, Phoebe, owns the newspaper and daughter, Hannah, runs it.
Thank you Lord for my Leatherman tool. Lock-open pliers, snips, screwdrivers and knife blade that fit compactly in my pocket are lifesavers. Folks around me may be nervous when the old man pulls out his pocket knife to open his cracker pack, or pick up a fallen sheet of paper. It may be laughable to watch, but it works better than any other quick draw solutions I’ve seen lately. Too bad it doesn’t help much with separating pages in a book or coffee filters in a stack.
There are work-arounds for most things in everyday life. Some cost a little, like my Leatherman, but others, most notably friendly help, are free for the asking.

GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES



**Fifteen Years Ago
January 14, 2004**
Gov. Bob Wise joined American Woodmark Corporation’s president and CEO Jake Gosa in breaking ground for a new \$27 million state of the art plant in Moorefield. This was the third AWC facility in Hardy County.
Wardensville was preparing for the development and people expected with the coming of Corridor H.
The School Building Authority rejected the Board of Education’s \$3,990,000 “Needs” project for an Intermediate School.
Mike Teets was elected president of the County Commission.
Cleland Eston Wilkins, 85, died Jan. 7...Ralph R. Dove, 70, Baker, died Jan. 5...Clara Fay Mongold, 70, Cabins, died Jan. 4...Raymond H. Tasker, 84, Keyser, died Jan. 6...Bonnie Tharp Funkhouser Gwinn, 80, Wardensville, died Jan. 7...Brian Keith Watchford, 21, Maysville, died Jan. 5...Richard Hayward Dayton, 66, Old Fields, died Jan. 4.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Watchford, a daughter, Grace Lillian...to Gena McCain and Calvin McDonald, a son, Nathan Neil, the New Year baby at Grant Memorial Hospital.
East Hardy lost to Union 76-31 ...MHS beat Paw Paw 68-58...the Lady Jackets beat Union 61-23.

were expected to be turned on within a couple of weeks.
Charles R. Alt, 34, Petersburg, died Dec. 28...Andre Edmund Huttler, 69, Riverdale, MD, died Jan. 1...Ralph Eugene Wilson, 49, Eugene, OR, died Dec. 28.
Deanna Kay Carlson and William Edwin Barb were married Aug. 13.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Clower, a daughter.
Moorefield defeated East Hardy 68-44.
**Forty-five Years Ago
January 9, 1974**
During the high water in December, a leak was reported in the town’s dike on the South Fork River.
Repeater stations were bringing WWVU-TV, the state’s first public broadcasting program, to Hardy County.
The WV Department of Agriculture announced it had nearly eradicated 2,600 acres of marijuana growing along the South Branch River. Over 250 people had been arrested trying to harvest the crop.
Richard James Wilkins, 76, Baker, died Dec. 30...William Allen Heishman, 69, Wardensville, died Dec. 29...Anna See Keplinger, 67, Cumberland, died Jan. 2...William Bryan Shobe, 77, Petersburg, died Dec. 25...Ohley G. Webley, 81, Petersburg, died Jan. 1.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sindy, a daughter, Rebecca Susan ...to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Barr, a son, Michael Erin...to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Orndorff, Jr., a son.
The Mathias Eagles defeated Wardensville 85-76 and Union 81-52 and lost to Eastern Mennonite 68-46 and Paw Paw 66-64...Wardensville defeated Hampshire 51-43 and lost to Fort Ashby 66-44 in the Holiday Tournament...Moorefield lost to Petersburg 58-34.

boards of education in a court case to test the legality of the state cutting school aid allocations. Hardy County lost \$5,392 in the cuts.
The Hardy County Council of PTA’s met to discuss report cards, the sponsorship of the Golden Horseshoe winners’ trip to Charleston and fire safety in the schools.
Ted Burns, chairman of the March of Dimes, announced a telethon on WWSA-TV.
Olin A. Roomsburg, 58, Winchester, died Jan. 11...John Thomas Bowman, 93, Tannery, died Jan. 7...Adam Seymour Fisher, 80, died Jan. 8...Caroline Delawder Sirk, 83, Harrisonburg, died Jan. 11...Joseph Evans, 87, Roanoke, VA, died Jan. 12...George Edward Powers, 85, died Jan. 10 in Keyser...Dan Hardy, 104, died Dec. 19.
Helen Hutter and Ruell Martin were married Jan. 1.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shaver, a son, James Michael...to Pfc. and Mrs. Roscoe Sites, a son, Roger Lee...to Mr. and Mrs. Asa See, a daughter.
Moorefield lost to Piedmont 72-55 and Romney 70-61,
**Seventy-five Years Ago
January 12, 1944**
The Conservation Commission ruled that snaring non-game fish through the ice was illegal.
The County War Campaign Fund was \$500 short. Every effort to raise that amount was being made.
S1/c Dailey Southerly was one of three sailors who were quoted describing the action of the landing on Tarawa. Southerly was also wounded in that action.
Sgt. Charles Harvey was wounded in action in Italy.
Gov. Neely signed the soldier voting act giving those in the armed services the right to vote absentee ballots.
A total of 709 names were listed on the Hardy County Honor Roll.
Two county men were killed in

action in the European Theater. T/Sgt. Kingsley G. Spitzer, 24, died in an accident over South Wales Dec. 29. He had been officially credited with shooting down 2 German fighter planes...Darrell N. Malcolm, 21, was killed in Italy Nov. 21. This brought to five the number of Hardy County men killed in action.
Susie Inskeep VanMeter, 75, died Jan. 9 at her home near Fort Ashby.
Iva Huffman Wolford and Frank Leland Benscoter were married Dec. 24.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Olin Riggleman, a daughter, Judy Ann...to Lt. and Mrs. James Fraser, a daughter.
**Ninety Years Ago
January 10, 1929**
An influenza epidemic had hit Hardy County. In many communities whole families were down and practically every family had one or more sick. The disease was in mild form but an epidemic of measles among school children added to the confusion.
At Dooley Hill, Uncle Jack Bobo was quite ill. He had been one of the McNeill Rangers during the Civil War.
Stockholders of the South Branch Valley National Bank re-elected the following directors: M. S. Henkel, George T. Williams, C. C. Wise, George W. Miley, C. C. Fisher, P. W. Inskeep and G. W. McCauley.
B. W. Sine, cashier for a number of years at the Capon Valley Bank, had accepted a position with the Shenandoah Valley National Bank.
Hugh A. Stewart had returned to Wardensville from Kentucky where he had been building bridges for a construction firm.
Floyd and Sylvia Bott of Needmore had returned to school at Dayton, the only young folks able to go back to school.
A marriage license was issued in Cumberland to Audrey Stella Park and Dolan Theodore Bean.

**Thirty Years Ago
January 11, 1989**
Moorefield’s mayor and council were concerned about the Public Service District plans for the U. S. 220 South water project. The RDA/PSD had not discussed plans with the town for this extension project.
J. Winston Teets was elected president of the County Commission. The first order of business for the new year was to hire two assistant prosecutors for Prosecuting Attorney William Moomau.
The new lights on Main Street

EXAMINER SAYS

We celebrate

A Democratic City Councilman who represents parts of the Bronx, formally introduced legislation recently which would force eateries and other retailers to accept cash alongside credit and electronic payments. The bill already has three co-sponsors. The Councilman says establishments that don’t accept cash could be discriminating against communities that have difficulty accessing credit cards. Violators would face fines of up

to \$250 for a first offense and up to \$500 for additional violations. The legislation has been referred to a council committee. And there it may die, but New Yorkers are a feisty lot, so who knows.
Law Enforcement
An interesting idea began the first of the year in the Minnesota city of Ankora. The city is hoping to cut down on crime by closing bars an hour earlier. Until Jan. 1, bars were open till 2 a.m. Now they

close at 1 p.m. Police say it takes 16 hours of overtime each week to police the downtown areas on the weekends. They had conducted a survey that showed 61 percent of calls fell within the final two hours of bar closings. Might help at least with overtime, but (pardon the pun) the jury is still out on lowering crime.
Appreciation Day
Last year we forgot to tell you about the International Water

Tasting Festival at Berkely Springs. This year we’re really early — it won’t be until February 23 so you have lots of time to plan. More than 100 waters from across the country and around the world will be entered for testing. According to the organizers, this is the largest water tasting competition in the world. We hope you make time for it. More information is available at <http://berkeleyspringswatertasting.com>.



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Hardy County CVB Looks Ahead to The New Year

2019 looks to be a year of interesting endeavors and some changes for the County's tourism industry and the Hardy County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Growth of the County's tourism industry is of great import to the economic sustainability of Hardy County. This year, Eastern WV Community and Technical College will be adding to its offering of educational opportunities to encourage and further promote tourism growth in the region. Having offered Agri-tourism and Hospitality training, Eastern's planned workshop will look at the upsurge in online vacation home rentals and how to best use the services.

More and more, second home owners worldwide are looking to increase their personal income by providing short term rentals for tourists. It is no different here in Hardy County which has a considerable second home community. Using rental services such as AirBnB, HomeAway or VRBO, property owners are providing much needed accommodations, however, there are state and local implications for doing so.

Investigating how licensed accommodations such as hotels, motels, inns and B&B's, as well as second home owners, can take advantage of rental services, the workshop, part of the college's series on entrepreneurship, will focus on hospitality, property suitability and local covenants, licensing requirements, state and local taxes, marketing and insurance. HCCVB is very pleased to be working with Eastern to provide this service to the region.

To better inform visitors during their travels in Hardy County, 2019 will see an expansion of the HCCVB "satellite visitor information centers." Currently, we provide Hardy County brochures and maps, the WV Travel Guide and related travel literature to several sites throughout the County (South Branch Inn, Lost River Trading Post, Wardensville Visitors Center, South Fork General Store, O'Neill's, Lost River General Store and Sheetz).

HCCVB will provide small, wall mounted display racks if you do not already have one and we are currently working on "welcome" signage to post above the rack. If you have a tourism related business and would like to establish an information center, please email me at visithardy@gmail.com (type "information center" in the subject line). We will be happy to drop off the literature. When you run low, just email and we will bring you more. HCCVB will also provide contact information if you wish to expand the information center to include other local travel literature and maps. And, don't forget that we offer matching grants to print your travel literature (<http://visithardyyw.com/industry-info/>).

After many discussions by the HCCVB Board of Directors, we regrettably have decided to vacate the Visitors Center premises in Wardensville and return its operation to the Town. Being advised that our Facility Use Agreement was not valid, we determined that it was not plausible for us to renegotiate the terms and agree to a year to year lease. Moving forward, we are in discussion with the Town of Moorefield to develop an historic property downtown for a visitors center, which also furthers our commitment to the Town's revitalization efforts. We are excited by the possibilities and, as our plans proceed, quotes for appropriate restoration are provided and funding is secured, we will announce our new Hardy County Visitors Center site. Though optimistic, we are hoping to be in the new site before next fall.

Last year saw considerable changes implemented on the State level within the WV Tourism Office. The Matching Advertising Partnership Program which provided grant funds to significantly increase the dollars available for advertising has been replaced with the WVTO Cooperative Advertising Program. While this new program "provides partners with the opportunity to leverage state resources and brand identity to advertising individual destinations,



attractions and events," we are limited to the advertising selections made by WVTO. Due to the limitations of our budget, investing in this new program would limit the flexibility we have in using our own branding and developing our own advertising plan.

