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New DOH Court Filings Could Create Huge Liabilities for WV Landowners

By Lon Anderson
Moorefield Examiner

The stakes potentially just got a lot higher for many West Virginia landowners because of the continuing legal battle over who pays for the clean-up of the June landslide on South Fork Road in Milam. That slide, some eight months after it happened, is still blocking one lane of the road.

Action on removing the landslide debris from the roadway and completely re-opening it by the West Virginia Department of Highways (DOH) has become mired down in what has become a very strange legal battle over liability.

In a January 4 filing in the Circuit Court of Hardy County, state attorneys for the West Virginia Department of Transportation advanced a novel theory that could have huge implications for WV landowners -- especially those with vertical land along state or county roads.

In its Motion For Judgment On The Pleadings sent by State Attorney General Patrick Morrissey's office, the state asserted that "... no causal activity...is required for one to 'place' a landslide within the meaning of...the West Virginia Code.

Simply stated, this means a landowner may not have to do anything to contribute to a landslide to be held liable for its damage and clean up. The owner may be liable for the damage caused by a landslide just for owning the land.

Enter Milam resident Mark Kuykendall, the land owner on

whose property the landslide originated, and his attorney, Jared Moore, of The Moore Law Firm, in Franklin.

"Were the state to prevail with its new argument that a landowner does not have to do anything to cause the slide to be liable for its damage and clean-up," explained Moore, "it would create a very dangerous situation for any person owning land next to a road in West Virginia, making them be responsible for acts of nature."

Prior to this, "DOH has consistently taken the position that causation is indeed a requirement" to assess liability, Moore said. "Our position is that the State Code is clear and unambiguous, and we are asking the court to accept its plain meaning."

He filed a brief in response on January 9 that says exactly that.

Don Baker, Jr., long time owner of Baker Insurance Services in Moorefield, agreed that if the state were to prevail (with this argument), the consequences "would be an unbelievably major change from previous practices for landowners in the State with land along roads, especially with the verticality of so much of our land."

"It could also have a big impact on financial institutions, given the vertical nature of much of our land along our roads," he said. "This might require landowners and financial institutions that hold mortgages on such land to buy insurance coverage," likening it to flood and earthquake or mine subsidence coverage in coal country.

"This is definitely something

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Photos by Lon Anderson

Milam landowner Mark Kuykendall stands next to the damaged area in his year above the landslide that blocked South Fork Road. Kuykendall says it's the record rains that caused the land to drop several feet, creating the large fissure, and leaving his shed unusable. Before the slide the shed was at the same level as the ground beside it on the right.



One lane of South Fork Road in Milam remains closed while the DOH wages a legal battle over liability for the landslide, which happened June 24th. The entire road to be closed for one month, with one lane reopened on July 24.

RDA Board Discusses State Legislative Session

By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

Potential legislation coming from the 2019 State Legislature dominated discussion at the Hardy County Rural Development Authority Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, Jan. 24.

"There is interest in eliminating the tax on business inventory and machinery," Executive Director Mallie Combs told the board. "What we're not sure of, is how to make up the funding gap. It will have a significant impact of schools and local governments."

The personal property tax on business inventory, machinery and equipment is estimated to bring \$250 million - \$300 million per year to state coffers. Of that approximately 37 percent goes to K-12 education, 25 percent goes to county govern-

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SSA Scam Alert

The Social Security Administration has become aware of reports of fraudulent telephone calls from individuals claiming to represent the Social Security Administration (SSA).

In the calls, unknown callers

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Hardy County Tour & Craft Association Celebrates Heritage Weekend Success

By Jean A. Flanagan
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Members of the Hardy County Tour & Craft Association gathered for their annual meeting and to celebrate the success of the 2018 Heritage Weekend and Santa Train Excursions. The event was held Thursday, Jan. 24 at the South Branch Inn. Puttin' On the Ritz catered the dinner.

Event Coordinator Ashley Anderson thanked the 2018 Heritage Weekend home owners, volunteers and sponsors. "You have all contributed to our success," she said.

HCT&CA President Kriston Strickler provided an overview of Heritage Weekend's events including the Friday night movie at the historic McCoy Theater, the Art Show at the Library, the Tractor and Antique Car Show and Craft Show.

"The craft show was a huge success this year," Strickler said. "We were able to move back into the Moorefield High School gym because we donated a mat to protect



Photo by Jean Flanagan

Hardy County Librarian Carol Koontz and Library Commission President Mike Crites hold the 'big check' for \$20,000 from the Hardy County Tour & Craft Association board. Other grants were given at the annual dinner meeting held Thursday.

the floor. The mat can be used by the high school for other events as well."

Ashley Anderson reported the

treasury had a \$6,000 deficit.

A motion was approved to retain the same slate of officers as last year. They include:

- President, Kriston Strickler
- Vice President and Secretary, Elaine Davis
- Treasurer, Steve Davis

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County Robotics Teams Visit County Board of Education

By Jean A. Flanagan
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Members of the East Hardy High School Nerdz and Nuclear Nerdz as well as Moorefield Middle Schools Jackbots visited the Hardy County Board of Education last Tuesday to thank the board for their support and show off the awards the teams received the past year. The Nerdz, Nuclear Nerdz and Jackbots are Hardy County's robotics teams.

EHHS was the site of the FIRST Tech Challenge Kickoff in August 2018. The kickoff was the formal announcement of the 2018-19 challenge. The FTC is geared to middle and high school students, who must build and program a robot to perform certain tasks.

FIRST, which stands for For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, is a nonprofit organization that inspires young people to share knowledge, nurture creativity and build self-confidence while solving problems through robotics competitions.

The FIRST Lego League is geared to elementary and middle school students and uses Lego-based robots. The Jackbots competed in the qualifier at the West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind. A total of 24 schools competed and the Jackbots won the Robot Design Award. Members of the Nerdz team served as referees of the competition.

The Nerdz and Nuclear Nerdz competed in the FTC State Championship at Fairmont State University in December. There were a total of 26 teams, 11 from West Virginia.

The Nuclear Nerdz were named WV State Champions. At the FLL West Virginia State Championship, the Jackbots won the Inspiration Award.

"Robotics creates a sense of community," Jackbots faculty advisor

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OPINION

From other editors' desks...

Job Creation Isn't Our Top Priority

Before the new session of the West Virginia legislature convened on January 9, several lawmakers briefed newspaper people from around the state about hot topics for the session — education funding, medical marijuana implementation and proposed tax cuts, among others.

The theme of job creation is still a major platform for the GOP majority in Charleston, and it got echoed by party leadership during this meeting. A repeal of the equipment tax is being considered for oil and gas companies and manufacturers. Smoothing out regulations for drilling, mining and pipelines has been a major theme of the party for years, as well. Industry representatives mentioned that as a goal for 2019. These steps, no doubt, will boost industrial activity in West Virginia.

Lawmakers also spent a lot of time talking about our state's workforce, and how employers can't find sober or qualified workers to fill existing jobs. There was a lot of discussion about raising educational standards, attracting good teachers to the state to prepare this generation for the future and investing in community and technical programs to train workers now.

We are at a moment in West Virginia when our most urgent problem is not a lack of jobs. Lawmakers said it again and again — our people can't fill the jobs that are out there because they can't pass drug tests or don't have modern skills that employers need.

Job creation sounds great, but it shouldn't be West Virginia's top priority this session.

Getting West Virginians back to work should be. That has to be tied to adult education plus massive efforts to open up addiction and recovery treatment centers. Those steps might be able to salvage some portion of a generation of adult Mountain State adults who grew up in a haze of defeat and addiction.

Lawmakers indicate they can also now clearly see that public education is — for real — the key to our state's future. They were pressed about what they will do to address the needs of young children who enter school from foster care or broken families. These kids will be West Virginia's workforce in 15 short years.

As one lawmaker said, West Virginia has to hire school counselors and social workers in large number, and fill classrooms with qualified teachers now. This is the generation at stake now. Our lawmakers and governor know it. They have a golden moment to focus on giving kids a healthy, promising start so we all have a chance.

~ The Morgan Messenger

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MY UNBASED OPINION

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN



Last week in my Unbased Opinion about my catheterization, I said I had "bigger problems to solve." Here's the story.

I've suspected Scoot, my small, long hair, greyish black cat, has been having unwanted visitors, nights, when nobody's around. She's a bit thin and light for her fluffy size. Seems ravenous mornings after I've filled her bowl with dry food night before. I often found her bowls scattered before I fastened them in place.

I tied her dry food bowl to top handle on a tall galvanized trash can. She can hop up there with no problem, but other small animals might have a tougher time robbing her. By morning her bowl was empty and several times trash can was upset. A Raccoon? An Opossum? Fox or Coyote?

Friends gave me a remote camera for Christmas. Independent, motion and sound activated, small, versatile for aiming, WIFI for connection with my smart phone. It records "events," displays real time and I can even talk through it. I love it so far.

I set up "Scoot Cam 1" on my phone. I mounted it to cover back entry of Big House where Scoot lives. She eats, sleeps, basks, and grooms there.

First night, Scoot had a visitor. "White Foot" (WF). A stray cat, mostly black but white underneath and white feet. I've seen it as a feral cat around the hay barn near Doghouse across Rt. 259 from Big House. Think WF now lives under Big House with groundhogs and whatever other varmints. "She" comes out to enjoy Scoot's food at "her" night time leisure. I'd have to feed WF until I figured out how to separate her from Scoot. I got provoked when WF began spending nights in Scoots warm bed leaving Scoot out in the cold.

While contemplating WF's removal, a new development. Scoot Cam recorded "Possum" sneaking around the corner. If WF hadn't cleaned Scoots bowl by the time Possum arrived, Possum would do it for her.

Only idea I could think of to clean up Scoot's mess was a live trap. Bait it with dry cat food. If Scoot got caught in the trap, I'd simply turn her loose and hope she'd be so traumatized, she'd never go into it again. I'd reset and hope to catch one of the culprits, which I wouldn't simply turn loose.

I tried it. Set up the trap and went off to Bill and Mary Wicks' house to eat my own good supper with them. A short time after

supper, I checked Scoot Cam 1. WOW! Success. I had White Foot in my trap and she was squawking mad.

Mary went along down to take care of the situation with me. We decided to haul WF away and turn her loose. After all, Scoot was a stray when Mary fed her that first Vienna Sausage and made her my cat forever and I'm past the age when I didn't mind "deguviating" odd troublesome animals. We took WF up Warden Lake road a ways and turned her loose. She was under high acceleration when she left. Trap reset, I waited/hoped Possum would find it before morning.

Empty. Rebaited and reset that evening, I waited, watching through the camera. Nothing. No Possum. Scoot smelled around a couple times, but didn't enter.

I went to sleep at Doghouse to sounds of popping fire, rain on tin roof and rushing creek. Woke around 5:00 A.M., checked Scoot Cam and found I'd caught Scoot, mad and meowing. Possum never appeared on recorded events. White Foot did appear. She'd come back already.

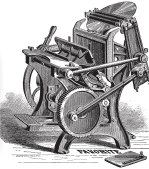
When I turned Scoot loose she dashed under the cellar steps leaving bloody foot prints behind

her. Bloody foot prints from what turned out to be a badly cut left front paw pad.

She didn't come out of her hidey hole for more than a day. When she did come out, she tried to eat me when I tried to examine her foot. Mary and I have been feeding her only during daylight. She left favorite foods partly eaten, but seemed to drink plenty of water. For a week she has hopped around tripod, carrying left front. All week long, in my head I heard my father, the veterinarian, "If the wound is where she can get to it, she'll take care of it better than you or I can."

Scoot's getting better fast, but last night a new recorded development. Another visitor. A cat of Many Colors (MC) wandered through followed a half hour later by Possum. It seems that now with outdoor water all frozen solid, animals are coming to Scoot's electrically warmed water bowl. They check prior food bowl locations, but leave when they find nothing.

I hadn't reset trap while Scoot was traumatized, but it's time. Just hope she has sense and memory enough to stay out of it.



GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES

Fifteen Years Ago February 4, 2004

After 44 years, Willard Earle retired from WELD-AM-FM and sold the local radio station to Curtis Durst and his wife, Sandy.

Expanded safeguards had been announced since the discovery of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) also known as mad cow disease in Washington State.

Summit Financial Group announced both record quarterly and annual earnings.

Raymond Butler Harr, 83, died Jan. 24...Mary Susan Bean, 80, died Jan. 24...William Arnold Kemp, 59, Richmond, VA, died Jan. 6...Sarah Jane Fox, 33, Old Fields, died Jan. 25...Jane Orndorff Funkhouser, 45, Wardensville, died Jan. 28...Viola Helmick Keplinger, 88, Buckhannon, WV, died Jan. 28...Millie Bell Tusing, 96, Lost City, died Jan. 27...Robert Nelson Taylor, Jr., 43, Rio died Jan. 26.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Link, a son, Camden Paul... Mia Grace Gaynor's birth was announced by Greg, Teresa and Madison...to Pam Kane and Kenneth Kerns, a daughter, Kortni Jean.

Thirty Years Ago February 1, 1989

Brandi Champ won first prize in the state in the elementary school category in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest. She received a \$75.00 check.

Dr. Vilas Eugene Misner was named General Manager of Rockingham Poultry, Inc.

The State Health Department issued a flu alert stemming from excessive cases in Southern West Virginia.

Nova Marshall Shields, 79, St. Albans, died Jan. 28...Eunice Jenkins Kite, 85, died Jan. 25...Martha Alt Whetzel, 93, died Jan. 23...Marcella Shell Snyder, 100, Prince

Frederick, MD, died Jan. 26 ...Thelma Marston Sheehy, 81, had died in Front Royal.

Kristi Ann Crites and Mark Wayne Sirk were married Oct. 8.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. David Judy, a daughter, Kendra Lynn...to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wratchford, a son, Jared Blaine...to Mr. and Mrs. Clint Boserman, a son, Samuel Jacob...to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Miller, a son, Jordan Michael...to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Markwood, a daughter, Heather Renee...to Mr. and Mrs. James G. Wright, a son, James Jordon.

Moorefield defeated Paw Paw 60-51 and lost to Franklin 82-53.

Forty-five Years Ago January 30, 1974

Although the South Fork crested two feet above normal following the snow melt and rain during Christmas week, the flood prevention dams kept back major flood waters. The Potomac Valley Soil Conservation District was negotiating to get the final three dams constructed which will control one-third of the watershed.

Emily Sue Thomas of Milam was named the first recipient of the Orval J. Anderson Memorial Scholarship at Potomac State College.

Sue Bradfield, Donna Alexander, Sam Neff and David Judy represented Hardy County at the Young Adult Conference at Jackson's Mill

Ralph W. Baldwin, 50, died Jan. 24...Howard E. Evans, Jr., 47, died Jan. 27...Floda Riggleman Pratt, 72, died Jan. 24...Felicia A. Omechinski, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Omechinski, died Jan. 23...Clara Shanholtzer Mathias, 71, Dunn, NC, died Jan. 24...Lillie Keller Heishman, 81, Lost City, died Jan. 21.

Mathias defeated Circleville 87-62 and lost to Moorefield 86-70...Wardensville lost to Warren County 62-41, Petersburg 72-48, and Clarke

County 85-63, but defeated Paw Paw 81-76 in double overtime... Moorefield defeated Keyser 74-44.

