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Majority of Residents Haven't Paid Ambulance Fees for 2018

By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

More than 4,000 residents of Hardy County have not paid the 2018 Emergency Ambulance Fee and will be assessed late fees if it is not paid before March 31. This according to Colin McKee, administrator of the Accounts Receivable Management System for the Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority.

We have only collected \$454,492 of the \$932,000 we billed, McKee said. There are 4,220 people who have not paid. They

have until March 31 to pay or they will be assessed a \$30 late fee.

The HCEAA Board of Directors met on Wednesday, March 13 at the Baker building.

McKee reported to the board that ARMS had collected more than \$51,000 in past due accounts from 2016 and 2017.

We are continuing to see results, McKee said. We sent letters indicating there will be late fees assessed for 2016 and we collected \$2,500 in three days. It seems like the letters stimulate payment.

There are 300 lawsuit letters being

prepared that will alert folks who have not paid their 2016 fee, they are being sued in magistrate court.

Board member Doug Coffman asked if there were exemptions for hardship.

Technically, there is no allowance for hardship, McKee said. We are looking to make some adjustments to the ordinance. But we are making sure none of those on the lawsuit list fall into that category.

2020 Budget

Executive Director Derek Alt submit-

ted a proposed 2020 budget for the board's approval. The budget included estimated revenue of \$1.08 million and expenses of \$937,700.

Of the expenses, more than half, \$572,950, represents personnel costs which include wages, taxes, health and workers comp insurance and retirement benefits.

There was considerable discussion regarding the stipend paid to Fraley Ambulance Service. The HCEAA contracts service in Moorefield and the western part of the county to Fraley. Last year the

HCEAA paid Fraley \$60,000.

At the February meeting, Fraley Ambulance director, Jay Fraley, presented a request for \$113,883.52 to provide 24/7 paid service to Moorefield and that part of the county.

The 2020 proposed budget included a \$60,000 stipend with no increase.

Dr. Carmen Rexrode said the situation was unfair and asked why the increase was not considered. She acts as medical director for both HCEAA and Fraley Ambulance Service.

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Home Rule Still On Wardensville Council Agenda

By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

If we get the 1 percent sales tax, we would be able to do things we're struggling to do now. This would be a game-changer.

Wardensville Mayor Betsy Orndoff-Sayers told the town council

she, her husband John Sayers and Councilwoman Charlotte Bowman have been meeting to discuss submitting an application for Home Rule. We will try to have an application in this year, she said.

The Wardensville Council met

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DNR Looks to Expand Youth Hunting Opportunities

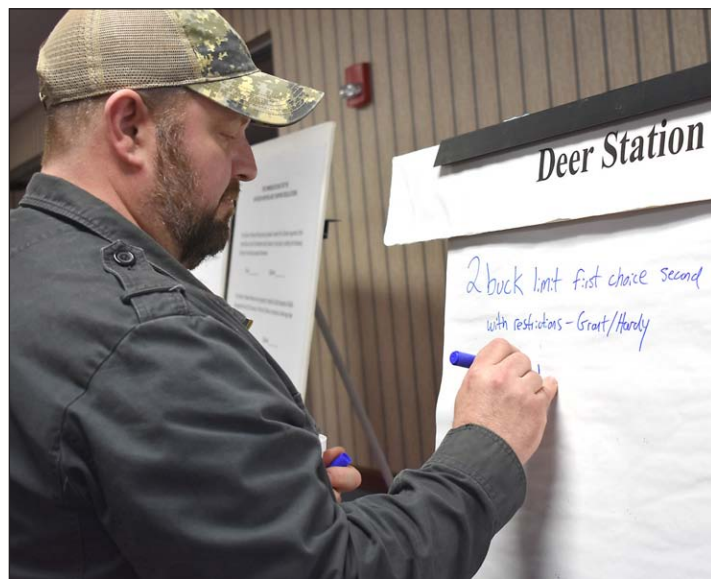


Photo by Jean Flanagan

Derek Tyree writes his suggestion to extend muzzleloader season.