The HCCVB Marketing Committee has approved a Marketing Campaign and Advertising Schedule for 2019 that limits the funds invested in the WVTO CAP while creating an advertising schedule specific to Hardy County. By focusing advertising that will drive prospective visitors to our website, we hope to increase overnight stays during the major events of the year, especially Heritage Weekend and the WV Poultry Festival.

HCCVB will happily share the advertising schedule with you should you wish to consider placing complimentary advertising with ours to expand the County's visibility in the various print and online publications, which would maximize your benefit from our expenditures. We also strongly encourage tourism related businesses and organizations to post their events on our website: www.visithardyyw.com.

Speaking of the website, we will be adding new photos and expanding the site this year by adding an additional page to include itineraries. We will also be posting these columns and newsletters as well.

We are looking forward to all that is occurring 2019 and will continue to share information with you. The Hardy County Convention and Visitors Bureau wishes you a Happy New Year!

Baker Ruritan Club Elects Leadership for 2019



Officers and directors of the Baker Ruritan Club for 2019 recently were sworn in at the club's monthly meeting. They are (from left) Tessa Foltz, director; Patsy Jordan, secretary; Dave Jordan, director; John Treadway, president; Marty Rinard, treasurer; Celesta Miller, vice president; and J.W. Pyles, director. Baker Ruritan Club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. and rotates meeting locations around the Baker community. For more information, visit the club's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bakerruritans.

Hardy Telecommunications To Sponsor Two Students For D.C. Trip

Hardy Telecommunications will send two local students on a four-day trip to our nation's capital, giving them the chance to see our country's historic sites and meet students from all over the United States.

One student each from Moorefield and East Hardy high schools will be selected to attend the 2019 Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., June 1-5. The trip includes sightseeing to D.C.'s famous landmarks as well as educational sessions to teach today's youth about the telecommunications industry. Hardy Telecommunications will pay all basic expenses, including travel.

The Youth Tour provides students from rural areas with a first-hand look at the telecommunications industry and educates students about the legislative and governmental processes. Students will visit the U.S. Capitol Building and hear presentations from representatives of Capitol Hill and the Federal Communications Commission.

In addition to the FCC and U.S. Capitol, past groups have visited the Lincoln Memorial, the World War II Memorial, Mount Vernon (home of George Washington), the Vietnam War Memorial, the Smithsonian Museums, the Korean War Memorial, and Arlington National Cemetery. A night tour of Washington also is planned.

Hardy can only sponsor one student from Moorefield High and one from East Hardy High. Applications for the tour may be picked up from the guidance counselors at both high schools or by contacting Derek Barr at Hardy's Moorefield office, telephone 304-530-5000. To be eligible for the trip, students must be 16 or 17 years old at the time of the tour and receive either telephone, internet, or television service from Hardy Telecommunications. Preference will be given to the 2020 graduating class.



Moorefield High Seniors Marissa Ratliff and Olivia Davis stand outside the U.S. Capitol during the 2018 Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour in Washington, D.C.

The deadline to return applications is February 15, 2019. Applications may be returned to either the high school guidance counselors or directly to Derek Barr, Hardy Telecommunications, 121 South Main St., Moorefield, WV 26836.

Barr encouraged students to apply.

"Last year we didn't receive any applications from one of the Hardy County high schools, so we sent two students from one school," he said. "We are limited to two students, but we definitely want to send one student each from Moorefield and East Hardy if possible."

Barr has worked as a chaperone for the FRS Youth Tour for several years. "It's a great experience for the students, because they're assigned to different teams and have the chance to meet peers from all over the country," he said.

"As a chaperone, I have students

from other states assigned to my group. Some of those students I'm still in touch with after more than a decade, from Oregon to Iowa. For many students, this is the only chance they'll have to visit D.C. It's really a unique opportunity," he said.

MHS Senior Olivia Davis, who went on the tour in 2018, agreed. "I met so many new and different people and made friendships that will last a lifetime," she said.

Hardy Telecommunications Inc., a member of NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association, 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. It currently offers high-definition digital television, broadband internet and digital telephone service through its Hardy OneNet fiber-optic network.

NEWS BRIEFS

A brand new four day hunt takes place this week in West Virginia. It's called the Mountaineer Heritage season and will allow primitive weapons for deer or bear. From Jan. 10-13 hunters may use flintlock or caplock rifles, recurve bows or longbows. Hunters will need a 2019 license but animals harvested will be applied to 2018 bag limits. Hunters should check with the Division of Natural Resources for any restrictions.

Unemployment rates rose in 26 of West Virginia's 55 counties in November. WorkForce West Virginia says jobless rates dropped in 21 counties and remained steady in eight others. Jefferson County's seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate of 2.9 percent was the lowest in the state, followed by Pendleton County at 3.3 percent and Berkeley and Monongalia counties at 3.5 percent apiece.

McDowell County had the highest unemployment rate at 9.2 percent. Calhoun County was next at 8.8 percent and Wyoming County was at 8 percent. Statewide, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.2 percent in November. The national rate was 3.7 percent.

West Virginia health officials say flu cases are on the rise. The flu coordinator for the state Department of Health and Human Resources said there has been a steady increase in positive flu tests across the state. In late November there were 15-20 positive tests per week. In late December, the numbers are about 120 per week. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has said that flu activity is up across the country. It's not clear whether West Virginia has reached the peak of its flu season, but it's not too late to get im-

munized.

According to AAA last week, gas prices in West Virginia were at \$2.291. The national gas price dropped to \$2.30 with prices under \$2 per gallon in nine states. The Northeast is one of the most expensive regions in the country this week. Connecticut (\$2.65), New York (\$2.64), Washington D.C. (\$2.62), Massachusetts (\$2.56) and Vermont (\$2.56) all landing on the list of top-15 most expensive markets in the country. Across West Virginia, prices ranged from a low of \$2.054 at Huntington to a high of \$2.460 at Morgantown. Area averages were \$2.443 in Jefferson, \$2.412 in Hampshire, and \$2.328 in Mineral counties. In Hardy County, gas prices in Moorefield were at \$2.49 at BP and \$2.45 in Baker.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

Community Together

Crest Hill Church on Route 259 in Wardensville will host Community Together on Thursday, Jan. 10 beginning at 6 p.m. Come and bring a friend.

PHARC Social Meeting

The Potomac Highlands Amateur Radio Club Annual social meeting will be held Sunday Jan. 13, 4 p.m. at Ponderosa in Moorefield. All ham radio operators from the area are invited to

attend - members and non-members alike.

Planning Meeting

A Planning Meeting for the March Maple Days will be held on Monday, Jan. 14 beginning at 6 p.m. at Eastern WV Community and Technical College. Video and conference call available if you are unable to attend in person. 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

Cultivate WV

The Cultivate WV Moorefield Group will meet on Monday,

Jan. 14 at 6 p.m. at Duffey Memorial UM Church Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

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 invited to attend.

Recycle Christmas Trees

The Eastern WV Community and Technical College, Grant County Mulch and Wardensville Garden Market are hosting a Christmas Tree Recycling Event through Friday, Jan. 18 at the following locations:

- Eastern Main Campus,
- Eastern Petersburg Campus
- Grant County Mulch, Baker
- Wardensville Garden Mar-

ket

Remove the stand and all decorations. For information, call 304-434-8000.

Mobile Office

Kanette Petry, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the WV Attorney General's office, will host a mobile office on Tuesday, Jan. 22 from noon - 1 p.m. at the Hardy County Senior Center, 409 Spring Ave. in Moorefield. Petry will meet one-on-one with individuals to discuss consumer-related issues. No appointment is necessary. For more information, contact Petry at 304-539-6999.

Annual Meeting

Annual meeting of the Hardy County Tour & Craft Association will take place on Thursday Jan.

24 at 6 p.m. at the South Branch Inn. Please RSVP to heritage-weekend@hardynet.com or 304-538-0280 if you plan 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. 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 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Moorefield Early Learning Center/Head Start, 112 Beans Lane for the Moorefield area and on Friday, Jan. 25, 2019 at East Hardy

Early Middle School from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. for the Baker, Mathias, Wardensville areas.

You will need to bring several documents with you to registration.

Please bring your child. Call 304-530-5511 for an appointment.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

EHEMS FFA Brings Christmas Cheer to Nursing Home Residents



Front: Autumn Wilson, Kiley Funkhouser, Gabryel Miller
Back: Lillianna Johnson, Tanisha Neff, Emily Guerrero, Kayle Mills, Jenna Combs, Emma Heishman, Bryce Miller, Gabreanna Miller, Emily Dyer, Taylor Strawderman, Jessica Deck, Bryan Jenkins, Jesse Riffe

On December 18, the East Hardy Middle FFA went to EA Hawse Nursing and Rehabilitation Center to sing for the residents. We had so much fun and we hope the residents enjoyed the singing. It is always great to see the residents and be able to wish them a Merry Christmas. We appreciate EA Hawse Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for allowing us to visit.

MES Recognizes Leaders of the Month for September and October



Pictured with Moorefield Elementary Principal Wade Armentrout are Alexandria VanMeter, Delanie Wolfe, Emily Parisi, Serenity Thorne, LJ Quade, Kiarangelic Lizardi-Cpordero. These students have been selected as Leader of the Month for their grade level. They visited Pilgrim's Pride where they received a small gift. They also received a Smart 529 water bottle, a Cinema 6 movie ticket, free South Branch Potomac Lanes bowling ticket, Sweet Rose ice cream coupon, and Old Field's Country Store ice cream coupon.

MES Recognizes Leaders for November and December



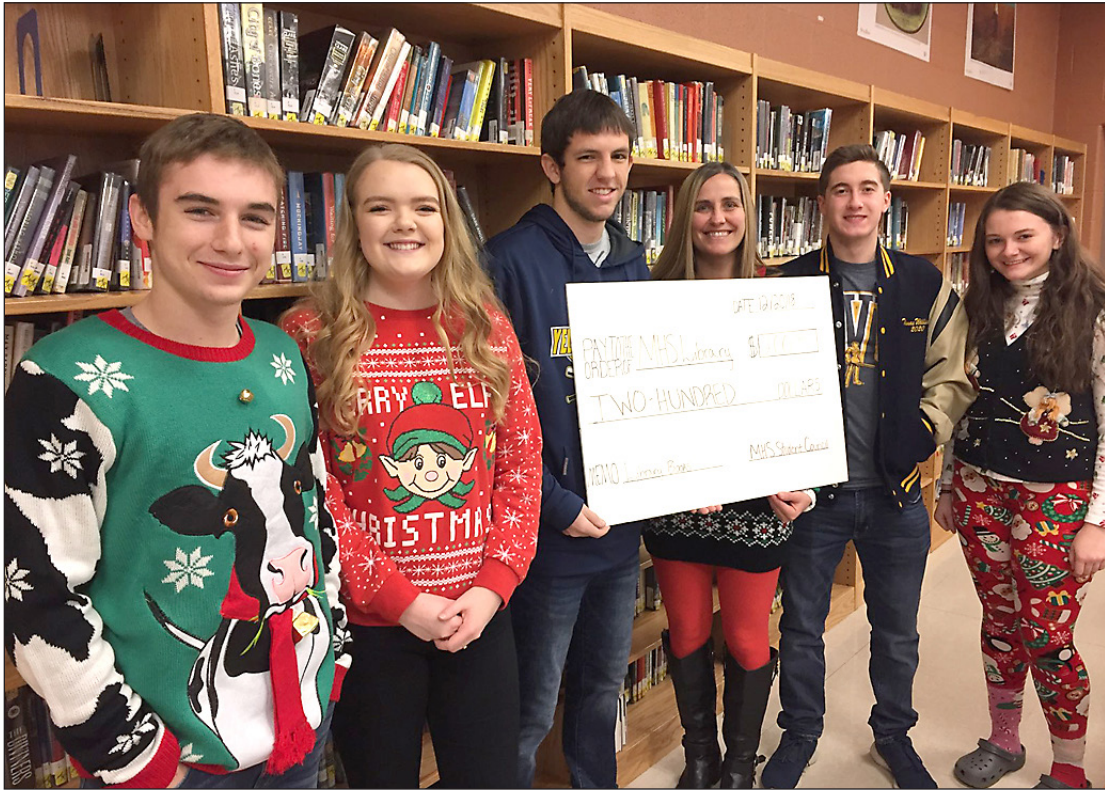
Pictured with MES principal Mr. Armentrout are Ella Poling, Summer Heavner, Aeries Deetz, ODella Parker, Porter Alt. Sawyer Shirk is not pictured. These students have been selected as Leader of the Month for their grade level. They visited Pilgrim's Pride where they received a small gift. They also received a Smart 529 water bottle, a Cinema 6 movie ticket, free South Branch Potomac Lanes bowling ticket, Sweet Rose ice cream coupon, and Old Field's Country Store ice cream coupon.

