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# County Commission Had Full Agenda

# Commission Approves Sheriff Vehicles -

# Responds to Lawsuit

By Jean A. Flanagan  
*Moorefield Examiner*

The Hardy County Commission, Tuesday, approved the purchase of two vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. But instead of the pickup truck and SUV the Sheriff requested, the commission approved the purchase of two pickup trucks. And instead of the \$98,000 the commission had previously approved, the amount was reduced to \$75,000.

The move comes after months of requests, delays, denials and threats of court action. At the Commission meeting Tuesday, Feb. 5, Sheriff Bryan Ward requested two vehicles, a pickup truck and an SUV. The difference in price between the two was approximately \$4,000. The pickups are not pursued, he said. It could potentially be a liability issue. In addition, Ward said the new vehicles would be equipped with some equipment taken from old vehicles. We're trying to save money where we can, he said. We talked about \$75,000, Commissioner David Jay Falser said. I move we allow the Sheriff to purchase two pickup trucks. The motion was approved. Last year, Ward requested three vehicles to replace those in the fleet that were antiquated and out of service. The request was initially made in March, during the budget

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Photo by Hannah Heishman

The Moorefield Town Office is getting some much-needed renovations. The first phase is completed.

# Moorefield Council Approves Next Phase Of Office Renovations

By Hannah Heishman  
*Moorefield Examiner*

Moorefield City Clerk Rick Freeman updated the council on ongoing renovations to the Town Office. The first phase is complete, with glass installed earlier

that day to finish. "I'm very pleased with how it looks," Freeman said. The Moorefield Town Council met Tuesday, Feb. 5. The next phase includes removing old carpet, redoing drywall and floor tiles, and eventually cutting a door through the wall to access offices in another part of the building. There will also be a partial wall that, once built, will create a repository for paperwork. The total cost of the next phase is about \$20,000. The Council unanimously approved the re-

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# Pre-Budget Hopefuls Attend Commission Meeting

By Jean A. Flanagan  
*Moorefield Examiner*

No one knows how old it is, but it's been in the community as long as anyone can remember. The Kessel School is in need of some TLC and representatives of the Kessel Community Center came to the Hardy County Commission on Tuesday, Feb. 5 to ask for help. The building is in disrepair and the roof is in bad shape, said Doug Crites. We have a verbal estimate of \$2,600 to fix it and we're looking for funding. The 4-H Club used to use it, but they can't anymore. Crites said the Hardy County Board of Education transferred ownership of the building to the community in 2015. The original

roof is standing-seam metal, but the estimate was for a corrugated metal replacement. Commission President Harold Michael said the building should be preserved and the roof should be restored to original. You could check with (WV) Culture and History and ask them what should be done, he said. Michael asked Crites to get a quote on replacing the original roof and come back to the commission.

## PVTA

J Carter, executive director of the Potomac Valley Transit Authority made his annual appearance at the commission meeting, thanking the commissioners for their support and providing an

overview of the services PVTA offers. We continue to provide regular routes, transportation to the Sheltered Workshop and Potomac Highlands Guild, he said. We have three buses to Pilgrims at night and one during the day. We continue to offer Ready-Ride service in Moorefield and have been very successful with non-emergency medical transports. Carter explained the majority of PVTA funding comes from the state and federal government, although the non-medical transports have made a significant contribution to the bottom line. He explained the state's formula for matching funds has changed. He requested a \$5,000 contribution

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# Planners to Consider Building Code For Flood Plain Construction

By Lon Anderson  
*Moorefield Examiner*

At its February meeting, the Hardy County Planning Commission took a small step forward towards the creation of a limited building code in the County. State code allows the County

to establish a building code that only impacts construction in the floodplain," explained County Planning Manager Melissa Scott, who also serves as the County's Flood Plain manager. And, she noted, Ag structures are exempt. Scott explained that neighboring Hampshire County currently does this and uses a contractor to accomplish it (building code inspections), and the contractor is willing to take us on. I'm asking that we have this contractor come in and talk to us, Scott told the Planning Commissioners. He said they're doing

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Hardy County Balanced Scorecard								
School	Academic Performance		Benchmark Indicators		English Learners	Student Success		
	R/LA	Math	R/LA	Math		Attendance	Behavior	
MIS	Part	Part	Part	No	No	Part	Exceed	
EHEMS	Part	No	Part	No	N/A	Part	Exceed	
MMS	Part	Part	Part	Part	N/A	Part	Exceed	
			4-Year	5-Year		Attendance	OnTrack for Graduation	Post Secondary
			Graduation Rate					
EHHS	No	No	Meets	Part	N/A	No	Part	Exceed
MHS	Part	No	Meets	Part	N/A	No	Part	Exceed

Key: No = Does Not Meet State Standards, Part = Partially Meets State Standards, Meets = Meets State Standards, Exceed = Exceeds State Standards, N/A = Less than 20 students

# Hardy County Schools Partially Meet Most State Standards

By Jean A. Flanagan  
*Moorefield Examiner*

The West Virginia Department of Education released the Balanced Scorecard for the 2017-2018 school year and Hardy County students partially met most of the standards established by the State Board of Education. The Hardy County Board of Education met Monday, Feb. 4 and discussed the assessment. Students in grades three through eight are assessed on academic performance in Reading/Language Arts and Math. They are also assessed on benchmark indicators, which are given at the beginning and end of the school year. Elementary and middle school students are assessed on attendance and behavior. Students in high school are also assessed on academic performance in Reading/Language Arts and Math. They are scored on 4-year and 5-year graduation rates, attendance, on-track to graduation and post-secondary achievement. Students in all grade levels who are not English speakers are assessed

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Wednesday

SNOW

High 37°



Thursday

SUNNY

High 54°



Friday

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High 50°



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OPINION

Be a Donor for a Special Valentine

With tomorrow being Valentine s Day we got to thinking about love s holiday connection with giving. We had just looked up the Red Cross Bloodmobile dates for the next few months.

The Red Cross needs blood. There are shortages in many areas and all types are needed. But you have a chance to help that shortage. There will be at least 7 opportunities for people to give blood at Bloodmobiles in Hardy County during the rest of this year.

Local volunteers will be helping the folks who bring the Bloodmobile here on the following dates:

March 1 - Moorefield Church of the Brethren, Clay Street - 12:30 until 6 p.m.

March 4 - East Hardy High School, Baker - 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

May 9 - Moorefield Church of the Brethren, Clay Street - 12:30 until 6 p.m.

June 21 - Believers Victory Center, off Corridor H - 1:30 until 7 p.m.

July 12 - Moorefield Church of the Brethren, Clay Street - 12:30 until 6 p.m.

September 12 - Moorefield Church of the Brethren, Clay Street - 12:30 until 6 p.m.

November 14 - Moorefield Church of the Brethren, Clay Street - 12:30 until 6 p.m.

Surely you can find time to fit in a visit to the Bloodmobile to give the gift of life. You never know when someone in your own family will need a transfusion. You never know when a neighbor or a friend might need help to survive an operation, an illness or injuries from an accident. You never know when a disaster will hit or when young men and women on a battlefield will need your life-giving blood.

We can t think of anything more appropriate for Valentine s Day than to make a note on your calendar to visit one or more of the 7 Bloodmobiles that will be in Hardy County over the next 9 months.

And if for some reason none of those dates are convenient, you might check the Red Cross website and see if a date in Grant or Hampshire counties or Winchester or Cumberland or other nearby communities might fit your schedule.

With all the craziness in the world, the need for human blood is unbelievable. Each year 4.5 million Americans would die without blood transfusions. Think about these numbers: 32,000 thousand pints of blood are used each day in this country; every 3 seconds, someone needs a pint of blood; one out of every 10 persons who enter a hospital, will need blood; and one pint of human blood can save the lives of as many as 3 people.

Amazing. One pint - that s 2 cups or 16 ounces - and the average adult has 10 pints flowing through their veins and arteries.

The numbers we don t like are that while 60 percent of the population are eligible to give blood, only 5 percent actually do.

Being a blood donor only takes an hour of your time. There are nice people to talk to and you ll get a snack afterwards.

If you have questions, go to RedCrossBlood.org and find out what you need to know. Or you can ask your medical provider or someone who is a regular donor.

Happy Valentine s Day to those of you who take the time to give a pint of life today, tomorrow or whenever.

And, when you do, we thank you.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Editor,  
Two Issues:  
I read the article that Mr. Heishman wrote, (Jan. 30, 2019), about his cat. I live at Warden Lake; I am presently feeding three stray (dropped), cats, a Himalayan, white with black

feet and a grey face, beautiful cat, but I can t get near it; scared to death of people, I also feed a orange and white cat, I can get within ten feet, no closer, and on occasion a black cat. I really don t care for the idea of trapping and dropping any

animal, much less a cat.

I personally keep my three cats (one 18 yrs, one 6 yrs, and one 9 months) all strays, in at night.

Thank you  
On the opinion from the Morgan Messenger:

There is no question that West Virginia is trying to keep its dirty little secret of drug abuse hidden. Our good politicians Federal and State have passed laws that maybe slow down the prescription drug use, they  
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MY UNBASED OPINION

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN

A couple weeks ago I reported on my activities with catheterization and possibilities of a new aortic heart valve. Last week I spent two days in Washington getting pre-operative tests cleared. Everything went reasonably well as far as I could tell.

My sister, Eleanor, became Plus One when they called my name to board the rattle trap shuttle bus which delivered us to front entrance Veteran s Administration Medical Center (VAMC) Washington DC. Rattle trap it may be, but it beats driving in morning traffic through Washington. A travel companion is required for cardiac patients traveling on VA transportation. Sis presence was also required for overnight stay at Fisher House, living accommodations on the VAMC campus.

A bunch of tests, none of them strenuous or painful. Fair amount of time spent in waiting rooms mulling questions of What happens next, where and when? until Crystal showed up.

I don t know her last name or her official title. She is administrative coordinator for the cardiac section of operations. Crystal can make things happen. She knows people. She has up-front working relations with everybody from Wayne, our shuttle bus driver, to Dr. Gregory D. Trachiotis, Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Director of Heart Center, VAMC. She filled out paper work for me at reception desks for various tests, then snatched up my luggage and walked off to our bus loading area when we left. She was brightest spot of our entire stay.

Worst news from all the tests and examinations was dental. I gotta have two teeth pulled. Dr. Bill Fisher, my regular dentist, hasn t pulled them because they still helped me eat with little or no pain involved. Now they are considered a dangerous entry point for possible infection for new heart valve and they have to go. Martinsburg VAMC dental section will take them out for no charge.

Teeth extraction, a pulmonary

test and a final Cat Scan will finish testing. Final evaluation of all test results by cardiac section personnel will direct go or no-go on valve replacement. If it is go, then Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR) by Transfemoral Approach (TF) will likely be performed by Dr. Trachiotis, with Dr. Christian Nagy assisting at George Washington University Hospital, sometime around first of April. That means the surgeon will shove a balloon tipped wire holding new heart valve from a cow, up my aorta from groin to heart and release new valve inside my old diseased one.

If my procedure is successful, I may be turned loose day after surgery to come home and recuperate for a week before commencing preparations for tomato and gourd planting. Doghouse firewood gathering should also begin on schedule. No, I won t be showing off my surgical scar, because it will be located in my groin and my privates are private.

Over past years, many folks have

GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES

Fifteen Years Ago  
February 18, 2004

Low pathogenic Avian Influenza was found in the Delmarva Region causing a biosecurity alert to be issued.

A group of local citizens was developing a plan to reduce pollution in WV streams flowing into the Chesapeake Bay.

County schools had lost 11 days due to weather. Some can be made up by taking by returning out of school days back into the calendar. Extending the length of instruction days would also help.

Farmland Preservation was explained by Dennis Funk. A second story reported that the Rudolph Farm near Wardensville was the first farm in West Virginia placed in the Farmland Preservation program.

Roy Taylor Windy Wilson, 88, died Feb. 9 Ray Olon Brill, 77, Wardensville, died Feb. 12 Mildred Hines Martin, 89, Martinsburg, died Feb. 2 Robert Delawder, 73, died Feb. 8.

Amy Elizabeth Anderson and Richard Alan Feathers were married June 28, 2003.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chris Funkhouser, a son, Malachi Treysen to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thorne, a son, Daniel.

The Lady Jackets defeated Tucker County 40-35 to win the Division II PVC championship the Jackettes beat East Hardy 35-33 and lost to Berkeley Springs 51-46 and Pendleton County 48-44 the Lady Cougars lost to Tygarts Valley 44-32 and Pendleton 41-29...Moorefield boys defeated Union 59-40, Harman 77-45, and Pendleton 58-47 East Hardy boys defeated Moorefield 64-59, Union 59-54 and lost to Berkeley Springs 64-63 and Pocahontas County Katie Fisher and Tyler Sherman became members of the One Thousand Point Club at

Moorefield High School.

Thirty Years Ago  
February 15, 1989

Paul See was chosen to be one of five students from the WV School for the Deaf to participate in an Aerospace Science Education Program.

Mrs. Annie Shobe was nominated by the Moorefield Woman s Club for the state-wide competition Celebrate Women .

The Hardy County Commission voted to join the regional Solid Waste Authority.

Madge Snyder Wilson, 76, Wardensville, died Feb. 11 Roy Forrest Dolly, 77, died Feb. 11 in Elkins Charles C. Harman, 85, Maysville, died Feb. 11 Homer Franklin Kohne, 83, Covington, VA, died Feb. 6.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dane Schell, a son, Cody James to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Van Huss, a son, William Kent to Tamara Davidson, a daughter, Erica Dawn.

Moorefield lost to Frankfort 69-49 and to Franklin 56-45.

Forty-five Years Ago  
February 13, 1974

Moorefield was starting to obtain rights of way for the proposed water and sewer project. The Town also hired the Michie Company to rewrite and update the City Code and Ordinances.

Citizens were organizing a drive to raise \$25,000 to help replace the science laboratory equipment lost in the Christmas fire at Moorefield High School

Legislation to redistrict the state was passed. Hardy County was able to remain in the 16th Senatorial District, despite some efforts to move the county into the 12th or 15th districts.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Randall Stump, a son.

Mathias defeated Moorefield 50-42.

Sixty Years Ago  
February 18, 1959

Theodore Fearnow, regional forester of the US Forest Service, addressed the Moorefield and Wardensville Lions Clubs about developing recreational resources in the CaCapon Valley. Area development was a mutual concern for both clubs and was discussed.

The Board of Education authorized the organization of an advisory committee to study school problems and make recommendations to the Board.

Nearly \$3,000 had been raised for the March of Dimes.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Helmick, a son, Duane Arthur to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Burgess, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wilkins, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Benny Mathias, a daughter.

Moorefield lost to Keyser 73-47 and Charles Town 44-43 Wardensville defeated Franklin 61-49.

Seventy-five Years Ago  
February 16, 1944

Plans were complete for building a branch of Rockingham Poultry Marketing Corporation in Moorefield. It was expected to be ready by April 15. When open 90 to 100 people were expected to be employed. Large quantities of the poultry goes to the U. S. Government and probably would for some time.