By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources held their annual sectional meeting on Tuesday, March 12, to hear suggestions from the public and present recommendations regarding hunting, fishing and trapping for the 2020 seasons.

The meeting was held at the South Branch Inn in Moorefield and was one of 12 meetings held throughout the state.

We want to open up youth hunting a little more, said Wildlife Biologist Richard Rogers. We'd like to give them more opportunities to get out there.

Biologists will recommend adding a day to the Spring Gobbler sea-

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Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area Designated

National Heritage Area designation for Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area became official with the President's signing on March 12 of S.47, the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and

Recreation Act, also known as the Natural Resources Management Act.

The Bill included a wide variety of designations and land management bills from across the country, including the Sportsman Act and permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The bipartisan bill passed in the Senate on February 12, and in the House on February 26, by overwhelming majorities.

Sen. Joe Manchin, sponsor of the original Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area Act, and a co-sponsor of the Senate Natu-

ral Resources Management Act, said The Appalachian Forest Heritage Area is a treasure that has done a great deal for West Virginia. This national designation is long overdue.

The Appalachian Forest designation bill was also co-sponsored in the Senate by Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, Sen. Ben Cardin, and Sen. Chris Van Hollen.

The companion House bill was sponsored by Rep. David McKinley, with co-sponsors in the previous session from Rep. Evan Jenkins, Rep. John Delaney, and Rep. Alex Mooney, and in the current session adding co-sponsors Rep. Carol Miller and Rep. David Trone.

Creating an Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area will allow us to continue to celebrate and promote the beauty of our

state, preserve our heritage and plan for the future, Rep. McKinley said of the legislation. National Heritage Areas deliver a significant economic return and helps us showcase the sometimes-hidden gems of our cultural heritage.

We are incredibly excited to be finally receiving National Heritage Area designation for the Appalachian Forest," said Phyllis Baxter, Executive Director of Appalachian Forest Heritage Area, Inc., the coordinating entity for the newly designated NHA. We have been working on this for fifteen years, and are so pleased to now be nationally recognized. This designation will increase our visibility to attract tourism, and increase our capacity to help local communities.

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Commission Begins Budget Discussions

By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

As happens every year around the middle of March, the Hardy County Commission began preparation for the fiscal year 2020 budget last week.

According to County Clerk Gregg Ely, the carryover from this year to next should be in the neighborhood of \$2.6 million, which is a significant increase from the FY2019 carryover, which was closer to \$2.1 million.

We like to keep a cushion of \$1.6 million to cover the months when there's no tax collection, Ely said. Our average monthly expenses are about \$400,000 per month.

Included in next year's proposals is a \$1,000 annual raise for courthouse employees, and a \$1 per hour raise for court security.

Court security, bailiffs and process servers are part-time employees. According to Sheriff Bryan Ward, that saves the county on benefits. In addition, the employees can be assigned to any of the three duties, based on needs.

In the initial overview, the commissioners receive budget proposals from every department, including their own.

There is a \$144,000 difference in the amount requested than budgeted income, Ely said. Although, you know I figure the revenue budget conservatively.

As the commissioners review the budget requests, questions such as whether a particular project can be funded with grant money or can the replacement of equipment be delayed are discussed.

Over the ensuing days, each department head will meet with the commissioners and their individual budgets discussed.

The one of the county's largest expenses is the law enforcement division of the Sheriff's Department. In addition to law enforcement, the Sheriff is responsible for tax collection.

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OPINION

A Correct and Just Decision that Protects WV Landowners

There s certainly no shortage of lame-brained, ridiculous, and even potentially harmful legal theories being floated in the public and the courts regularly. But one of the most ridiculous we ve seen - and potentially harmful - was recently made in a Hardy County Circuit Court room.