Moorefield Intermediate School Celebrates 10 Years



Moorefield Middle School officially opened on Dec. 16, 2008 and the school celebrated its 10th Anniversary on Dec. 16, 2018. The MIS PTO provided an anniversary cake for faculty and staff. Pictured are PTO President Amy Kump, Principal Amber Champ and School Secretary Regina Whetzel.

MHS Student Council Supports Library



Left to Right: Paxton Coby, Alexis Fertig, Grant Keller, Mrs. Kendra Molen, Thomas Williams, Isabelle Nesbit

During Homecoming Week 2018, the Moorefield High School Student Council held a student volleyball tournament as a fundraiser, with the intentions of using the profits to give back to the school. Teams paid to enter the tournament, and the rest of the students paid to watch. Afterwards, Student Council met and voted to donate \$200 to the Moorefield High School library. As of October 2018, the average age of all the books in the library was 27 years. The average age of the non-fiction books was 32 years. It was clear the library is in desperate need for books. If you wish to donate to the MHS Library, you may contact Kendra Molen at 304-530-6034.

MIS Recognizes Leaders of the Month



October Leaders of the Month Pictured: Business Partner and Award Sponsor Mrs. Kelly Williams, William Titus, Kate Combs, Yoslin Mundo-Diaz, and Principal Mrs. Amber Champ

The South Branch Cinema 6, South Branch Potomac Lanes and the Old Fields Country Store provide movie passes, bowling passes and free ice cream cones to the Students, Teachers, Service Persons and Bus Drivers of the Month. The Hardy County Public Schools appreciate their support.



November Leader of the Month Pictured: Principal Mrs. Amber Champ, Allison Moyers, Alexis Propst, Taylor Wolfe, and Business Partner and Award Sponsor Mrs. Kelly Williams.

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At The Library

New DVDs

Venom (PG-13) – Eddie Brock obtains the powers of a symbiote, and must release his alter-ego “Venom” in order to save his life.

The Nun (R) – A priest with a haunted past and a novice on the threshold of her final vows are sent by the Vatican to investigate the death of a young nun in Romania and confront a malevolent force in the form of a demonic nun.

Peppermint (R) – After her husband and daughter are killed, a woman goes into hiding and emerges to seek revenge against the criminals who destroyed her family.

The Equalizer 2 (R) – A retired CIA operative tracks down the murderer of his long-time friend.

Smallfoot (PG) – A yeti stumbles upon a human whom his tribe believes to be legendary creatures called “smallfoot.”

A Simple Favor (R) – Two women whose kids go to the same school become friends, and when one of them suddenly disappears, the other sets out to uncover the mystery.

The House with a Clock in Its Walls (PG) – After losing his parents, Lewis Barnavelt goes to live with his uncle Jonathan and discovers that not only is his uncle a warlock, but they must find a clock hidden in the house by an evil wizard that is counting down to the end of the world.

I Still See You (PG-13) – Ten years after an apocalyptic event leaves the world haunted by ghosts, a woman receives a message and sets out to stop a killer with help from the spirit world.

Kin (PG-13) – Chased by a vengeful criminal, the feds and a gang of otherworldly soldiers, a recently released ex-con and his adopted teenage brother are forced to go on the run with a weapon of mysterious origin as their only protection.

The Predator (R) – When a young boy accidentally triggers the universe’s most lethal hunters’ return to Earth, only a ragtag crew of ex-soldiers and a disgruntled scientist can prevent the end of the human race.

Lizzie (R) – In August, 1892

Lizzie Borden is famously charged with the murder of her stepmother and father in Massachusetts. It causes a huge media sensation, perhaps the first example of a tabloid court case. But what really happened on that night?

Unbroken: Path to Redemption (PG-13) – After returning home from World War II, Louis meets and marries Cynthia, but is haunted by his years as a prisoner of war.

New Fiction

A Delicate Touch (Stone Barrington; 48) by Stuart Woods (Reg. Print, Audiobook) – Asked by an old acquaintance for help solving a tricky puzzle, Stone Barrington unwittingly stirs up a decades-old scandal in high-society New York and must risk his life to protect innocent lives.

Verses for the Dead (Pendergast; 18) by Douglas Preston (Reg. Print, Lg. Print, Audiobook) – Forced by an overhaul of leadership to accept a partner, FBI Special Agent Pendergast and his new teammate, junior agent Coldmoon, investigate a rash of gruesome killings by a psy-

chopath who cuts out the hearts of his victims and leaves them at local gravestones.

The Boy (Broussard and Fourcade; 2) by Tami Hoag (Reg. Print, Audiobook) – After the murder of a young boy and the disappearance of his teenage babysitter, detectives Nick Fourcade and his wife Annie Broussard investigate the dual mysteries.

In a House of Lies (Inspector Rebus; 22) by Ian Rankin – When the remains of a private investigator who went missing a decade earlier are discovered, Siobhan Clarke uncovers disturbing evidence implicating her mentor, Inspector Rebus.

On the Same Page by N. D. Gal-land – A journalist secretly juggles romance and two bylines for competing newspapers on a small island.

Watching You by Lisa Jewell – Melville Heights is one of the nicest neighborhoods in Bristol, England. It’s the sort of place where doctors and lawyers and old-money academics live. It’s not the sort of place where people get stabbed

in the back thirty times with a kitchen knife in their own homes. Someone must have seen something.

Fractured Truth (Bone Gap Travel-ers; 2) by Susan Furlong – When the mutilated remains of a young woman are found in an Appala-chian Mountain cave, newly sworn-in deputy sheriff Brynn Callahan is forced to track down a killer driven by twisted motives.

Under the Midnight Sun (Heart of Alaska; 3) by Tracie Peterson – Fleeing her past, naturalist Tay-ler Hale accepts a position at the popular Curry Hotel in Alaska. There she must work with Thomas Smith, who calls the hotel home. As Thomas struggles to get used to the idea of a female naturalist, unexpected guests and trouble ar-rive at the Curry. They’ll have to band together to face the danger that follows.

Liar’s Paradox (Jack and Jill; 1) by Taylor Stevens – Trying to lead normal lives, twenty-six-year-old twins Jack and Jill, who were raised to deceive and trained in the art of espionage, are drawn into a twisted game when their mother goes missing, pitting them against the CIA, KGB, and a network of trained assassins.

His Promise (Amish in Hart County; 6) by Shelley Shepard Gray – Grace King’s lonely Christ-mastime pet-sitting job is compli-cated by her budding relationship with John Michael Miller, the fire-fighter who broke her sister’s heart five years earlier.

Wine and Punishment (Literary Pub Mystery; 1) by Sarah Fox – The owner of a literary pub finds her efforts to start over in a quaint Vermont community challenged by a suspicious fire and the untimely

death of her compulsive gambler ex.

Moondust Lake (Miramar Bay; 3) by Davis Bunn – A disillusioned business executive seeking to es-cape from his tyrannical father’s shadow and a psychotherapist with a tragic past discover unexpected healing, freedom, and love in the solitude of a Miramar Bay retreat.

New Non-Fiction

The Martha Manual: How to Do (Almost) Everything by Martha Stewart – A fully illustrated guide on how to do everything: includ-ing organizing and decorating, cleaning and caring for your home and garden, celebrating, hosting, achieving career goals, and manag-ing finances—and much more.

Everyday Millionaires: How Or-dinary People Built Extraordinary Wealth and How You Can Too by Chris Hogan – Draws on a sur-vey of ten thousand U.S. million-aires to refute myths about wealth that prevent ordinary people from achieving financial independence, and discusses the readily available tools to help in reaching million-aire status.

The Point of It All: A Lifetime of Great Loves and Endeavors by Charles Krauthammer – A pow-erful collection of the influential columnist’s most important works, that include never-before-pub-lished speeches and a major new essay about the effect of today’s populist movements on the future of global democracy.

The Battle of Arnhem: The Dead-liest Airborne Operation of World War II by Antony Beevor – Recon-structs the airborne battle of Arn-heim in September 1944, drawing from original sources to describe the terrible reality of the fighting.

Sentences

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Aaron A. Eye pleaded guilty to one count of possession with intent to deliver a Schedule II controlled substance, methamphetamine.

Eye was charged on an infor-mation indictment, meaning he waived the grand jury process. He was also charged with conspiracy.

In June 2018, WV State Police were assisting West Virginia Child Protective Services with a report of drug activity in a home with chil-dren. During the investigation of the home and outbuildings, law enforcement found evidence of a clandestine drug laboratory.

If Eye does not successfully complete Drug Court, he could be sentenced to not less than one year and not more than five years in prison.

Patrick D. Reilly, 50 of Clarks-ville, Tenn. pleaded guilty to two counts of counterfeiting. He could be sentenced to not less than two years and not more than 10 years for each count.

Reilly was arrested after Moore-field Police found him at a resi-dence with oven cleaner used to bleach money, a printer and sev-eral “mistake” bills.

As part of the plea agreement, the state requested Reilly pay res-titution and his sentences run con-

currently.

Reilly is scheduled to be sen-tenced on Tuesday, Jan. 29.

William V. Board, 29, of Moore-field pleaded guilty to five counts of sexual assault in the third de-gree.

Board was originally charged with a total of 35 counts of sexual assault and sexual abuse after the 12-year-old victim’s mother re-ported him to the Hardy County Sheriff’s Department.

As part of the plea agreement, the state agreed to dismiss the re-maining counts of the indictment, but made no sentencing recom-mendations.

The penalty for sexual assault in the third degree is not less than one year and not more than five years in prison for each count.

Judge C. Carter Williams or-dered Board to undergo a 60-day evaluation.

Lester D. Christopher, 21 of Moorefield pleaded guilty to one count of child abuse causing bodily injury.

Christopher could be sentenced to not less than one year and not more than five years in prison. As part of the plea agreement, the state will not oppose probation.