Rep. Randolph told a House committee that failure to lay a foundation for a synthetic fuel industry might result in a crisis similar to the rubber shortage. He urged appropriations to build demonstration plants to produce fuel from coal and other substances.

Sgt. Lindsey Poling received a certificate of Merit for outstanding duty performed in the rescue and

care of survivors of the Navy destroyer Turner which exploded and sank off Sandy Hook.

Ella Ours Thomas, 72, died Feb. 10 in Burlington Maggie Coby Halterman, 85, died Feb. 15 George Lee Dove, 81, Brock s Gap, died Feb. 12 Anna, 3 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arville Wilt, died Feb. 12 the Rev. J. Horace Lacey of Winchester had died.

Lola Halterman and William Vance were married Feb. 10 in Cumberland a marriage license was issued to Ina Orndorff and Uzel Peer.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walters, a son.

Mathias defeated Wardensville in a double header...Moorefield defeated Romney 33-26 and lost to Franklin 32-28.

Ninety Years Ago  
February 14, 1929

Hazel Evans was at the Howard Kelly Hospital in Baltimore with a patient she accompanied from Winchester Hospital. Her sister, Agnes Evans, was taking the nursing course at Winchester.

M. Dasher had sent a letter of resignation to Supt. Hawse as a member of the Board of Education.

T. W. Mathias had been crowded from the road by a road hog and lost his car by wreckage and burning.

Bud Wilkins, Lost City, had been taken to Rockingham Memorial Hospital after suffering the hiccoughs for a week.

Julia Woerner, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Woerner, had died from the measles.

Virginia Louise Wolfe and Harry Lee Mongold were married.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reel, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Allen, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Tony See, a son to Mr. and Mrs. G. S. O. May, a daughter.



EXAMINER SAYS

Happy Valentine s Day

Depending on location, nearly all of the groundhogs who were interviewed on Feb. 2 reported an early spring. Funny, because we thought there was a combination of sunshine and clouds from a good portion of Maine to Florida on that day. So we have to assume that the groundhog keepers are telling it like they want it, not like French Creek Freddie from West Virginia or Pete or Phil or any of the other rodents roped in to appearing before the cameras would have reported. Actually, if the groundhogs were left alone, they

all would stay hibernating until real spring arrives.

Happy Valentine s Day

We have a real problem with people who don t vaccinate their children against contagious diseases like measles or mumps or chickenpox. Just last month there was a measles outbreak in Oregon. If you believe that vaccinations cause problems you haven t talked to a trained medical professional. If you believe that and don t get shots for your youngsters you are not only exposing them to getting one of the contagious diseases, you are

endangering the elderly, babies who have not yet been vaccinated and people with immune issues like cancer patients. There s one positive for those of us who live in West Virginia. We are one of only three states, with Mississippi and California, that do not allow any exemption from the childhood vaccinations unless it is medical. Good for us and good for our legislature, which hasn t caved to those few out there who don t want their children to be vaccinated.

Happy Valentine s Day

Have you been reading about

the Polar Vortex? For some reason we didn t remember that there was one back in 2014. But the other reason is that even after reading about the vortex we still don t understand exactly what it is or what causes it. Unless, of course, we can make sense of weather babble. So we just accept that the polar vortex brought lots of high winds and lots of low temperatures which when conjoined resulted in extreme cold. We hope that s good enough for you, because we are just hoping that now the polar vortex is done with us for the year.

Happy Valentine s Day

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# At The Capitol - News From The West Virginia Legislature



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As the 60-day regular session of the Legislature passed the midway point, the omnibus education bill continued to dominate the session, undergoing methodical and major revisions in the House Education Committee, after passing the Senate on a narrow and partisan 18-16 vote.

At press time, the bill (SB 451) continued to undergo numerous changes, including scaling back charter schools to a pilot project, scaling back vouchers for public school alternatives, and removing provisions aimed at teachers unions, including a requirement to annually renew paying union dues as a paycheck deduction.

At the West Virginia Press Association's annual legislative breakfast, held on the 30th day of the session, House and Senate leaders had differing views on where the bill stands.

Senate President Mitch Carmichael, R-Jackson, said the idea that Senate leadership was pushing radical, anti-public schools measures in the bill was absurd.

Charter schools have been tried in 44 other states, he said. Why can anyone say it's a bad idea to provide an option that's enabled in 44 other states?

House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay, said he hopes the Senate bill will serve as a vehicle for education reform that ultimately will have bipartisan support in both houses.

Hanshaw's use of the word "vehicle"

is significant, since in legislative vernacular, it refers to a bill that is used as a shell into which other legislation can be inserted.

Carmichael conceded that the House will likely dramatically change the bill, but said he hopes they don't lose sight of its ultimate intent of improving education outcomes.

It will change. It will evolve. We understand that, he said.

Meanwhile, Senate Minority Leader Roman Prezioso, D-Marion, took Gov. Jim Justice to task for his failure to show leadership on the issue, with Prezioso saying the governor's involvement to date consisted of holding a single press conference to denounce the bill as a mess, and to threaten a veto.

The governor should be here daily taking the bull by the horns, Prezioso said, adding, "The governor needs to be here to make this happen. If not, we're going to fight back and forth."

House Minority Leader Tim Miley, D-Harrison, questioned how the 133-page bill materialized with little or no input from stakeholders, noting, "There needed to be a lot more effort to reach out to teachers, to find out what their problems are."

Miley also used the breakfast to discuss the most contentious issue of the week at the Capitol, stemming from an attempt to amend a local government bill to effectively overturn anti-discrimination ordinances in cities around the state that include protections for sexual orientation.

As the state tries to attract and retain young adults, Miley said the Legislature needs to consider what message such divisive legislation sends.

I think we need to be careful about what we do, and the messages it sends about our state. He

said. Who are we trying to attract here, and what are we doing that might repel them?

The action in House Government Organization Committee – and particularly remarks by freshman Delegate Eric Porterfield, R-Mercer, attacking the anti-discrimination ordinances and the LGBT community – provoked fiery floor speeches in the House the next day.

The effect of the amendment was to spread hate across West Virginia once again, said Delegate Mike Caputo, D-Marion. It's absolutely shameful that we got into such a heated debate over an issue that our children can't understand why we would fight about it."

Freshman Delegate Sammi Brown, D-Jefferson, said of the amendment and Porterfield's comments, "There is a crisis of character in this chamber."

### Also at the Capitol

The Senate passed 30-0 and sent to the House legislation that would cut off legislators' per-day pay during budget impasses after five days.

Lead sponsor, Sen. Roman Prezioso, D-Marion, said the bill was inspired by budget impasses in 2016 and 2017 that dragged on into the summer, at a cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Delegate Gary Howell, R-Mineral, announced that through implementation of legislation to require state agencies to obtain new license plates and registrations for state vehicles, the state finally has an accurate count of how many vehicles it owns: 8,380, including 4,175 passenger cars and trucks.

After years of confusion and conflicting data, we finally know how many vehicles the state owns, Howell said.

# Community Foundation Accepting Applications for Grants and Scholarships

The Community Foundation is now accepting applications for funding from two competitive grant-making funds.

Applications for Community Impact funding will be considered for programs or projects serving Hardy County in the following areas: Animal Welfare, Arts and Culture, Children and Youth, Community and Economic Development, Education, the Environment, Health and Wellness, and Human Services.

Applications for funding through the Deanna Wilson and J. Cavanagh STEM fund will be considered for programs that propose to advance the understanding of and interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) fields among students in grades 4-10.

Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded. Nonprofits, schools, and government agencies are eligible to apply. One application serves both funding opportunities and may be downloaded from the website, <https://www.ewvcf.org/grants-scholarships/>.

Applications are due Thursday, March 21.

The deadline for submitting an application for Community Foundation Scholarships is fast approaching.

Scholarships include the Kaylee Grace Whetzel Scholarship, the Oscar H. Bean, Bill Clark, Clarence Hink Fisher and Tom Hawse II Scholarship, the Bob and Betty Wilson Family Scholarship, and the East Hardy County Vo-Tech Training Scholarship.

Scholarship amounts range from \$500 to \$1,000. The 2019 Scholarship Application is due Thursday, Feb. 28 and may be downloaded from the website:

<https://www.ewvcf.org/grants-scholarships/>.

## Planning Commission

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ing seven counties now in West Virginia many in the panhandle. I think it's something we ought to take on because of the county's liability, she continued.

Why is the county involved in this at all? asked Commissioner George Leatherman.

Because we are asked to sign off on these building code certifications, and we don't really know what's there, she explained.

What's the liability if we don't do it? Leatherman continued.

If something happened to a building and we said it was built to standards, that could create a liability, Scott explained.

Even FEMA is asking us to sign off on surveyor and engineer's work before they issue an approval, Scott explained, and I'm not trained to know whether their work is up to code.

We wouldn't be telling people they can't do it (build a structure), noted Commissioner Robert Williams. That's important.

Scott explained there would also be a real benefit: the more things the County has in place (concerning flood plain protections) the more points you get off your insurance involving flood plains, which could mean lower insurance costs for property owners here.

So the trick is to do this without adding a building inspector (to the county payroll), noted Commission President Lee Lehman.

Scott noted that it would have very limited applicability, estimating that there were only about three building permits a year on average that were in flood plains and would therefore require such inspections. Those homes would be easier to sell if they had passed building inspections and were

floodplain compliant, she added. There are not a lot of negatives to doing this.

In the end, the Commissioners agreed to invite the company representative who provides the inspection services to their March meeting to explore further the issue of building codes that would be limited to floodplain construction.

In other business, the Commissioners agreed to the 2019 work plan they had discussed in their January meeting, including the proposed merger of the current updates to the zoning and subdivision ordinances with an early updating of the next Comprehensive Land Use Plan (Comp Plan) all to be set for adoption in 2020.

In building activity, Scott reported that eight building permits had been issued in January representing a total of \$659,000 in estimated construction value.

## INTERCEPTED LETTER

Legislative Leadership,

The Executive Directors of the WVSACA wish to address concerns we have with three key elements of Senate Bill 451. We wish to address these key elements to vividly describe how each will hurt public education and extracurricular activities in the Mountain State. The first issue we have is that school choice could drain our already troubled public-school budgets. Next, we know that charter schools will be allowed to make their own rules, therefore not having to abide by the state BOE rules which the WVSSAC enforces. Finally, charter schools and other non-public institutions of learning may attract kids from out of their home attendance zone. This could lead to the non-academic recruitment of students. This act is strictly prohibited by the WV State BOE and the WVSSAC.

The budgets of most public schools in WV are already extremely tight. If charter schools can take money away from public education budgets, public school's co-curricular activities and extracurricular activities will be the first

options to be cut. If Senate Bill 451 passes, public school students will miss out on academic field trips and clubs, performing arts, and athletic programs that enhance the well-rounded education of our children. We cannot lose money to charter schools and still provide comprehensive courses and more intense activities to our students.

Charter schools can make their own rules including deciding their academic courses, their class rigors or lack thereof, their school day, and their discipline policies. All of these are very important pieces in deciding who can participate in WVSSAC sanctioned events. If we do not have consistent policies across the board, we will have chaos regarding who can participate from charter schools.

In recent years, our state has really clamped down on students transferring for athletic reasons and coaches illegally recruiting student athletes. If we introduce charter schools to our state, the transferring and recruiting for athletic purposes will explode. Students will move to charter schools choosing to play for programs that

are not in their home attendance zone. This does not promote the academic-based athletics that our students need to learn responsibility and discipline.

In closing, we at the WVSACA cherish academic-based extracurricular activities. Our association does not want to see charter schools and ESA's become law. We do not want to see our public-school extracurricular activities shut down because of lost funding! We do not support SB 451 as it is currently crafted. WV does not need more school choice. WV needs a legislative body that will fund our educational system properly, make our students and parents accountable for their actions, and seek the best practices from the talented teachers we have in our great state!

Yours in Education,  
The Executive Committee of the WVSACA - Jodi Mote, Brad Jett, Jamie Tallman, Ralph Hensley, Joe Dean, Wes Eddy, Charles Maynard, Brad Dingess, John Kelley, Mark Montgomery, and Robert Mullett

## Letter to the Editor

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have also raised the demand and price for illegal drugs. I have been told by two different law officers, that there is no mental health avail-

able in West Virginia, if a person wants to get off drugs they might as well pack their bags and head elsewhere. While there is no quick fix to the drug use, Methadone treatment is the first step in reducing the de-

mand for illegal drugs. We should be willing to invest in our own people, a second chance is always appropriate and needed.

Terry Weaver  
Wardensville

# W.Va. Fishing Regulations Corrected

The 2019 West Virginia Fishing Regulations Summary contains two errors of which anglers and other parties should note.

On page 12, the code for Buffalo Fork (Pocahontas) should read BW-F, instead of W-F.

On page 13, Mill Creek (Hampshire) was not included in the regulations. Its code is BW.

The code BW means a stream or lake is stocked twice a month in February through April and once in May. Code F means a stream or

lake is stocked once in each of the two weeks after the week that includes Columbus Day in October. These changes have been made to the electronic version of the regulations on the agency website [www.wvdnr.gov](http://www.wvdnr.gov).

## NEWS BRIEFS

Applications are now available for historic preservation development grants through the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the Department of Arts, Culture and History. Projects eligible for grants include the restoration, rehabilitation or archaeological development of historic sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Deadline for receipt of applications is postmarked by April 1, 2019. A complete program description, including funding priorities and selection criteria is available at <http://www.wvculture.org/shpo/GrantManual/development.html> or contact Pam Brooks, grants coordinator for the SHPO, at (304) 558-0240 or [Pam.A.Brooks@wv.gov](mailto:Pam.A.Brooks@wv.gov).

The ten winners of the Almost Heaven Inaugural Governor's Art Exhibition were announced Feb. 1. All West Virginia students in grades K-12 were invited to participate in the show. This year's exhibition called for one-of-a-kind postcard designs that feature a favorite place or activity in West Virginia. Selected postcard artwork will be used by the West Virginia Tourism Office to personally invite travelers to Almost Heaven. Artwork was accepted in the following mediums: painting, printmaking, digital art, drawing, photography and mixed media. The 184 accepted entries from 22 counties will be on exhibit until August 9 at the State Capitol in Charleston.

West Virginia revenue collections have failed to surpass tax estimates for the first time in 10 months. Gov. Jim Justice said Tuesday collections in January were \$3 million below estimates, blamed on weaker-than-anticipated monthly personal income tax collections. Overall collections through the first seven months of the fiscal year are \$40.9 million

above revised estimates.

According to AAA last week, average gas prices in West Virginia were up one cent to \$2.266. The average national gas price was up slightly at \$2.277. For most states, gas prices are starting off the first week in February cheaper than the last week in January. In the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast gas prices are one to three cents cheaper for every state in the region. Across West Virginia, prices ranged from a low of \$2.217 at Parkersburg to a high of \$2.279 at Morgantown. Area averages were \$2.353 in Jefferson, \$2.301 in Hampshire, and \$2.305 in Mineral counties. In Hardy County, gas prices were at \$2.299 at Liberty in Wardensville. At Baker the price was \$2.39. In Moorefield prices were at \$2.29 at the BP Station.