Sixty Years Ago February 3, 1959

The Mathias Community voted unanimously to form a volunteer fire company. Firemen from Moorefield, Capon Valley and Timberville were present to answer questions.

Survey parties from the USDA and Corps of Engineers were doing a study of the water resources of the Potomac River Basin.

All the possessions of the Bob Ketterman family were destroyed in a fire at Camp Yoko on the South Fork.

Mrs. Arthur Snider, Keyser, died Jan. 31...Lula Bean Bowman, 85, Charleston, died Jan. 29...Eston Floyd Crider died Dec. 19 at his home in Burlington, NC...Daisy Brown George, 49, Purgitsville, died Jan. 28.

Joyce Irene Wilkins and Ralph Donald Tusing were married Dec. 24.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Merle P. Barr, a daughter, Rebecca Lynn...to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Moyers, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Delawder, a son.

Moorefield lost to Piedmont 74-32 and defeated Mathias 64-47.

Seventy-five Years Ago February 2, 1944

Judge H. M. Calhoun made a plea to the Inter-Civic Group about the continuing need for salvage of vital materials.

Hardy County had only purchased \$19,000 in the Third War Bond Drive. The quota was \$115,800.

Eleven inches of snow had fallen during January.

Haven W. Kessel was promoted to Major. He was in England with

EXAMINER SAYS

Let's Hope

Years ago we remember reading about a bunch of forest fires in southern West Virginia which were intentionally set so that miners who were out of work could get paid to fight the fires. Some of the arsonists were caught and punished appropriately. For a while forest fires were fewer, at least the ones set just to provide jobs. Then recently four McDowell County firefighters were arrested and charged with arson for a series of blazes. Nothing was said about why the men set the fires. Think about it . . . fires set by the very men who have and can legitimately fight them. We're back to our favorite question: What were they thinking?

The Groundhog

We've heard it all now. A man in Mercer County was on trial for sexually abusing a 3-year-old girl. He told police — now read this carefully — that he abused her by accident. He thought the small child was his wife. Somehow, we cannot imagine anyone confusing a small child with a grown woman. Either this guy is totally whacko or just plain stupid. And by the way, this happened not once, but twice. After we wrote this we read that it took the jury less than 30 minutes to convict the man. He faces 80 to 270 years in prison. We do hope the system is going to give the child

as much help, care and TLC as she needs for as long as she needs it.

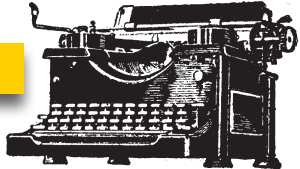
Sees No Sun

If the government shut down is still ongoing when you read this, or even if you just want to vent about it, please send us your comments. We know most of the local federal employees have been affected, but a lot of your friends and neighbors are affected by various agency shutdowns — food safety, school lunches, complaints to federal agencies, tax season and refunds, airport safety, new businesses needing federal approval and the list goes on...and on...and on. By the time you read this

the shutdown will have passed 40 days. The consequences are more than horrific, while the actions by the president who started this are unacceptable as are those of the Democrat House and the Republican Senate.

On February 2

We've had enough of winter with bitter cold, rain, sleet, snow and wind. When French Creek Freddie and Punxsutawney Phil wander out this Saturday to check the weather, it is hoped they do not see their shadows and spring arrives early. However, being practical, we realize that by the calendar there's still six weeks until spring truly arrives.



West Virginia Hunters Harvest 2,606 Black Bears in 2018

West Virginia hunters harvested 2,606 black bears during the combined 2018 archery and firearms seasons. The preliminary harvest for the combined 2018 seasons is 18 percent below the 3,160 bears killed in 2017, but is the sixth highest bear kill recorded, according to Colin Carpenter, black bear project leader for the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

Hunters killed 637 bears during the first segment of the 2018 archery season (Sept. 29 – Nov. 18). Bow hunters killed 374 bears, while crossbow hunters took 263. The top five counties were McDowell (54), Wyoming (49), Fayette (34), Nicholas (33) and Boone (29).

Firearms hunters harvested 1,969 bears during 2018. Hunters took 565 bears in September and October, including 18 bears during the concurrent antlerless deer/bear season. They took 537 bears during the concurrent buck/bear firearms season and 866 during the traditional December season. One bear was killed in Preston County during the first Mountaineer Heritage Season (Jan. 10 – 13, 2019). The top five counties were Pocahontas (166), Randolph (143), Nicholas (142), Pendleton (126) and Webster (125).

There were a total of 113 black bears killed in Hardy County. “When looking at all mast spe-



cies combined, mast production in 2018 was 22 percent below mast production in 2017,” Carpenter said. “In addition, the mast index for all oak species in 2018 was 24 percent below the long-term average. Historically, a scarcity of mast makes bears easier for archers to target, but these conditions encourage earlier denning and makes fewer bears available for hunters during both the buck firearms and December bear firearms seasons.”

Red oak, black oak and scarlet oak production decreased 64 percent from levels recorded in 2017. White oak production was nearly identical to 2017 and 42 percent

above the long-term average, while chestnut oak was 10 percent above the long-term average.

“The 2018 Mast Survey and Hunting Outlook predicted an archery harvest similar to 2017 and a decreased December firearms harvest over the levels observed in 2017,” Carpenter said. “The prediction held true for both the archery and December seasons; however, the overall bear harvest was lower than 2017. The 2018 bear harvest declined during the September/October, buck firearms and December seasons, yet increased during the bow/crossbow season.”

DNR Seeks Wildlife Paintings For Use In 2020 Calendar

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources is requesting original color wildlife paintings for the 2020 edition of the award-winning West Virginia Wildlife Calendar, according to DNR Wildlife Resources Section Chief Paul Johansen. The deadline for submitting artwork is Feb. 15, 2019.

Paintings may depict popular game and fish species or feature the state’s other wildlife such as snakes, frogs, turtles, salamanders, bats, songbirds, small mammals and nongame fish.

“This calendar offers a wonderful opportunity for artists to feature their work,” said Johansen. “Besides distribution in West Virginia, our calendars are enjoyed by people all over the United States.”

An electronic image of each en-

try capable of being sized at 14½ inches wide by 11½ inches high at 300 dpi is preferred, although a high-quality print will be accepted. Artists may send in multiple entries.

Artists are reminded that the calendar format is horizontal, with measurements of 14 inches wide by 11 inches high, and they should keep this ratio in mind when creating paintings.

Paintings not chosen in previous years may be resubmitted. “Just because the artwork is not selected one year doesn’t mean it will not be selected in the future,” said Johansen. “Often, there are several submissions of a particular species, and only one can be used in a given year.”

All artists, especially those from

West Virginia, are encouraged to submit their work. A \$200 prize is awarded for each painting chosen, with \$500 going to the artist whose artwork is picked for the cover. Paintings are chosen based on overall composition and quality, along with anatomical and contextual accuracy. The quality of the electronic image or submitted print is very important for judging the artwork.

To obtain 2020 calendar art rules or to purchase a 2019 calendar, please contact the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, Wildlife Calendar Art, P.O. Box 67, Elkins, WV 26241, phone (304) 637-0245. Electronic images should be emailed to: Jessica.N.Swecker@wv.gov.

NEWS BRIEFS

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Eastern WV Community and Technical College today from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Both regular blood and power red donations will be taken.

The West Virginia Secretary of State’s Office has launched a new website to make it easier to access information, services and resources. The website was designed to help people access information quickly. It supports the Secretary of State’s goal to streamline bureaucracy, enhance business and improve customer service.

On Feb. 12-13, 2019, the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) will host the 3rd annual “Arts in Our

Communities,” a statewide conference at the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex in Charleston, featuring national and state experts who will focus on creative community development. The two-day event will feature presentations and workshops by key national arts leaders, along with panel discussions by artists and arts organizations from across West Virginia. The event will feature networking opportunities and presenters from every region of the state. The “Arts in Our Communities” conference is free. Online registration and information about special hotel rates at the Holiday Inn Express Civic Center are available at <http://www.wvculture.org/arts/artsindex.aspx>.

According to AAA last week,

average gas prices in West Virginia were up slightly at \$2.279. The national gas price rose 3 cents to \$2.274. Pump prices continue to fluctuate, though modestly, for motorists filling up in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast region. The number of states seeing gas price average increases is growing. Across West Virginia cities, prices ranged from a low of \$2.209 at Weirton to a high of \$2.340 at Morgantown. Area county averages were \$2.382 in Jefferson, \$2.357 in Hampshire, and \$2.310 in Mineral counties. In Hardy County, gas prices stayed at \$2.49 in Baker for the third week. In Moorefield prices varied between \$2.35 and \$2.29.

West Virginia’s Community And Technical Colleges Create Economic Impact and Produce High-Earning Graduates

The West Virginia Community and Technical College System unveiled a new independent economic impact study that surveyed the value of the state’s public two-year higher education system. According to the study, conducted by Emsi, West Virginia’s community and technical colleges realize a \$1.2 billion total economic impact in the state. The study also found that graduates of CTCS institutions earn \$9,900 more each year compared to those with a high school diploma.

“We’re immensely proud of the work we do every day to equip West Virginians for the jobs that employers are working to fill right now across the state,” said Dr. Sarah Tucker, CTCS Chancellor. “There is enormous value in a community and technical college education in West Virginia, and there is an increasingly positive impact our graduates realize for the state’s economy. During this time of ongoing economic shifts and discussions around public higher education, these findings under-

score the genuine promise of a community college education in the Mountain State.”

Broken down, the economic impact of CTCS alumni totals \$1.1 billion in added income in West Virginia; the impact of institutional operations, including annual payroll and other spending, represents \$98.2 million; and the impact of student spending totals \$8 million. Altogether, this income supports more than 17,000 jobs across the state.

In addition to direct economic impact, the study found high returns on investments by students who earn an associate degree from a CTCS institution. The findings show that these students earn an average \$40,300 salary, compared to \$30,400 for those with a high school diploma or equivalent working in the state.

Additional key takeaways from the study include:

- For every public dollar invested in CTCS, the institutions return \$3.00 to the state. Taxpayers’ average annual rate of return is 8.3

percent.

- For every dollar students invest in their CTCS education, they receive \$4.80 in higher future earnings. Students’ annual rate of return is 21.7 percent.

- As a result of people not needing assistance or being incarcerated, for every dollar invested in CTCS education, taxpayers in West Virginia will receive \$8.30 in return for as long as students remain active in the state workforce.

- In return for the state’s CTCS investments during fiscal year (FY) 2016-17, West Virginia’s economy will grow by \$2.4 billion over the course of students’ working lives.

The study measured the economic impact created by CTCS in FY 2016-17 on the business community and the benefits the nine colleges generate in return for investments made by students, taxpayers and society. During that year, CTCS institutions served 26,337 credit students and 6,548 non-credit students, while employing 1,950 staff, faculty and administrators.

An Array of Planets Will Be Visible in the February Sky

By Dr. Bob Doyle
Special to Examiner

As February opens, both dawn and dusk last an hour in the region.

In early February, there is a lovely arch of planets and the crescent moon low in the southeastern dawn. At 6:20 a.m., one can see (from left to right) the planet Saturn, the crescent moon, the brilliant planet Venus, the bright planet Jupiter and the bright pinkish star Antares (of the Scorpion).

In February, the prominent evening stars and star groups are in Orion, where the belt points up and right to Taurus, the belt points down and left to Sirius and the Big Dog, and the two brightest stars point upward to Gemini. The Big Dipper’s bowl (four stars) is low in the north-northeast sky with the top two stars pointing left to the North Star. The bright star Vega is low in the northwest in early evening. The bright golden star Capella is nearly overhead.

Prominent dawn stars and star groups in February are the Summer Triangle (Vega, Deneb and Altair) in the northeast, the Big Dipper, upside down and high in the north, and Cassiopeia of five stars low in the north, resembling a letter W. Extend Big Dipper’s handle to come to the bright golden star Arcturus, nearly overhead. The right pinkish star Antares (of the Scorpion) in the south is to the right of bright Jupiter and brilliant Venus. Leo’s sickle is in the west.

In the first quarter of February, sunrise is at 7:20 a.m. with

sunset at 5:37 p.m. Daily sunlight lasts 10 hours and 17 minutes. The sun is in Capricornus through mid-month. There will be a new moon on Feb. 4. A crescent moon will be low in the western dusk on Feb. 6 and 7. The planet at dusk in the southwest is Mars.

In the second quarter of February, sunrise is at 7:13 a.m. with sunset 5:45 p.m., Daily sunlight lasts 10 hours and 32 minutes. The sun is in Capricornus through Feb. 15. There will be a half-full evening moon on Feb. 12, and the moon will be above the bright star Aldebaran on Feb. 13, late in the evening. Planets at dawn in the southeast are Saturn, brilliant Venus and Jupiter. The planet at dusk in the southwest is Mars.

During the third quarter of February, sunrise is at 7:04 a.m. with sunset at 5:54 p.m. Daily sunlight lasts 10 hours and 49 minutes. The sun is in Aquarius. There will be a full moon on Feb. 19 (the brightest full moon of 2019). The planets at dawn in the southeast are Saturn, brilliant Venus and Jupiter. Venus and Saturn will be only a degree apart (two moon widths) on Feb. 18. The planet at dusk in the southwest is Mars.

In the fourth quarter, sunrise is at 6:55 a.m. with sunset at 6:01 p.m. Daily sunlight lasts 11 hours and seven minutes. The sun is in Aquarius. There will be a half-full



morning moon (like a reversed letter D in the southern dawn) on Feb. 26. The planets at dawn in the southeast are Saturn, brilliant Venus and Jupiter. The planet at dusk in the southwest is Mars.

On Feb. 28, the planets and moon have exchanged places relative to the Feb. 1 dawn. At 6 a.m., the arch (from left to right) consists of brilliant Venus, the planet Saturn, the crescent moon, the bright planet Jupiter and the pinkish star Antares.

For more information about space, email Dr. Bob Doyle at rdoyle@frostburg.edu.

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Corrections

- In the article entitled, “Day Report Program’s Broad Reach Save Taxpayer Dollars” it was erroneously stated Tara Combs is a graduate of the Drug Court Program. Combs was never in Drug Court. The Examiner regrets the error.
- In the article entitled, “South Branch River Fest Comes to Hardy County in May,” the contact email should read southbranchriverfest.com. The Examiner regrets the error.

Community Presentation

Edna Mullenax from Eastern WV Community Action will address Wardensville’s VFW Capon Post 2102 on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 9 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 8.

The event is open to the public.

Taxes Due

The Sheriff’s Office would like to remind taxpayers the 2nd half of 2018 taxes are due by March 01, 2019 to receive discount. Also 2018 taxes will be delinquent if not paid by April 01, 2019. After April 01, 2019 the Sheriff’s Office will accept full payment only. Any taxes not paid by April 30 will be published in the Moorefield Examiner.

Flu Shots

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

information.

Office Renovations

The Moorefield Town Office will be closed for renovations. They ask that any customers paying their bills, use the side door. The front office will be closed during that time. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Registration

Registration for Pre-K in Hardy County will be held on Friday, Feb. 1 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Moorefield Early Learning Center/Head Start, 112 Beans Lane for the Moorefield area. You will need to bring several documents with you to registration.

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

Girls On The Run

Girls on the Run at the Hardy County Health and Wellness Center has openings for girls in grades 3 - 5.

Practice starts Tuesday, Jan. 29 from 3:15 - 5 p.m. Call 304-538-7380 for information.