Christopher is scheduled to be sentenced on Tuesday, Jan. 29.

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CAROL MAY WINSTEAD WRATCHFORD

Carol May (Winstead) Wratchford, age 77, of Petersburg, W.Va. passed away Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at her home. She was born April 25, 1941 in Fairfax, Va. and was a daughter of the late Carl Delaney Winstead and Grace Ann (Clark) Winstead. In addition to her parents, Carol was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Donald G. Wratchford, Sr. on November 16, 2015; two sisters, Joyce Peck and infant Charlotte Winstead.

Carol was employed with the United States Department of Army in the Pentagon from 1961 – 1968. Later she and her husband moved to West Virginia and she was secretary for her husband's business,

Wratchford Painting. She was Assistant Magistrate for 7 years and retired from Grant Memorial Hospital in 2011. More recently she was a receptionist at Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center.

Carol is survived by two sons, Donald G. Wratchford Jr. and wife Marcia of Petersburg, W.Va. and Michael W. Wratchford and wife Tammy of Moorefield, W.Va. and daughter, Angela Wisniewski and husband Ed of Maysville, W.Va.; four grandchildren, Ryan Wratchford and wife Kaitlyn, Courtney Moyers and husband Adam, Callie Wisniewski and Tyce Wisniewski; one step grandson, Anthony Mills; three great grandsons, Noah Whetzel, A.J. Moyers and Reed Wratch-

ford; two sisters, Janet Romine and husband Richard of Warrenton, Va. and Wanda Marsengill of Florence, S.C. and one brother, Carl D. Winstead, Jr. of Centerville, Va. and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Jan. 3, 2018 at 11:00 AM in the Chapel of the Schaeffer Funeral Home with Pastor Rick Bergdoll and Pastor Brad Taylor officiating. Interment was in the Lahmansville Cemetery, Lahmansville, W.Va.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or PHS Scholarship Fund, 89 Riverview Drive, Peters-



burg, W.Va. 26847.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg, W.Va.

NELSON HOUSTON COMBS

Nelson Houston Combs, age 93, of Baker, W.Va. went to be with his Lord on Tuesday, January 1, 2019, surrounded by his loving family.

Born on July 17, 1925 in Rio, W.Va., he was the son of the late Lemuel Cyles Combs and Vallie May Miller Combs.

Mr. Combs was a retiree of the WV Dept. of Highways and a former logger. He was a devoted husband, caring father, and the greatest Pappy ever. He loved gardening and sharing the fruits of his labor with friends and neighbors. He was a dedicated member of Zion Lutheran Church in Baker, W.Va. and was active in the church

and community.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 70 years, E. Virginia Combs, whom he married on September 5, 1945 in Gainesboro, Va. He is also preceded in death by one beloved daughter, Joan Regina Combs, and five brothers.

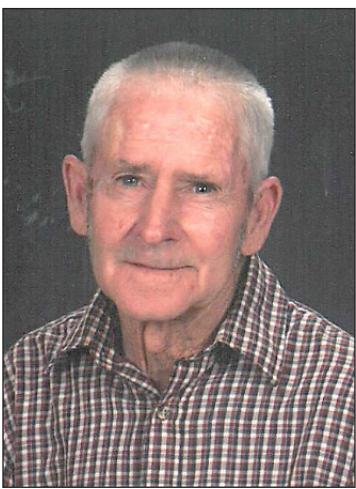
He is survived by a son, Danny Combs and wife Pati; three daughters: Diana Coffman and husband Douglas, Cheryl Mathias and husband Kevin, and Tammy Combs, devoted caregiver; five grandchildren: Jared Combs, Amanda Brill, Aaron Combs, Jessica Barnes, Angela Sisler; six great-grandchildren:

Eli Combs, Bodie Brill, Simon Combs, Ian Brill, Vayda Combs, and Amelia Brill; and a sister, Virginia Michael of Augusta, W.Va.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 5, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. Zion Lutheran Church, Baker, W.Va. with Pastor Gary Koontz officiating. Interment was in Zion Cemetery, Baker, W.Va.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 225, Baker, W.Va. 26801.

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



PATRICIA ANN CRITES

Patricia Ann (Cole) Crites, age 76, of Petersburg, W.Va. passed away Thursday, December 27, 2018 at University of Virginia Hospital, Charlottesville, Va.

Mrs. Crites was born August 28, 1942 in Wharton, Boone County, West Virginia and was the daughter of the late Elbert Lee Cole and Janice Erle (McCoy) Cole. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Thomas Earl Cole and infant grandson, Caden Crites.

Mrs. Crites graduated from Van High School as Salutatorian class of 1960. She graduated in 1964 from

West Virginia University, Magna Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Technology. Nearly 50 years ago she and her husband, John, co-founded Allegheny Wood Products, Inc. which has grown to be one of the largest hardwood lumber companies in the world with exports entailing 30 countries worldwide.

Mrs. Crites is survived by her husband of 54 years, John W. Crites; brother, Elbert Lee Cole, Jr. of Catonsville, Md., son, John W. (Michele) Crites II of Petersburg, W.Va., daughters, Kelly S. Crites of Petersburg, W.Va. and Valerie A.

(John) Mongold of Weyers Cave, Va.; nine grandchildren, Zachary Crites, Joshua Wingard, Bailey Crites, Bianca Wingard, Joseph Wingard, Jeremiah Wingard, Kevin Mongold, Jessica Mongold and Jacee Crites; and four nieces and two nephews.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM Tuesday, January 1, at the Schaeffer Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Craig Howard officiating. Interment was in Maple Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, W.Va..

Family suggests that memorials may be made to World Vision (www.worldvision.org) or Brake



Church of the Brethren, P.O. Box 831, Petersburg, W.Va. 26847.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg.

RICHARD WALTER BOSELEY

Richard Walter Bosley, age 69 of Old Fields, W.Va. passed away Sunday morning, December 30, 2018 at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, VA. Born on September 17, 1949 in Mineral Co., W.Va. he was a son of the late Bernard Walter Bosley and Mildred Agnes McCullough Bosley. A granddaughter, Hannah M. Weatherholt also preceded him in death in October 2018.

Richard was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Vietnam War serving from 1969 through 1971 stationed in Germany. He was a member of the Denney-Moyers-Pratt Post #9606 V.F.W. and the John M Golliday Post #64 American Legion. He was an Active member of the Old Fields Baptist Church since 2007 and following his obedience to Jesus was baptized in 2009. He was the Sexton of the Bethel Cemetery in Old Fields for numerous years and was retired as an Operating Engineer from Local 37. Richard enjoyed farming until unable due to his health and spending time with his family especially hunting with the grandchildren.

Surviving is his wife of 46 years, Anita Kay Crites Bosley; a daugh-

ter, Denice (husband Dan) Weatherholt of Fisher, W.Va.; a son, R.W. "Rick" Bosley of Keyser, W.Va.; two grandchildren, Matthew Weatherholt and Sarah Weatherholt and a sister, Charlen (husband Butch) Crites of Old Fields, W.Va.

A Service of Salvation was held beginning at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 3, 2019 at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel, 107 Washington Street with Pastor Dan Howard as celebrant. Interment followed with Military Graveside Rites accorded by the U.S. Army and the Moorefield Veterans Honor Guard at the Bethel Cemetery, Old Fields, W.Va..

Memorials may be directed to the Bethel Cemetery Association, c/o Kathy Beasley, P O Box 32, Old Fields, W.Va. 26845 or the Hardy County 4-H Camp Association's, Hannah Weatherholt Memorial Fund, 144 Emergency Lane, Moorefield, W.Va. 26836. Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on Richard's Tribute Wall at www.fraleyfuneral-home.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Fraley Funeral Home.

CATHERINE CRITES PRATT

Catherine Virginia Crites Pratt, age 89 of Ormond Beach, Fla passed away peacefully Sunday morning, December 30, 2018 at Sarah House in Ormond Beach. Born on June 18, 1929 in Kessel, W.Va., she was the second child of five other siblings of the late Kenzie Crites and Bessie Irene Reel Crites. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arno Leroy Pratt in June 1997. A son, Randy Pratt, brothers, Emory and Frank and sister, Sue also preceded her in death.

Married in 1947, she moved to Guilford, Md. in 1952 where she was a homemaker and raised four children. She loved working in her garden and canning her vegetables each year. On their small farm they had horses, chickens and pigs that they raised.

Weekends they would return to Moorefield where they enjoyed her family. These were very special

times for her. As with her own family, she always welcomed everyone into her home without hesitation. She will be remembered for her kind and soft spoken soul.

She is survived by three of her children, Donnie, Patsy and Barbara (Joe); four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were conducted 1:00 p.m. Friday, January 4, 2019 at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel, 107 Washington Street with Pastor Harold George officiating. Interment followed next to her husband and son at the Olivet Cemetery.

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

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DOUGLAS MACARTHUR MALCOLM

Douglas MacArthur Malcolm, age 72 of Holly Avenue, Moorefield, W.Va. passed away Monday morning, December 31, 2018 at the Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, Va. Born on October 11, 1946 in Ft. Run near Moorefield, W.Va., he was a son of the late William Felix Malcolm and Blanche Catherine Whetzel Malcolm Delawder. A son, Brian D. Malcolm and a sister also preceded him in death.

Doug was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War serving in Germany. He was a member of the Denney-Moyers-Prat Post #64 V.F.W. and the John M. Golliday Post #64 American Legion. He was a member of the North American Hunting Club and he enjoyed hunting with his wife as well as fishing or just being outdoors. In

his later years he was a courier for the Cumberland Times News for 15 years and an agent for H & R Block as a tax preparer.

Surviving is his wife of 50 years, Carolyn Audrey Wolfe Malcolm; a daughter, Cassandra Malcolm of Moorefield, W.Va.; a brother, Joe and Esther Malcolm of Moorefield, W.Va.; a sister, Patricia and Wardney Henry of Moorefield, W.Va.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

At Doug's request, he has been cremated and his remains will be placed in numerous locations.

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

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DUPLICATE BRIDGE

A Howell game was played on Wednesday, Jan. 2, with 3 1/2 tables in play in the South Branch Duplicate Bridge Club held at Colts Restaurant. There were seven pairs playing 28 boards with an average match-point score of 24. Overall winners were: Lary

Garrett and Steve Kimble, 29 1/2; Bruce Leslie and Kevin McDonalds, 29 1/2; Helen Chambers and Sue Halterman, 29; Eleanor Heishman and Leona Reynolds, 26.

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Or why you left before we were ready to say good-bye.

But, little by little, I begin to remember
Not that you died, but that you lived.
I remember your life gave me the memories
Too beautiful to ever forget.

Loving you was the easiest thing I've ever done.
Losing you was the hardest.
And I will always hold you in my heart.
Until I hold you in Heaven.

Love,
Vickie

Hardy County Health Department Announces January Schedule

The Hardy County Health Department is located at 411 Spring Ave. in Moorefield. The following is the schedule for January, by appointment only:

Tuesday, January 8 - Family Planning and Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening 1-3 p.m.

Tuesday, January 15 - Family Planning and Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening 8-11p.m.

Tuesday, January 22 - Family Planning and Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening 1 - 3 p.m.

Tuesday January 29 - Family Planning & Breast & Cervical

Screening 8-11am- 1-3pm

Monday January 7- Food Service Workers Training Session - 9 a.m. at Hardy County Health Department.

Please use back entrance off Lee Street.