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Flu Shots

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

### 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.

### 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 Alex 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 documents

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.

### Health Plan Meetings

The Hardy County Chamber will host two informational meetings for the Chamber Benefit Plan, a unique self-funded health benefit option offered by the Health Plan. Both meetings will be on Feb. 27. The first meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. at Eastern WV Community and Technical College. The second meeting will be at Wardensville Garden Market at 5:00 p.m. Members of the Chamber in good standing with

99 employees or less are invited to attend.

### Food School

The Hardy County Health Department will host Food School on Monday, March 4 at 9 a.m. at the Health Department, 411 Spring Ave. in Moorefield at 7 p.m. at Moorefield High School. No registration is necessary. Classes are on a first-come, first-served basis. For information call 304-530-6355.

### Spay and Neuter

2019 is a great time to get your cat and dog spayed and neutered. Spay Today's our area's non-profit, reduced-price spay and neuter program. Choose from many vets over a wide area. Check the Spay Today website <https://spay-today.org> or call

304-728-8330.

### Hardy County Public Meeting Schedule

Hardy County Commission - First Tuesday of each month - 9 a.m. Hardy County Courthouse  
Hardy County Board of Education - First and Third Monday of each month - 5 p.m. Hardy County Board Office, 510 Ashby Ave. Moorefield  
Wardensville Town Council - Second Monday of each month - 6:30 p.m. - Conference and Visitors Center, Main Street, Wardensville  
• Moorefield Town Council - First and Third Tuesdays of each month - 7 p.m. Inskeep Hall, 206 Winchester Ave., Moorefield.  
Hardy County Planning Commission - First Tuesday of

each month - 7 p.m. Planning Office, Hardy County Courthouse, Lower Level

Hardy County Public Service District - First Wednesday of each month - 4:30 p.m. PSD Office, 2094 U.S. 220 South, Moorefield  
Hardy County Ambulance Authority - Second Wednesday of each month - 6:30 p.m. alternates between Moorefield 911 Center and Baker building.

Hardy County Rural Development Authority - Does not publish a regular schedule of meetings. RDA Office, 223 N. Main St., Suite 102, Moorefield.

Meeting schedules may change because of holidays or other events. Please check with the agency to verify the meeting will be held as planned.



BUSINESS NEWS

## A Special Thanks to Wal-Mart

A special thanks to Wal-Mart Store #2696 for awarding Petersburg Elementary School \$500. This money was used to purchase a new camera for our school. Teachers have been using their personal cameras to take pictures for years.

The cost of the yearbooks does not allow for much of a profit. They use any profit to order extra yearbooks. This camera was much needed for the school. They love documenting the work that their students complete and being able to photograph all of their accomplishments.

Thank you Wal-Mart!



Front Row: Ty Berg, Carter Swick, and Albert Ramos-Rivera  
Back Row: Ella Markwell, Elizabeth Clark, Ruby Mongold, Kurstynn Hall, and Kason Kefferman

## Summit Completes Acquisition Of Peoples Bankshares, Inc.

Summit Financial Group, Inc. announced completion, effective January 1, 2019, of the acquisition by its subsidiary Summit Community Bank, Inc. of Peoples Bankshares, Inc. and its subsidiary, First

Peoples Bank, headquartered in Mullens, West Virginia. The former First Peoples' offices will continue to operate under that name until close of business on Friday, April 26, 2019, and will com-

mence operating under the name Summit Community Bank on Monday, April 29, 2019. Summit Financial Group, Inc. is a \$2.2 billion financial holding company headquartered in Moorefield.

## SBA Seeking Entrepreneurs For Free Business Training Course

The Small Business Administration seeks 20 entrepreneurs throughout West Virginia to participate in a free executive-level business course starting in March.

SBA's Emerging Leaders program is a free executive-level business training program for established business owners poised for growth. Over the course of seven months at the University of Charleston's Innovation Center, each participating entrepreneur will learn immediate ways to improve their business and create a three-year strategic growth plan to build a sustainable business of size and scale.

The program is for established business owners and is not for start-ups or people who are think-

ing about starting a business. To be considered, businesses must be for-profit enterprises, been in business for at least three years, have full-time employees, and have annual revenues between \$250,000 and \$10 million.

There are no restrictions on the type of businesses that can participate. Some examples of participating businesses include manufacturers, retail stores, wholesalers, contractors, professional services and food services.

A few notable West Virginia entrepreneurs who have completed the course include Roya Mayer, A3L Federal Works; Jeremy Harris, IT Mindshare; and Michael Mills, Mills Group.

This program made me look at

my business from many perspectives and question the why and how of some of the essential business activities such as employee hiring and reviews, stated Mills.

Business owners interested in the program should fill out the online application at [www.sba.gov/emergingleaders](http://www.sba.gov/emergingleaders) by March 1. Interise, a non-profit organization specializing in entrepreneurial education, oversees the Emerging Leaders program nationwide. The SBA will review applications and select class participants.

For more information, visit [www.sba.gov/emergingleaders](http://www.sba.gov/emergingleaders), email [melissa.loder@sba.gov](mailto:melissa.loder@sba.gov) or call 304-623-7448.

## Hardy County Chamber Hosts Informational Meetings

In conjunction with the Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce, the Hardy County Chamber will host two informational meetings for the Chamber Benefit Plan, a unique self-funded health benefit option offered by The Health Plan.

Thirteen counties, as well as the WV Trial Lawyers Association have joined the Wheeling Cham-

ber in this endeavor. The plan is available to West Virginia employers with up to 99 eligible employees. Employers must be current members and in good standing with the Hardy County Chamber to be eligible to participate. The plan is backed by THP Insurance Company.

The meetings are scheduled

for Wednesday, Feb. 27. The first meeting will be held at Eastern WV Community and Technical College at 9:30 a.m. The second meeting will be held at 5 p.m. at the Wardensville Garden Market.

For more information, contact Hardy County Chamber Executive Director Bonnie Rogers.

## PHG Is First in Nation to be Trained to Use Vaping Prevention Plus Wellness Program

In an effort to educate the community on important issues, the Potomac Highlands Guild is proud to announce that prevention professionals from PHG and the Berkeley County Recovery Resource Prevention Program have become the first

in the nation to be trained to implement the new Vaping Prevention Plus Wellness Program to youth. Dr. Raj Masih, Roger Dodd, Jeanie Hawk, Kevin Knowles, Paige Mathias and Stephanie Stout attended the 5-hour live online training to

become certified program implementers of this evidence-informed program. This program will be provided to elementary, middle and high school youth in all eight counties of the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia.

## McCoy Grand Theater to Host Auditions



Auditions for 'Steel Magnolias,' will be held on Sunday, Feb. 24, from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., at McCoy's Grand Theater, 121 S. Main St. in Moorefield.

## Fraley to Serve on National Resources Advisory Group

Jeffrey Fraley, CFSP, of Fraley Funeral Home LLC in Moorefield, has been appointed to the 2018-19 National Funeral Directors Association Member Resources Advisory Group.

Members of the Advisory Group will be called upon to assist NFDA in a variety of ways, such as evaluating existing member benefits, recommending new programs, products and services, reviewing and providing feedback on new resources and assisting with the recruitment and retention of members from around the world for the betterment of the profession and the families it serves.

We are pleased that Jeffrey has accepted his appointment to the NFDA Member Resources Advisory Group, said NFDA Chief Executive Officer Christine Peeper, CAE.

The advisory group's work in the coming year will help NFDA fulfill its mission of supporting funeral directors as they provide families with meaningful end-of-life services at the highest levels of excellence and integrity. We are grateful to Jeffrey for accepting this important leadership position in NFDA and funeral service.

NFDA is the world's leading and largest funeral service association, serving more than 20,000 individual members who represent nearly 11,000 funeral homes in the United States and 49 countries around the world. NFDA is the trusted leader, beacon for ethics and the strongest advocate for the profession. NFDA is the association of choice because it offers funeral professionals comprehensive edu-



cational resources, tools to manage successful businesses, guidance to become pillars in their communities and the expertise to foster future generations of funeral professionals. NFDA is headquartered in Brookfield, Wis. and has an office in Washington, D.C. For more information, visit [www.nfda.org](http://www.nfda.org).

## Ghidey and Balilo Honored As Pilgrim's Fresh Plant Team Members of the Month

Askalu Ghidey has been honored as the November 2018 Team Member of the Month for the Pilgrim's Moorefield fresh plant. Ms. Ghidey works in the Portioning department on night shift and has worked for the company since October 2012.

Askalu has perfect attendance and works over her normal shift to help production said Matt Rogers, her supervisor. She is a great example of a team player, working with new team members and showing them our grading and production process. Askalu keeps a positive attitude and knows all jobs in the department. She is a great asset to the department and is very safety conscious.



Pictured are Matt Rogers, supervisor, Askalu Ghidey, Ashley Bohrer, night shift debone manager.

Tamire Balilo has been honored as the December 2018 Team Member of the Month. Mr. Balilo works in the Breast Debone department on night shift and has worked for the company since December 2011.

Tamire's supervisor, Chris Crites commented, Tamire has received perfect attendance awards for several years. He is a great team player, doing his job as required and keeps an optimistic attitude. Tamire is trained in many areas of the department and always willing to help when needed. He gives 100% in quality and job performance. Tamire is committed to safety and always wears the proper safety equipment.

The Team Member of the Month is a program that has been implemented to recognize employees for their outstanding merit and work ethic. Employees in the program have exhibited outstanding work characteristics in the categories of attendance, teamwork, attitude, job performance and safety.



Pictured are Chris Crites, supervisor, Tamire Balilo, Ashley Bohrer, night shift debone manager.

Pilgrim's employs approximately 51,300 people and operates chicken processing plants and prepared-foods facilities in 14 states, Puerto Rico, Mexico, the U.K and conti-

nental Europe. The Company's primary distribution is through retailers and foodservice distributors. For more information, please visit [www.pilgrims.com](http://www.pilgrims.com).

## Board of Education

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on their proficiency. Students in grades K - 2 are not assessed.

Questions arose from the board about Hardy County's math scores. Moorefield Intermediate and Moorefield Middle schools were partially meeting standards. The other schools were not meeting standards.

We have been given a grant from the state to implement Math-4Life, Superintendent Sheena VanMeter said. We want to focus our priorities on foundation standards. We want teachers to go back to teaching the basics.

Board members discussed the pros and cons of double learning periods.

VanMeter said the grant allows high school math classes to visit off-campus sites. We want to take them out to a construction site, for example, and show how math is used in the real world, she said.

There is a disconnect between fundamental skills and higher functions, said board member Jerry Yates. Colleges have set aside developmental math classes for Hardy County students. We set expectations beyond their ability to perform.

We're hoping that going back

to basics at the elementary and middle school levels with help with that, VanMeter said.

"We didn't get here overnight and we won't fix it overnight," Yates said. He emphasized that Hardy County was not the only county in the state from which students are in need of remedial math classes in college.

**Resolution**

Board President Nancy Hahn presented a resolution that opposes any and all efforts to use public funds for education reform or make any changes that do not lead to higher student achievement for the most disadvantaged students and Taxation and policy decisions which result in reduced revenues for public education and/or have a negative impact on our students and families must be avoided.

The resolution is in opposition to Senate Bill 451, which most educators in the state oppose. Both teacher unions and the West Virginia Board of Education oppose the bill.

The measure passed the Senate earlier that day.

SB451 ties teacher pay and public employee insurance increases to increased class sizes, the estab-

lishment of charter schools and sanctions for work stoppages.

Several senators remarked the omnibus legislation was crafted without input from educators or administrators.

Governor Jim Justice has said he will veto the bill if it is passed in the House of Delegates.

The Hardy County Board unanimously approved the resolution of opposition.

**General Discussion**

Yates asked if the school system had a plan if the county experiences a biohazard situation such as avian influenza. He had recently attended a conference where that situation was discussed.

"We could find ourselves in a situation where the National Guard shuts down a road and we can't get kids home," he said.

VanMeter said the school system takes direction from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

The next meeting of the Hardy County Board of Education will be held on Monday, Feb. 18 beginning at 5 p.m. at the Central Office, 510 Ashby St. in Moorefield. The public is invited to attend.



## AT THE LIBRARY

### CLOSED

The library will be closed Monday, February 18th in observance of Presidents Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 19th at our regular hours.

### Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

The West Virginia State Tax Department is offering tax filers the opportunity of another year of FREE FILE OPTIONS! It has continued its agreement with Free File Alliance member companies that offer free online filing services to qualified West Virginia taxpayers. In most instances, you can file both your federal and state tax returns together at no charge.

Check out the library's website or Facebook page for the link and see if you qualify for any of the free-file options!

For those of you preferring to file your taxes by mail using the paper forms, you can pick up the 1040 Booklet (which includes schedules

1-6), the 1040 Instruction Booklet, and the West Virginia State Tax Booklet at the library. Any forms or schedules that we do not have on hand can be printed from the IRS website.

### New Fiction

*The Forgiving Jar* (The Prayer Jars; 2) by Wanda E. Brunstetter – Sara Murray had never met her mother's parents and was surprised to learn after her death that they were Amish living in Pennsylvania. When she is finally able to visit them, she is shocked to learn someone else has been living with them and pretending to be Sara.

*The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict – After fleeing her husband, a woman's whirlwind escape landed her in Hollywood where she became Hedy Lamarr. But she kept a secret more shocking than her heritage or her marriage: she was a scientist. And she knew a few secrets about the enemy. She had an idea that might help

the country fight the Nazis...if anyone would listen to her.

*Say You're Sorry* (Sacramento; 1) by Karen Rose – Daisy Dawson lived a sheltered childhood, protected by a father who took extreme measures to keep his family safe. But Daisy is done being scared. New to Sacramento, she is ready to jump headfirst into life--until she is attacked one night. FBI Special Agent Gideon Reynolds is caught unawares by Daisy. But the attacker is far from finished, and tracking him will threaten to pull Gideon back to the cultish world he fought so hard to leave.

*Careless Love* (Inspector Banks; 25) by Peter Robinson – Two suspicious deaths challenge DS Alan Banks and his crack investigative team. As the police begin to uncover who these people were, the inconsistencies only multiply. Then a source close to the investigation reveals a piece of information that rocks the detectives. An old enemy has returned in a new guise, and he

will stop at nothing, not even murder, to get what he wants.

*The Secretary* by Renee Knight – From her first day as Personal Assistant to the celebrated Mina Appleton, Christine Butcher understands what is expected of her. For twenty years, Christine has been a most devoted servant, a silent witness to everything in Mina's life. But it would be a mistake to underestimate such a steadfast woman as Christine. Because as everyone is about to discover, there's a dangerous line between obedience and obsession.

*The Burning Island* by Hester Young – Headstrong journalist Charlie Cates must confront her unwanted supernatural gift and bring to light the dark secrets surrounding a missing teenager on the Big Island of Hawaii if she wants to make it off the island alive.