Food School

The Hardy County Health Department will host Food School on Monday, Feb. 4 at 9 a.m. at the Health Department, 411 Spring Ave. and at 7 p.m. at Moorefield High School. Classes are on a first-come, first-served basis. For information, call 304-530-6355.

Public Meeting

The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting will

be held on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the USDA Service Center in Moorefield. A copy of the agenda will be available three days prior to the meeting and may be obtained at the District office, 500 East Main St., Romney, or by calling 304-822-5174. The public is invited to attend.

Tri-County Fair Meeting

The Tri-County Fair annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the fairgrounds. The meeting will include the election of a director for a three-year term from Grant, Hardy and Pendleton counties and review of the 2018 financial report. The dates for the 2019 fair will be July 27 - August 3.

Mobile Office

A member of Congressman Mooney’s staff will be available in Hardy County to meet with constituents who may be having problems with a federal agency. They ask that constituents bring copies of documentation related to their issues. A representative will be available on Monday, Feb. 18 from 11 a.m. to Noon at the Hardy County Court House, 204 Washington St. in Moorefield and from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wardensville Town Hall in Wardensville.

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Earn your WV High School Equivalency diploma. Prepare for college and careers. Call Hardy County Adult Education at 304-434-8000, Ext. 9234.

HARDY LIFE



SOUTH BRANCH CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER

Giving Students Options for Their Future

By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

This is the second part of the two-part series about the South Branch Career and Technical Center. This part describes the individual programs of study available at SBCTC.

South Branch Career and Technical Center in Petersburg gives students from Hardy, Grant and Pendleton counties a myriad of options to traditional high school.

The West Virginia Department of Education Career and Technical Education programs have 16 different concentrations into which programs at the local level must fall. They are:

- Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
- Architecture and Construction
- Art, A/V Technology and Communications
- Business Management and Administration
- Education and Training
- Finance
- Government and Public Administration
- Health Sciences
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Human Service
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security
- Manufacturing
- Marketing
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
- Transportation, Distribution and Logistics

Students must apply to SBCTC and choose up to three areas of interest. There is an interview process and the student's attendance and behavior are taken into consideration for placement.

Michael Hipp is the instructor for Industrial Equipment Maintenance program. The class covers

fundamentals like metal drilling and tapping as well as hydraulics and pneumatics, electrical wiring and motor controls.

"We have solar panels that power the classroom lights," Hipp said. "The solar power is stored in batteries and can power the classroom all day."

All of the classroom lights are LED and the IEM students are working to retrofit all of the school's lights with LED, which are more energy efficient.

Hipp said kids don't know the number of opportunities available to them through Career and Technical Education.

"Kids think college is the way to make money," he said. "If you go through a CTE program, once you get out, it's unlimited as to what you can make."

Welding instructor Tim Kiser agrees. "You can go to the pipe fitters union in Morgantown, go to school, work and get paid while you're going to school," he said.

The Welding program is very popular at SBCTC. In addition to welding theory, students study metallurgy, blueprint reading and metal fabrication.

Kiser and SBCTC are licensed to certify students in Shielded Metal Arc Welding, Gas Metal Arc Welding, Gas Tungsten Arc Welding and Flux Core Arc Welding. Kiser has a copy of every certification his students have earned.

"I think this school is the gem of the community," Kiser said.

"Where else can you go, play with fire, beat on things with a hammer and go to school."

Brandon Huffman teaches the Carpentry program, which is significantly more than just hammering nails. Of course, students learn the basic skills, but their first year is spent learning construction math.

In their second year, students learn how to operate advanced tools, as well as more advanced math.

"We have a partnership with the Lost River State Park," Huffman said. "We are building wood sheds for them. They bring the materials and we build them."

"We will also be building one of the 'tiny houses' for the Hardy County Schools Community Development Project."

In addition to a Broadcasting program, SBCTC has its own radio station. WVXS - 104.1, broadcasts "classic country" music. The FCC license and some of the equipment were purchased from the West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind last year.

Travis Hansrote is the instructor for the program.

Students learn radio and television broadcasting, as well as video recording and editing. They broadcast Petersburg High School soccer games and WVU Potomac State basketball and volleyball games.

"Our studios are modeled after high tech radio stations," Hansrote said. "When they leave here they are job or college ready."

In the Computer Systems and Repair Technology, students learn installation, preventative maintenance, networking, security and troubleshooting. Mark Bowman teaches the courses.

Vendor-neutral certifications in security, networking, RFID and Linux are available for a career in entry-level PC support.

Students are also learning robotics and coding in the course.

The Therapeutic Services/Allied Health program is training Certified Nursing Assistants and students in Medical Terminology.

Those students in the CNA program must complete 155 classroom and clinical hours of training. They get their clinical hours at the Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center.

"We offer the state license test," said instructor Candi Kite. "There are two parts - skills and written. The students must pass both parts to be certified."

Monica Bennett teaches the Crime Scene Investigation class as well as the Careers in Education program.

"We study old cases like the Casey Anthony case, the Jon Benet Ramsey case and the Lindbergh baby case," Bennett said. "We recently did a fingerprint analysis."

In Careers in Education, classes include Overcoming Barriers to Education, Emotional Development and Literacy Awareness.

Bennett also teaches the Career and Work Skills Training course, which provides students with general job-seeking and job-keeping skills. As part of the program, students are placed with employers who provide on-the-job training.

The Cosmetology program combines classroom study and practical experience in a salon setting. Jennifer Miller is the instructor.

The Cutting Edge School of Cosmetology is open to the public and features a variety of services in hair, nails and aesthetics (skin care and makeup).

Following successful completion of the course, students take a state test and are licensed in their area of expertise.

"Each program has different course requirements," Miller said. "A full cosmetology license requires 1,800 hours. A hair stylist is 1,000,



Carpentry students Brian Fussell, Daniel Taylor and Christian Ours at the planer. Instructor Brandon Huffman supervises.

Photos by Jean Flanagan



Jim Humphrey gets a trim from Cosmetology student Kayla Halterman with instructor Jennifer Miller supervising.

but is only licensed for hair. Aesthetics require 800 hours and nails 400 hours."

The Cutting Edge is open to the public on the campus throughout the week at various times. Appointments are appreciated, but walk-ins are welcome.

The Options Pathway program is an alternative high school completor for students who are in danger of dropping out of school. It combines a high school equivalency program and a Career and Technical Education completor course.

"Students leave with a high school diploma and a skill," said instructor Steve Arbaugh. "Students must be 16 years old and must take a test to be admitted."

The program is self-paced and very individualized. Students prepare for a readiness test and must pass it before they can register for the state-administered High School Equivalency test. "They register online and it is given once a month," Arbaugh said.

Students must pass five sections to qualify for a diploma. They are reading, writing, math, science and social studies.

SBCTC Administrative Director Tracy Chenoweth stressed that courses can be established in any program that falls into the state's 16 concentrations of study.

"If enough students are interested, we can build a course," she said. "We can do part of the program here and other parts can be done via the Virtual School."

"We also have a tremendous number of business partners and can arrange job shadowing and internships."

For the first time in its history,

SBCTC has a Military Club.

"I want to build a Jr. ROTC program," Chenoweth said. "This is our first step."

Members of the West Virginia Army National Guard come to SBCTC once a month and offer JROTC-type instruction. Students who participate can also spend a

week at Camp Dawson in a simulated basic training scenario.

Descriptions of SBCTC programs and courses of study are listed on their website, www.southbranchtech.org. Anyone with questions can call the school at 304-257-1331.

SBCTC Was 'Just What He Needed'

Traditional classroom education is not for everyone. Such was the case for Clayton Strawderman.

"Clayton did not enjoy the traditional classroom structure," his mother, Jennifer said. "South Branch Career and Technical Center was really a God-send for him."

Assistant Superintendent of Hardy County Schools Jennifer Strawderman has a unique perspective. She was both assistant principal and principal at East Hardy High School, and her son, Clayton attended South Branch CTC.

Clayton started welding when he was 13. He'd help his dad with things around the house. Then he started creating art from scrap metal.

He made reindeer from re-bar, flowers from spoons. His claim to fame, at least in the Lost River area, is birds made from shovels, rakes, brake drums, lawn mower blade and anything else he can find.

When Clayton was a sophomore, he went on the tour of SBCTC, applied and was accepted into the Welding program.

"The concept of going for the interview made him very nervous," Jennifer said. "He really

put some thought into it to sell himself."

At East Hardy High School, the schedule is such that juniors and seniors can complete their graduation requirements and attend SBCTC.

Clayton had science, math, English and history in that order. "He had to leave early from history, so that was a challenge," Jennifer said. "It's up to the students to make up that work."

But Clayton had found his niche.

"He really enjoyed the classes," Jennifer said. "He even went to the night classes two nights a week to do extra work."

Clayton graduated from East Hardy High School and SBCTC. He has a high school diploma and several welding certifications.

In the fall of 2018, he enrolled in the Hobart Institute of Welding Technology in Troy, Ohio.

"It's a one-year program," Jennifer said. "He tells me he's learned so much, it's very fast-paced."

"We're very proud that Clayton took the initiative to go to South Branch. It was something he was really interested in and the program was just what he needed."



Computer Repair students James Nelson, Ethan Herron and Benjamin Kimble study a program.



Michael Hipp is the instructor in the Industrial Maintenance program. The work stations pictured were assembled by students in the program.



Tim Kiser instructs the Welding program. Students can receive certification in various types of welding.



The Automotive program has a lift with the capacity to handle large trucks.

OBITUARIES

GERALD FRANKLIN COOK

Gerald Franklin Cook, age 70, of Moorefield, W.Va., went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at his residence. Born on May 11, 1948 in Moorefield, W.Va., he was the son of the late Elmer Thomas Cook and Alice Marie Strawderman Cook. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Ruth Elizabeth Davy. He is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Brenda Sue Crites Cook; one sister, Brenda Lee Crider of Purgitsville, W.Va.; one

brother, Robert Thomas Cook of Moorefield, W.Va.; his mother-in-law, Catherine Funk of Dorcas, W.Va.; and several nieces and nephews. Gerald started refinishing automobiles when he was fifteen years old and painted his last automobile in 2013. He preferred Ford over a Chevy and enjoyed joking with his friends about which was the best, mostly while he was working on his broken down Ford. He would say God only had Ford dealerships in heaven. He called

it job security for the angels. A funeral service was held at Elmore Funeral Home in Moorefield, W.Va. on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. with Pastor Doug Bowers, Sr. and Pastor Danny Sterns officiating. Burial followed at Olivet Cemetery, Moorefield, W.Va., but he will be walking the streets of gold in his new heavenly body. Arrangements are under the direction of Elmore Funeral Home.

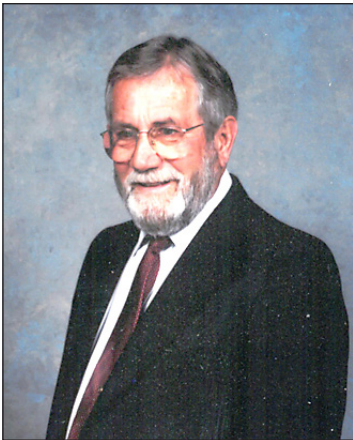


JOHN PAUL HALTERMAN

John Paul Halterman, 92, of New Creek Highway, Keyser, W.Va., passed to his eternal home on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at his home while under the care of Potomac Valley Hospice. Born on August 1, 1926 in Moorefield, W.Va., he was a son of the late Brown and Elsie (Getz) Halterman. He also was preceded in death by a sister, Pauline Margaret and two brothers, Junior Brown Halterman and Louis Halterman. Mr. Halterman was a graduate of Moorefield High School and was a US Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. For many years, he was the owner and operator of Halterman's Seamless Gutters in Moorefield. He attended the Fountain United Brethren in Christ Church where he sang in the choir and also

was a member of Boyce-Houser Post # 41, American Legion, Keyser. He also attended the Promise Keepers meetings. Surviving is his wife of 36 years, Tam (Nguyen) Halterman; one daughter, Donna Doran and husband Michael of Winchester, Va.; a son, Jay Halterman of Martinsburg, W.Va.; one stepdaughter, Zorro Violet Reel of Berkeley Springs, W.Va.; six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. John is also survived by three sisters, Betty Hott of Yellow Spring, W.Va., Frankie Riemenschneider of Elkins, W.Va. and Beverly Baughman of Florida. Friends may call at the Fountain United Brethren in Christ Church on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be conducted immediately following the visitation at 12:00 p.m. with Rev. Dr. Daryl M. Elliott officiating. A bereavement meal will be served immediately following the funeral service and a graveside committal service will be conducted at the Olivet Cemetery in Moorefield, W.Va. at 2:45 p.m. Graveside military honors will be accorded. The family requests that memorial contributions be directed to Potomac Valley Hospice, 100 Pin Oak Lane, Keyser, WV 26726. The family also would like to extend special thanks to both Veterans In Home Care and Potomac Valley Hospice for all of their care in the last months. Condolences and personal re-



flections to the family may be left after Mr. Halterman's obituary at smithfuneralhomes.net. The Smith Funeral Home, Keyser Chapel, is in charge of the arrangements.

RENICK EUGENE MYERS

Renick Eugene Myers, age 74 of Beltsville, Md. passed away Wednesday evening, January 16, 2019 at Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC. Born on January 9, 1945 in Old Fields, W.Va., he was a son of the late Charles Edgar Myers and Irene Elizabeth Reel Myers. His wife, Anna (Helmick) Myers preceded him in death in March 2016. A grandson, Jacob and brothers, "Fuzz" and Tommy also preceded him in death. Renick was employed and work-

ing for Orndorff & Spaid, Inc. of Beltsville for 51 years. He was an energetic person that was meticulous about how his grass was mowed with his John Deere and his yard resembled a golf course. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing and loved Hardy County, W.Va. Surviving is a son, Renick E. Myers, Jr. of Beltsville, MD; a daughter, Melissa D. and husband J.D. Berry of Tuckerman, Ark.; grandchildren, Matthew, James and Kimberly(husband Daniel); great-

grandchildren, Matthew, Max and Makayla; four brothers, Dave Myers of Petersburg, W.Va., Floyd Myers of Lost River, W.Va., George Myers of Petersburg, W.Va. and Elwood Myers of Moorefield, W.Va.; and four sisters, Becky I. Taylor of Old Fields, W.Va., Betty J. Kesner of Moorefield, W.Va., Mary B. Carr of Cumberland, MD and Louise Kidwell of Moorefield, W.Va. There are three grandchildren. Funeral Services were conducted 11:00 AM Wednesday, January 23,

2019 at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel, 107 Washington St., with Pastor Brad Taylor officiating. Interment followed at the Asbury Cemetery, Baker, W.Va. Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on Renick's Tribute Wall at www.fraleyfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Fraley Funeral Home.