Call 304-530-6355 for appointment.

Immunization and family planning supply clinics are held each Wednesday with no appointment necessary. Call 304-530-6355 for information. Visit the website www.hardycountyhealthdepartment.com

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Potomac State College's Criminal Justice Team Earns Trophy



The Criminal Justice team from West Virginia University Potomac State College is all smiles as they display their first-place trophy for taking top honors in the Crime Scene Competition at the West Virginia Criminal Justice Educators' Association's Annual Conference. Faculty and team members include (front, left to right): PSC Heidi Samuels, PhD, associate professor of criminal justice; PSC Students Shawna Sites (Petersburg, W.Va.); Samantha Hesse (Maysville, W.Va.); Diana Hernandez (Moorefield, W.Va.); and PSC CJ Assistant Professor Nicklaus Goff, J.D. Back row: PSC Students Julie Barnes (Bloomery, W.Va.); Darren Smith (Augusta, W.Va.); Derek Lee (Augusta, W.Va.); Bethany Roberts (Lonaconing Md.); Hunter Riley (Romney, W.Va.); and PSC CJ Instructor Danielle Lessard.

West Virginia University Potomac State College's Team of Criminal Justice students once again competed in the West Virginia Criminal Justice Educators' Association's Annual Conference this fall at Salem University in Salem, W.Va.

Potomac State College students competed in both the Crime Scene Competition and the Quiz Bowl Competition. The PSC team took

top honors in the Crime Scene Competition, earning first place among eight teams. The PSC team took second place in the Quiz Bowl Competition, losing only in a sudden death tiebreaker on the final question.

According to Criminal Justice Professor, Nicklaus H. Goff, J.D., "The students showed great sportsmanship and performed exceedingly well under pressure. They

were the definition of a team and are to be commended on their success. We [the criminal justice faculty] are so very proud of them."

The WVCJEA is an association made up of colleges and universities throughout the state of West Virginia that offer programs in criminal justice.

Potomac State College is part of the WVU System located on the Keyser campus.

Marines Say 'Thanks'



Pictured is the weapons unit from 3rd Battalion 1st Marines 1st Marines Division. They are about half of the Marines who received the Goodie Bags sent by Kim Whetzel and others at the Winchester Medical Center Surgical Center in November. They sent more than 400 Goodie Bags. Whetzel's son Brandon is deployed with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

AGE IN ACTION

MENU

January 14- January 18
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Mon. Jan. 14 - Sweet and Sour
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carrots, peas and pineapples

Tues. Jan. 15 - Sausage gravy
over biscuit, hash browns, stewed
tomatoes, mandarin oranges

Wed. Jan. 16 - BIRTHDAY
MEAL Pork chop, mashed potatoes
w/ gravy, spinach, wheat
bread, cake, apple

Thurs. Jan. 17 - BBQ chicken
chunks, french fries, cole slaw,
wheat bread, pears

Fri.- Jan. 18 - Beefy vegetable
soup, biscuit, side salad, applesauce

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Mon. Jan.14 - Puzzles, Crafts,
Tues. Jan. 15 - Puzzles, Crafts,
Senior Shopping 1:00

Wed. Jan. 16 - Puzzles, Crafts
Thurs. Jan. 17 - Puzzles, Crafts
Fri. Jan.18 - Puzzles, Crafts, Bible
Study 11:15

Please call about Bingo on
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Bingo with prizes and snacks
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The Seniors have their necklaces
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Check them out.

REMINDERS

If you want to pick/up carry out a
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Those making donations were
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Staggs, Patty and Harold Michael,
Food Lion and the Moorefield Examiner.
We would like to thank each and
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happy week.

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Day

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This Week in West Virginia History

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Jan. 9, 1986: The first instant "scratch"
lottery tickets were sold in West Virginia.
Voters had approved the lottery
amendment to the state constitution
two years before.

Jan. 9, 2014: Hazardous chemicals
were discovered leaking into the Elk
River, contaminating the water supply
for a nine-county region.

Jan. 10, 1923: Musician "Curly" Ray
Cline was born in Baisden, Logan
County. He was one of the most
significant bluegrass fiddlers from
West Virginia from 1938 until his
retirement in 1993.

Jan. 10, 1925: Judge Elizabeth Virginia
Hallanan was born in Charleston.
She was West Virginia's first female
federal court judge.

Jan. 10, 1928: Gov. Howard Gore
appointed Minnie Buckingham
Harper to fill the unexpired term of
her husband, E. Howard Harper.
She was the first African-American
woman to serve as a member of a
state legislative body in the United
States.

Jan. 10, 1940: The Pond Creek No. 1
mine at Bartley in McDowell County
exploded. The blast killed

91 miners, with another 47 escaping.
Rescue teams worked five days to
retrieve the bodies, but found no
additional miners alive.

Jan. 11, 1865: Confederate forces
under General Rosser burned the
covered bridge at Beverly. Bridge
builder Lemuel Chenoweth rebuilt
the damaged span in 1872-73.

Jan. 12, 1869: Newspaperman
Herschel Coombs Ogden was born
near Fairmont. In 1888, he relocated
to Wheeling and entered the
newspaper business.

Jan. 13, 1905: Joseph H. Diss Debar
died in Philadelphia. A supporter of
the movement to create West Virginia,
Diss Debar was commissioned in
1863 to design the Great Seal of West
Virginia.

Jan. 14, 1873: The first session

of the Glenville Branch of the State
Normal School began in the old
Gilmer County courthouse. In 1943,
the legislature changed the name to
Glenville State College.

Jan. 15, 1864: Frances Benjamin
Johnston was born in Grafton.
Johnston gained national renown as
the first female press photographer,
and enjoyed a long and remarkable
career as one of the nation's leading
documentary, portrait, and artistic
photographers.

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County Commission

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Board Appointments

Each of the commissioners will serve on several county boards. They are as follows:

Commissioner Michael will serve on the Workforce Investment Board, the Moorefield/Hardy County Wastewater Authority Board, The Day Report Center Board, the Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority Board and the RDA Board.

Commissioner Fanlser will serve on the Board of Education CEFP Committee, Local Emergency Planning Committee, 911 Board, Planning Commission and the RDA Board.

Commissioner Workman will serve on the Farmland Preservation Board, the Hardy County Park Board, the Hardy County Extension Service Board, the CVB Board, the Hardy County Child Care Center Board, the Eastern West Virginia Community Action Board and the RDA Board.

Since all three commissioners are assigned to the RDA Board, those meetings will, according to statute, be meetings of the county commission. Those meetings will be posted on the courthouse door and County Clerk Gregg Ely will be present to take minutes.

County Coordinator Rose Helmick will represent the commission on the Region 8 Planning and Development Council and the Region 8 Solid Waste Authority Board.

Day Report Center

At the commissioners' request Leslie Welton-See with the South Branch Valley Day Report Center provided cost savings to the county as a result of the DRC's efforts. According to See, the DRC saved the county \$27,502.50 in November and \$28,998.25 in December.

"If people were not in the Day Report program, they'd be in jail?" asked commissioner Michael.

"Yes," See responded. "Our clients are on bond or probation, or Day Report is part of their sentence."

DRC Director Cary Ours said the program is funded through a federal grant and the three counties - Hardy, Hampshire and Pendleton - provide \$17,666 each per year as matching funds for the grant. "The amount the counties are willing to contribute determines the amount of the grant," she said.

"Our Day Report population is growing, especially from Hardy County. There are more people coming from magistrate court.

We've been working for nine years and the counties' contribution has stayed the same."

Ours also said, while the contribution from the three counties is equal, the number of participants is not. "We see maybe three or six people from Pendleton County and more than 100 from Hampshire and Hardy," she said.

"The Community Corrections Board will meet later this month and discuss how county funds are requested. All three counties pay the same and it needs to be more fair."

Members of the Community Corrections Board are determined by state code and the board is limited to 15 members. The South Branch Valley Community Corrections Board consists of Pendleton County Commissioner Gene McConnell, Pastor Christopher Whetzel, Sheri Coleman, Doug Hines, Hardy County Commissioner Harold Michael, Hampshire County Commissioner Brian Eglinger, Hampshire County Prosecutor Betsy Plummer, Pendleton County Sheriff Donald Hedrick, Hampshire County Sheriff John Alkire, Defense Attorney Jonathan Brill, and advocates Paige Moreland, and Mary Long. Judge C. Carter Williams and Magistrate Shawna Crites are ex officio members of the board.

OEM/911

Paul Lewis, director of the Hardy County Office of Emergency Management and 911 Center provided his December 2018 report.

Lewis said over the past several years, distribution of 911 fees from cell phone owners has not been correct. "The governor will introduce legislation in the 2019 regular session of the Legislature to make statutory changes in the way they have been dispersed and 100 percent of those monies go to the local Public Service Answering points," he said.

Lewis said it is possible local 911 centers could be reimbursed several million dollars.

According to Lewis, grant applications henceforth will go through a liaison director for review before they go to the state. Other changes are expected in the state Office of Emergency Management.

Lewis said he has submitted funding reimbursement requests for 2017 Emergency Management Performance Grants, although he is still waiting for 2016 reimbursement.

Call volumes for December increased from November. There were 731 calls for service in November and 798 calls for service in

December. They were as follows:

Law Enforcement*

Moorefield Police Department had 356 calls for service.

Hardy County Sheriff's Department had 263 calls for service.

West Virginia State Police had 48 calls for service.

West Virginia DNR Police had 13 calls for service.

* includes traffic stops

EMS

Fraley Ambulance Service had 122 calls for service.

Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority had 48 calls for service.

Wardensville Volunteer Rescue Squad had 12 calls for service.

EMS Air Transport was necessary 7 times in December.

Fire

Moorefield Volunteer Fire Department had 24 calls for service.

Mathias/Baker Volunteer Fire Department had 6 calls for service.

Capon Valley Volunteer Fire Department had 7 calls for service.

Ambulance Authority

Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority Director Derek Alt provided a monthly update.

Alt said call volume was up as were signed refusals. "We have not received our usual billing reimbursements because Medicare and Medicaid have to update our license," he said. "We will eventually get those reimbursements."

The past due collections from the Accounts Receivable Management System is nearly \$31,000. The majority of those collections have been from 2017 unpaid ambulance fees.

Alt reported Hampshire County's Company 8, Capon Springs Volunteer Rescue Squad has had a lapse in their license to operate and cannot transport patients at this time.

"Company 8 responds into Hardy County during weekdays to assist with coverage in the Wardensville area," Alt said. "We have added additional staff to cover that area."

The Wardensville Rescue Squad usually covers the Wardensville and surrounding areas, but has difficulty in getting volunteers during the work day. In 2018, Capon Springs assisted with 20 calls for service in Hardy County.

Alt said it is also possible Hampshire County will request coverage assistance from Hardy County.

According to financial reports presented, the HCEAA has \$1,424.48 in the checking account,

\$145,378.81 in the savings account and \$232,149 in the ambulance authority fee account. The savings account deposits are from insurance, Medicare/Medicaid billing.

Alt requested a \$50,000 draw from the Ambulance Authority account.

The commissioners approved the draw.

LEPC/CERT

Fran Welton, chair of the Local Emergency Planning Committee and Community Emergency Response Training coordinator reported the program to install smoke detectors in homes without them has been very successful. The program is offered in conjunction with the American Red Cross.