*The City in the Middle of the Night* by Charlie Jane Anders – When a nationalistic revolution forces Sophie, who is supposed to be dead, from her safe haven, she must make

a dangerous journey to a new city, one that revels in hedonism and chaos. After joining up with a band of smugglers, she finds herself on a long and treacherous path that will lead her far closer to the truth of her entire world--and to the dangers that lurk even in the light of day

*A Case of Bier* (Bed-and-Breakfast Mystery; 31) by Mary Daheim – Innkeeper and amateur sleuth Judith McMonigle Flynn's plans for a relaxing vacation go awry when she realizes her fellow guests have a different kind of getaway planned.

*Leading Men* by Christopher Castellani – In July of 1953, at a glittering party thrown by Truman Capote in Portofino, Italy, Tennessee Williams and his longtime lover Frank Merlo meet Anja Blomgren, a mysteriously taciturn young Swedish beauty and aspiring actress. Their encounter will go on to alter all of their lives.

*Before We Were Strangers* by Brenda Novak – Reeling from a traumatic

loss, Sloane McBride returns to her childhood hometown to uncover the truth about her mother's mysterious disappearance years earlier, a mystery that is complicated by community secrets and questions about her father's innocence.

*Mending Fences* (The Deacon's Family; 1) by Suzanne Woods Fisher – As Luke Schrock struggles to reenter his Amish community, an audacious request from a deacon seems impossible--until he meets unpredictable Izzy Miller.

*A Faithful Gathering* (Sisters of Lancaster County; 3) by Leslie Gould – Leisel left her Amish roots for a career in medicine. She has an English boyfriend and big dreams--but these come crashing down when her sister is diagnosed with cancer. Soon nothing is going as planned. With difficult choices to make, will she stick to the traditions of her past--or learn from the story of a WWII ancestor and embrace a life of uncertainty.

## County Commission Budget Hopefuls

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bution from the commission, the same as in the past. Next year the request will probably be more, he said.

Carter also announced he will be retiring after 42 years with PVTA.

I want to thank the Hardy County Commission, he said. "They were the first to offer support when we started.

You and your leadership have helped build the PVTA into what it is today, said Commissioner David Workman. You leave it in good shape.

Michael echoed Workman's sentiment. When I was in Charleston, I was always proud of your representation of our area, he said.

The commission will consider the request during their budget discussions.

### WVU Extension Service

West Virginia University Extension Agent Alexandria Straight thanked the commission for their past support and provided an overview of Extension's activities during the past year.

We had a big year, she said. There were 500 kids in the livestock programs throughout the

year. We held an Annie's Project series, where 15 women learned about farm management. We had 50 participants in AI (Artificial Insemination) School. We continue to work with Region 9 to get poultry litter out of the area, sending it to place who are not as fortunate as we are to have an abundance of nutrients.

We had 176 campers at 4-H camp and volunteers logged in 1,440 hours. Energy Express continues and there were 150 kids that showed at the State Fair.

Straight said the Extension Service is looking for the same amount of support as last year with a slight increase for the administrative assistant. The total request is \$75,940.

Straight also said her duties will be mostly exclusive to Hardy County beginning in May as an agent has been assigned to Hampshire County. Straight had been splitting her time between the two counties.

The commission will consider the request during their budget discussions.

### SBV Day Report

South Branch Valley Day Re-

port Center Executive Director Cary Ours and Administrator Leslie Welton-See presented their report for January and discussed the county's financial participation in the program.

According to Welton-See, Hardy County had 17 participants in January which saved the county \$17,466.50.

There were also 13 participants in the SBV Drug Court Program which saved the county \$19,444.75.

The total savings was \$36,911.25.

Cost savings are calculated by using the regional jail per diem rate of \$48.25 and the number of days of participation.

SBV Day Report encompasses Hardy, Hampshire and Pendleton counties and since its inception, the three counties have paid the same amount - \$17,666 annually.

The board met and we discussed funding, Ours said. The Community Criminal Justice Board is the governing body for the Day Report Program. They asked me to come up with average participation for the three counties over the past three years. We are having to do that manually because of some computer issues with DHHR (Department of

Health and Human Resources). It will take some time.

I can tell you that we are constantly being asked to do more with less. Between 2016 and 2017, the number of participants went from 144 to 253.

Ours said she will bring the funding request to next month's meeting.

Ours also presented an Inter-governmental Agreement/ Memorandum of Understanding for the commission's approval.

The commission approved the MOU.

### Other Business

The payroll register for Jan. 1 - 15 was \$69,367.29.

The payroll register for Jan. 16 - 31 was \$69,489.77.

The county's contribution to the Farmland Protection Board for January was \$3,069.30.

The regional jail bill for December was \$34,547.

The commission approved a State Budget revision for \$8,372 in the Sheriff's budget. The amount was to cover the retirement payout for Ralph Dean and contracted services.

The commission approved a

draw from the Emergency Ambulance Fee account of \$50,000.

The commission approved a motion to authorize Circuit Judge C. Carter Williams to close the courthouse in the event of inclement weather.

The commission approved a cost-share agreement with the Potomac Valley Conservation District for dam maintenance.

The commission approved a request by the Hardy County Chamber of Commerce to use Brighton Park for the upcoming Riverfest. With the approval of the prosecuting attorney, the commission waived the prohibition of alcohol on park premises. The Riverfest will feature wine tasting and bottled wine sales.

The commission appointed Justin Bayse to the Public Service District Board. Bayse will fill the unexpired term of Matthew Gapp who passed away last year. Bayse's term will expire in June 2020.

The commission reappointed Rose Helmick to the Public Service District Board. Her term will expire in 2024.

The commission approved an agreement with Region 8 for the use of an industrial wood chipper

if necessary.

The commission approved a motion to support a grant application by the Potomac Highlands Guild for Peer Review Coaches.

The commission approved a motion to send a letter to the Secretary of Transportation and all 54 county commissions to not hold landowners responsible for land-slides.

The commission approved sending a letter the the DOH District 5 Engineer regarding road work not completed from the June 2018 storm. County Coordinator Rose Helmick indicated this was the third letter with no response from the previous two.

The commission voted to send a letter of support for HB2190 that would allow defendants who cannot make bond be assigned to litter control.


The commission voted to send a letter of thanks to Governor Justice for rescinding SB289 dealing with 911 fees from cell phones.

The Hardy County Commission will meet as the Board of Review and Equalization on Wednesday, Feb. 13 and Tuesday, Feb. 19.

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



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# OBITUARIES

## LEOTA MARIE LINK

Our beloved Nana, Leota Marie Link, born Leota Marie Delawder, 80, passed away on Monday, 4 February 2019 in Timberville, Va. with her husband, Richard Harvey Rhodes at her side. Leota was born on February 6, 1938 in Mathias, W.Va. to Howard and Minnie Delawder and was preceded in death by her sister Donna Kay Heishman. Leota attended Mathias High School where she was on the state champion girls basketball team. Leota met and married Ralph Wayne Link in 1955 and together they moved to Falls Church, Va.

Leota and Ralph were married for

22 years and raised two sons while she worked at Safeway and was remembered for her friendly face, easy smile and hardworking spirit. Leota and Richard Rhodes were married in 2005 and settled in New Market, Va. where she enjoyed visiting with friends, crocheting and scrapbooking. Leota was devoted to her family and made visiting and checking on family and friends a priority. She researched and studied the history of her family combing through databases and books and found a lot of joy in learning about their lives and her connection to them.

Leota will be greatly missed by

her husband Richard Rhodes of 13 years, two sons, Donald Wayne Link of Baker, W.Va. and Michael Gene Link of Aldie, Va. A daughter-in-law, Jennifer Link, and two beautiful granddaughters Kathryn and Avery who were a constant source of joy and inspiration to her.

A celebration of life will be held in the Spring. In lieu of flowers, donations are encouraged to Sentara Hospice Service, 2000 Beery Road, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

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

Arrangements are entrusted to



Grandle Funeral Home in Broadway.

## E. ALLEN CRITES

Elmer Allen Crites, age 72 of River Road, Fisher, W.Va., passed away Friday morning, February 8, 2019 at the Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, VA. Born on June 24, 1946 in Petersburg, W.Va. he was a son of the late Delmer Ervin Crites and Grace Mae Goldizen Crites. A son, Jeffrey Ryan Crites preceded him in death in November 2004.

Allen was a lifetime farmer in the South Branch Valley. He graduated Moorefield High School, Class of 1964 and attended Potomac State College in Keyser, W.Va.. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and an active member of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church. He was a Past President and active volunteer for the Moorefield Little League. Allen's love in life was farming and family.

Surviving is his wife of 51 years, Greta Crites; a son, Ashley and wife Amy Crites of Fisher, W.Va.; a grandson, Oliver; a granddaughter, Emmy; two brothers, Rodger Crites and Michael Crites of Moorefield, W.Va. and three nieces.

A Celebration of Life was held beginning at 5:00 PM Monday, February 11, 2019 at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel, 107 Washington Street with Pastor Harold George officiating.

Memorials in Allen's honor may be directed to the charity of donor's choice. Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on Allen's Tribute Wall at [www.fraleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.fraleyfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of the Fraley Funeral Home.

Rama Ida Wolfe, age 87 of Cherry Tree Lane, Old Fields, W.Va., passed away Thursday afternoon, February 7, 2019 at Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg, W.Va.. Born on April 7, 1932 in Hardy County, W.Va., she was a daughter of the late Ritchel Scott Kessel and Effie Lee Bosley Kessel. She was preceded in death by a brother, Overton Kessel, and sisters, Kathleen Miller, Betty Helmick and Genevieve Southerly.

She was a member of the Walnut Grove Church of the Brethren. She enjoyed reading especially romance novels and crocheted many afghans and doilies. She was a walker always enjoying nature and loved traveling to the beach especially Florida. Her favorite pastime was shopping at Tony's Flea Market.

Surviving is a daughter, Lorraine (David) Stephens of Oak-

## RAMA IDA WOLFE

land, Md.; a son, Ernest Eugene (Debbie) Wolfe of Old Fields, W.Va.; two sisters, Phyllis Hose of Moorefield, W.Va. and Velda Virginia Wolfe of Old Fields, W.Va.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were conducted 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 10, 2019 at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel, 107 Washington Street with Pastor Donnie Knotts officiating. Interment followed at the Bethel Cemetery, Old Fields, W.Va.. The family will receive friends from 4 - 7 PM Saturday at the funeral home.

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

Arrangements are under the direction of the Fraley Funeral Home.

## AGE IN ACTION

### MENU

Feb. 18 - 22, 2019

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Meals served at 12:00-12:30

Mon., Feb. 18 - Presidents Day - CENTER CLOSED

Tues., Feb. 19 - Chicken a la King over biscuit, sweet potatoes, northern beans

Wed., Feb. 20 - Chili dog on bun, french fries, cole slaw, glazed fruit

Thurs., Feb. 21 - Chuck wagon and mashed potatoes w/gravy, collard greens, wheat bread, applesauce, dessert

Fri., Feb. 22 - Chicken noodle soup, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, side salad, Mandarin oranges

Meals are to be eaten here at the center or at E. A. Hawse Community room in Baker, Thursdays only.

Persons under age of 60 are welcome to come and eat with us at a cost of \$5.25 per meal. That's a deal. Any donation over \$5.25

would be greatly appreciated.

To cancel or order a lunch call 304-530-2256, ext. 231 or 232.

Due to availability of delivered food, substitutions are sometimes necessary.

**ACTIVITIES AT MOOREFIELD SENIOR CENTER**

Mon., Feb. 18 - Presidents Day - CENTER CLOSED

Tues., Feb. 19 - Puzzles, Crafts, Senior Shopping 1:00 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 20 - Puzzles, crafts

Thurs., Feb. 21 - Puzzles, Crafts

Fri., Feb. 22 - Puzzles, Crafts, Bible Study, 11:15 a.m.

Please call about Bingo on Wednesdays.

Bingo with prizes and snacks every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m., except the last Wednesday of the month. Last Wednesday of the month, Bingo with snacks by Grant Memorial Hospice/Bobbie Wolfe.

The seniors have their necklaces and other crafts available for sale. Check them out!

### REMINDERS

If you want to pick/up carry out a meal at the senior center, call

by 9:30 Wardensville area, please call by 9 a.m. for a home delivered meal.

### DONATIONS

Those making donations were Lola Crider, Lona Sherman, Ida Staggs, Patty and Harold Michael, Food Lion and the Moorefield Examiner. We would like to thank each and everyone for your donations, they are greatly appreciated. Have a safe and happy week.

### DONATIONS NEEDED

#### PLEASE READ

Hardy County Committee on Aging is participating in the AmazonSmile program. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is when customer shop at AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)) the AmazonSmile foundation donates 0.5 percent of purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organizations selected by customers. Please remember us as you do your online shopping.

## This Week in West Virginia History

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

Feb. 13, 1800: General John Jay Jackson was born near Parkersburg. He served in the Seminole War as a member of Gen. Andrew Jackson's staff.

Feb. 13, 1913. Mother Jones was arrested in Charleston after helping union miners on Paint Creek and Cabin Creek.

Feb. 13, 1923: Chuck Yeager was born at Myra, about seven miles from Hamlin. On October 14, 1947, in a Bell X-1 rocket airplane dropped from a B-29 bomber, Yeager broke the sound barrier by flying 700 miles per hour.

Feb. 14, 1866: Grant County was created and named for Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, who later became the nation's 18th president.

Feb. 15, 1898: Musician John Homer Uncle Homer Walk-



Elizabeth Kee

er was born in Mercer County. Among the last in a tradition of black Appalachian banjo players, he played the five-string banjo in the clawhammer style.

Feb. 15, 1930: Sara Jane Moore was born in Charleston. On Sept. 22, 1975, Moore attempted to assassinate President Gerald Ford in San Francisco.

Feb. 15, 1975: Elizabeth Kee, the state's first female member of Congress, died in Bluefield. Kee was elected to Congress in 1951 after the death of her husband, John. She retired in 1964 and was replaced by her son, James.

Feb. 16, 1821: Morris Harvey

was born near Prosperity in Raleigh County. Harvey's gifts to the Barboursville Seminary led to its name being changed to Morris Harvey College in 1901. The institution is now known as the University of Charleston.

Feb. 16, 1951: Second Lieutenant Darwin Keith Kyle died during an intense exchange against Chinese forces in Korea. He was awarded the Medal of Honor.

Feb. 17, 1735: Morgan Morgan was commissioned a captain of militia in the 201st Field Artillery, which is considered the oldest military unit in the United States.

Feb. 18, 1843: Ritchie County was created from portions of Wood, Lewis, and Harrison counties. The county was named for Virginia journalist and politician Thomas Ritchie.

Feb. 18, 1890: Ellison Mounts, a cousin to the Hatfield family, was hanged for murder, ending the Hatfield-McCoy Feud.

Feb. 18, 1969: Hundreds of miners in Raleigh County went on strike over the issue of black lung. Within days, the walkout spread throughout southern

West Virginia.

Feb. 19, 1872: The Glenville Branch of the State Normal School was established by an act of the legislature. The first session of the college opened on January 14, 1873, in the old Gilmer County courthouse.

Feb. 19, 1908: Orval Elijah Brown was born near Lizemores in Clay County. Brown, a free-spirited individual, gained notoriety as the Clay County Wild Man during the Great Depression for his untamed physical appearance that included a flowing beard and the wearing of little more than a self-made loincloth.