DORTHEA MARIA SHERMAN

Dorthea Maria Sherman, age 67 of Pine Avenue, Moorefield, W.Va., passed away Friday afternoon, January 25, 2019 at the Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg, W.Va. Born on April 15, 1951 in Harrisonburg, Va., she was a daughter of the late Raymond Welton See and Thelma Arene Cullers See. Dorthea enjoyed the outdoors especially flowers. She enjoyed shopping for that deal and just being around and with people. She was always a hugger, choosing never to just shake a hand, as no one she met was a stranger. She was vigilant and steadfast in her faith journey even after she was unable to attend services at Believers Victory Center. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. Surviving is her husband, Bradley K. Sherman; a son, Melvin L. "Tucker" Eye of Petersburg, W.Va.; two daughters, Michelle L. Parker

and Cathy L. Reed of Moorefield, W.Va.; five brothers, Charles M. See of Winchester, Va., Franklin L. See of Virginia Beach, Va., Thomas J. See of East Ridge, Tenn., Raymond W. See of Pittsburgh, Pa. and Thomas L. Miller of Petersburg, W.Va.; two sisters, Rebecca S. Strawderman of Mathias, W.Va. and Penny Louise Poe of Baker, W.Va.; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 AM Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel, 107 Washington St., with Pastor Franklin L. See as officiant. Interment will follow at the Olivet Cemetery. Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on Dorthea's Tribute Wall at www.fraleyfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Fraley Funeral Home.

DEANNA KAY POLING

Deanna Kay Poling, age 47 of Trough Road, Moorefield, W.Va., passed away Thursday morning, January 24, 2019 at her residence. Born on August 12, 1971 in Cumberland, Md. she was a daughter of Lydia Kathleen Mulligan Dennison of Springfield, W.Va. and the late John Lawrence Dennison. Deanna was the secretary for Romney Middle School having just transferred from the Romney Elementary School. She attended the Moorefield Church of God where she was a beautiful musician as well as an accomplished pianist. Her favorite color was blue and she was always involved with youth anywhere she could. Surviving is her husband of 11 years, Joseph Michael Poling; a son, Tristan M. Dennison of Moorefield, W.Va.; three brothers, Corey Dennison and Melissa McNamee of Somerville, OH, Jonathan Dennison and Casey Bridge

of Springfield, W.Va. & Nathan and Brittany Dennison of Purgitsville, W.Va.; brother-in-laws, Steve and Julie Poling of Fisher, W.Va., Dave and Kellie Poling of Fisher, W.Va., and Randy and April Poling of Fort Seybert, W; sister-in-law, Connie and Brian Suman of Royal, W.Va. and several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were conducted 11:00 AM Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at the Moorefield Church of God, 217 S Elm Street with Pastors Doug & Pamela Bowers officiating. Graveside Committal Services followed at 1:00 PM at Springfield Hill Cemetery, 60 Springfield Depot Road, Springfield, W.Va. Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on Deanna's Tribute Wall at www.fraleyfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Fraley Funeral Home.

ALLEN EUGENE DEAN

Allen Eugene Dean, 84, of Moorefield, W.Va. passed away on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at E.A. Hawse Nursing & Rehab, Baker, W.Va. Born on April 28, 1934 in Page Co., Va., he was the son of the late Corbin Dean and Beatrice Sellers Dean. He was very skilled in archery, having won many tournaments and trophies in his younger years. He was a fan of the Atlanta Braves and

the Washington Nationals. He is survived by a daughter, Nancy Connellee and husband Mike and granddaughter, Deanna Connellee, all of Grottoes, Va. The family expresses a special thank you to Julie and the entire staff at E.A Hawse Nursing & Rehab for the care given there. All services are private and are under the direction of McKee Funeral Home, Baker, W.Va.

DELMA MADGE MONGOLD

Delma Madge Mongold, 86, of Baker, W.Va. passed away January 18, 2019 at E.A. Hawse Nursing Home in Baker. She was born July 31, 1932 in Af-ton, Oklahoma, and was a daughter of the late Charles Eli and Madge May Spears Heltzel. Delma was a housewife. She was a member of Garrett's Chapel United Methodist Church, and the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post #7780 in Mathias. On December 27, 1954 she married Houston B. "Hoot" Mongold, Sr., who preceded her in death December 4, 2002. Her second husband George Hinkle, also preceded her in death. Surviving are two sons, Houstin B. Mongold, Jr. of Moorefield, W.Va., John M. Mongold of Dor-

cas, W.Va.; three daughters, Kathy Lynn Mongold of Broadway, Carla May Simmons of Mathias, Eva Kay Mongold of Bergton, Va.; one grandson, David Simmons, Jr.; two step-daughters; and numerous step grandchildren. Her son, Charles David Mongold, and granddaughter, Carrie Simmons, preceded her in death. Rev. Jonathan Hedrick conducted a funeral service 2:00 PM Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2019 at Grandle Funeral Home chapel in Broadway. Burial was in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Mathias. Friends may leave online condolences for the family at www.grandlefuneralhome.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Grandle Funeral Home in Broadway, Va.

Hardy County Health Department Announces February Schedule

The Hardy County Health Department is located at 411 Spring Ave. in Moorefield. The following is the schedule for October, by appointment only: Tuesday, Feb. 12 - Family Planning and Breast & Cervical Screening 1 - 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19 - Family Planning and Breast and Cervical Screening 8 -11a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26 - Family Planning and Breast and Cervical Screening 8 - 11 a.m. and 1 - 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4 - Food Service

Workers Training Session- 9 a.m. at Hardy County Health Department. Please use back entrance off Lee Street. Monday, Feb. 4 - Food Service Workers Training Session. 7 p.m. Moorefield High School Immunization and family planning supply clinics are held each Wednesday with no appointment necessary. Call 304-530-6355 for information. Visit the website www.hardy-countyhealthdepartment.com

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

A Howell game was played on Wednesday, Jan. 23 with four tables in play in the South Branch Duplicate Bridge Club held at Colts Restaurant. There were eight pairs playing 28 boards with an average match-point score of 42. Overall winners were Sandra

Evans and Bill Fisher, 53 1/2; Lary Garrett and Steve Kimble, 50; Lucy Kimble and Dorothy Wilson, 48; Helen Chambers and Sue Halterman, 44 1/2. The bridge club meets each Wednesday at Colts Restaurant beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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304-434-2547
Saturday Mass 6:30 PM
Sunday Mass 9:00 AM

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10 Queens Drive
Rig, WV 26836
(304) 434-2073
www.rigassemblyofgod.org

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504 Trough Road
Moorefield, WV
Sabbath School – 9:30 a.m.
Worship – 11:00 a.m.
304-703-8997

Moorefield Assembly of God

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

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Rt. 55 East, Moorefield
just before Corridor H exit
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Church Service – 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service – 6:30 p.m.
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February 2019

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February 15 – SAVAGE AXIS 225
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February 17 – MOSSBERG PATRIOT 22-250
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February 19 – SAVAGE AXIS 6.5 CREEDMORE
February 20 – \$250.00
February 21 – MOSSBERG PATRIOT 30-06
February 22 – \$250.00
February 23 – THOMPSON CENTER 7mm MG
February 24 – \$250.00
February 25 – REMINGTON 700 BDL 270
February 26 – \$500.00
February 27 – REMINGTON 700 BDL 243
February 28 – \$500.00

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Hardy County Schools Announce Feb. Menu

Friday, February 1 – Hamburg-
er/Bacon Cheeseburger, Potato
Wedges, Frozen Fruit Cup
Monday, February 4 – Hot Dog
on Roll, Baked Beans, Applesauce
Tuesday, February 5 – Ham &
Cheese Croissant, Steamed Broccoli,
Pineapple, Snack Bag
Wednesday, February 6 – Hot
Turkey Sandwich with Gravy,
Mashed Potatoes, Pears
Thursday, February 7 – Popcorn
Chicken/Spicy Chicken Strips,
Mac and Cheese, Mixed Veggies,
Mixed Fruit
Friday, February 8 – Pepperoni
Roll, Marinara Dipping Sauce,
Cooked Carrots, Frozen Fruit Cup
Monday, February 11 – Steak
'n Cheese Sub, Steamed Broccoli,
Fruit Cocktail
Tuesday, February 12 – Salisbury
Steak, Mashed Potatoes with

Gravy, Wheat Rolls, Applesauce
Wednesday, February 13 – La-
sagna, Green Beans, Garlic Toast,
Pears
Thursday, February 14 – Chick-
en Quesadilla, Rice, Refried
Beans, Bold Cherry Sidekick,
Pineapple
Friday, February 15 - Pizza, Or-
ange-Glazed Carrots, Peaches
Monday, February 18 – Pork
Rib/BBQ Sandwich, Sweet Potatoes,
Mixed Fruit
Tuesday, February 19 – Chicken
Nuggets, Sauce Dipper, Winter
Blend, Fruit Crisp
Wednesday, February 20 –
Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes
with Gravy, Roll, Frozen Fruit Cup
Thursday, February 21 – Tan-
gerine Chicken, Rice, Steamed
Broccoli, Pears
Friday, February 22 – Taco/

Walking Taco, Beans with Ham/
Black Bean Salad, Pineapple,
Chocolate or Vanilla Pudding
Monday, February 25 – Chicken
Patty Sandwich, Oven Fries, Pears
Tuesday, February 26 – Cal-
zone, Marinara Sauce, Carrots,
Frozen Fruit Cup
Wednesday, February 27 – Spa-
ghetti, Garlic Toast, Green Beans,
Pineapple
Thursday, February 28 – Salis-
bury Steak, Mashed Potatoes with
Gravy, Roll, Applesauce
Sauce Dippers may include
ketchup, honey mustard, or BBQ
sauces.
All lunches are served with a
fresh fruit and garden bar, includ-
ing vegetables, fruits, dressings,
and condiments.
Menus are subject to change -
although we try our best to serve

posted menus, however, some-
times circumstances beyond our
control require us to make last
minute menu changes. We strive
to provide the most accurate and
up-to-date information, however
nutritional content of menu items
may vary due to variations in recip-
es, product and seasonal availabil-
ity, and the likelihood of substitu-
tions from food service providers.
Some of our calculations are aver-
ages based on the flavors available.
Please forward questions to the
Office of Child Nutrition at Hardy
County Schools.
Middle and High School stud-
ents may have larger portions or
additional items on the menu in or-
der to meet nutritional guidelines
and meal component totals.

AT THE LIBRARY

New Fiction

Crucible (Sigma Force; 14) by
James Rollins (Reg. Print, Ig.
Print, Audiobook) – After his
home is attacked and his preg-
nant girlfriend is kidnapped, Com-
mander Gray Pierce and the Sigma
Force confront deep spiritual mys-
teries tracing back to the Spanish
Inquisition.

The Rule of Law (Dismas Hardy;
18) by John Lescroart (Reg. Print,
Audiobook) – Attorney Dismas
Hardy finds himself in the unlikel-
y position of having to defend his
faithful longtime assistant, Phyllis,
from being charged as an accessori-
to murder at the same time her
brother is released from prison.

The Golden Tresses of Death
(Flavia de Luce; 10) by Alan Brad-
ley – Setting up shop to solve
crimes, twelve-year-old Flavia de
Luce, aided by trusty gardener
Dogger, investigates a grisly dis-
covery in her older sister's wedding
cake.

Secrets at Cedar Cabin (Laven-
der Tides; 3) by Colleen Coble –
Running for her life in the wake
of her mother's murder, Brenna
Fleming flees to a cabin in Laven-
der Tides where she discovers that
everything she believed about her-
self has been a lie.

*The Accidental Further Advent-
ures of the 100-Year-Old Man* by
Jonas Jonasson – When a hot air
balloon ride ends with a sea land-
ing and an unexpected rescue from
a North Korean ship, one hun-
dred-year-old Allan Karlsson and
his sidekick Julius find themselves
in the middle of a diplomatic crisis

of epic proportions.

Summoned to Thirteenth Grave
(Charley Davidson; 13) by Daryn-
da Jones – Grim Reaper Char-
ley Davidson returns from having
been kicked off the earthly plane
for 100 years. Now that she's back
on Earth, it's time to put to rest
burning questions that need an-
swers.

The Conspiracy by Kat Martin –
Investigating the disappearance of
his best friend, Chase Garrett, the
wealthy owner of Maximum Secu-
rity, uncovers unscrupulous busi-
ness dealings at the same time he
compromises his beliefs by falling
for his friend's sister.

No Sunscreen for the Dead
(Serge Storms; 22) by Tim Dorsey
– Serge and Coleman are back on
the road, ready to hit the next stop
on their list of obscure and wacky
points of interest in the Sunshine
State. But what starts out as an
innocent quest to observe elders
in their natural habitats, soon be-
comes a Robin Hood-like crusade
to recover the funds of swindled
residents.

The Light Over London by Ju-
lia Kelly – Unable to confront the
challenges in her own life, Cara
Hargraves immerses herself in
work for her antiques-dealer boss,
uncovering relics from the life of
World War II British "Gunner
Girl" Louise Keene and her com-
plicated relationship with a man
named Paul.

The Current by Tim Johnston
– When two young women leave
their college campus in the dead
of winter for a 700-mile drive
north to Minnesota, they sud-

denly find themselves fighting for
their lives in the icy waters of the
Black Root River, just miles from
home. One girl's survival, and the
other's death--murder, actually--
stun the citizens of a small Min-
nesota town, thawing memories of
another young woman who lost her
life in the same river ten years ear-
lier, and whose killer may yet live
among them.

New Non-Fiction

The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee:
Native America from 1890 to the
Present by David Treuer – An an-
thropologist chronicles Native
American life from the Wounded
Knee massacre to the present,
tracing the unprecedented re-
sourcefulness and reinvention of
distinctive tribal cultures that as-
similated into mainstream life to
preserve Native identity.

New YA Fiction

The Fork, the Witch, and the
Worm (Tales from Alagaesia; 1) by
Christopher Paolini – Three new
stories of Eragon set a year after
he left Alagaesia to find a home
to train the newest generation of
Dragon riders.

New JR Fiction

Dragon Pearl by Yoon Ha Lee –
Min, a thirteen-year-old girl with
fox-magic, stows away on a battle
cruiser and impersonates a cadet in
order to solve the mystery of what
happened to her older brother in
the Thousand World Space Forces.

New Easy Readers

Hush, Little Bunny by David
Ezra Stein – A father rabbit offers
messages of nurturing protection
and comfort to his baby.

The Goose Egg by Liz Wong –
Henrietta the elephant's serene
life is disrupted when a baby goose
comes to stay, but after Goose fi-
nally leaves, Henrietta no longer
enjoys the quiet.

Turkey's Eggcellent Easter (Tur-
key Trouble; 4) by Wendi Silvano –
Easter is almost here--and Turkey
knows just how to celebrate. He's
going to win the eggstra-special
Easter egg hunt! The only prob-
lem is that animals aren't allowed
to enter. So he and his barnyard
friends come up with a top-secret
plan. With his trademark disguis-
es and a whole lot of help, Turkey
goes undercover. Will his basket of
tricks help him win a prize?

Honeysmoke: A Story of Finding
Your Color by Monique Fields – A
young biracial girl searches for the
perfect color word to describe her-
self.

*There Are No Bears in This Bak-
ery* by Julia Sarcone-Roach – When
Muffin, a cat, hears a suspicious
noise at the Little Bear Bakery, his
investigation reveals a hungry bear
cub.

My Heart by Corinna Luyken – A
picture book about caring for one's
own heart and living with kindness
and empathy.

I'll Love You Till the Cows Come
Home by Kathryn Cristaldi –
Rhyming text and illustrations as-
sure a child that love is endless, as
various animals set off on faraway
adventures and return home again
at bedtime.

Students Named to Davis & Elkins College President's List

Davis & Elkins College has re-
leased its president's list for the fall
2018 semester which includes all
full-time students who earned a 4.0
GPA.