"To date we have installed 75 smoke detectors," she said. "The local fire departments have been very cooperative with the installations."

The American Red Cross provided the smoke detectors and local volunteer fire departments provided the installation free of charge.

Welton said it is very inconvenient for the LEPC and CERT committees to hold their meetings at the 911 Center when their supplies were stored at the RRT building.

"Rather than build onto that building, I think you should do something with that basement," she said. "It's just wasted space."

Other Business

- The payroll register for Dec. 1 - 15 was \$70,201.90.

- The payroll register for Dec. 16 - 31 was \$74,598.55.

- The regional jail bill for November was \$35,319.

- The county's contribution to the Farmland Preservation Board for December was \$6,257.90.

- The commission approved a request for \$5,000 from the Hardy County Child Care Center.

- The commission approved the appointment of Robert Kerr to the Civil Service Board.

- The commission approved the recommendation of the Fiduciary Committee regarding the Robert Miller estate.

- The commission approved the contract for rugs at the courthouse and health department with Cintas. The cost is \$143 per month.

The next meeting of the Hardy County Commission will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 5, beginning at 9 a.m. Anyone wishing to be included on the agenda should contact the County Clerk's office at 304-530-0250. The meetings are open to the public.

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Total Lunar Eclipse Is Highlight of January Sky

By Bob Doyle

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In the first quarter of January, local sunrise is at about 7:36 a.m. and sunset at about 5:03 p.m. Sunlight at the beginning of January lasts 9.4 hours. By the end of January, sunlight will last 10.1 hours.

On Jan. 3, Earth was closest to the sun for the year at a distance of 91.5 million miles. The reason for the seasons is due to Earth's tilted axis, which is tipped away from the sun in early winter. This causes the sun's sky path to be low, reducing the amount of sunlight.

The moon in early January is a crescent in the morning sky, moving from the morning to the evening side of the sun on Jan. 5.

The only evening planet that can be seen is Mars, visible about a third of the way up in the south at dusk. At dawn in early January, three planets are easy to see - the brilliant planet Venus in the southeast, the bright planet Jupiter nearby and the innermost planet Mercury low in the southeastern dawn below and to the left of Venus and Jupiter.

During the second quarter of the month, local sunrise is at about 7:36 a.m. and sunset at about 5:11 p.m. Sunlight then lasts 9.6 hours. The star group Orion is glorious in the southeast evening sky with his three-star belt. The belt points down and left to Sirius, the night's brightest star. Sirius is also the closest night star that can be seen from most of the U.S.

The crescent moon will appear under the planet Mars on Saturday evening, Jan. 12. On Monday, Jan. 14, the moon will appear about half full in the southwestern evening sky. The sun rises along the left edge of the moon, lighting up the crater rims and elevations, so the middle of January will be the best time for spotting its craters

with a telescope. Mars remains the only planet in the evening sky, appearing in the south in the early evening.

There are three planets in the southeastern dawn sky - brilliant Venus, bright Jupiter and the planet Saturn below and to the left.

In the third quarter of January, local sunrise is at about 7:32 a.m. with sunset at about 5:20 p.m. Daily sunlight lasts 9.8 hours. The big sky event in January is a total lunar eclipse starting Sunday evening on Jan. 20. From 10:37 to 11:41 p.m., the moon will creep into Earth's deep shadow. The middle of the eclipse will be at 12:12 a.m., Monday, Jan. 21. The moon will start to creep out of Earth's shadow at 12:44 a.m. and will be completely free of it at 1:51 a.m.

In the middle of the evening, around 9 p.m., Orion with his three-star belt will be halfway up in the south. Nearly overhead is the bright golden star Capella. High in the southwest is the Pleiades or Seven Sisters star cluster, resembling a tiny dipper.

In the north northeast is the Big Dipper, standing on its handle. In the southeastern dawn sky, the brilliant planets Venus and Jupiter appear close. The Big Dipper is then high in the north with its handle arcing to the bright golden star Arcturus.

In the fourth quarter, local sunrise is at about 7:27 a.m. and sunset at about 5:29 p.m. Sunlight at the end of January lasts 10.1 hours. The planet Mars remains the solitary evening planet. The three morning planets are brilliant Venus, bright Jupiter and Saturn. At the end of January, the crescent moon will appear between Venus and Jupiter.

In the eastern evening sky is Leo, the Lion. The brightest star of Leo is Regulus, which means "little king." Regulus is part of Leo's sickle, an agricultural tool with a

curved blade ending in a handle. This sickle resembles a backward question mark. The sun appears in front of the stars of Leo during the hottest days of the summer, from Aug. 15 to Sept. 10.

For a free copy of my 2019 Night Sky Highlights, send an email to rdoyle@frostburg.edu. This lists sunrise and sunset times for every Sunday, the moon-planet lineups and the moon's main phases for 2019, all on two pages.

Sky Sights is written by Dr. Bob Doyle, professor emeritus of Frostburg State University. Doyle taught at FSU and was its planetarium director for more than 40 years.

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Moorefield junior Lindsey Rinker met resistance from Lady Rams defender Brooke Davis en route to the basket in last Friday's game.

Photo by Carl Holcomb

Lady Rams Rally To Edge Moorefield

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

The Lady Yellow Jackets defended the Hive with a nine-point halftime advantage, but Southern Garrett found a way to penetrate the honeycomb scoring inside the paint causing it to crumble leading

to a 50-48 victory rally on Friday night in Moorefield.

"[We] Played good first half. Thought we should have rebounded better. Defensively in third we didn't step to help or deny cuts to basket. Gave up layups in third quarter. Needed to protect ball, had many turnovers that were unforced and

just bad decisions. Definitely a game we let slip away. We cut that penetration off first half. We had way too many mental mistakes," Moorefield coach Paul Keplinger stated.

Both teams had three players apiece scoring in double figures with Southern Garrett's Hannah Owens scoring a game-

high 16 points in the victory, followed by Brooke Davis with 14 markers and Jocelyn Evans added ten points; meanwhile Moorefield was guided by Madison McGregor with 13 points, followed by Lindsey Rinker with a dozen points and Lexi Gilhuys pitched in ten markers.

The Lady Rams cruised inside for la-

yups in the second half as Moorefield struggled to recreate the success of denying the penetration from the first half.

Southern Garrett opened the game winning the tip-off, then Brooke Davis drew a foul on a block attempt by Moorefield's

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Wildcats Leave Moorefield Out in the Cold

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

Coming off winter break both teams struggled to break the ice on the rims combining for 50 missed field goals with the Yellow Jackets chipping away for a 17-14 halftime lead, but Pendleton County warmed up the hoop with late third quarter shooting as Moorefield became frigid during the Wildcats 55-41 victory last Wednesday in the Hive.

We got into some foul trouble and they started pushing the pace. They played faster and more physical in the second half and we couldn't keep up. We just need to make some shots and quit turning the ball over," Moorefield coach Scott Stutler noted.

Pendleton County missed the game's first shot attempt and Moorefield's Thomas Williams

hailed in the rebound, but stepped out of bounds in the process.

Brent Moran stole the ball back for the Yellow Jackets, then Matthew Jenkins cut into the paint and dished outside to Grant Keller, who hit the rim on a perimeter attempt with Moran snatching the board and his shot bounced off the rim out of play.

Keller grabbed a defensive rebound and passed to Moran, who made a spinning jumper in the paint for a 2-nil edge at the 6:30 mark for the Yellow Jackets.

Pendleton County answered with a layup by Bailey Thompson at the 5:55 mark.

Moorefield missed its next three shot attempts with rebounds going to Jenkins, then Pendleton County's Marcus Sites with a foul on the Wildcats and Timothy Thorne with a foul on Moorefield.

Pendleton County missed a bas-

ket and the ball ricocheted out of bounds, then Laird Sweet stole the ball.

The Wildcats and the Yellow Jackets both walked, then Sites drew a foul and netted the pair of free throws for a 4-2 edge at 3:49.

Both teams missed opportunities to score, before Williams drew a foul and made both shots from the charity stripe to knot the game at 4-all at 2:04.

On the ensuing possession, Sweet scored on a jumper for Pendleton County to regain the lead.

Sweet snatched a defensive rebound, then Moorefield's Jaydon See stole it away and passed to Moran for a bucket to tie it up at 1:15, 6-all.

We made some adjustments at halftime. Our shot selection and our patience at times was almost

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Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield senior Grant Keller shoots a perimeter jumper against Pendleton County in the Hive.

Wright Earns 100th Wrestling Victory



Photo by Linda Wright

Moorefield Wrestling senior captain Matthew Wright garnered his 100th career victory with a pin during the Hampshire Duals Holiday Tournament on December 27, 2018, in Romney and was joined by coaches Larry Schoonover and T.J. Van Meter.

The Old Master

By Jay Fisher

The big news at WVU is there is a new football coach! Neal Brown, most recently the head coach at Troy, is now heading up the football program. How we got here is important, so let's back up a bit.

Needless to say, WVU ended the 2018 season on a sour note. Despite leading at the end of the third quarter against Oklahoma State, Oklahoma, and Syracuse, the Mountaineers lost all three games. WVU went from being a legitimate play-off contender to potential Big 12 Championship Game participant to

16-point CampingWorld Bowl loser in that span.

At the same time, Dana Holgorsen was wanting a contract extension from WVU. There is nothing wrong with that, and most coaches across the country want the same thing. But with the second straight three-game losing streak to end the season, the WVU administration was not inclined to lock themselves into a bad deal. This was a smart business decision.

Meanwhile, Houston completed their season with an 8-4 mark, which

is not a bad record, but it felt like the Cougars underachieved. (Sound familiar, WVU fans?). Their coach, Major Applewhite, was on the hot seat, and an embarrassing 70-14 loss to Army in their bowl game sealed his fate. Applewhite was fired, and Houston wanted a new coach. The billionaire owner of the Houston Rockets, Tilman Fertitta (a UH alum), was willing to donate dollars to attract a noteworthy coach. They quickly focused on Holgorsen.

Holgorsen had coached at Houston for two years a successful stint as their offensive coordinator. It's also where his national profile really started to soar. Holgorsen liked Houston, too. So when Houston called, Holgorsen was more than willing to listen. I don't know if Holgorsen was wanting to use Houston's interest as leverage for a contract extension for WVU, but I do know that WVU was more than willing to let Holgorsen walk away. Just before the new year, the deal was done, although it became official after January 1, after his buyout went down.

Holgorsen had a successful run as a coach at WVU. He wasn't quite ready for all of the respon-

sibilities at first, but learned and grew into the role. He kept WVU relevant on a national scale, and led the Mountaineers into the Big 12. But he never could get over the hump. There was always a head-scratching loss or two. Too many games that should have been won, but weren't. It was a good eight years, but never seemed great. It was a good relationship, but one that had run its course, and I think both sides will come out better for it. There was certainly less drama than the last two coaching departures. And Holgersen, to his credit, did not burn bridges on his way out of town.

In the meantime, WVU was not sitting idly. They knew Dana was likely gone, and they started their coaching search. Since Holgorsen was officially still coach, WVU was somewhat limited to what they could do, but there was still plenty they could. They already had a list of potential candidates, and began to research each one. They could do background checks and talk to those in the industry to get feedback on those coaches. By the time Holgorsen-to-Houston was official, WVU was ready to start interviews. According to multiple reports, three candidates

were interviewed: Neal Brown of Troy, Luke Fickell of Cincinnati, and Tony Gibson of WVU.