Feb. 19, 1943: Author Homer Hickam was born in Coalwood, McDowell County. Hickam's second book, Rocket Boys: A Memoir, was published in 1998 and became a runaway bestseller.

e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia is a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council. For more information, contact the West Virginia Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; (304) 346-8500; or visit e-WV at [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

## Moorefield Seventh-Day Adventist Church

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

## Moorefield Assembly of God

139 Chipley Lane  
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Sunday School – 10 a.m.  
Sunday A.M. Worship – 11 a.m.  
Sunday P.M. Worship – 6:30 p.m.

Wade Armentrout, Pastor

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## Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church

Rt. 55, Moorefield, WV  
304-434-2547

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

## HARPERS CHAPEL Church of the Brethren

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Worship Service – 11 a.m.  
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- Wednesday Night Service at 7:00 p.m.

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[www.rigassemblyofgod.org](http://www.rigassemblyofgod.org)

## WALNUT GROVE Church of the Brethren

Rt. 55 East, Moorefield  
just before Corridor H exit  
Pastor Gary Shirk, Jr.  
304-749-8899 or 307-220-6495

Sunday School – 10 a.m.  
Church Service – 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service – 6:30 p.m.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

## Thank You!

The family of Phyllis Sager would like to extend our deep appreciation to everyone who offered support, kindness, and sympathy following her passing. We also send gratitude to Elmore Funeral Home, The Epiphany Catholic Church, Father Hite, Father LeVasseur, and Father Manning. The many acts of kindness from all who reached out continue to be a great comfort.

*Thank you and blessings to all!*  
*The Family of Phyllis Sager*

## Moorefield Presbyterian Church



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SS – 9:45 a.m.

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SS – 10:45 a.m.

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### In memory of Deanna K. Dennison Poling

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to those who have offered such kindness and support during our time of grieving. Deanna will be missed by so many and we are so blessed to have such a supportive community. Many thanks to those who have called, come to visit, brought or sent gifts and food, or gave a comforting word. Special thanks to John “Laney” Llewellyn for his donation of Deanna's burial place. Though our hearts are weary her memories will live on. Thank you so much for your support. We greatly appreciate it!



### In Loving Memory

Iona D. Bergdoll  
April 7, 1928 - Jan. 31, 2016

E. Scott Bergdoll  
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Although we are apart, your spirits and love live forever in our hearts. We miss you both so very much and long for the time we can all be together again.

Loved and missed by,  
ALL your family

## DUPLICATE BRIDGE

A Howell game was played on Wednesday, Feb. 6 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 Steve

Kimble and Bruce Leslie, 56; Sandra Evans and Bill Fisher, 52 1/2; Helen Chambers and Sue Halterman, 46 and Marion Marshall and Susan Newman, 43 1/2.

The bridge club meets each Wednesday at Colts Restaurant beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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# Social

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**THANK YOU**

We want to say a special thank you to everyone for your phone calls, cards, visits and especially your prayers while we were in the hospital and skilled care facility after our accident and the death of our granddaughter, Hannah. We were overwhelmed by everyone's love and concern.


A big thank you to all of the special people who helped us – the first responders (citizens and professional), the ambulance crew from Baker who transported me (Bette) to Morgantown several times for doctor visits, and the E.A. Hawse Nursing Home staff for their wonderful care.

Also thanks for the calls, cards, visits, prayers, and food since our return home.

Your kindness and thoughtfulness will not be forgotten. God Bless you all.

**Buzz and Bette Weatherholt**

**THANK YOU**



**On Behalf of the Eli Smith Family**

Baby Eli is still at UVA Medical Center waiting for his next surgery. He is recovering from his Open Heart Surgery and our hope is to bring him home soon. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement during this time! We would like to extend our gratitude of thanksgiving to those who have offered support to our family in so many ways. Special thanks to those who have donated or helped with the fundraisers. The community has been so supportive that we are unable to list them individually but please know we offer our thanks to everyone who is helping us through this. Most importantly we appreciate the continued prayers! May God bless each of you!

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**SOUP**

*Maryland Crab*

**ENTREES**

*Boursin Stuffed Chicken Wrapped in Prosciutto*  
Chicken breast stuffed with Boursin and Mozzarella cheese then wrapped in prosciutto and baked. Served with two side items.

*The Boyfriend Steak*  
This is the sexiest piece of meat you will ever see! Prime rib slow-roasted to perfection with a blend of our house seasonings. Served with Au Jus and two side items.

*Yellow Fin Tuna over Mediterranean Couscous with Ginger Lime Drizzle*  
Fresh Yellow fin tuna grilled to temperature and placed on a bed of Mediterranean couscous then finished with a Ginger-Lime Drizzle. Served with a side salad.

*Cauliflower Steak with Lemon Parsley Vinaigrette*  
Thick cut of cauliflower roasted with toasted pine nuts, capers and a lemon-parsley vinaigrette. Served with two side items.

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## Capon VFW Post Honors Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Winners

VFW Capon Post 2102 honored this year's participants from the VFW Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Scholarship Programs on Sunday, February 3, 2019 at the Awards Ceremony and Dinner held at the Post's Home in Wardensville.

Established in 1947, the Voice of Democracy audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves regarding a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. Each year, nearly 40,000 9-12 grade students from across the country enter to win their share of \$2.1 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the program.

The national first-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school. A complete list of other national scholarships ranges from \$1,000-\$16,000, and the first-place winner from each VFW Department (state) wins a minimum scholarship of \$1,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

The 2018-19 theme was: Why My Vote Matters

Winners at the Post level were: 1st place Aija Burnette, 2nd place Emily Yates and 3rd place Ethan Combs.

Each year more than 132,000



Pictured are, left to right: Charlotte Bowman, Aux. Chair, Elijah Schetrom, Robert Jenks, District 4 Commander, Alyssa Watson, Jerin Billmeyer, Eli Mathias, Brandon Jones, Moynelle Michael-King, Skyla Nelson, Tanner Whetzel, Emily Yates, Samuel Payne, Angela Mathias, Kevin Link, Post Commander

students in grades 6-8 enter the VFW's Patriot's Pen youth essay contest. The national first-place winner wins \$5,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. The first-place winner from each state competes for national awards totaling \$55,000, with each first-place state winner receiving a minimum of \$500 at the national level.

The essay contest encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300- to 400-word essay, expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the

VFW Commander-in-Chief.

The 2018-19 theme was: Why I Honor the American Flag

Jerin Billmeyer placed first at the Post and District levels and 4th at State level. Post level 2nd-place winner was Isaac Atkinson and 3rd-place winner, Elijah Schetrom. This year Capon Post 2102 honored two teachers with the National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. Enacted in 1999, the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award recognizes exceptional teachers for their outstanding commitment to teach Americanism and patriotism to their students by promoting

civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism in the classroom. For grades 6-8, Moynelle Michael-King and for Grades 9-12, Angela Mathias were the honorees.

Capon Post 2102 is proud to have two recipients of state level awards this year. Angela Mathias for National Citizenship Education Teacher, and Jerin Billmeyer for her Patriot Pen essay.

East Hardy Representatives, teachers Melissa Wolfe, Lisa Funkhouser and Moynelle Michael-King provided support to the students and VFW to make this program a huge success.

## MHS Opens Student-Operated Store



Matthew Wright, Moorefield High School's DECA Vice-President of Leadership, is making final preparations in the store before it's grand opening.

February is Career and Technical Education Month and the Business Department at Moorefield High School kicked off the awareness initiative with the launch of a student run store.

The store is staffed and operated by CTE business students and DECA/FBLA members. The store carries school supplies, seasonal items, MHS yearbooks, and approved snacks.

The store is open during locker prep time and between classes. Funds raised in the store support the school's DECA/FBLA business team. Funds raised will be used for competition expenses so MHS students can attend WVCDC, the state business and marketing high school competition, and ICDC, the international business and market-

ing competition for high school students.

Business students hope to expand future product offerings by working with athletic teams and co-curricular student organizations through consignments to increase fundraising revenues across the school.

Moorefield High School chartered DECA and reactivated its FBLA chapter this academic year. Sponsorships to offset competition costs for students are available. For more information about the business program at Moorefield High School, contact Jessica Markwood, MHS Business Instructor and DECA/FBLA Advisor at jessica.markwood@k12.wv.us or call 304-530-6034.

## Partners Needed for Summer Meal Program

(AP) - The West Virginia Department of Education is looking for partners statewide to help provide meals and activities for children during the summer.

The agency says county boards of education, local government agencies and other nonprofit organizations can participate.

The Summer Food Service Program is intended to provide free, nutritious meals to children ages 18 and under in lower-income areas.

Executive Director Amanda

Harrison of the Office of Child Nutrition says 554 sites provided meals to West Virginia children last summer, and many of the organizations are expected to renew for this year. She said the agency hopes new organizations will also take part to increase the number of children served.

Interested organizations should contact cboehm(at)k12.wv.us or snsuffer(at)k12.wv.us or call Cybele Boehm or Samantha Reeves at (304) 558-3996.

## Children's Reading Group Receives Award

(AP) - A West Virginia group that works to help children with reading has been chosen as one of 10 U.S. nonprofits to receive \$10,000 in books.

The Charleston Gazette-Mail reports Read Aloud West Virginia was chosen by UPS Store Inc. to receive the books from Scholastic. UPS said in a news release the contest was set up to honor the 10th anniversary of the Toys For Tots Literacy Program.

The 10 programs chosen from

more than 1,000 nominated nationwide were picked for dedication to supporting literacy efforts in underserved communities.

Read Aloud West Virginia Executive Director Mary Kay Bond said Kanawha County volunteer Lesley McCallister saw an email about the competition and nominated the West Virginia group. Bond says it's thrilling and a real tribute to the work our volunteers have done.

## Tree Seedlings Available

The Potomac Valley Conservation District is accepting orders for tree seedlings.

The seedlings may be used for windbreaks, forest products, erosion control, landscaping or wildlife cover. The following varieties are available: Colorado Blue

Spruce, Norway Spruce, Douglas Fir, White Pine, Red Oak, White Oak, Sugar Maple, Black Walnut, Chinese Chestnut and American Redbud. Most of the seedlings are of 3-year-old stock and range in size from 6-18 inches in height.

They are also offering a variety of fruit trees. All will be bare root and approximately 3-5 ft. in height. Quantities are limited; we suggest placing your order EARLY to assure availability.


Orders will be accepted until March 22, 2019. The seedlings must be picked up at the Potomac Valley Conservation District office in Romney on Friday, April 12, 2019, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

For more information or to obtain an order form, please call the District office at 304-822-5174, or email: pvcd@wvca.us. Order forms are also available on the District web page: www.wvca.us/districts/pvcd.cfm

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## Officials Reviewing Proposal to Fund Road Repairs

(AP) - West Virginia Department of Transportation Secretary Tom Smith says officials are reviewing a proposal by Gov. Jim Justice to take road bond money meant for major projects and use it to repair secondary roads.

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel reports Smith told a Senate

committee Tuesday that no decisions have been made on the proposal Justice made during his State of the State address Jan. 9. Smith said the governor made the remark in response to requests made to his office for repairs on secondary roads. He says officials are looking at options but haven't come to any

conclusions.

The Roads to Prosperity Amendment was approved during a special election in 2017 and gave lawmakers the authority to sell up to \$1.6 billion in general obligation bonds for major road and bridge projects.

## House OKs Dropping Tax on Social Security Benefits

(AP) - A bill to eliminate West Virginia personal income taxes on Social Security retirement benefits has been passed by the state House of Delegates.

The Republican-led House

voted 96-1 Friday to approve the bill.

The measure would mean a \$50 million reduction in revenue collected if it becomes law.

Gov. Jim Justice proposed the

cut last month in his State of the State speech.

West Virginia is among 13 states that currently tax Social Security benefits. Surrounding states aren't among them.

## Moorefield Council

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quest.

### Police Report

The Moorefield Police Department responded to 147 calls in January. Of those, 81 were felonies or misdemeanors.

Police also issued 106 traffic-related citations and 101 traffic-related warnings.

MPD Captain Stephen Rigglesman reported that the speed tracking sign is up on South Elm Street, but requires a different post for more accurate data.

Pending that information, Rigglesman advised the Council to limit parking to only one side of the street, and if there are still concerns, to make at least part of South Elm one way, north-bound.

Most of the households have at least two vehicles, and few have garage or driveway space for more than one.

The Council agreed to wait for more information before deciding on a further course of action.

### Public Works Report

Public Works Director Lucas Gagnon reported that the new public works building is almost ready. For now, it'll be storage for equipment.

In January, water crews worked on commercial lists for the cross-connection/backflow program, installed a rebuilt intermediate pump, and scheduled calibrations for turbidimeters.

Sewer personnel replaced wires to the starter at the Spring Avenue pump station, and replaced a pump

at the South Branch Inn pump station. They also replaced a starter and burnt wire at the Floodway pump station.

Public works crews poured the concrete for the Allegheny Street fill station, and repaired a water leak on Winchester Avenue.

Park personnel installed equipment in the new bathroom, placed two sets of restored bleachers at a ball field and brought two more sets to the shop for repairs, and picked up 40 bags of mulch donated by the WV Conservation Agency.

The Council also approved two special events for the Town Park, both involving softball tournaments. One will be August 17. The other will be Labor Day Weekend. Both already have interested teams.

Moorefield Little League president Tyrone Haines, who made the requests, answered several questions for the Council. He said team entry fees cover pay for officials. He also clarified that, in 2018, there was no parking fee, as had been reported by concerned citizens; the request was actually for donations to help cover costs, and was not mandatory.

### Sheetz Late Fees

Sheetz in Moorefield requested waiver of utility bill late fees, because they received December's bills too late to pay on time. Freeman said it would amount to about \$150, across three accounts.

Initially, the Council was split regarding whether Sheetz should pay.

As a business, they already pay a lower rate for utilities. Freeman also pointed out that utility payments are due every month by the 19th.

Council member Carol Zuber noted that Moorefield needs to take care of businesses, in order to encourage more business. But a customer is a customer is a customer, Council member Marshall Chip Combs said.

"This is not a financial hardship situation," said Council member Scott Fawley, going on to point out that Town doesn't waive late fees for citizens.

At the Council's request, Freeman researched and determined that Sheetz was late in December and January.

We want to be good neighbors, Combs said. But we can't just let this slide.

The Council agreed not to waive the late fees, and directed Freeman to respond in writing.

### Elections

Three Council seats are up for election this year, with six citizens signed up to run. Sitting Council members Roger Pratt, Terry Hardy, and Chip Combs plan to run again for their seats. Denny Shoemaker, Kim Sherman, and Mary Joan Johnston are also running.

The Town Recorder's position is also up for election, but current recorder Debra Hefner is running unopposed.

The Moorefield Town Council's next meeting is Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The public is invited to attend.

## County Commission Sheriff's Vehicles

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discussions.

At the time, the commissioners told Ward to wait until the carry-over numbers were available at the end of the fiscal year, which was June 30.

In August, Ward again requested funding to purchase three vehicles. The commission responded that grant funding was available and Ward should wait until the grant was secured before initiating the purchase.