Area students recognized are:

- Carson Crawford, the son of
Scott Crawford of Petersburg, West
Virginia, and Kelly Crawford of
Moorefield.

- Holden Sions, the son of Timo-
thy and Sarah Sions of Moorefield.

- Cody Turner, the son of Eric
and Melinda Turner of Moorefield,
West Virginia.

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Mon., Feb. 4 - Chicken nuggets
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sauce, California blend, garlic
bread, side salad, applesauce
Wed., Feb. 6 - BBQ Rib cutlet,

scalloped potatoes, buttered car-
rots, wheat bread, Mandarin or-
anges

Thurs., Feb. 7 - Pork loin w/gr-
avy, garlic & onion potatoes, but-
tered corn, wheat bread, peaches

Fri., Feb. 8 - Chili soup, pimento
cheese sandwiches, oranges

Meals are to be eaten here at
the center or at E. A. Hawse Com-
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ACTIVITIES AT MOOREFIELD SENIOR CENTER

Mon., Oct. 22 - Puzzles, crafts
Tues., Oct. 23 - Puzzles, Crafts,
Senior Shopping 1:00 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 24 - Puzzles, crafts
Thurs., Oct. 25 - Puzzles, Crafts
Fri., Oct. 26 - Puzzles, Crafts,
Bible Study, 11:15 a.m.

Please call about Bingo on
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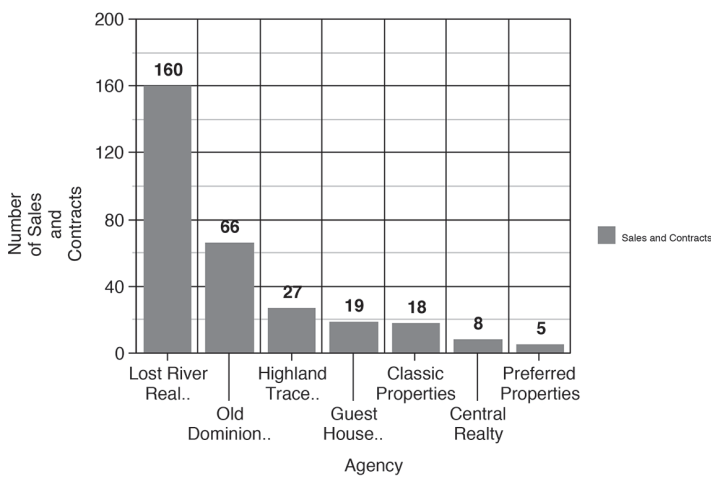
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Peyton Eye



Hardy County Tour & Craft



The 2019 Tile House will be the Ben Mathias Barn, located on Route 259 in Mathias. The majestic barn is a favorite of photographers and artists alike.

Robotics Team

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Alicen Adkins said. “It also creates a “we will fix it” attitude. The students find solutions when things go wrong.”

The three teams participated in the Ag Innovations Showcase in November 2018 and allowed students from surrounding counties to experience robotics.

Nerdz faculty advisor Michelle Phillips said the collaboration between the teams has worked exceptionally well. “The older kids mentor the younger ones on both sides of the mountain,” she said.

Phillips thanked the board for their support, as well as the two community volunteers - Jack Banks and Bill Kavanagh - who work with the students. “We’d also like to thank the parents who support the students and drive them around from one competition to another,” Phillips said.

In the future, the MMS Jackbots will host the FLL kickoff in the fall.

“We would like to host a Robotics Expo in August,” Phillips said. “We’d also like to grow one FTC and one FLL team on each side of the county.”

In addition to transportation and funding for overnight accommodations as registration fees for next years’ competitions, Phillips said it would be nice to have a computer science class as a core subject at all levels of school. “All of the programmers we have, have learned on their own, outside of school,” she said.

The board gave the students a round of applause and congratulated them on their awards.

“I am extremely fascinated and very proud,” said Hardy County Schools Superintendent Sheena VanMeter.

Budget Report

Finance Director Veeta Burgess presented the monthly budget report and the Quarterly Financial Report on Cash Basis. She said the

system was in good shape and will probably have funds left over at the end of the year.

“We are no longer on the Watch List,” she said. “I haven’t gotten written confirmation, but we are no longer in a deficit and we have a reserve.”

Hardy County was on the Financial Watch List for several years because the system was working in a deficit. The Watch List entailed written explanations for line item expenditures.

Burgess reported Medicaid owes the county \$217,500 after collecting only \$21,000 year to date. “We should do a cost/benefit analysis to see whether Medicaid benefits Hardy County Schools,” she said.

In the past, the school system has spend funds in anticipation of reimbursement from Medicaid, with slim or nil results.

Also, over the past two or three years, personnel have been hired to perform services previously purchased outside the system with Medicaid funds.

Burgess said she anticipated receiving funding from the National Forest in lieu of taxes this year, although she wasn’t sure of the amount. Last year the school system received \$74,000.

Policy House Cleaning

The board voted to remove the following policies from the system:

- Consultants Policy BBJ
- School Board Adoption Policy BEB
- Administration in the Absence of Police BEC
- Community Involvement to Complement Education Policy IHF

The board voted to send the following new and/or updated policies out for first reading:

- Executive Sessions Policy BDE
- Policy Development Policy BEA
- Guidelines for Student Fund-raising Activities Policy DDFC
- Professional Staff Development Policy GCG

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Presentations were made to the 2018 Tile House owners, Mike Crites and Larry Curtis.

Thanks to Fraley Engraving, Crites and Curtis were given an engraving of their house on a slate roof tile from their house.

“When we replaced the roof, we kept some of the tiles,” Curtis said. “We had no idea Tour & Crafts was doing this.”

The 2019 Tile House was announced as the Ben Mathias Barn in Mathias. The barn is located on Route 259 in Mathias and is owned by Connie and Rick Hoover.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of grants to support the Hardy County Public Library and various historic and cultural activities and organizations in the county.

- Secondary Student Class Load/Exemption Policy IDF
- Textbook/Instructional Materials and Learning Technologies Adoption Policy IEB
- Testing Out Policy IBD
- Student and Staff Wellness Policy on Physical Activity and Nutrition Policy JFE

The board voted to table Approval of Field Trips Policy IHE because several members objected to the chaperone guidelines and other language used in the policy.

Board members Jerry Yates, Dixie Bean and President Nancy Hahn object to some of the wording in the Testing Out Policy IGD, but vowed to include their objections in comments on second reading.

Other Business

• Superintendent VanMeter advised the board a three-hour school delay was a possibility when the weather is bad. She requested and received schedule plans from all principals if a three-hour delay is used. “School would start at 11 a.m. and we wouldn’t serve breakfast,” she said.

• Board member Jerry Yates said he hopes the schools have a plan to feed students while the federal government is experiencing a partial shutdown. “We will feed kids not matter what, even if we need to use some of our reserve,” he said.

• Facilities director Steve Williams said he met with 12 West Virginia University Engineering students and two professors regarding an Energy Audit for Moorefield High School and Moorefield Elementary School.

The audit will take the entire semester, so results and recommendations will not be forthcoming until April or May. Williams said he provided information about energy usage from 2015 - 2018 to the students and they took some measurements.

The next meeting of the Hardy

• The Hardy County Public Library was granted \$20,000.

• SCV Camp 182 McNeill’s Rangers were granted \$1,500 for cleaning and maintaining cemeteries.

• The Lost River Educational Foundation was granted \$1,000 for the Barn Quilt Trail project.

• The Hardy County Historical Society was granted \$1,000 for a new display case.

• The Culler’s Run School was granted \$1,000 for cataloging histories of its students.

• The 22nd North Carolina Infantry was granted \$300 for its encampment during Heritage Weekend.

• Bob Cross was given a special presentation for his volunteer efforts on the Santa Train.

• Helen Mathias was given a special presentation for her volunteer efforts on the Santa Train.

County Board of Education will be held on Monday, Feb. 4 beginning at 5 p.m. at the Central Office, 510 Ashby St. in Moorefield. The public is invited to attend.

Scam Alert

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are using threatening language to warn unknowing victims that they will be arrested or face other legal action if they fail to call a provided phone number or press the number indicated in the message to address the issue.

In other instances, the unknown communicate that they want to help an individual with activating a suspended Social Security number. Such calls are a scam, and are not coming from official SSA representatives.

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Harman Destroys Den In Cat Fight

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

The Lady Panthers took a couple minutes to warm up in the Baker Den, then charged ahead taking the lead for good about three minutes into the contest en route to a 49-34 victory over East Hardy in the West Virginia Hometown Invitational Tournament.

East Hardy's Erin Riggle scored the first basket of the game, then missed opportunities and turnovers led to only one more field goal by the Lady Cougars in the first period.

Harman put its first point on the scoreboard two minutes into the game on a free throw by Alison Warner.

East Hardy lost the ball under pressure, then Harman hit the rim and the putback by Emily Marple was off the mark and the Lady Cougars gained possession on a rebound by Chelsea Keller.

Harman's Jamen Dudley stole the ball and was fouled going to the hoop and netted both free throws for a 3-2 lead which wouldn't be relinquished.

There were several jump ball situations after missed shots, then the Lady Cougars committed turnovers over the next two minutes and Harman wasn't able to take advantage of them.

A steal by East Hardy's Sarah Merritt was knocked away by Harman's Dudley and collected by Sheridan Bonner, who knocked down a 3-pointer at 3:48 for a 6-2 lead.

An errant shot by the Lady Cougars went out of play, then Harman fumbled the ball out and a potential shot hit the rim again and Dudley hauled in the rebound leading to a basket by Bonner.

A jump ball was forced, then East Hardy's Tera Jones nailed a jumper to make it 8-4 at the 2:31 mark.

Dudley scored on a putback during the ensuing Lady Panthers possession, 10-4.

Both teams missed several shot attempts to close out the first quarter and Bonner added block.

Harman missed a pair of free throws to begin the second period and an offensive foul was called on the rebound, then the press created an East Hardy turnover.

The Lady Panthers missed two field goal attempts with Dudley and East Hardy's Katie Short making the rebounds.

A jump ball and foul was called on Harman, then East Hardy's Jaden Fleshman collected an offensive rebound and was tied up for another jump ball.

A lane violation on the Lady Panthers put the ball back in control of East Hardy, then the pressure caused the ball to ricochet and the scramble turned into a jump ball tie up with good hustled by Fleshman.

Short netted a jumper for the Lady Cougars on the following series at the 6:31 to cut the deficit to 10-6.

A minute later after several missed shots by the Lady Panthers, Harman forced a turnover and Dudley made a putback.

Dudley stole the ball again and missed a layup with the ball ricocheting out of play.

East Hardy's Mackenzie Blair knocked down a jumper at the 4:48 mark, but Harman answered with a 3-pointer by Warner.

Over the next two minutes there were a combined ten missed baskets, although Warner added layups to bookend that stretch sandwiching one shot made by

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SMASHRecords



Moorefield's Matthew Wright was tangled up in a grapevine with Class AA-A fifth-ranked Tyler Mason of Keyser during the 152-lb. bout at the Viking Smash. Mason won the match and championship.

Hardy County Grapplers Reach Milestones At Viking Smash

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

Moorefield and East Hardy Wrestling programs reached new heights with total team victories in the season along with the quickest pins plus conference honors at the Vikings Smash which featured 38 state ranked wrestlers in Petersburg last weekend.

Moorefield Wrestling set a new program season record with 24 team victories coming against East Hardy on the second day of the tournament and extended the program best mark to 26 dual wins on the year as the Yellow Jackets won six times out of ten matches in Petersburg.

"We wanted to eclipse our win total from last season and we also set a goal of qualifying more kids for the state tournament than last year. I am very proud of our kids effort, they work very hard," Moorefield Wrestling coach T.J. Van Meter commented.

East Hardy Wrestling was victorious in four of their ten matches to create the most team wins in program history for a season with a total at ten victories.

"The kids are getting better. Every year the kids are looking better and better. It is working out. It was really good competition here with a lot of state champions. It is a good tournament and it is close to home. We're happy to be a part of it. We made good progress with decent records here. We're not where we need to be, but we're getting there," East Hardy Wrestling coach Stevie Miller stated.

Handing an opponent a loss in under ten seconds doesn't

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Avalanche!

Petersburg Buries Yellow Jackets in Boys Basketball

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

Petersburg was hovering around a 20-point lead entering the fourth period and had the same amount with just over three minutes remaining, but the Yellow Jackets started to dig out of the hole dusting off their wings to cut the deficit down to seven points with a minute and change left netting a 28-point swing in the final frame, but couldn't entirely clear the last hurdle of dirt as the Vikings shoveled away for a 63-54 victory in Moorefield last Thursday.

"I can't ever question their effort. That's one thing that I can't question, but some of their decisions are terrible. We get ourselves in a hole and try to fight back, but it's tough. We have guys injured and guys playing banged up, so it's tough playing when you're not 100 percent. We missed shots and that's a big difference in the game. We had good looks at the basket and we just couldn't make them. We aren't tall enough to make the offensive rebound, so it's one and done for us. It was tough for us," Moorefield coach Scott Stutler remarked.

The Vikings started the game on an 8-nil run, but the Yellow Jackets buzzed back and trailed 12-8 at the end of the first period and Petersburg slowly inched the lead up to 29-17 at halftime before taking a 44-26 advantage into the fourth period.

Moorefield utilized both the free throw line and perimeter shooting to keep the target within reach late in the game as the Vikings were miserable at the line in the fourth period.

The Yellow Jackets were 10-of-12 from the free throw line in the fourth period (13-of-16 overall) and added four 3-pointers to go along with nine total on the night, while Petersburg went 3-of-13 on the line in the final stanza and didn't make any perimeter baskets.

Moorefield's Thomas Williams scored a game-high 19 points including five 3-pointers, followed by Jaydon See with 13 points and a pair of treys, and Grant Keller pitched in ten markers with two treys.

Petersburg was led by Tyce Wisnewski with 18 points, followed by Jacob Hartman with 16 points and Hunter Pool contributed 13 markers.

"I think we got too comfortable with the lead and Moorefield fought well in the end fighting back. I

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Petersburg's Peyton Sindledecker and Jacob Hartman sandwiched Moorefield's Matthew Jenkins for a carom

Cat Fight

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Short for the Lady Cougars, 19-10.

Harman's Alexis Nelson netted two free throws with 1:16 left in the first half, then Bonner stole the ball and missed with a jump ball going to East Hardy and Bonner made a block.

Blair saved the ball on the blocked shot and assisted Short on a field goal with 21 seconds remaining.

Riggle grabbed a defensive rebound and was tied up for a jump ball and Harman's Bonner nailed a jumper with seven seconds on the clock for a 23-12 halftime lead.

There were about seven jump balls and the same amount of missed shots over the first four minutes of the third period with the Lady Cougars also hitting the rim on four foul shot attempts.

Warner broke the drought for Harman with one free throw made at the 5:33 mark and a turnover by made by Dudley came up empty.

After a jump ball, Riggle added one free throw for East Hardy at 5:05 and the initial field goal came at the 3:52 mark by Chelsea Keller as Harman's lead was at 25-15.

The Lady Panthers responded with a jumper by Dudley on the next series.

East Hardy's Tera Jones stole the ball, but lost it in transition and Dudley scored again for Harman.

Harman collected a rebound and coughed the ball out of bounds, then the Lady Cougars walked and Harman's Natalie Teter scored.