The bonehead theory that West Virginia landowners should be responsible for acts of nature such as landslides onto public roads just because they own the land even though they had done nothing to cause it— was floated by the State’s Attorney General’s Office on behalf of the Department of Transportation (DOH). It involved Milam landowner Mark Kuykendall and a June 2018 landslide from his property that closed South Fork Road completely for a month. Today, there s still only one lane open.

Fortunately for Mr. Kuykendall, and for West Virginia landowners, Circuit Court Judge H. Charles Carl, III, in a decision issued February 27, called out the state s argument in plain and unambiguous language exposing its ridiculousness and the incredible folly that would logically flow from the state’s argument.

To backtrack for a moment: after the large landslide June 24 from Kuykendall s property which closed South Fork Road, DOH, rather than immediately cleaning up the mess as it had done with over a half dozen other landslides on the same road, decided to try to make Mr. Kuykendall liable for the damage. So the state left the road completely closed for a month and then only opened one lane while it sought to make the landowner pay.

At first, the state claimed that the landowner had likely caused the landslide because of fill he had added above the slide. Kuykendall admitted to adding fill, but said that was over 20 years before. He suggested, and even had a geologist expert support his theory, that the slide was really caused by the 26-plus inches of rain that fell in Milam in May and June. You will remember that 2018 ended up being the wettest year on record in West Virginia.

Not to be deterred, the state then changed its argument, suggesting that the law could be interpreted to mean that just owning the land, even if the property owner did nothing to contribute to the slide, could make the owner financially and legally liable for the damage.

Thankfully, Judge Carl ruled that the statute was not ambiguous, and that it clearly states that before a landowner or occupant has to pay to remove the obstruction, DOH must first show that (the landowner or occupant) caused, contributed or consented to the obstruction being placed in the road. But he went further in slamming the state s attempt to reinterpret the law, declaring: Any other reading of this statute is absurd.

Yep. Your read it right. Judge Carl just called the essence of the state s case absurd. Simply, the judge slam-dunked the state s attempt to shift liability right into the trash can, where it rightfully belongs.

But Judge Carl wasn’t finished. He also explored some of the consequences of the state s feeble attempt to hold West Virginia landowners liable for natural disasters such as landslides or hurricanes or floods. For those with frontage on public roads, he asked,

do they have to wake up each morning and grab a chainsaw, pick or shovel and patrol their land next to a public road to make sure that during the night no tree fell over or rock dislodged and fell into the roadway? That is ridiculous.

Making citizens responsible for these acts of nature and thus having landowners out in the roadways trying to clean them up is nonsensical and could be tragic Would DOH even stand for that? he asked.

And under DOH s theory, who would even want to own land along a public roadway? the Judge asked. The argument that the state was attempting to make, the Judge said “defies all logic and reason.

It s rare to see a judge so thoroughly dismember and ridicule a case put forth by the State Attorney General’s office in defense of a state agency. But it was entirely warranted here, and we thank Judge Carl for so openly expressing his outrage. His decision is a public service that not only exonerates Mr. Kuykendall, but also protects all West Virginians who own land along public roads.

~ Lon Anderson

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Editor, I read with interest your article about the current movement through the West Virginia Legislature to ELIMINATE the tax on social security earnings for West Virginia residents. Upon closer inspection of the proposal, it seems

that a substantial number of West Virginia residents will not be impacted at all by this new law.

A large percentage of West Virginians have incomes that keep their social security earnings from being taxed at all to begin with. Adding to this is the stipulation

that couples with adjusted gross income of over \$100,000 (including their social security benefits) and single folks with adjusted gross income of over \$50,00 (including their social security benefits) will NOT qualify for any portion of this deduction.

So unless the final bill has some significant changes, this law won’t create any dramatic difference in the amount of taxes currently being paid by a majority of West Virginian citizens.

Tom Austin
Capon Springs



MY UNBASED OPINION

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN

Air crashes. Two new Boeing 737 Max 8 aircraft have crashed in past several months killing 346 people including passengers and crew. Stories I ve read indicate probable links between the two.