A USDA Poverty Grant is available which will cover 35 percent of a vehicle purchase up to \$50,000.

In December, the County Coordinator said she had not received information about the vehicles requested until October and the grant application was submitted then. She said funding would not be available until the Spring of 2020.

Ward said his only recourse was to take the county commission to court for not adequately funding the Sheriff's Department.

Also in December, the Examiner reported the carryover from Fiscal Year 2018 was more than \$1.9 million, several hundred-thousand dollars more than the cushion needed to fund the county until tax revenue resumes in the fall.

Ward told the commissioners, there was no state bid dealer available for Dodge vehicles and he would probably purchase them locally from Weimer Automotive in Moorefield.

Ward also said he would hire a company in Keyser to outfit the new vehicles, rather than take a deputy off the road.

### Civil Lawsuit

The Commission approved the hire of Jared Moore to defend the Sheriff and the Hardy County Deputy Sheriffs Civil Service Commission in a lawsuit initiated by a Hardy County Deputy in December 2018.

Deputy Jon 2-13-19 asserts, beginning in July 2013, the Sheriff began paying him half-time when he worked holidays, instead of time and a half.

The civil suit also asserts the Sheriff paid other deputies time and a half when they worked holi-

days.

The suit requests the court order wages due, liquidated damages, pre- and post-trial interest, costs, and attorney fees.

Neither the Sheriff nor Moore would comment on the case.

### OEM/911 Report

Paul Lewis, director of the Hardy County Office of Emergency Management and 911 Center presented his report for January.

Lewis reported the Governor has rescinded Senate Bill 289, which would have distributed funds from cell phone 911 fees.

According to the West Virginia 911 Council, the governor's bill would reduce the amount of the fees collected being distributed to 911 dispatch centers.

Lewis said he is still trying to find funding to build a 911 tower in the Lost River/Mathias area. The Federal Communications Commission said West Virginia was erroneously distributing tower funds and those funds are on hold.

Lewis has tried to solicit private cell phone companies, but has not been successful.

Lewis reported the Emergency Management Performance Grant reimbursements for 2016 and 2017 have not been received. The funds were on hold while the government was shut down.

Part of the problem, too, is the state auditor's office," Lewis said. They have rejected requests at least three times, requesting additional documentation. We have submitted our paperwork, but they are waiting on four other counties to turn their paperwork in.

Lewis said the application for 2018 reimbursements will be revised and 911 directors will have to attend classes once the changes have been made.

Calls for service in January were down significantly from December 2018. There were 789 calls in December and 667 calls for service in January. They are as follows:

### Law Enforcement\*

Moorefield Police Department had 261 calls for service.

Hardy County Sheriff's Department had 252 calls for service.

West Virginia State Police had 42 calls for service.

West Virginia DNR Police had 12 calls for service.

\*includes traffic stops

### EMS

Fraleigh Ambulance Service had 87 calls for service.

Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority had 59 calls for service.

Wardensville Volunteer Rescue Squad had 28 calls for service.

### Fire

Moorefield Volunteer Fire Department had 24 calls for service.

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

Capon Valley Volunteer Fire Department had 7 calls for service.

Commission President Harold Michael asked the status of the mass communication system or reverse 911. Lewis said he was waiting for Frontier Communications to release the phone numbers of people who requested to be on the list. Frontier said they have to get their permission before they can release their numbers, he said.

Fran Welton, chair of the Local Emergency Preparedness Committee said she would like to get all parties together with Hardy Telecommunications, so they can explain the options available.

Michael asked her to coordinate that meeting.

Commissioner Fansler asked when the 911 addresses and mapping would be updated. There are a lot of new addresses that are not in the system, he said.

Lewis said the county needs to establish a GIS Board that would coordinate the needs of the various departments that would benefit from the GIS information and mapping.

County Planner Melissa Scott said she would serve as GIS Coordinator for the county. I have been trained and have served in that capacity in other counties, she said.

Michael asked Lewis to coordinate that effort.


There is opportunity for cost sharing, Commissioner David Workman said.

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## Miller Is First East Hardy Wrestler to Reach State Tournament, Moorefield Sending Three

By Carl Holcomb  
*Moorefield Examiner*

If there was a glass ceiling in Bridgeport, it would be shattered as history was made on the mat.

East Hardy Wrestling sophomore SierraMarie Miller became the first state bound grappler in program history with a fourth place medal at the Class AA-A Region II Wrestling Tournament last weekend and the Yellow Jackets join Miller with three wrestlers heading to the state tournament in Huntington.

Miller is the only female wrestler to qualify for the state tournament this season and her goal is to bring attention to the sport in hopes of growing the program at East Hardy and beyond.

Moorefield Wrestling will be sending senior captain Matthew Wright (bronze medal), sophomore captain Isaac Van Meter (silver medal) and sophomore Kevin Wetzel (bronze medal) to the state tournament along with Miller.

We had a good tournament this weekend and plan

to have another good tournament in two weeks. Monday we get back to work in practice, because we have unfinished business. I am pretty proud of them. Kevin went last year and Matt is a four-year wrestler, who has put in the work to get there. In the back of my mind, that is what I was hoping would happen this weekend since he is a senior captain and he did. We have to go back to practice. We have two weeks to prepare for the state tournament, because we have unfinished business," Moorefield Wrestling assistant coach Larry Schoonover commented.

The experience for the Yellow Jackets will be familiar as Van Meter went last year as the region champion and finished with a bronze medal, Wetzel was a state representative with a regional fourth place medal and Wright was there as an alternate with a fifth place regional medal.

Miller has developed into a tremendous wrestler using a jiu-jitsu style attack latching on the back of opponents and using a combination of

techniques to gain an advantage and her freshman season showed the potential with a fifth place medal at the regional tournament leaving the motivation to take the next step this year and Miller made it happen.

I'm really excited and I can't take all the credit. I had supporters along the way and our teammates were very supportive. The third and fourth match was interesting, but I gave it all I could," East Hardy sophomore SierraMarie Miller noted.

I hope people see our success and want to pursue wrestling. It's kind of an intimidating sport, so I hope we get more involvement from people in the school and in the community."

It has been a monumental season for both Moorefield and East Hardy Wrestling programs setting records for team victories and the Yellow Jackets had two grapplers in Wright and Van Meter surpass the 100-win career total.

Hardy County sent 15 wrestlers to the Region II tournament and seven re-

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Photos by Carl Holcomb

East Hardy Wrestling sophomore SierraMarie Miller (113-lb.) became the first wrestler in program history to qualify for the state tournament and placed fourth at the Region II Tournament in Bridgeport last weekend.



Moorefield Wrestling sophomore Kevin Wetzel (145-lb.) shows his excitement earning a bronze medal and a state berth at the Region II Tournament after pinning Braxton County's Ethan Cunningham.



Moorefield Wrestling sophomore captain No. 2 Isaac Van Meter battles in the Region II 170-lb. Championship match against top-ranked Braxton County's Jordan Williams, who won by an 11-2 decision.

## 1000! Lady Jackets Upset Tucker County As Rinker Reaches Career 1,000 Points



Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield junior Lindsey Rinker reached the 1,000-point career milestone on this 3-pointer against tenth-ranked Tucker County in the Hive during the second period.

By Carl Holcomb  
*Moorefield Examiner*

It was a historic night in the Hive as Moorefield Girls Basketball upset the tenth-ranked Lady Mountain Lions for the first time since 2003 by a score of 62-59 guided by junior Lindsey Rinker's game-high 31 points which helped her eclipse the 1,000-point career milestone on Wednesday.

Rinker is the seventh player in program history to reach the 1,000-point scoring club, joining all-time leader Jess Fisher with 1,406 points, Cindy Martin, Katie Fisher, Jodie Bosley, Robin Cole and Tara George.

Moorefield was the region champion and reached the state tournament the last time the Lady Yellow Jackets defeated Tucker County in 2003 with Fisher leading the team.

Despite the loss to the Lady Yellow Jackets (10-9), Tucker County (11-6) moved up in the state rankings from tenth place to eighth place overall.

We came out and jumped out

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Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield's Gianna Fair secures a rebound and looks for a putback over the Lady Cougars defense of Mackenzie Blair and Erin Riggle.

## Lady Jackets Swarm Baker Den

By Carl Holcomb  
*Moorefield Examiner*

The Lady Yellow Jackets inundated the Den in Baker with a 27-5 halftime advantage before swarming to a 56-16 victory over East Hardy during the second edition of the Hardy County Girls Hardwood Classic.

"Coming off a game like we did, I thought we would come out a little flat. It took a little while to get going. We started to get more aggressive towards the end of the first half. We were consistent scoring across the board, but our first half shooting was only 35 percent. We picked it up a little 39-35 in the second half. We don't want to develop bad habits going into the playoffs," Moorefield coach Paul Keplinger noted.

Moorefield went on a 13-0 run in the first four and half minutes of the game, then the Lady Cougars got on the board netting four points in the final three minutes of the frame.

East Hardy's Erin Riggle grabbed a defensive rebound to begin the game, then Moorefield's Lexi Gilhuys stole the ball and the ensuing shot was off the mark again.

Moorefield's Remi Hinkle was there for a rebound and scored in the paint for the initial 2-nil lead at 6:55.

The Lady Cougars lost the ball, then Riggle snatched it back before Moore-

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# Tucker County Escapes Cage Match

By Carl Holcomb  
*Moorefield Examiner*

The Cougars were relentless with their attacks and aggressive defensively, but Tucker County countered ferociously to stave off a rally to claim a 52-49 victory in the Baker Den last Thursday.

We were more aggressive to-night and kept up the pressure. We are starting to play better recently and hopefully this momentum will continue. Unfortunately, our shots didn't fall tonight late in the game," East Hardy coach Chris Hahn noted.

The Mountain Lions made the first basket of the game as Wyatt Betler found an crease in the lane at the 7:29 mark.

Tucker County's Cameron Wamsley blocked a shot, then forced a jump ball with East Hardy's Aden Funkhouser.

Betler sliced into the paint for another score to put Tucker County up 4-nil.

Funkhouser responded with a jumper inside the paint on the next Cougars possession at the 6:15 mark.

Over the next minute, the Mountain Lions missed five time and East Hardy hit the rim twice before Jeffrey Snyder snatched an offensive rebound and found the net for Tucker County at 5:05.

Wamsley swiped the ball, but East Hardy's Adam Larson knocked the ball away.

Tucker County's Corrick Ambrose snatched the ricochet and missed the ensuing shot.

East Hardy's Cole Swanson drilled a mid-range jumper to cut the deficit to 6-4 at 4:23.

Larson stole the ball and was fouled, then Adam Baker was tied up with Ambrose for a jump ball.



Photo by Carl Holcomb

East Hardy's Christian Dove, Aden Funkhouser and Chance Dove forced a Tucker County turnover and attempted to corral the ball.

Wamsley grabbed an offensive rebound and was fouled, but missed the free throws.

East Hardy failed to connect and Wamsley collected another rebound.

Tucker County's Grayson Pennington assisted Wamsley on a shot in the paint at the 3:23 mark.

After a handful of missed shots, Tucker County's Wyatt Betler made a putback at 2:20 for a 10-4 edge.

Larson stole then ball after the Cougars missed a basket, but the next attempt went awry.

Wamsley made the rebound and passed to Snyder, who drew a foul and added one point.

Funkhouser netted a basket on the next Cougars trip at the 1:39 mark, then Christian Dove stole the ball which led to a foul with Funkhouser going to the line for two free throws making it 11-8.

Larson grabbed a defensive rebound and was fouled to be sent to the line and made one free throw as East Hardy closed the gap 11-9 with 1:02 left in the first period.

Wamsley netted a putback for the Mountain Lions to carry a 13-9 lead into the second period.

Ambrose knocked down a 3-pointer for Tucker County to start the second period.

East Hardy missed a shot and Betler grabbed the board, but lost the ball out of bounds.

The Cougars fumbled the ball and couldn't corral it in time down the floor.

Snyder made an offensive rebound and hit a jumper to make it 18-9 at the 6:07 mark.

One minute later, East Hardy's Chance Dove drilled 3-pointer, but the Mountain Lions answered with the same on the next series, 21-12.

During a trap in the paint, the Cougars were whistled for a lane violation.

Wamsley nailed a 3-pinter to extend the lead to 24-12 at the 4:23 mark.

Snyder intercepted a pass, then made a layup.

Swanson and Betler traded jumpers as the score stood at 28-14.

East Hardy's Christian Dove connected on a 3-pointer at the 3:03 mark to make it 28-17.

Over the next two minutes, Snyder added a field goal for the Mountain Lions before East Hardy's Adam Baker hit two jumpers off assists from Andrew Tharp which created a 30-21 halftime score.

Starting off the third period, Tucker County created a steal before walking.

Dwanson drove the baseline and was fouled, then Funkhouser received the inbounds pass and sank a mid-range jumper for the Cougars.

Swanson blocked a shot, then forced a jump ball which went to Tucker County and Snyder scored.

East Hardy's Chance Dove netted a 3-pointer off an assist from Larson for a 32-26 score at the 6:16 mark.

The Mountain Lions missed several attempts, then Larson made a layup for the Cougars at 4:55.

Things got heated on a charge

assessed to Tucker County and their coach told the player to think by pointing to his head.

The Cougars maintained its defense and got scores by Funkhouser, Larson and Swanson over the next few minutes with Tucker County countering with baskets by Snyder and Wamsley as the Mountain Lions kept a narrow 38-34 edge entering the fourth period.

A couple of free throws during a technical foul early in the fourth period put Tucker County ahead 40-34.

After a walk, Swanson hit a jumper for East Hardy.

Snyder scored inside the paint on the next series for the Mountain Lions.

A minute later, Funkhouser drew a foul and made both free throws.

Tucker County couldn't connect, then East Hardy's Chance Dove knocked down a 3-pointer to cut the deficit down to 42-41 with 5:20 remaining.

Several turnovers and missed shots by the Cougars led to an eight-point swing for Tucker County with baskets by Betler, Snyder and Wamsley to build a 50-41 lead with 2:35 left.

Funkhouser made a free throw, then Chance Dove forced a turnover with players diving on the floor.

Tucker County blocked a shot, then Larson grabbed a rebound and hit the rim.

Funkhouser swiped the ball back and made a layup at the 1:48 mark for a 50-44 score.

There was an error with the tally of fouls as fans thought one of East Hardy's players, Christian Dove, should have fouled out, but he only had four fouls.

Snyder made one of the free

throws as fans were in an uproar.

Both teams came up empty on offense, then East Hardy got much needed points as Larson created a jumper plus the harm to cut the deficit to 52-47 with one minute to go.

The Cougars collected the rebound off a missed Tucker County free throw and Swanson scored with 39 seconds left off an assist from Larson making it 52-49.

Chance Dove stole the ball for East Hardy, but Wamsley blocked the shot attempt.

The next shot went off the rim and out of play.

Funkhouser intercepted a deep pass for the Cougars, then Larson was fouled during a perimeter shot and wasn't able to connect on the free throws.