Keller made a defensive rebound and Riggle collected an offensive rebound leading to a shot under the hoop with a minute left in the frame as East Hardy trailed 31-17.

The Lady Cougars doubled their point output in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough as Harman kept the points flowing for the 49-34 win.

East Hardy spread the scoring around in the final stanza with baskets by Jones, Short, Sarah Merritt, Keller and Riggle.

Dudley scored a game-high 19 points for the Lady Panthers, followed by Warner and Bonner with 11 points apiece.

East Hardy was paced by Short with eight points, followed by Jones and Riggle with seven markers each.



Photo by Carl Holcomb

East Hardy's Erin Riggle takes a jump shot against the Lady Panthers from Harman during last week's game in Baker.

THE OLD MASTER

By JAY FISHER

Folks, this WVU men's basketball team just isn't very good right now. There appeared to be some hope: after losing five straight games, including an ugly 31 point loss at TCU, the Mountaineers pulled off a big upset. They hosted #7 Kansas, and played the Jayhawks tough the entire way. They took care of the ball, and played pretty solid defense, even without pressing. Kansas took a six point lead with about two-and-a-half minutes left, and it looked like it would be only a moral victory for WVU. But the Mountaineers scored the last seven points of the game, and pulled off a 65-64 win.

For Mountaineer fans, it was a stunning result. They wondered, "Where has this team been all

year?" But sadly, that level of play was not to last. Two nights later, they played Baylor. The Bears jumped to a fifteen point halftime lead (with a massive edge in rebounding), and cruised to an 85-72 win. The next game was against top-ranked Tennessee. Could WVU revive their Top 10 magic? They did jump out to a good start, taking an early 19-7 lead. But the Vols outscored WVU 24-2 the rest of the first half for a 31-21 lead. They raced away in the second half, and when it was all over WVU had another loss, 83-66.

The problems are well known by now. They turn the ball over too often (24 times against Tennessee, and don't shoot well when they hold on to the ball. Not too

mention their tendency to go for long stretches with minimal scoring. And their defense isn't good enough to make up for the offensive woes.

It's hard to see everything getting fixed this season. Esa Ahmad has been wildly inconsistent throughout his career. Lamont West has been hot and cold throughout his career. Chase Harler shot 31% from three his first two years, and is still below 40% this year. Beetle Bolden has played hard and gotten hurt throughout his career. And Sagaba Konate's return from injury seems questionable at best.

The schedule doesn't get much easier either. Tonight, they are at Iowa State, where the Cyclones are incredibly tough to beat. They face

Oklahoma this weekend at home, and then travel to Texas Tech on Monday, in what could be another ugly loss.

Notes: Tonight's game at Iowa State tips at 7:00 and is on ESPN2...Saturday's game against Oklahoma is at noon, and will be on ESPN2...The Monday game at Texas Tech is a 9:00 start, and will be on either ESPN or ESPN2...The women's basketball team is having a pretty good year. Baylor and Texas are Top 10 caliber teams, but WVU has a claim to be the top of the next tier. They are tied with Iowa State at 5-3 in the conference, but WVU owns a 73-64 win in Morgantown.

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Moorefield’s Ty Clayton, Isaac Van Meter and Matthew Wright were selected to the Class AA-A All-Potomac Valley Conference Wrestling Team at the Viking Smash. Clayton was runner-up, Van Meter won the championship and Wright had the quickest pin with third place.

Viking Smash

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happen too often, but at the Viking Smash Hardy County grapplers made it happen twice.

Moorefield senior captain Matthew Wright (152-lb.) pinned East Hardy’s Conner White in just six seconds by locking his arms on the neck and using a pancake maneuver hitting the mat and tightened the half-nelson grip for the victory to earn the overall Viking Smash Quickest Pin award.

“Getting the fastest pin award is something that you don’t necessarily set out to achieve. What I am proud of is attitude and mind-set that a wrestler must have to get a quick pin - fast, aggressive, and looking to take care of business. That’s what we preach to our kids,” Van Meter noted.

Last season, Wright made a pin in six seconds with a duplicate move and was bested by another wrestler with a five second count for the fastest pin.

“It feels pretty good, because I did the same exact thing last year. I pinned a guy in six seconds. I faked a blast double and snapped him into a pancake and a half-nelson. I got six seconds, but another guy had five seconds. I thought I had it in the bag this year, up until the last match when my coach was telling me about a guy getting five seconds yesterday. They called my name and I couldn’t believe it. It was a great feeling,” Moorefield senior Matthew Wright remarked.

East Hardy sophomore Dayton Miller (182-lb.) created a pin in eight seconds during a match against Elkins using a bear hug move and arm lock for the pin.

Moorefield Wrestling had three grapplers selected to the All-Potomac Valley Conference Wrestling Team: Ty Clayton (freshman, 145-lb.), Matthew Wright (senior, 152-lb.) and Isaac Van Meter (sophomore, 170-lb.).

This was a new school record having three wrestlers named to the All-PVC Wrestling team as the Yellow Jackets only had one grappler in any given season prior to this year.

Van Meter went undefeated at the Viking Smash as the 170-lb. champion, Clayton was the 145-lb. runner-up and Wright placed third overall in the 152-lb. division.

Van Meter holds the record for the most single season victories in school history, tying his own mark this weekend of 57 wins at the Viking Smash which was set last year during his run to third place at the state tournament.

“Isaac is now a two-time All-PVC wrestler and two-time Viking Smash champion. He also tied his school record for wins in a season this wetland at 57. I’m proud of him as a father and coach. He’s a fierce competitor and works hard everyday to get better. Having three All-PVC wrestlers is a first for MHS. We’ve never had more than one in any given year. It’s a testament to the award work of the kids and coaches from the youth level through high school. We know we’re getting better, but we are far from satisfied. Our region is very competitive and our wrestlers will have to earn their way to Huntington,” Van Meter noted.

Wright hit the 50-win plateau, Kevin Wetzel is over 40 wins and Ty Clayton joins Matt Delawder in the 30-plus club.

East Hardy sophomore Hunter Ames (220-lb.) finished third overall in his weight class at the Viking Smash with a 7-3 record.

East Hardy sophomore Dayton Miller (182-lb.) was 8-2 overall, but missed out on the ceremony honors since losing to Fairmont Senior as a team, despite winning his match.

Van Meter was one of the 38 state ranked wrestlers on the Viking Smash card as the second best grappler in his weight class in Class AA-A and faced another top-10 wrestler for that class in Petersburg with No. 10 Philip Barbour’s Logan Allen going toe to toe entering the second period before Van Meter created a cross-face cradle for the pin at 2:41.

Van Meter wrestled against Class AAA No. 3 Gage Albrecht of Hedgesville and won by pin at 2:55 in the second period and No.

5 Chris Fagga of Hampshire and won by pin at the 0:25 mark of the first period.

One of the biggest match victories for Wright was against Class AA-A fifth-ranked Tyler Mason of Keyser battling to a 6-3 decision.

There were a dozen teams competing at the Viking Smash as Petersburg hosted: Moorefield, East Hardy, Keyser, Frankfort, Hedgesville, Philip Barbour, Elkins, Grafton, Hampshire, Berkeley Springs and Fairmont Senior.

Only two of these teams are ranked in the state as Fairmont Senior is sixth place for Class AA and Moorefield is the eighth ranked team for Class A. The Yellow Jackets and Polar Bears didn’t face each other as there were only ten matches allotted for the tournament, but Moorefield did beat them earlier this season.

Petersburg edged East Hardy 48-42 with the help of third-ranked Alec Burgess in the 195-lb. weight class pinning East Hardy’s Erick Flinn in the first period at :59 and Vikings 220-lb. grappler Doug Morral pinned Cougars’ Hunter Ames at the :48 mark of the first period.

East Hardy garnered points on forfeits from Conner White, Emma Lutz, Dayton Miller and Patrick Helsley in addition to a pin by Damien Iman in these second [period at 3:38 to keep the match close.

The Vikings managed to edge Moorefield 42-36 behind six forfeits as the Yellow Jackets took five forfeit match points.

Moorefield’s Wright, Van Meter, Kevin Wetzel, Jake Frederick and Maddy Clayton recorded forfeit points.

Burgess was the only ranked Petersburg wrestler to see mat time against the Yellow Jackets with a first period pin at 1:02 against Matthew Delawder.

Moorefield’s Ty Clayton made the series interesting with a second period battle and pin at 3:56 for the win over Petersburg’s Jacob Perez as a reversal and back points turned into the winning combination.

Moorefield Wrestling defeated Frankfort 43-42, Grafton 42-22, Hampshire 39-36, East Hardy 46-30, Berkeley Springs 39-24 and Elkins 54-6.

The Yellow Jackets defeated Berkeley Springs for the first time in program history.

East Hardy Wrestling was victorious against Elkins 54-11, Grafton 42-30, Berkeley Springs 42-24 and Frankfort 42-36.

During the win against Elkins, East Hardy’s Conner White left the mat with his arms held high shouting about winning.

That emotion is everything as wrestlers leave everything on the mat competing to win and have their hands raised by the referee.

Moorefield’s Isaac Van Meter showed a very determined look after enduring a match with his thumb being yanked backwards before his arm raised in victory.

Teammates along the side of the mat were cheering in support throughout the tournament as each wrestler fought for victories.

The East Hardy Wrestling quintet of girls combined for 18 victories in the Viking Smash led by sophomore SierraMarie Miller with six wins, followed by seniors Emma Lutz with five, Marina Stotemyer with four, Jasmine Abrell with two and Emili Flynn with one win.

The Hardy County showdown belonged to the Yellow Jackets with a 46-30 victory over East Hardy.

Moorefield’s Matthew Delawder (195-lb.) pinned East Hardy’s Erik Flynn at the 1:45 mark of the first period.

East Hardy’s Hunter Ames (220-lb.) earned points on a forfeit, then defeated Moorefield’s Kooper Riggleman in a 15-8 decision during an exhibition.

Moorefield’s Joseph Palm (285-lb.) took points on a forfeit, then won by pin in the second period against a substituted wrestler in exhibition.

East Hardy’s SierraMarie Miller (113-lb.), Moorefield’s Maddy Clayton (120-lb.) and East Hardy’s Marina Stotemyer (126-lb.) were



Photo by Carl Holcomb

East Hardy Wrestling’s Conner White (152-lb.) enthusiastically celebrated his first career victory against Elkins at the Viking Smash.

given forfeit wins as the match remained tied at 18-all.

The Cougars took a 24-18 lead on a forfeit to East Hardy’s Damien Iman (132-lb.).

Moorefield cut the deficit to 24-22 as Dominick Davis (138-lb.) earned a 9-0 decision over East Hardy’s Erik Flynn.

The Yellow Jackets took a 28-24 advantage as Ty Clayton (145-lb.) pinned East Hardy’s Sky Spell early in the third period at the 4:11 mark.

Clayton made a takedown and notched near fall points in the first and second periods.

Moorefield’s Matthew Wright (152-lb.) went to work at the sound of the whistle grabbing hold of East Hardy’s Conner White and making the takedown and pin in just six seconds for the fastest time at the Viking Smash.

At this point, Moorefield was ahead of the Cougars by a score of 34-24.

Moorefield’s Kevin Wetzel (160-lb.) had five takedowns and one set of near fall points against East Hardy’s Emma Lutz in the first period and Lutz countered with four escape points before Wetzel notched the pin with 16 seconds remaining in the first period at 1:44.

Moorefield’s Isaac Van Meter (170-lb.) made three takedowns and a pair of triple near fall points against East Hardy’s Patrick Helsley before wrapping up the match with a cross-face cradle pin at the 56-second mark of the first period.

Moorefield’s Jake Frederick (182-lb.) made a takedown against East Hardy’s Dayton Miller in the first period, but Miller created a reversal and recorded the pin at the 34-second mark of the first period.

The Yellow Jackets took 46-30 record setting team victory and kept buzzing in the Viking Smash.

During the win over Grafton, East Hardy’s SierraMarie Miller recorded a pin just before the first period buzzer, while Dayton Miller (1:32) and Conner White (:22) also picked up pins in the first period in addition to forfeits for Emili Flynn, Sky Spell, Emma Lutz, Patrick

Helsley and Erik Flynn.

Despite the loss to Fairmont Senior, East Hardy’s Dayton Miller and Damien Iman earned first period pins, while Emma Lutz and Erik Flynn took forfeits.

Iman added a pin against Philip Barbour and Dayton Miller had a pin against Hampshire, while Spell and Ames collected decision points, respectively.

Moorefield’s close 39-36 win against Hampshire featured four pins by Van Meter (0:25), Wright (3:40), Ty Clayton (2:38) and Davis (2:57), while Wetzel notched a huge 6-3 decision over ninth-ranked Buckler and Maddy Clayton added a forfeit.

The Yellow Jackets had seven individual wins including five pins and two forfeits in the tiebreaker victory 43-42 over Frankfort.

Pins were made by Palm (0:22), Delawder (2:20), Frederick (1:58), Van Meter (3:52) and Ty Clayton (0:48) with forfeits to Maddy Clayton and Wright.

Wright took eighth-ranked Grafton wrestler Dillon Williams into three rounds losing in an 8-0 decision, but the Yellow Jackets won the overall match 42-22 with six forfeits plus a pin by Frederick.

Fairmont Senior was the Viking Smash team champion, Keyser was the runner-up and Petersburg was third place.

Joining Moorefield’s Isaac Van Meter, Matthew Wright and Ty Clayton on the All-PVC Wrestling squad are: Petersburg’s Alec Burgess, Doug Morral, Nick Crews, Ethan Van Meter, Thomas Ours and Eli Nazelrodt; Keyser’s Brendan Pattison and Tristin Fox, Frankfort’s Chris Sherman, Berkeley Springs’ Peyton Thompson and Wade Johnson (team not listed).

The Viking Smash Outstanding Wrestler award was given to Fairmont Senior’s Zach Frazier.

The Viking Smash Quickest Pin award was presented to Moorefield’s Matthew Wright by Petersburg coach Tony Weatherholt.

Detailed Viking Smash results will be posted online soon on the wvmat.com website.

Petersburg Avalanche

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thought my guys struggled from the foul line. We have to be able step up and make foul shots to end games. We played hard at times and at times got happy with the lead and didn’t push. In the first half the ball got stuck and we didn’t have the movement we wanted, but in the second half we got the movement and better looks as a group. Our goal is to get the ball inside and we did that in the second half,” Petersburg coach Todd Hearn commented.

“My quote of the week is that I made 46 free throws in a row yesterday in practice and we couldn’t make two in the game today.”

Moorefield’s Matthew Jenkins forced a turnover to start the fourth period which led to a basket by Thomas Williams.

After a jumper by Petersburg’s Kahner Turner, the Yellow Jackets found an opening in the paint with Chase Vance slicing inside for the score.

Petersburg’s Jacob Hartman was fouled working down low in the post, then Hunter Pool scored on a spinning jump shot to make it 48-30 at the 6:38 mark.

A steal by Petersburg’s Tyce

Wisniewski was handed back to the Yellow Jackets as he stepped out of bounds on the play.

Pool snatched a defensive and offensive rebound, then the Vikings scored on a jumper by Hartman with a foul added and the extra shot went awry.

Petersburg’s Peyton Sindledacker grabbed the rebound, but couldn’t net the jumper, then Moorefield’s Jaydon See collected the carom and the Yellow Jackets came up empty with Sindledacker finding the board.