Computer software and computerized controls are being looked at as source of flight problems. New systems are built into these newest aircraft, designed to ease the pilot s job of flying them. Boeing can sell thousands more airplanes around the world if pilots need not be so carefully trained.

Pilots may not be properly trained to handle computerized controls, when they malfunction. Computer may have been forcing the aircraft noses down while pilots fought to raise them. Computers won and aircraft flew into the ground.

Think about that next time you climb into your new personal vehicle, which more and more each new model year relies on computerized controls. Skid controls, speed con-

trols linked to road curvature, location and activity of nearby vehicles, weather conditions and such don t even come close to level of computer control being used in new driverless vehicles.

Driverless on Corridor H between Wardensville and Moorefield, maybe. Driverless between Wardensville and Moorefield on old Route 55/259, forget it, no matter the weather. The Corridor is simple pass through travel, while 55/259 is where homes, farm access and small businesses are located.

On a web page where I read details of those two recent air crashes this morning, there was a string of advertisements down right hand margin on my computer screen. Middle of that stack was a picture of a beautiful new automobile surrounded by verbiage touting newest computerized controls built into it. Think about that a little.

And then pause to think about how much of your life is being con-

trolled by computers. Not just the computers themselves, which are simply electro mechanical contrivances like your radio or television, but the programs, the software necessary to make computers useful. Software written by folks who may have little or no direct experience with processes they are attempting to control.

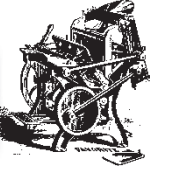
Fruitless as it may be, I think about software glitches when I hear or see stories about global warming. The great Green New Deal being touted by screeching Progressive Liberal politicians rests upon conclusions arrived at by computer modeling. Modeling, computer software instructions written to analyze data about climate conditions, by scientists who can t even agree upon whether weather changes control our climate or climate changes control our weather. Which came first, the chicken or the egg.

And then there is the data fed into software. When arbitrarily

selected and crunched, it will produce results which may guide our lives depending upon which politicians are impressed by those results or perhaps the political influences of programmers who wrote that crunching software.

I ve read about early days in electrifying America. First utility electrical systems built in cities around the country ran on direct current (DC) instead of alternating current (AC). Utility electrification killed thousands of people around the country until changes were made and the public learned how the system worked.

I believe we are going through another age comparable to that during electrification. Robotics, artificial intelligence, and computers in general will kill some of us in the transition period between introduction and full understanding. I see no alternative.



GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES

Fifteen Years Ago
March 24, 2004

Moorefield was home to the new headquarters building of Summit Financial Group. With assets of nearly \$800 million, SFG was the fourth largest bank in West Virginia.

Frontier came before the Hardy County Commission to ask them to consider bidding for their telephone service. At the previous meeting of the commission it was announced they would switch to Hardy Telecommunications.

The USDA announced a program to protect farm and ranch land. They budgeted \$84 million.

The Board of Education anticipated a balanced budget.

A comment period had opened for a plan to reduce pollution in the Potomac Watershed.

Grace Halterman Mathias, 85, Mathias, died March 18 Ernest C. Calfee, 91, Raleigh, WV, died March 17 David Allen Arnold, 67, Delta, PA, died March 13...Rebecca Faye Wheeler, two and a half, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Edward Wheeler, Old Fields, died March 14 Curtis Randolph Elder, 73, Stevens City, died March 11 James Edward Parsons, 80, died March 14 Herbert Harry Kump, 90, High View, died March 14.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Henry, a son, Mitchell Lane.

Thirty Years Ago
March 22, 1989

The Moorefield Town Park began a Family Tree Program for trees to be donated in memory or in honor of family members of friends.

The Board of Education approved a preliminary operating budget that had a deficit of nearly \$276,000.

The Petersburg Gap Bridge was well under construction to replace the bridge lost in the Flood of 1985.