East Hardy's Chance Dove grabbed the rebound, but the Cougars ended up missing three field goals with Funkouser and Baker keeping the possession alive in heavy traffic.

Wamsley grabbed a rebound and fell, then Larson stole the ball and was tied up in the paint.

East Hardy missed and there was a scramble to collect the ricochet, then the Cougars got the ball as Larson made a dive for it and called timeout.

A last opportunity to tie the game went awry for the Cougars as Tucker County's Corrick Ambrose blocked the final shot.

Snyder led the Mountain Lions with 17 points, followed by Betler with 12 markers.

East Hardy was led by Funkhouser with 15 points, followed by Swanson with ten points.

East Hardy visits Union tonight and travels to Moorefield on Friday for the Hardy Boys Hardwood Classic.

## Lady Jackets Swarm Baker Den

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field's Lindsey Rinker deflected two passes out of play.

Gianna Fair blocked a shot for the Lady Yellow Jackets, then made two offensive rebounds before sinking a putback at the 5:21 mark.

A minute later after missed shots both ways, Fair scored on an old-fashioned three-point play to extend Moorefield's lead to 7-0.

Gilhuys collected a defensive rebound, then hit a 3-pointer after a collision by a teammate.

Fair hauled in a rebound and passed to Remi Hinkle, who found Rinker for a 3-pointer which gave the Lady Yellow Jackets the 13-0 advantage at the 3:33 mark.

Moorefield's Gracie O'Neill stole the ball, but the ensuing shot went awry and East Hardy's Jaden Fleshman made the rebound before being tied up for a jump ball.

The ball went off the rim for the Lady Cougars, then ricocheted off Moorefield out of play.

After a block by Hinkle, East Hardy's Chelsea Keller netted a

jumper at the 2:30 mark trailing Moorefield 13-2.

Riggle collected a rebound, but the ball was stolen by Rinker and O'Neill leading to a missed shot.

East Hardy's Rebecca Whetzel snatched the defensive rebound, but the Lady Cougars lost the ball out of bounds on a hurried pass.

East Hardy's Katie Short grabbed a rebound after a Moorefield miss, then Gilhuys committed a foul.

Gilhuys stole the ball and passed to O'Neill, who lost control of the ball entering the paint and Short collected the turnover leading to a basket by Mackenzie Blair with 15 seconds left in the first period for a 13-4 score.

I'm happy with our defensive effort tonight, holding them to under 60 points. For us, that's a good thing. Our shots didn't fall and they usually don't fall, so we're happy with the defensive effort," East Hardy coach Bridget Billmeyer remarked.

The Lady Yellow Jackets outscored East Hardy 14-1 in the second period and maintained the

momentum the rest of the game.

Moorefield opened the second period with a 3-pointer by Madison McGregor, then Rinker stole the ball during a press and Gilhuys drew a foul.

Gilhuys missed the free throws, but Fair was there for the rebound and passed back out to Gilhuys for a 3-pointer to make it 19-4 at the 7:03 mark.

Hinkle grabbed a defensive rebound and was tied up by East Hardy's Perry Whetzel and Jaden Fleshman for a jump ball.

Fair was called for a foul on a block attempt, then East Hardy's Rebecca Whetzel missed her free throw attempts.

On minute later, Rinker made a defensive rebound and assisted Hinkle on a layup at the 5:54 mark.

A deep pass play by the Lady Cougars went out of bounds as the receiver hadn't turned around in time to make a move to catch it.

Rebecca Whetzel blocked a shot for the Lady Cougars, then Jones forced a jump ball.

McGregor swiped the ball, but the ensuing pass went out of

bounds with Fleshman playing defense.

Neither team made baskets over the next couple of minutes as the sound of the rim reverberated through the gym.

A steal by Jones came up empty as McGregor deflected the pass and Gilhuys went in for a steal leading to a layup at 1:57 to break the ice after six missed field goals. 23-4.

A free throw by East Hardy's Rebecca Whetzel was the only point for her squad coming at the 1:21 mark of the second period.

Jones stepped out of bounds after getting the rebound, then McGregor assisted Fair on a jumper as the Lady Yellow Jackets kept buzzing.

After a steal by Gilhuys and a couple missed shots with rebounds by Moorefield's Charity Moore, a pass made to Gilhuys turned into a jumper, 27-5.

Moore blocked a shot, then the Lady Cougars missed twice before the buzzer sounded for halftime with a rebound by Keller.

A minute into the third period

was filled by Moorefield's Remi Hinkle and East Hardy's Jaden Fleshman making steals plus a couple of jump balls and one missed shot by the Lady Yellow Jackets.

Keller drew a foul and made one free throw at the 6:55 mark for the Lady Cougars, 27-6.

Moorefield went on another 13-0 run starting with a 3-pointer by Gilhuys at the 6:20 mark, then Rinker grabbed a defensive rebound and made a layup on the other end.

Gilhuys, Hinkle and O'Neill added field goals over the next couple of minutes for a 40-6 lead.

At the 3:01 mark, East Hardy notched a field goal as Fleshman hit a jumper after a defensive rebound by Rebecca Whetzel.

Moorefield missed twice and rebounds by Jones turned into jump balls.

After a foul, Whetzel made an inbounds pass assist to Keller for a jumper making it 40-10 with 2:30 remaining in the third period.

Moore netted a 3-pointer with under a minute left in the frame for the Lady Yellow Jackets and

Blair netted a mid-range jumper for East Hardy.

A steal by Perry Whetzel didn't create anything as her pass was deflected out of bounds by Rinker as time expired, 43-12.

McGregor knocked down a 3-pointer for Moorefield in the fourth period, plus Moore and Isabelle Nesbit contributed points as well.

East Hardy had baskets made by Rebecca Whetzel and Jaden Fleshman in the fourth period.

The Lady Yellow Jackets scored four points in the final seven seconds as Gilhuys netted a jumper before stealing the ball and hitting the net before the buzzer for a 56-16 final score.

Gilhuys scored a game-high 21 points for Moorefield, followed by Rinker with eight points.

East Hardy was led by Chelsea Keller with five points, then Fleshman and Blair added four markers apiece.



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Wrestling

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tured home with medals.

East Hardy Wrestling select- ed eight grapplers to compete in Bridgeport: Emili Flynn (138-lb., senior), Patrick Helsley (170-lb., junior), SierraMarie Miller (113-lb., sophomore), Dayton Miller (182-lb., sophomore), Hunter Ames (220-lb., sophomore), Sky Spell (145-lb., sophomore), Con- ner White (152-lb., sophomore) and Damian Iman (132-lb., fresh- man).

SierraMarie Miller reached the championship semifinals to begin Saturday morning s session, while brother Dayton Miller, Spell and Ames were in the consolation round with a chance to medal and reach the state tournament still alive.

Ames and Dayton Miller fin- ished as sixth place medalists in the regional tournament.

I am proud of all of them. Si- erra worked her butt off and they all did. We are progressively get- ting better every year,” East Hardy Wrestling coach Stevie Miller re- marked.

We are upping the numbers in medalists and upping the num- bers in state qualifiers in the fu- ture to keep getting better. I can t say enough about the team across the board, they have worked really hard to get where they are right now. It is really special, we are growing our program and starting to get noticed. The kids are doing well and we look forward to com- ing back next year and doing bet- ter.”

Moorefield started Friday’s com- petition with seven wrestlers and four of them had an opportunity to medal and reach the state tourna- ment on Saturday with Van Meter, Wetzel and Wright in the champi- onship semifinals and Delawder in the consolation bracket.

The Yellow Jackets seven wres- tlers competing in Bridgeport were: Matthew Wright (152-lb., senior), Joe Palm (285-lb., senior), Jake Frederick (182-lb., sopho- more), Isaac Van Meter (170-lb., sophomore), Kevin Wetzel (145-lb., sophomore), Dominick Davis (138-lb., freshman), and Matthew Delawder (195-lb., freshman)

Van Meter was the Region II runner-up, Wetzel and Wright took third place medals and Delawder rounded out the medal count with a sixth place finish.

East Hardy Wrestling program s female-only senior class of Emili Flynn, Marina Stotlemyer, Jas- mine Abrell, Emma Lutz and Jes- sica Smith were each offered an in- vitation and scholarship to join the new all-female collegiate wrestling program starting next season at Al- derson Broaddus University.

East Hardy Wrestling coach Stevie Miller was thrilled to be informed of this offer and plans to take his student-athletes to the campus soon to discuss the oppor- tunity to wrestle for the Battlers.

SierraMarie Miller (19-14) started the Region II Tournament with a bye, then pinned Doddridge County’s Caleb Lloyd in the sec- ond period at the 3:17 mark to reach the semifinals.

Lewis County’s sixth-ranked Jo- seph Blake pinned Miller at the 4:36 mark of the third period to ad- vance to the championship sending Miller into the consolation semifi- nals.

Miller defeated Roane County s Sam Richards by an 8-3 decision to seal a trip to the state tourna- ment with a huge smile after earn- ing points on a takedown and near fall points locking on his back and twisting his neck to nearly notch a pin. There was a timeout called by the referee at one point, because the neck hold was too tight and after he caught his breath it was Miller going back to her technique using jiu-jitsu to lock again.

Richards was on top in the sec- ond period with a half-nelson cre- ating back points before Miller was able to maneuver to her stomach and maintained a 6-3 lead.

Miller locked on with a half- nelson in the third period and wrapped her legs around the Rich- ards in the third period.

Richards needed a timeout as the neck hold was too tight, then Miller flipped on top for more back points earning the decision victory for the state tournament berth.

Philip Barbour s Justice Ar- bogast pinned Miller in the third period at the 4:03 mark as Miller settled for the fourth place medal.

Grafton’s third-ranked Noah Hodges repeated as the region champion in Bridgeport with a 12-3 major decision over Blake.

East Hardy s Damian Iman (13- 17) lost by pin during the opening round to Braxton County s Josh Perry at the 5:48 mark of the third period, then lost to Elkins Alex Burge in the second period at the 4:09 mark after a bye.

East Hardy s Emili Flynn (6-12) was pinned by Clay County s Bo Roat in the opening round during the first period at the 0:24 mark, then had a bye in the consolation round before losing to Doddridge County s Jared Jones at the 1:47 mark of the first period by a fall.

Moorefield’s Dominick Davis (24-28) was in the same division as Flynn and lost in the first peri- od by pin against Philip Barbour s Bailey Wilt at the 0:37 mark, then withdrew from the next match with an injury giving Braxton County s Bryson Spell the default win.

Moorefield’s Kevin Wetzel (44- 21) had a bye in the first round, then edged Braxton County s Ethan Cunningham in a 9-8 deci- sion to reach the championship semifinals.

Liberty Harrison fifth-ranked Russell Murphy pinned Wetzel in the second period of the champi- onship semifinals at 2:41 to send Wetzel to the consolation semifi- nals.

Wetzel regained his composure earning an 11-2 major decision victory over South Harrison s An- thony Colombo to punch a ticket to the state tournament.

Wetzel pinned Cunningham in the second period at the 3:46 mark to earn a third place medal and jumped up enthusiastically flexing after the win.

It is amazing and I am just happy to be going back to Hun- tington again, especially one place higher than before. Working my moves were key in the matches, getting in gear and just going. I just thought about what was ahead of me and how I needed to work to get there,” Moorefield sophomore Kevin Wetzel stated.

East Hardy s Sky Spell (14-15) was in the same bracket as Wet- zel with the success in the opening

round pinning Doddridge County s Caleb Cochran at the 3:16 mark.

Murphy pinned Spell in the first period of the championship quar- terfinal at the 0:49 mark sending Spell to the consolation bracket.

After a bye, Spell pinned Lin- coln s Mortiz Thiel with two sec- onds left in the first period, but Cunningham stood in the way with a pin in the second period at 3:27 which knocked Spell out of medal contention.

Moorefield captain and eighth- ranked Matthew Wright (54-10) had a bye in the first round, then won by an 8-1 decision over Lin- coln s Jacob Parson to reach the championship semifinal.

Braxton County s seventh- ranked and eventual region cham- pion Gavin Triplett edged Wright by a 6-4 decision sending Wright to the consolation semifinals.

Triplett lifted Wright s leg as Wright leaned over applying pres- sure before both hopped out of bounds.

Triplett made a takedown and locked legs around Wright s waist, who tried to stand before rolling out.

Wright made a reversal in the third period and had a leg hold, but couldn t sleep the grasp.

Wright made a shot and Triplett spread out to prevent a takedown.

Wright redeemed himself with a 4-1 decision win over host Bridge- port s J.T. Muller and claimed the bronze medal with a 6-2 decision victory over Notre Dame’s Brent Robinson.

It s a pretty exciting experi- ence to finally make it to state af- ter three years of going home after regionals,” Moorefield senior Mat- thew Wright remarked.

I m super pumped to represent Moorefield there. As far as third place goes, I m not going to com- plain because I won some matches against guys that have beat me in the past and it feels really good but I definitely think that I could’ve finished higher on the podium.”

East Hardy s Conner White (6- 18) lost to Parson in the opening round by pin in the first period at the 0:41 mark, so it was Parson tak- ing on Wright instead of White for a potential Hardy County clash.

White was eliminated by Philip Barbour s Joey Marsh in the sec- ond period at 2:30 (fall).

Moorefield captain and second- ranked Isaac Van Meter (59-2) had a bye in the opening round, then pinned Elkins’ Nicholas Barrick- man in 24 seconds to reach the championship semifinals.

Van Meter pinned Philip Bar- bour s Logan Allen in the second period at the 3:12 mark to setup a championship match against top- ranked and undefeated Jordan Williams of Braxton County (50- 0).

Against Allen, Van Meter made a double leg takedown and drove Allen out of bounds.

Van Maeter locked on Allen s head and remained on the top be- fore sliding out o bounds.

In the second period, Van Me- ter made a reversal before turning across the chest for a pin.

During the championship match, Williams was aggressive early with a takedown, but Van Meter stretched out to avoid being placed in a cradle.

Van Meter kept moving the en- tire match, proving he was difficult



was called.

Bradley made a reversal, but couldn’t flip Miller over before the horn sounded.

Philip Barbour s Lincoln Mayle denied Miller a state bid with a 10-3 decision before taking bronze by forfeit, while Miller lost the fifth place match in a first period pin at the 1:18 mark to Grafton’s Dal- ton Mayle settling for a sixth place medal.

If Miller had won the fifth place match, he would have been the al- ternate for the injured Stamm.

Moorefield’s Matthew Delawder (40-29) made remarkable strides fighting into overtime in a couple matches to garner the sixth place medal.

SierraMarie Miller was proud of her brother s performance and knows her father-coach is proud too.

He wrestled very well today, but it stinks he didn t make it to Huntington. We are still very proud of him. We live and breath wrestling, so we are going to keep working,” SierraMarie Miller said.

Delawder won the opening round by a 5-2 decision over South Harrison s Ethan Kelley, then fourth-ranked and eventual region champion Lewis County s Will Kuhn pinned Delawder in the first period at the 0:54 mark.

Delawder had two byes before beating Liberty Harrison s Charles Case with a 3-1 overtime decision by a takedown to reach the con- solation semifinals with a state tour- nament berth still alive.