The Vikings committed a turnover on a spin move, then Hartman stole the ball with a pass up to Wisniewski, who assisted Pool on the layup for a 52-30 advantage with 5:20 remaining.

On the ensuing possession, Moorefield’s Thomas Williams drilled a 3-pointer and timeout was called as the energy was buzzing.

Moorefield’s pressure created a walk, then Brent Moran drew a foul adding one free throw.

Wisniewski scored a jumper and missed the free throw, but flexed on the way to the line and that must have been a jinx as Moorefield’s Grant Keller hauled in the rebound.

Moorefield didn’t make the

long distance shot and Pool took the board and went down the court, then Wisniewski made a spin along the baseline throwing out to Pool at the perimeter, and he cut through the paint for a layup.

See netted two free throws for the Yellow Jackets at the 4:20 mark for a 56-37 score.

Both teams had some miscues and Petersburg couldn’t connect at the free throw line, then Keller and See made rebounds and Keller was fouled leading to two foul shots made.

Sindledacker scored on the next possession for the Vikings and was fouled in the process, but hit iron on the free attempt.

See hauled in the board and fed Williams for a 3-pointer as the Yellow Jackets made it 59-42 with 3:05 left.

After a missed free throw by Pool, Williams collected the rebound and passed to Ben Pyles.

Wisniewski went for the steal and pushed Pyles out of the way and was called of the penalty.

Temperers were heated as something was said to the referee after another foul and a technical foul was assessed on Petersburg.

Williams went to the free throw line and made all four foul shots

with 2:36 to go as the deficit was now 59-46.

Petersburg’s Dalton Lough swiped the ball, but was tangled up by Williams for a jump ball and See took the pass making a 3-pointer at the 2:15 mark.

Shots were missed both ways and Pool added one free throw, then Williams sank a 3-pointer with 1:32 left as the lead was now in single digits 60-52.

Keller and See created a turning over on a trap, then the ensuing shot was off kilter and Lough took the board and was fouled, then couldn’t hit at the charity stripe.

Turner kept the possession with the Vikings on the rebound and was fouled, but failed to connect too.

Pool blocked a shot and made a save with it going back to the Yellow Jackets, but Turner stole the ball and Petersburg hit the rim.

Keller made the Moorefield rebound and Vance was fouled on the other end, then added both free throws with 24 seconds to go, trailing Petersburg 61-54.

Pool netted a jumper and swiped the ball to end the game as the Vikings survived the comeback attempt, 63-54.

In just over four minutes of ac-

tion to start the game, Petersburg had an 8-0 lead as the Yellow Jackets missed five field goals and committed several turnovers with scores coming from Sindledacker, Turner and Pool.

Moorefield started to find some rhythm as Keller and Williams nailed 3-pointers and Vance added two free throws to cut the deficit down to 12-8 at the end of the frame.

Wisniewski and Turner added layups over those last three minutes and Moorefield’s defense forced a couple turnovers and the Vikings were hitting the rim about a dozen times.

A steal to begin the second period by Turner was a wash as the ball recycled off the rim, then Keller snatched the board and dished to Moran, who located See for a jumper.

Petersburg’s Sindledacker and Wisniewski both scored on the next two series, then the rim was loud over the next couple of minutes as both teams came up empty.

The Vikings were the first to score after that display of rim rockers as Hartman scored inside off a pass from Sindledacker at the 4:44 mark and Lough converted a steal into a layup for a 20-10 advantage

at 4:25.

The Petersburg students behind the Moorefield bench got louder and mocked a cheer by the Yellow Jackets.

The distraction during the timeout led to a missed field goal by Moorefield, then Petersburg missed twice despite a steal by Sindledacker.

Williams knocked down a 3-pointer at the 3:12 mark for the Yellow Jackets, but Wisniewski answered with the same about 20 second alter and made a steal for a basket to make it 25-13.

After a score by Vance, Petersburg’s Hartman scored and a turnover on a collision turned into put-back for Hartman, 29-15.

After a couple more missed opportunities and turnovers, Moorefield made one more bucket in the first half on a jumper by Jenkins, 29-17.

There were a number of rimmed shots in the third period for both teams and the shot blocking heated up, but Petersburg maintained the advantage even with a couple of 3-pointers by Williams.

The Vikings prevented Moorefield from climbing out of the hole and pocketed the win



To Your Health

Doctor-Recommended New Year's Resolutions

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With the new year, you may be looking for resolutions that will help to keep you and your loved ones healthy and happy in the year ahead.

“This is the perfect time of year to consider your personal goals, and how you can make positive health choices in the coming year,” says American Medical Association (AMA) President Barbara L. McAneny, M.D. “Small lifestyle changes today can have a lasting effect in improving your health.”

To help you start the year off on the right foot, Dr. McAneny and the experts at the AMA are offering 10 recommendations to help you determine where you can make the most impactful, long-lasting improvements to your health.

1. Learn your risk for type 2 diabetes by taking the self-screening test at DoIHavePre-diabetes.org. Steps you take now can help prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes.

2. Be more physically active. Adults should do at least 150

minutes a week of moderate-intensity activity, or 75 minutes a week of vigorous-intensity activity.

3. Know your blood pressure numbers. Visit LowerYourHBP.org to better understand your numbers and take necessary steps to get your high blood pressure -- also known as hypertension -- under control. Doing so will reduce your risk of heart attack or stroke.

4. Reduce your intake of processed foods, especially those with added sodium and sugar. Also reduce your consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages and drink more water instead.

5. If your health care professional determines that you need antibiotics, take them exactly as prescribed. Antibiotic resistance is a serious public health problem and antibiotics will not make you feel better if you have a virus, such as a cold or flu.

6. If consuming alcohol, do so in moderation as defined by the U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans -- up to one drink per day for women and two drinks per day for men, and

only by adults of legal drinking age.

7. Talk with your doctor about tobacco and nicotine use and quit. Declare your home and car smoke-free to eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke.

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9. Make sure your family is up-to-date on their vaccines, including the annual influenza vaccine for everyone age six months or older.

10. Manage stress. A good diet and daily exercise are key ingredients to maintaining and improving your mental health, but don't hesitate to ask for help from a friend or mental health professional when you need it.

The lifestyle choices you make now will have long-lasting impacts. So, this new year, prioritize your long-term health by forming good habits.

Daily Steps to Keep Your Heart Healthy

Metro

Heart disease is a formidable foe. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, heart disease accounts for nearly 25 percent of all deaths in the United States each year.

Issues relating to the heart affect both men and women, and an estimated 15 million adults in the U.S. have coronary heart disease, the most common type of heart disease. And heart disease is not exclusive to the United States, as the Heart Research Institute says that every seven minutes in Canada someone dies from heart disease or stroke.

Such statistics are disconcerting, but they can serve as a wake-up call that compels people to prioritize heart health. Fortunately, heart disease is often preventable and people can employ various strategies to reduce their risk.

- Stop smoking right now. One of the best things to do to protect the heart is to stop smoking. The Heart Foundation indicates that smoking reduces oxygen in the blood and damages blood vessel walls. It also contributes to atherosclerosis, or a narrowing and clogging of the arteries.

- Eat healthy fats. When eating, choose polyunsaturated and unsaturated fats and avoid trans fats as much as possible. Trans fats increase one's risk of developing heart

disease by clogging arteries and raising LDL (bad) cholesterol levels. Read food labels before buying anything at the store.

- Keep your mouth clean. Studies show that bacteria in the mouth involved in the development of gum disease can travel to the bloodstream and cause an elevation in C-reactive protein, a marker for blood vessel inflammation. Brush and floss twice daily, and be sure to schedule routine dental cleanings.

- Get adequate shut-eye. Ensuring adequate sleep can improve heart health. One study found that young and middle-age adults who regularly slept seven hours a night had less calcium in their arteries (a sign of early heart disease) compared to those who slept five hours or less or those who slept nine hours or more.

- Adopt healthy eating habits. Changes to diet, including eating more fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean protein, can help you lose and maintain a healthy weight, improve cholesterol levels and reduce blood pressure — leading to a healthier heart.

- Embrace physical activity. Regular moderate exercise is great for the heart. It can occur at the gym, playing with the kids or even taking the stairs at work.

A healthy heart begins with daily habits that promote long-term heart health.

Tips to Embrace a Keto-Friendly Diet

StatePoint

It seems that everyone these days has a friend following a “keto-friendly” diet -- a low-carb eating plan designed to make the body burn fat more efficiently.

Developed years ago to control diabetes and then later to treat epilepsy in children, different versions of the keto diet have gained traction as effective weight loss plans, according to The Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

“One thing all keto diets have in common is that they restrict carbohydrates in favor of healthy fats in an effort to achieve nutritional ketosis -- the state in which your body burns fat instead of glucose,” explains registered dietitian, Courtney McCormick.

The experts at the South Beach Diet are now

taking a safe, effective approach to keto by offering a keto-friendly plan, and are providing helpful tips to get started.

1. Count net carbs: A keto-friendly diet is based around the idea of net carbs. Limit yourself to no more than 50 grams of net carbs daily. While this isn't considered a strict keto diet, it follows the keto plan for those looking for assistance with getting started. To calculate this number, take your total grams of fiber and grams of sugar alcohols consumed and subtract that from your total grams of carbohydrates. The resulting number should be within the 40 to 50 net carb range.

2. No beans, legumes or fruits: To keep your overall daily net carbs within a certain range, even good carbs like beans, legumes and those in most fruits are off-limits except for occasional indulgences. Stick to non-starchy veggies only, like

leafy greens, cauliflower, broccoli, mushrooms and zucchini.

3. Water is essential: Your fiber intake is reduced on a keto-friendly diet with the elimination of whole grains, beans and legumes. For digestive health and to ward off constipation, it's important that you drink sufficient amounts of water.

“We recommend drinking at least 64 ounces per day on the South Beach Diet Keto-Friendly plan,” says McCormick. “Plus, water keeps you fuller longer, prevents overeating before meals and may boost metabolism if it's ice cold.”

4. Variety is key: Following a keto diet could put you at risk for deficiencies in micronutrients, including selenium, magnesium, phosphorus and vitamins B and C. To compensate, take a multivitamin and stay away from eating the exact same thing each day. Mix it up with an array of lean

proteins, healthy fats and a daily serving of non-starchy veggies. Pay attention to changes in your health like hair loss, vision changes, aches, pains or weakness. Simple blood tests can reveal levels of vitamins and minerals.

5. Plan special occasions: Carbs are king at special meals and holidays. Communicating your needs with family and friends beforehand can help you avoid peer pressure and garner support for your efforts. Offer to bring a keto-friendly dish so you'll be sure to have something to eat.

When following a keto or keto-friendly eating plan, do so in the safest, healthiest way possible. Consult your doctor and consider following a plan supported by trusted weight loss and healthy lifestyle experts.

Don't Miss a Beat Regarding Women's Heart Health

Heart disease might be seen as something that predominantly affects men, but women are not immune to this potentially deadly condition. In fact, doctors and healthcare professionals advise women to take serious heed of heart disease, which claims more female lives than breast cancer, other cancers, respiratory disease, and Alzheimer's disease combined.

The American Heart Association indicates that more women are now aware that heart disease is the leading cause of death among females than they were 20 years ago. While just 30 percent of women recognized that in 1997, that figure had risen to 56 percent by 2012. However, the AHA reports that only 42 percent of women aged 35

and older are concerned about heart disease. Initiatives like Go Red for Women in February help shed light on the threat posed by heart disease.

Here are some facts to consider.

- Roughly one female death per minute is attributed to heart disease.
- Heart disease affects women of all ages. In fact, the AHA says that the combination of smoking and birth control pills can increase heart disease risk in younger women by 20 percent.
- Mercy Health System says about 5.8 percent of all white women, 7.6 percent of black women, and 5.6 percent of Mexican American women have coronary heart disease.
- According to the Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention, almost two-thirds of women who die suddenly of coronary heart disease have no previous symptoms.

- When symptoms are present in women, they are not like the stereotypical clutching of the chest that men experience. Heart disease symptoms in women can include upper back pain, chest discomfort, heartburn, extreme fatigue, nausea, and shortness of breath.
- Even fit women can be affected by heart disease. Inherent risk factors, such as high cholesterol, can counteract healthy habits.

Women are urged to take various steps to reduce their risk of heart disease:

- Lose weight

- Engage in regular physical activity
- Quit smoking
- Keep alcohol consumption to a minimum
- Get cholesterol and blood pressure checked regularly
- Make healthy food choices
- Lower stress levels
- Control diabetes

Taking charge of factors they can control can help women improve their overall health and lower their risk for heart disease. Women also should speak with their doctors about heart disease. Learn more at www.goredforwomen.org.

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New Data Show Workplace Challenges Exist After a Cancer Diagnosis

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The ability to manage employment after a cancer diagnosis can be complex, which means working people with cancer need support to balance work and health demands.

Despite the challenges that people with cancer face in the workplace, a new survey conducted by The Harris Poll and commissioned by Cancer and Careers, a U.S. non-profit dedicated to empowering and educating people with cancer to thrive in their workplace, reveals that a majority of cancer patients and survivors (69 percent) feel that work aids in their treatment and recovery.

The survey also shows that many cancer patients and survivors agree that people living with cancer or cancer survivors want to work (74 percent) and that work gives them a sense of purpose (66 percent). In fact, many cancer patients and survivors said that work provides a source of personal pride and accomplishment and helps them cope. For full survey results, as well as other resources on working with cancer, visit cancerandcareers.org.

“As both a former human resources professional and cancer survivor, I know the uncertainty that occurs after a diagnosis,” says Kathy Flora, career coach for Cancer and Careers. “Employers, HR teams and managers can be instrumental in helping employees balance work and health demands if they decide they want to stay on the job.”



BE THE BOSS OVER CANCER

CANCER PATIENTS AND SURVIVORS WANT TO WORK

- **THREE-QUARTERS (74%)** of respondents agree that people living with cancer or cancer survivors want to work.
- **THREE-QUARTERS (74%)** of patients and survivors believe work provides a source of personal pride and accomplishment that is critical for recovery.
- **NEARLY 7 IN 10 (69%)** patients and survivors said work aids or aided in their treatment and recovery.
- **TWO THIRDS (66%)** of patients and survivors said they are compelled to work because it gives them a sense of purpose and is tied to their identity.
- **MORE THAN 3 IN 5 (64%)** patients and survivors agreed that working through treatment helps or helped them cope.



DESPITE THE DESIRE MANY HAVE WORK CONCERNS

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- **NEARLY 2 IN 10 (19%)** employed patients and survivors worry that their cancer diagnosis will negatively affect how they are treated in the workplace.
- **MORE THAN 1 IN 10 (13%)** employed patients and survivors said they feel left out at work because of their diagnosis or treatment.

JOB SEEKERS

- **NEARLY HALF (47%)** of patients and survivors fear disclosing their cancer diagnosis will negatively affect their chances of getting hired.
- **MORE THAN 2 IN 5 (42%)** patients and survivors believe they are less likely to get hired because of their cancer diagnosis than a healthy person.

RESOURCES ARE CRITICAL TO SUPPORT PATIENTS & SURVIVORS



- **NEARLY 4 IN 5 (79%)** agreed that patients and survivors who receive support from their employer are more likely to thrive in the workplace.
- **MORE THAN 3 IN 5 (62%)** agreed patients and survivors looking for work need more information, tools and support on how to balance their health and work.
- **NEARLY HALF (49%)** of patients and survivors said healthcare professionals could do a better job at advising patients on how to balance work and cancer.