Nothing is ever certain in coaching hires. Some look great at the time, and don't pan out. Others seem lukewarm, but work out great. And every coach brings pluses and minuses to each particular job. That is obviously the case with Brown, Fickell, and Gibson. But of the three, Brown impressed the most in the interview, and seemed to tick off the most boxes. On January 4, word broke that Neal Brown was going to be the pick, and the next day it became official. In a classy move, Brown addressed the crowd that afternoon at a Troy basketball game to say thanks and farewell to the Trojans.

I really like this pick. Brown has been considered an up-and-comer for the past couple years, and in December, sbnation.com, had an article wondering why a Power 5 school hadn't yet hired him. He is originally from Danville, Kentucky, so he is familiar with Appalachia, and should get along very well with fans and boosters across the state. He learned offense from Hal Mumme, which means he has Air Raid roots (Mike Leach is on

the Mumme coaching tree, which means Holgorsen is too). But he has evolved from the pure Air Raid concepts to also be effective running the ball, and his Troy teams were known to be physical along the lines. His Troy teams also played tough defense (it is thought that his defensive coordinator, Vic Koenning, may join Brown in Morgantown). He is a proven winner, as he is one of just six coaches in FBS to have won 10 games each of the last three seasons. The others? Nick Saban, Dabo Swinney, Urban Meyer, Chris Peterson, and Bryan Har-sin. He has also shown he can do more with less: in 2016, Troy scared Clemson, in 2017 they won at LSU, and in 2018 they won at Nebraska. His is still young (38), and relates well to his players. His is also organized, hard-working and detail-oriented.

The national media was full of praise for the hire. Phrases like total home run and WVU won the coaching carousel were used. There was also much praise for the way WVU conducted its search and hiring process. This is an exciting time for the Mountaineers and their fans.

Moorefield Boys Basketball—

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too picky. We weren't getting out in transition and we really wanted to pick up the tempo and that was the key to the second half. Before the transition, it was solid D forcing low percentage shots. We did a better job getting into our transition spots and collapsing in the paint instead of having to run an offensive set over and over again. From an energy standpoint and I think both ways, a 17-14 first half it was clear the kids weren't in school today. They weren't in their routine, but in a rivalry like this the kids need to bring their own energy from the get-go. Pendleton County coach Ryan Lambert remarked.

Ten seconds elapsed before the Wildcats scored on a shot from Thompson and Pendleton County carried the 8-6 lead into the second period as the Yellow Jackets missed thrice in the closing minute and the Wildcats missed one.

During that stretch, Keller and Moran made rebounds for Moorefield and Thompson blocked a shot for the Wildcats.

Commencing the second period, Moorefield's Jaydon See was called for an offensive foul before denying Sites a path to the basket and deflected a pass out of bounds.

Williams grabbed a defensive rebound and was fouled by the Wildcats.

Sweet collected a rebound, then Pendleton County missed a shot and See snatched the board leading to a 3-pointer by Grant Keller as the Yellow Jackets took a 9-8 lead at the 5:28 mark.

The Wildcats missed two attempts and there were fouls on both teams over the next minute before Williams shook off a steal and went inside for a layup to put Moorefield up 11-8 at 4:21.

Jenkins grabbed a defensive board for the Yellow Jackets, then Sites went for a steal attempt against Williams, who went diving to the floor and Williams was called for a foul on the sequence.

Sites made both free throws at the 3:42 mark to pull the Wildcats within one point, 11-10.

Pendleton County's Joshua Wagoner stole the ball, then Thompson was whistled for a charge.

Keller was fouled on a 3-pointer attempt and made two of the three foul shots.

The Wildcats missed two field goals and the latter ricochet went into the hands of Keller, who was hacked and made both free throws for a 15-10 advantage with 2:11 left in the first half.

Pendleton County answered with a layup by Sites, but Moorefield found an opening for a jumper by Williams in response as the Yellow Jackets went up 17-12 with 1:38 to go.

Moorefield's Lane Ours stole the ball and stalled on offense before a missed shot and Colt Smith got the rebound for the Wildcats with a foul leading to an errant free throw, then Jaydon See grabbed the board for the Yellow Jackets.

Sites stole the ball, then Thompson was fouled and made both free throws to make it 17-14.

Moran spun with the ball and was called for a walk, then a last second attempt by the Wildcats ricocheted off the ceiling as the buzzer sounded.

Pendleton County opened the second half with a game-tying 3-pointer by Sites at 7:39, 17-all.

Moorefield missed its first of 15 shot attempts for the second half and Sites collected the board.

The Wildcats hit the rim twice with rebounds by Thorne and Sweet, then Thorne hit a jumper at 6:20 for the lead, 19-17.

Williams drew a foul and made both free throws to tie the game for the Yellow Jackets just ten seconds later.

Over the next minute, there were stars by Keller and Thompson, then the Wildcats missed twice and lost the ball out of play.

Moran nailed a running jumper in the paint for a 21-19 Moorefield edge at 4:57, but the Wildcats answered on the next series with a layup by Thompson locking the game.

Sweet grabbed a defensive rebound which led to a score by Wag-

oner giving Pendleton County the lead at 3:55, 23-21.

Moorefield missed a shot attempt, then Sweet collected the board and Wagoner scored again.

Isaiah Gardiner made a defensive rebound, but was called for a charge as Moorefield's Ben O'Neill stood his ground.

Keller passed inside to Jenkins, who was fouled and missed both free throws with Gardiner grabbing the rebound.

Thompson did a spin to avoid a steal by Jenkins, but contact was made for a foul.

A pass just over the defense to Thorne created a basket as Pendleton County went up 27-21 at 2:34.

Moorefield missed a shot and the ball was lost out of play off of Moran, then Moran stole the ball and an offensive penalty was called on the ensuing attempt.

Thorne added two free throws for Pendleton County, then Thompson blocked a shot.

Sites picked up his fourth foul, then Moran bumped into Wagoner on a drive with Wagoner being assessed a blocking foul which was his third.

Gardiner collected a carom, then a trap by the Yellow Jackets forced a turnover.

Moorefield didn't take advantage of it, then Thompson scored an old-fashioned three-point play to extend the Wildcats lead to 32-21 with 31 seconds left in the third period.

Townsend blocked a shot and took the ball to the hoop, but had to try a second time to score and drew the harm for another free throw making it 35-21 with nine seconds to go.

Moran hopped into the paint and collided with Pendleton County's Taylor Wimer for a defensive foul, but Moran was injured on the play requiring a substitution for the free throw shooting with Addison Barb coming in as the replacement missing the attempt.

In the first minute of the fourth period, Moorefield missed three field goals and the Wildcats netted two baskets in the paint by Townsend and Sweet for a 39-21 advantage.

The Yellow Jackets finally got a shot to fall as Williams hit a jumper at 6:38.

After a timeout, Pendleton County struck again and Thompson collected a defensive board leading to a basket by Thorne to make it 43-23 with 6:01 remaining.

Jenkins snatched a defensive rebound and Ours kept the offensive possession alive with another board before Williams hit a 3-pointer for Moorefield cutting the deficit to 43-28 at 5:16.

Sites scored on a layup for the Wildcats, then swiped the ball and dished to Gardiner for a basket to make it 47-28.

A steal by Gardiner led to a basket by Wagoner at the 3:36 mark.

Williams drove inside colliding with Sites, who fouled out and Williams made both free throws for the Yellow Jackets.

Gardiner stole the ball, but Ours snatched it back and drilled a 3-pointer as Moorefield made it a 49-33 game with 2:48 to go.

Pendleton County's Colt Smith added two free throws on the next series, then Sweet grabbed a defensive rebound and was fouled.

After the missed shot, See collected the board for the Yellow Jackets which led to a layup by Williams.

The Wildcats added two field goals and Moorefield missed twice over the next minute of play.

The Yellow Jackets garnered a pair of 3-pointers in the closing minute as Williams made one to commence it and Addison Barb added another perimeter shot with three seconds left to slice the deficit to 55-41 for the final score.

Williams led Moorefield with 18 points, followed by Keller with nine and Moran added eight.

Pendleton County was guided by Thompson with 18 points, followed by Sites with 11 points and Sweet and Thorne pitched in ten apiece.

Moorefield visits Southern Garrett tonight and hosts Frankfort on Friday.

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Gianna Fair leading to one of two free throws made as the second ricocheted off the rim out of play.

Lady Rams pressure caused a turnover as the ball was mishandled at mid-court going backcourt.

Southern Garrett's Hannah Owens netted a jumper to take a 3-nil lead at the 7:24 mark.

Fair connected with Remington Hinkle inside the paint as the Lady Yellow Jackets answered.

A layup by Lady Rams guard Jordyn Warnick pushed the lead back up to 5-2 at 6:24.

Moorefield missed two attempts, then the Lady Rams took it the other way with Jocelyn Evans drawing a foul and adding two foul shots.

Both teams missed baskets with rebounds by Owens and Gilhuys, with the latter defensive board leading to a 3-pointer by McGregor as the Lady Yellow Jackets cut the deficit to 7-5 at the 5:26 mark.

McGregor and Hinkle grabbed defensive rebounds over the next minute before Gilhuys landed a jumper to tie the game at 4:29.

After another Lady Rams miss, there was a jump ball for Moorefield.

McGregor dished to Gilhuys for a jumper which gave the Lady Yellow Jackets their first lead of the game at the 3:34 mark, 9-7.

Fair snatched a rebound, then passed to Rinker, who found McGregor for a jumper extending the edge 11-7 at 2:55.

Moorefield held the lead in the game, until just under three minutes remaining in the third period.

The Lady Rams recorded a shot coming from Owens on the ensuing possession.

A minute later after a pair of rim rockers, Fair made a block and steal which created a score by McGregor at 1:49.

Hinkle swiped the ball and was fouled in the process as Davis collided with her sending them to the floor.

Moorefield didn't get a basket with Owens grabbing the rebound, then the Lady Rams hit the rim and Owens was there for the board passing to Davis drawing a foul for one free throw and Fair collected the next carom.

After a charge, Owens hit a jumper for Southern Garrett to pull within one, 13-12 with 35 seconds left in the first period.

Gilhuys adds a free throw, then Fair blocks a shot and Gilhuys receives the pass scoring with four seconds on the clock providing a 16-12 Moorefield lead entering the second period.

"It was a well fought game. We expected it, because they had many returners from last year. Obviously, we lost four starting seniors and our other starter is hurt. We had five new starters and you never know what you're going to get when you have five new kids playing. Southern Garrett coach Rodger Bowman commented.

When we went into full court pressure and made them run more, it helped us. They were sluggish in the first half and addressed that at halftime. We told them they can run plays inside and not force things, do better reading the defense. I wasn't calm at any point, because I know they [Moorefield] can shoot threes, I scouted them and they can shoot them well. When she made that one with 1.6 seconds left, I was

like whew, we just need to get the ball in play,

Both teams missed a basket to open the second period with rebounds by Rinker and Gilhuys, then Southern Garrett's Evans made a steal and was fouled after a missed shot.

Rinker stole the ball and passed to Gilhuys, but Davis made a block.

Hinkle tossed the ball into play for Rinker making a clear jumper at 7:05, 18-12.

The Lady Rams scored on the ensuing possession on a shot by Owens.