Delawder did well keeping a headlock for most of the first pe- riod without allowing any points.

Delawder had a leg held and forced both out of bounds.

A penalty was called on Delawder, then he made an escape to even the score in the third pe- riod.

Delawder notched a takedown in the overtime session to win the match.

Braxton County’s fifth-ranked Seth Meador denied a state trip for Delawder with a pin during the second period at the 2:36 mark.

In the fifth place match, Delawder went toe-to-toe with Bridgeport s Carson Demotto into a fourth overtime deadlocked at one point apiece before grabbing hold of Demotto around the waist and Demotto was able to make an escape for the victory point, 2-1 as Delawder took home the sixth place medal.

East Hardy s Hunter Ames (14- 11) had a bye in the first round,

then lost by pin to Liberty Harri- son s Zach Hayes in the second pe- riod at the 2:18 mark in the quar- terfinals.

Ames took a bye in the con- solation round before pinning Phil- ip Barbour s Mac Collett in the first period at the 0:39 mark, then won by injury default against Lew- is County s Austin Thomason to reach the consolation semifinals with a state tournament bid at stake.

Both Ames and Dayton Miller were happy to get a sixth place medal for the Cougars at the re- gion tournament.

“It feels great,” East Hardy sophomore Dayton Miller stated.

It is a family tradition now and we challenge ourselves. We are all learning along the way. We started the program in the youth level ten years ago.

It is amazing, we worked very hard to get here,” East Hardy sophomore Hunter Ames added.

It s great that everybody knows who East Hardy is now.”

Braxton County s Sturgis May pinned Ames in the first period at the 1:18 mark to deny a trip to Huntington, then Ames ended up with the sixth place medal losing to Hayes again at the 2:46 mark.

Moorefield’s Joe Palm (26- 25) lost to South Harrison s Trey Waller by pin in the first period at the 0:32 mark, then after a bye it was Liberty Harrison s Bryce Wamlsey pinning Palm at the 1:25 mark.

East Hardy s SierraMarie Mill- er’s opening round opponent at the state tournament will be Inde- pendence’s Daylen Gilkerson. Pe- tersburg’s Eli Nazelrodt is a poten- tial opponent for the next round.

Moorefield’s Kevin Wetzel will face Oak Glen’s Jonathan Creese in the opening round of the state tournament.

Moorefield’s Matthew Wright wrestles against Independence s Sam Adams in the first round of the state tournament and Keyser s Tyler Mason is a potential rematch later in the tournament.

Moorefield’s Isaac Van Meter will have a rematch against Fair- mont Senior’s Nick Scott in the first round of the state tourna- ment, Van Meter won their last match.

Moorefield and East Hardy Wrestling keep moving onward and upward each season, so there is potential for more success on the way.

THE OLD MASTER

By JAY FISHER

WVU won another basketball game. Unfortunately, this sort of qualifies as newsworthy during this season, but it was a good win nonetheless. The Mountaineers were hosting Oklahoma, a team that has been very up-and-down themselves. It was a fairly close game throughout (there was never a double digit lead), but WVU had a halftime lead, and never trailed in the second half.

The noteworthy part of this win was it was Brandon Knapper s best game ever at WVU. In 26 minutes of play, he had 25 points, on 7/10 shooting, including 4/6 from three. He was also 7/9 in free throws, in- cluding 6/6 in the final minute to



help seal the win. And he had just 1

turnover (which had been a major problem for him). As a side note, NC State scored just 24 points that day, so Knapper outscored the en- tire Wolfpack team.

Of course, the big question was whether or not Knapper and WVU can follow up their success. The answer, of course, was a resound- ing “NO.” They went down to Tex- as Tech, and lost by 31. That wasn t entirely unexpected, because the latest theme for WVU was that they were competitive at home, but awful on the road.

So the home game against Texas wasn t going to be too bad, right? Wrong. In a season full of games that were difficult to watch, this

was one of the hardest to digest. The highlights were the national anthem and the halftime show. Outside of that, it was a tough. WVU hung close in the first half, when the Longhorns (and the Mountaineers) were both playing pretty poor basketball, and hav- ing trouble scoring. WVU made couple of runs to get within a point or two, and went to the half trailing by a respectable 34-28 score. Then Texas came out and just rolled over WVU in the second half, and cruised to a could-have-been-even- worse, 75-53 win. Ugh.

The women s team had been on a roll. Injuries have taken a toll on the roster, and they often can dress

only eight players, but they are on a four game win streak. The big win in that streak is a 64-58 upset over Texas, on the road. The Longhorns are in the Top 15 of the national rankings and beating them in Aus- tin is a major feather in the cap for WVU. They didn t let up after that either, cruising to a 21 point home win over Kansas. Luck caught up with them as Iowa State avenged an earlier defeat with a big win in Ames, but the Mountaineers are still having a pretty good 2019.

Notes: WVU’s next game is at Kansas, which tips at 4:00pm on Saturday. It will be televised by ESPN...Then they return home to face league leading Kansas State at

9:00 Monday night. That will be on either ESPN or ESPNU...Kudos to the tennis team, which started its dual meet portion of the schedule in winning fashion. They knocked off Duquesne, 6-1, and then beat Pitt, 5-2. The Big 12 is very, very tough (5 teams are ranked in the Top 25), and the Mountaineers are at that level yet. But they are improving: 2 seasons ago, they lost to Pitt, 1-6...The gymnastics team had a season high this weekend with 196.125 points in a tri-meet with #7 Denver and Iowa State. It was the first time the cracked the 196 point barrier this year, and they had season highs on three of the four events.

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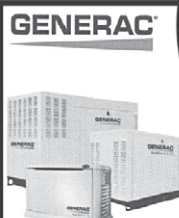
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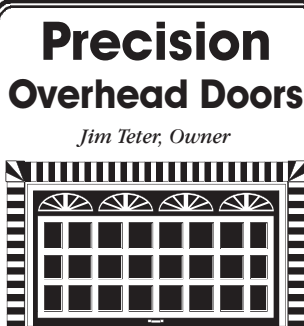
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# 1,000 Points

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on them quick and we were moving around defensively. That's the kind of energy we need every night. We shot the ball well and rebounded well, there was only a one point rebound difference," Moorefield Girls Basketball coach Paul Keplinger remarked.

They were hesitant to bring the ball inside as 'G' [Gianna Fair] was waiting. Since they dropped into this section years ago from Class AA, this was a big challenge for us. They were competing in the state tournament in Class AA and made the adjustment at our level. You always measure things by Tucker County and we wanted to build towards playing at that level and we are finally turning the corner. That was great start, but we want to keep going and we will see them again. This win was a huge confidence builder for us. Lindsey [Rinker] is a very hard worker and deserves that milestone. She isn't a selfish player and you could see that tonight as she dished the ball out. She was nervous in the locker room before the game and I asked her what was wrong and she said this was a PVC game against a ranked team with playoff implications, she wasn't concerned about the 1,000 points, her focus was on the team win and that's what it always has been. I am very proud of her and how she controlled the game."

Entering the game, Rinker needed only 13 points to reach the 1,000-point plateau and the energy from the stands sent a good vibe that it would happen as it was electric inside the Hive.

After the opening tip-off, Tucker County's Terra Kuhn ripped the ball away from Moorefield's Lexi Gilhuys, then her pass was kicked out of bounds by Rinker.

Kuhn responded with a jumper at the 7:20 mark, then Riley Evans stole the ball for the Lady Mountain Lions and Rinker kicked the ball on defense again.

A foul by Moorefield's Gianna Fair put Kuhn on the free throw line for two successful shots to put Tucker County ahead 4-nil at the 7:05 mark.

A missed perimeter shot by Rinker turned into a collective sigh from the stands, then Tucker County's Aliyah Plum made the rebound before Fair blocked a shot on the other end sending the fans into a loud cheer with Madison McGregor recovering the ball for the Lady Yellow Jackets.

Both teams missed a couple of baskets and committed turnovers over the next minute which included a steal by Gilhuys.

Rinker collected a defensive rebound, then scored an old-fashioned three-point play at the 5:18 mark to cut the deficit to 4-3 as the fans cheered and tallied the count-down.

McGregor swiped the ball and scored on a layup 15 seconds later to put Moorefield on top, 5-4.

Fair blocked shots twice on defense as the Moorefield student section went nuts.

Rinker scored on a putback to extend the lead, but the Lady Mountain Lions answered with a game-tying 3-pointer by Evans at the 4:08, 7-all.

Moorefield broke the press and McGregor nailed a 3-pointer to regain the lead at the 3:44 mark.

Under the Lady Yellow Jackets pressure, Tucker County couldn't get past mid-court for a violation.

After a Moorefield foul, Rinker stole the ball which led to a missed shot and around by Tucker County's Katelyn Surguy.

Fair blocked another shot and Gilhuys recovered the ricochet, but the Lady Yellow Jackets hit the rim.

Tucker County collected the board and London Hood scored moments later to cut the lead to 10-9.

A pass near mid-court to Rinker leaping in the air went behind the line for a backcourt violation, then Rinker made a defensive rebound leading to a baseline layup by Gracie O'Neill at the 1:35 mark.

Gilhuys stole the ball and fed Rinker for a 3-pointer at the 1:11 mark to put Moorefield ahead 15-9.

Gilhuys collected a rebound, then Tucker County's Kellee James made a block before Moorefield snatched the ball back on a steal by Remi Hinkle.

Rinker drew a foul and notched both free throws with 40 seconds left in the first period to need only three more points to reach 1,000 as the lead grew to 17-9.

Tucker County's Anna DiBacco added a putback on the next series as the Lady Yellow Jackets took a 17-11 edge into the second period as a turnover and a steal by O'Neill didn't create anything in the waning seconds.

After a handful of missed baskets to start the second period by Tucker County and Moorefield,

Kuhn was fouled and made one free throw.

O'Neill denied a shot attempt which turned into a jump ball situation for the Lady Yellow Jackets, but Moorefield missed twice.

Kuhn hit a jumper for the Lady Mountain Lions to cut the deficit to 17-14 at the 6:34 mark, but Moorefield responded with a jumper by McGregor a dozen seconds into the next possession.

Tucker County's Plum and Surguy scored baskets over the next minute and change with the latter coming off a steal by Kuhn snatching the ball out of O'Neill's hands.

A layup by Gilhuys put the Lady Yellow Jackets up 21-18 at the 4:38 mark, but Tucker County answered with a jumper by Plum.

Rinker knocked down a 3-pointer from the top of the key for her 1,000th career point which gave Moorefield a 24-20 lead at the 3:59 mark of the second period as family and friends cheered loudly with signs displayed in support.

It was a very special moment for me and my teammates. When I became a freshman I set two major goals: the first being 1,000 points and the second being breaking the school record. I feel blessed to achieve the first one," Moorefield junior Lindsey Rinker commented.

I must thank my family for the many hours and miles spent helping me gain experience on the court that has allowed me to succeed. I can't thank my teammates enough for sticking by my side though the good and bad. They were always there to hype me up and help me work toward my goals. I was very nervous about my points, but I knew they'd come sooner or later. Getting the win over Tucker [County] was a huge turnaround for us and our program. The hard work and focus our team reached was tremendous. After I got my points I knew it was game on. I remember telling my teammates that it was our game and we were getting this one. They believe in me. Leading my teams with 31 points in the win was a dream come true."

There was a break in the action as Moorefield coach Paul Keplinger recognized and honored Rinker with an inscribed basketball as teammates congratulated her, then Rinker went into the stands to hug family members.

After the celebration, Evans hit a 3-pointer for Tucker County and that was immediately answered with perimeter shot by Rinker for a 26-23 score.

There were a couple missed baskets, then Surguy and Gilhuys made back-to-back layups.

Evans hit a 3-pointer at the 1:57 mark to tie the game at 28-all.

Gilhuys made a free throw, then Kuhn grabbed a rebound off the foul line miss and Tucker County missed twice with Kuhn getting another rebound before the ball deflected out of play off of the Lady Yellow Jackets.

Moorefield's Madison McGregor stole the ball and the ensuing shot was off the mark, but Gilhuys was there to put the ball in the hoop.

Kuhn netted a jumper with one minute left in the first half.

Rinker assisted Regan Davy on a jumper with five seconds remaining in the first half to give the Lady Yellow Jackets a 33-30 edge at halftime.

Starting the third period, Rinker assisted Gilhuys on a basket at the 7:48 mark.

Evans scored in the paint for the Lady Mountain Lions on the next possession.

Moorefield missed a couple of shots with rebounds by O'Neill and Fair, then Tucker County created a steal and Kuhn was fouled leading to one free throw.

Rinker hopped inside a trap entering the paint for a turnover, then Kuhn hit a jumper to equalize the score at 35-all with 5:58 left in the third period.

Kuhn and Davy hustled to the floor after a loose ball with Kuhn rolling away with the ball passing off to a teammate, but Rinker stole the ball only to be called for a foul in the process.

Rinker and Hinkle blocked shots with Rinker collecting the ricochet after the latter block leading to a basket by O'Neill at the 5:10 mark for a 38-35 lead.

Moorefield committed two fouls, then forced a turnover as Tucker County was whistled for a five-second violation.

Rinker drilled a 3-pointer at the 4:37 mark to put the Lady Yellow Jackets ahead 41-35.

Tucker County lost the ball out of bounds after a miss and fumble by Plum, then Moorefield slowed the pace down moving the ball around before Rinker was fouled on a block attempt and added both free throws at 3:28.

James and Davy made defensive rebounds, then Rinker nailed another 3-pointer at the 2:37 mark for a 46-35 lead.

After a score in the paint by

Kuhn, Moorefield worked the ball around eating the clock before Hinkle netted an old-fashioned three-point play at the 1:30 mark, 49-37.

Moorefield held a 51-39 lead entering the fourth period.

Tucker County chipped away at the deficit with an 11-2 run with jumpers and free throws by Kuhn and Plum before a 3-pointer by Evans made it 53-50 at the 4:48 mark.

During that stretch, Rinker made two free throws.

A steal and score by Gilhuys at the 4:10 mark made it a two-possession game, 55-50.

After a score by Kuhn, Moorefield played stall ball before a shot was taken and missed with the Lady Mountain Lions getting the board prior to a walk.

Rinker played cat and mouse as Tucker County chased her around the floor before McGregor set an illegal screen for her fifth foul.

Rinker knocked the ball loose, but a simultaneous foul on Hinkle put Kuhn on the line for one free throw.

Rinker scored in the paint with 1:15 remains to create a 57-53 advantage for the Lady Yellow Jackets and drew a foul, but missed the extra shot which was snatched by Kuhn.

Tucker County missed the rim entirely on a perimeter attempt and the ball was fumbled out by Plum.

Gilhuys was fouled under the pressure and made one free throw.

Rinker grabbed a defensive rebound and made an overhead pass across the lane to Hinkle for basket with 27 seconds to go as Moorefield took a 60-53 lead.

Evans knocked down a 3-pointer with 16 seconds left, then Rinker was fouled during the press and made both free throws with ten seconds remaining.

A perimeter basket with three seconds left by the Lady Mountain Lions sliced the deficit to 62-59 for the final score.

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