Cancer and Careers commissioned The Harris Poll to conduct a survey to better understand the experience of cancer patients and survivors within the workplace, diagnosis disclosure and its impact in the workplace, online behaviors of cancer patients and survivors, and attitudes toward health insurance and potential policy changes. A total of 882 respondents participated in the research. Respondents were 18 years of age or older, living in the U.S., diagnosed with cancer, and either currently employed (800 respondents) or unemployed but currently looking for work (82 respondents). Interviews were conducted online between September 21, 2018 - October 22, 2018. The data were weighted to targets from the Centers of Disease Control's 2016 National Health Interview Survey data for the U.S. age 18+ population who have been diagnosed with cancer and are either employed or not employed but looking for work.

Practice Healthier Gaming Techniques

Gaming continues to grow in popularity, and with new ways to engage in social or individual game play available thanks to various technological devices, the frequency with which gamers engage in these recreational pursuits only increases. In fact, a 2018 report by Limelight Networks found that gamers spend an average of 5.96 hours each week playing games.

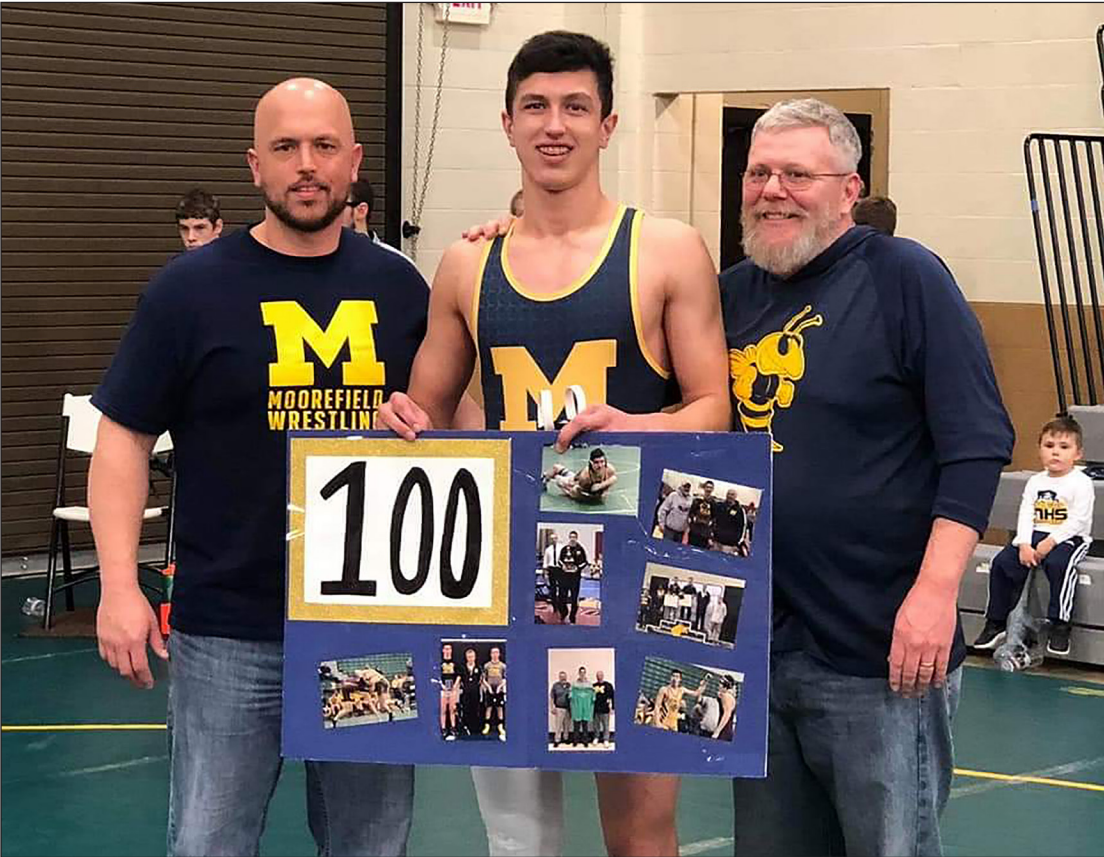
Excessive gaming can pose a threat to gamers' overall health. The following physical and mental wellness tips can help gamers ensure they get to play without sacrificing their health.

- Remember to blink. Staring at screens for long periods of time can cause serious eye strain. Sometimes, when immersed in the intensity of game play, a gamer may forget to blink his or her eyes, and this can lead to tired, dry eyes. As with other screen usage, follow the 20-20-20 rule. Per the Canadian Association of Optometrists, every 20 minutes, take a 20-second break and focus your eyes on something at least 20 feet away.
- Take frequent breaks. Gamers should get up out of their seats and take breaks at regular intervals. This gives their eyes and ears a rest and allows them to stretch and reset their posture. Sitting for long periods of time can affect circulation and have adverse effects on the neck and spine as well.
- Get some fresh air. Individuals should use

break opportunities to go outside and get some fresh air and sunshine, if possible. The light and the clean air can improve energy levels and possibly help restore focus when it comes time to return to the game. Spending too many consecutive hours in a dark room can impact the brain and may affect how people learn, according to research led by Michigan State neuroscientists. Dim lights can make it hard to retain memories, while bright light boosts information retention and mood.

- Stretch hands and wrists. Maintaining overall good posture and stretching hands and wrists can offset complications of carpal tunnel syndrome, a condition that can affect mobility in the wrists and lead to inflammation and pain.
- Recognize addiction. People can get addicted to gaming just as they would to any other activity or substance. Novelty addiction is prolonged time spent on video games, the internet or smartphones. Research indicates these novelties can trigger various psychological responses in the brain, and people grow accustomed to chasing those triggers. Incorporate other activities into one's day so that gaming is not the end-all.

People can enjoy gaming in a safe and healthy way by incorporating various wellness strategies into their gaming routines.



Van Meter Earns 100th Career Victory

Moorefield Wrestling sophomore Isaac Van Meter (170-lb.) garnered his 100th career victory at the Mountaineer Match-up in Clarksburg on January 18. Van Meter refused to take a forfeit for his milestone, so he bumped up a weight class to compete for the special win. Van Meter was joined by his coaches T.J. Van Meter and Larry Schoonover. Isaac Van Meter holds the Moorefield program record for single season victories which is at 57 wins (57-1) and counting right now as he seeks to return to the state tournament where he placed third overall last season. "I am one of only three wrestlers in Moorefield history to have 100 wins, so this is a special honor," Isaac Van Meter stated.



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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, Pill & Pill, PLLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated April 10, 1998, executed by the Borrowers, Larry E. Saul and Deborah L. Saul, to James Paul Geary II, the Trustee, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Book 140, at Page 811. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 247 Smith Rd., Baker, WV 26801. Pill & Pill, PLLC was appointed as Substitute Trustee by an APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated December 12, 2018, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 310, at Page 762. The Borrowers defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustee has been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustee will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Hardy County, in Moorefield, West Virginia, on the following date:

February 5, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.
All of that certain tract or parcel of real estate, together with any and all buildings, improvements, rights of ways and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Capon District, Hardy County, West Virginia, on the waters of Lost River, about three miles northeast of Baker, and being more particularly described as follows:

"Beginning at a 1" steel pipe set at post on south side of road, between road and run, also a corner to Ralph Dove's lot and a corner to Jim Oats water gap, thence S. 38° 30' W. 390 feet with fence to a 1" steel pipe set at fence in this line; thence N. 55° W. 157 feet to a 1" steel pipe set on east side of road; thence N 32° E. 390 feet recrossing the run to a 1" steel pipe set at a corner post of fence on south side of road, also Dove's corner; thence S. 55° E. 196.5 feet with Dove's line to the beginning, containing 1.58 acres, more or less..."

This being the exact same tract or parcel of real estate conveyed Larry E. Saul, et ux., by deed dated September 19, 1975, from Allan Combs, et ux., and of record in the Hardy County Clerk's Office in Deed Book 139 at page 673.

Reference is hereby made to any and all instruments in the chain of title for any and all pertinent purposes.

TERMS OF SALE:

- 1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.
- 2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.
- 3) The Beneficiary and/or the Service of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
- 4) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.
- 5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.
- 6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
BY: Richard A. Pill, Member

Pill & Pill, PLLC
85 Aikens Center
Edwin Miller Boulevard
P.O. Box 440
Martinsburg, WV 25402
(304) 263-4871
foreclosures@pillwvlaw.com

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NOTICE OF REDEMPTION (2017-S-00000001 - Hardy County - PURNELL ENTERPRISES)

To: WESLEY W. MILLS, FARM SERVICE AGENCY, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lien-holders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property. You will take notice that PURNELL ENTERPRISES, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2017-S-00000001, 4.98 AC MURPHY SWF WEEDMORE, located in LOST RIVER, which was returned delinquent in the name of MILLS WESLEY W, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Hardy County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 8th day of November, 2017, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2019, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2019 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2019.
\$1,499.94
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2019.
\$1,286.47
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2018 following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2019.
\$611.28
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2019.
\$0.00
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the Honorable Bryan C. Ward, Sheriff and Treasurer of Hardy County.
\$3,397.69
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.
\$35.00
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2019, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Return to WV State Auditor's Office County Collections Office, Building 1, Room W-114, Charleston, West Virginia,

25305.

Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2

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NOTICE OF REDEMPTION (2017-S-00000024 - Hardy County - NATHAN WALTERS)

To: STANLEY E. ALLEN, III, MELISSA A. ALLEN, STANLEY E. ALLEN, III, MELISSA A. ALLEN, TRANS-ALLEGHENY INTERSTATE LINE COMPANY, TRAIL COMPANY, UNIVERSAL FIELD SERVICE, INC., or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lien-holders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property. You will take notice that NATHAN WALTERS, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2017-S-00000024, 20.39 AC LOT 108 ASHTON WOOD WV HUNTER LLC, located in MOOREFIELD, which was returned delinquent in the name of ALLEN STANLEY E III &, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Hardy County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 8th day of November, 2017, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2019, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2019 will be as follows:

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\$374.71
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\$529.47
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\$611.92
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2019.
\$532.38
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the Honorable Bryan C. Ward, Sheriff and Treasurer of Hardy County.
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ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA Lost River Campground 985 Kimsey Run Road Lost River, WV 26810 Plaintiff v Danielle Lewis/Kayla Whittaker 8950 Valley Pike Middletown, VA 22645 Defendant

Civil Action No. 19-M16C-00025
The object of the above entitled action is to obtain possession of the property located at 985 Kimsey Run Road, Lost River, WV 26810 and to have camper removed from the property.

And it appearing by an affidavit filed in this action that the defendant is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia for whom no agent, or appointed or statutory agent or attorney-in-fact upon whom service may be had is found in the state, it is ordered that Lost River Campground do serve upon Shawna M. Crites, magistrate, whose address 204 Washington Street, Moorefield, WV 26836, an answer or other defense to the complaint filed in this action on or before March 2, 2019, otherwise judgement by default will be taken against Danielle Lewis & Kayla Whittaker at any time thereafter. A copy of said complaint can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court, January 22, 2019.
Diana Shoemaker
Magistrate Court Clerk

1/30, 2/6 2c

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE HARDY COUNTY EMERGENCY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY (HCEAA) 17940 STATE ROUTE 55 BAKER, WV 26801 304-897-6050

The HCEAA is holding a public hearing for the purpose of receiving written or oral public comment(s) pertaining to the operations of the emergency ambulance system within the County. The annual Public Hearing is scheduled for February 13, 2019, 6:30 p.m. at the 911 Center, 157 Freedom Way, Moorefield, WV 26836.

This required public hearing shall be held in conjunction with the regular HCEAA Board Meeting to provide the Hardy County Ambulance Authority sufficient time to consider any improvements or changes in service and to account for said changes when submitting the annual budget request to the County Commission.

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HARDY COUNTY RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF NET POSITION June 30, 2018

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSET			
Current Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 113,955	\$ 278,096	\$ 392,051
Restricted Cash		2,931	2,931
Receivables:			
Accounts Interest	199	30,388	30,388
Other	4,547	(4,547)	0
Prepaid expenses	534		534
Loan Overpayment			
Lease payments receivable, current			
net of unearned interest income	38,163		38,163
Total current assets	157,398	306,868	464,266
Noncurrent Assets:			
Certificates of deposit	268,398		268,398
Lease payments receivable, net of unearned interest income	290,185		290,185
Capital Assets:			
Property, buildings and equipment	8,220,962	6,200,134	14,421,096
(822,798)	(822,798)	(2,361,104)	(3,183,902)
7,398,164	3,839,030	11,237,194	
7,956,747	3,839,030	11,795,777	
Total Noncurrent Assets	8,114,145	4,145,898	12,260,043
Total Assets			
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Employer contributions to pension plan subsequent to measurement date	14,742		14,742
Difference between expected and actual experience	3,084		3,084

Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	2,820		2,820
Total Deferred Outflows	20,646		20,646
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities:			
Current portion of long-term debt	143,201	65,392	208,593
Accounts payable	327	19,890	20,217
Security deposits liability		3,840	3,840
Accrued expenses	2,225		2,225
Total current liabilities	145,753	89,122	234,875
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Long-term interest payable	104,999		104,999
Long-term debt	1,597,723	413,257	2,010,980
Compensated absences, noncurrent	13,351		13,351
Net pension liability	34,650		34,650
Total noncurrent liabilities	1,774,499	413,257	2,187,756
Total Liabilities	1,920,252	502,379	2,422,631
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Changes in assumptions	1,797		1,797
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contribution and proportionate share of contributions	6,400		6,400
Differences between expected and actual experience	157		157
Net difference between expected and actual earnings in investments	8,803		8,803
Total deferred inflows	17,157		17,157
NET POSITION			
Invested in capital assets	5,657,240	3,360,381	9,017,621
Restricted	12,829	2,931	15,760
Unrestricted	527,313	280,207	807,520
Total Net Position	6,197,382	3,643,519	9,840,901

HARDY COUNTY RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ending June 30, 2018

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	PROGRAM REVENUES	NET REVENUES (EXPENSES) AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
	Expenses	Charges for Services
Governmental Activities		Operating Grants and Contributions
General government	\$191,337	\$ 30,000
Other governmental	210,868	123,101
Total government activities	402,205	123,101
Business-Type Activities		
Sewage	105,908	180,748
Water	12,493	11,363
Rental Properties	243,573	305,343
Total business-type	361,974	497,454
General Revenues		
Interest income		
Transfers		
Changes in net position		
Net position - beginning, as adjusted		
Net position - ending	\$6,197,382	\$3,643,519
The accompanying independent auditor's report and notes are an integral part of this statement.		

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Kaiulani Moats RN with resident Avanell Jody

Kaiulani started as a CNA 9 years ago while she was earning her RN degree. She has been a floor nurse for the past 7 years and was recently promoted to Unit Manager. Kaiulani states "I love my residents and it's a plus that I get to be close to home."



James Alt CNA with resident Effie Harr

James works as a CNA while earning his nursing degree at Massanutten Technical Center in Harrisonburg, Va. If you ask James why he works the evening shift at Pendleton Manor after being in class all day, he will tell you, "Because these are my people."

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