Southern Garrett's Jordyn Warnick made a defensive rebound and was fouled, then Owens got an offensive board and was whistled for a double dribble.

Warwick applied pressure forcing a carrying violation at mid-court.

Davis snatched an offensive rebound and passed to Owens for a basket making it 18-16 at the 5:30 mark.

Southern Garrett's McKenzie Wilt and Moorefield's Regan Davy made back-to-back steals with the latter leading to a pair of free throws made by Rinker at 4:07.

Rinker made a partial block and Davy recovered the ball, but it was swiped away by Warnick drawing a foul for two foul shots made.

The Lady Yellow Jackets responded with a 3-pointer by McGregor at 3:31.

McGregor stole the ball, but it was taken back by Davis along the baseline and called for stepping out of bounds when trying to throw it back in play.

After the turnover, Rinker knocked down a 3-pointer to give Moorefield a 26-18 advantage with 3:10 remaining in the first half.

Over the next two minutes, the Lady Rams missed seven field goals and added two free throws by Davis.

McGregor drilled a 3-pointer with just under a minute left in the half to boost the Lady Yellow Jackets lead to 29-20 entering the locker room as both teams missed attempts in the final seconds despite a steal by Rinker.

The Lady Rams attacked the basket with a layup by Davis to commence the third period.

Fair was fouled on the next possession and made both free throws for Moorefield at 7:35.

After an offensive foul, Wilt made a defensive rebound leading

to another layup by Davis at 6:47, 31-24.

Southern Garrett grabbed three of the next four rebounds on missed shots by both teams and Rinker snatched one.

Davis scored on a putback reaching over for the rebound and making the basket at 5:45.

Hinkle found Fair for a basket in the paint on the ensuing series for the Lady Yellow Jackets.

Evans scored for the Lady Rams moments later, then Davis stole the ball and Emilee Tasker made a putback to slice the deficit to 33-30 at the 4:21 mark.

Warwick made a steal after a timeout, then Hinkle committed a foul.

Hinkle and Fair blocked shot attempts by Southern Garrett with Fair snatching the ball away which led to a missed opportunity and Owens got the board.

Fair made another block, then Gilhuys passed to Gracie O'Neill for a Moorefield field goal at 3:27.

Warnick scored ten seconds later for the Lady Rams.

After a miss by the Lady Yellow Jackets with a rebound by Owens, Warnick drilled a game-tying 3-pointer, 35-all at the 2:52 mark.

Warnick hauled in a rebound and threw an off-balanced ricochet off of McGregor along the baseline.

Owens made a jumper to give the Lady Rams the lead at the 2:23 mark and drew a foul, but missed the free throw with Fair collecting the rebound.

Warwick made a defensive rebound again and fed Evans for a basket in the paint at 1:52, 39-35.

A steal by Evans led to a miss and rebound by Owens, but Fair blocked the next shot attempt and passed to Rinker, who assisted Fair on a jumper moments later.

Owens made a putback for Southern Garrett on the ensuing possession with 37 seconds on the clock, 41-37.

Ten seconds later, McGregor dished to Fair for a basket as the Lady Yellow Jackets made it a one possession game.

After a foul by Moorefield with four seconds left in the third period, Davis sliced inside for a basket as time expired giving the Lady Rams a 43-39 edge.

Owens and Rinker created steals in the opening seconds of the final stanza with the latter leading to an old-fashioned three-point play from Rinker to make it 43-42 at the 7:31 mark.

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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.

Real estate taxes on the real estate the subject of this sale notice shall be paid by the owner or beneficial holder of the negotiable promissory note referred to herein for all those taxes coming due to and through the Fall of 2018. The high bidder or bidders shall be responsible for the taxes that become due in the Spring of 2019 and henceforth.

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 the 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 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.

Jack H. Walters, Trustee
Walters & Heishman, PLLC
P.O. Box 119, Moorefield, WV 26836
(304) 530-6618
Mike Curran
Auctioneer

1/2, 1/9, 1/16 3c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS, II Public Corporation, And THOMAS J. SMITH, P.E., SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION/ COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS, PETITIONERS, -vs- CIVIL ACTION NO. 18-C-40 PROJECT NO. U316-220-S-S0 TOM PARISI c/o 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, (\\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 its 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 this case, pursuant to Section 14a, Article 2, Chapter 54 of the Official Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended.

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 Virginias, ACA, Sun Oil Compal, 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

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that on the 31 day of January 2019 at the hour of 1:00PM, or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard, Alana Lynn Helmick will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Hardy County, WV, at the Courthouse thereof in the City of Moorefield for the entry of an Order by said Court changing the name from J.D.M to J.D.P.

Any person who has objection to the change of said name for any reason may appear at the time and place set forth above and shall be heard in opposition to such change. This hearing may be rescheduled without further notice or publication.
1/9, 1/16 2c

Fiduciary Commissioner Notice
Take notice that the Final Account of Kevin Kessel, Executor to the Estate of Mildred Kessel, is pending before the undersigned Fiduciary Commissioner for final settlement.
Given under my hand on January 9, 2019,
Jonathan G. Brill, Fiduciary Commissioner
Hampshire County, West Virginia
1/9, 1/16 2c

**United States of America
State of West Virginia
County of Hardy, ss:
Notice of Administration / to Creditors**
Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Hardy County Clerk's Office at 204 Washington Street, Moorefield, WV 26836-0200. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file notice of an objection with the County Commission within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-2 and 44-3 and/or 44-1-14A(10).

Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commis-

sioner. If no reference to a fiduciary commissioner is listed herein, claims against the estate(s) must be filed in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-1-14A(10).

Publication Date: Wednesday, January 9, 2019
Claim Deadline Date: Sunday, March 10, 2019

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ESTATE NAME: VESTON DURWOOD SEE
ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATOR: MALCOLM D SEE
PO BOX 44
CRIDERS, VA 22820-0044
ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATOR: JOHN SEE
18014 CRIDER ROAD
CRIDERS, VA 22820-2043

ESTATE NUMBER: 1726
ESTATE NAME: LULA S WALKER
CO EXECUTRIX: MELANIE WALKER
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CO EXECUTOR: ALVIN E SMITH
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WARDENSVILLE, WV 26851-8293
ATTORNEY: MICHAEL L SCALES
314 WEST JOHN STREET
MARTINSBURG, WV 25401-3224

ESTATE NUMBER: 1721
ESTATE NAME: RODNEY RAY BEAN
ADMINISTRATOR: RODNEY RAY BEAN PATRYLAK
70 FAIRWAY DRIVE
BROOKLYN, CT 06234-3315
ATTORNEY: JACK WALTERS
WALTERS & HIESHMAN
PO BOX 119
MOOREFIELD, WV 26836-0119

ESTATE NUMBER: 1724
ESTATE NAME: RODNEY LEE HARDMAN
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CUMBERLAND, MD 21502-7893
ATTORNEY: LAWRENCE E SHERMAN
SHERMAN LAW FIRM
PO BOX 1810
ROMNEY, WV 26757-3010

ESTATE NUMBER: 1725
ESTATE NAME: DONALD DEAN HELMICK
EXECUTRIX: NANCY K BELL
585 HICKORY HILL ROAD
OLD FIELDS, WV 26845-

ESTATE NUMBER: 1718
ESTATE NAME: DAVID ALLEN MONGOLD
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5405 SOUTH FORK ROAD
MOOREFIELD, WV 26836-8094

ESTATE NUMBER: 1715
ESTATE NAME: KELLY ADAIRE SOWELL
ADMINISTRATOR: ADONIS SOWELL
137 ALLEGHNEY STREET
MOOREFIELD, WV 26836-1113

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 01/03/2019
GREGORY L ELY
Clerk of the Hardy County Commission
1/9, 1/16 2c

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE
The undersigned, William H. Bean, Substitute Trustee will, by virtue of authority vested in him by that Certain Deed of Trust dated by and between Stephen A. Virtue, Sr. And Carla A. Virtue, to Mark H. Wright or Bradford Ritchie, Trustees securing Summit Community Bank, in the payment of a certain Promissory Note, said Note now in default, and said Deed of Trust of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County,

West Virginia, in Trust Book No. 290, at Page 875, on Friday, January 25, 2019 beginning at 12:00 Noon, of that date at the Elm Street entrance to the Hardy County Courthouse, Moorefield, West Virginia, offer for sale at Public Auction to the highest bidder the following described real estate:

All that certain tract or parcel of real estate, together with all rights, rights-of-ways, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, being located and situate west of West Virginia State Route 59/1 near Lost City, West Virginia, situate in Lost River District, Hardy County, West Virginia, and designated as Lot 2 of Middle Cove Acres Subdivision, containing 3.15 acres, more or less, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds according to a Property Description prepared by Kennis F. Snyder, Licensed Land Surveyor No. 679, which is attached to that certain Deed to Arno and Susan Delawder dated August 16, 1985, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 187, at Page 224.

Being the same tract or parcel of real estate conveyed unto Stephen A. Virtue, Sr. and Carla A. Virtue, his wife, from Arno C. Delawder and Susan F. Delawder, his wife, by Deed dated July 20, 1991, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 214, at Page 352. Reference is hereby made to the aforesaid deed and other documents therein referred to and same are incorporated herein, by reference, for all proper and pertinent reasons.

The real estate is identified for tax assessment purposes in the Hardy County Assessor's Office on Tax Map 468, as Parcel 0005.0002.

Said Substitute Trustee was duly appointed by instrument of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia in Trust Book 310, at Page 581.

FEDERAL TAX LIENS: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States Government would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from date of such sale or period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent (10%) deposit, in cash or approved check, must be tendered on date of sale, with the balance due at closing, not to exceed thirty days. Announcements made at sale take precedence over any written notice or advertisement.

All costs of deed preparation, transfer stamps, real estate taxes and ambulance fees, now due or to become due, are to be paid by the purchaser. The property will be conveyed by Trustee by quit claim deed without warranty of title.

Any excess monies obtained from said sale, if any, will be applied toward inferior liens in order of their priority.

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale.

For more information concerning the property contact Tina Martin, Director of Debt Management for Summit Community Financial Group at 304-530-0522.

WILLIAM H. BEAN
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This position is responsible for all aspects of operations, planning, financial and administrative service as well as the daily operations of Potomac Valley Transit Authority. The duties include but are not limited to:

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- Overseeing organizational ongoing safety and training programs
- Overseeing the Authority's Drug and Alcohol Program as set forth in the FTA, 49 CFR Part 655, as amended and US DOT 49 CFR Part 40, as amended
- Serving as the agency's representative at federal, state and local levels
- Overseeing implementation of goals and policies established by the Board of Directors

Education, Experience and Other Requirements

- Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university and five years equivalent administrative or progressive supervisory experience
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- High level computer skills
- Knowledge of general accepted accounting practices
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Candidate Interviews: February 19 or 20, 2019 at PVTA Headquarters in Petersburg, WV.

Interested applicants need to submit resumes and references by mail or electronically to:

**PVTA Board of Directors
c/o Potomac Valley Transit Authority
185 Providence Lane
Petersburg, WV 26847**

<mailto:apply@potomacvalleytransit.org>

All applications must be received by close of business on February 1, 2019.

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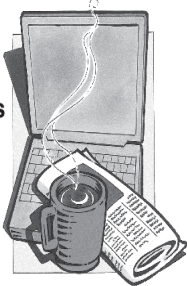
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