Allen W. Funkhouser, 62, died March 14...Amanda Parker Go-

chenour, 93, Baker, died March 14 Minnie Jenkins Heishman, 85, Lost River, died March 14 Harry Vance Belt, 67, Tampa, FL, died March 3 James Henry Barrett, 61, Chester, VA, died March 13 Leonard Franklin Hartman, 62, Capon Bridge, died March 12.

Dianne Srout and Charles Walter Crevison were married August 20.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hefner, a daughter, Allison Renee.

Forty-five Years Ago
March 20, 1974

The Board of Education voted to approve the Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan proposed by the Citizens Advisory Committee. The plan was required in order to qualify for more than one million dollars available through the School Building Amendment.

The Comprehensive Plan proposed consolidating Mathias and Wardensville High Schools at Baker, renovating those two schools for elementary students, renovate and construct additions to Moorefield High School, close Baker School and construct a facility for exceptional students at Moorefield Elementary for a total of \$2.5 million.

The Moorefield Park needed \$25,000 to complete Phase II: lighted basketball and tennis courts, picnic shelters, children s play area, and horseshoe and badminton courts.

Stella Sager Wilkins, 84, Mathias, died March 15 Charles W. Scott, 75, Wardensville, died March 15 Ray D. Funkhouser, 70, Winchester, died March 16 Brooke B. High, 72, Purgitsville, died March 14.

Susan Rebecca Boyce and Charles Albert Leatherman were married Feb. 2.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Wilt, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Reynolds, twin sons to Mr. and Mrs. Erin Shanholtz, a daughter, Erin Elizabeth.

Wardensville lost to Piedmont 58-38 in tournament play .

Sixty Years Ago
March 25, 1959

Plans were being made to construct a lake on Moore s Run near Wardensville.

It was announced that a meeting would be held in Mathias to organize a volunteer fire company. By-laws were to be presented for approval and officers elected.

Moorefield Feed and Farm Supply announced the grand opening of its new Farm Store.

Estie Getz Halterman, 59, well-known local businesswoman, died March 22 Erma Ratliff Weber, 39, died March 10 in a fire in Bland County, VA Sanford Baker, 85, Lost River, died March 14.

Marian Elizabeth Zimmerman and Archie Oliver Jenkins II were married March 22.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Muntzing, a son, William Henry III to Mr. and Mrs. Loring Barr, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. James Bowers, a son, David Eugene to Mr. and Mrs. John Tomplins, Jr., a son, Kevin Patrick.

Seventy-five Years Ago
March 22, 1944

Two Hardy County boys were reported missing in action following bombing missions over Germany. Lt. Cletus W. Tusing and S/Sgt. Clifton Malcolm had a combined record of more than sixty missions.

Kuhn’s Store in Moorefield, Harper s Store at Durgon and See s Store at Wardensville were the only stores in the county to be found to be 100 percent in compliance with the OPA rules.

The War Price and Ration Board was notified that all operators of commercial vehicles had to appear in person to receive their transport rations.

Judge Calhoun was to call the auction to benefit the purchase of

new lights for the Graded School. A wide and weird variety of articles to be sold ranged from clothing to household appliances and feed sacks to seed corn. Last minute contributions included doo-rows, gadgets, three dozen hickies and a brand lot of thing-a-ma-bobs.

Abner Hose, 77, Fort Run, died March 16 Agnes Herbaugh Saville, 62, Ridgeley, died March 15 Harrison Cain, 87, Fort Run, died March 12 the infant son Mr. and Mrs. Richard Landacre, Daniels, MD, had died.

Mary Juanita Reed and Pfc. Ralford Edward Sours were married March 17 Gwendolyn Gay and Leonard L. Miller were married March 13 marriage licenses were issued to Agatha Marie Whetzel and William Henry See to Verda Catherine Shreve and Harold Franklin Miley to Dorothy Leona Simmons and Felix Seymour Cook.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dispanet, a son.

Ninety Years Ago
March 21, 1929

At the annual corporation election M. M. Harwood was elected Mayor; S. A. McCoy was elected Recorder; and W. E. Woy, Dr. Poin-dexter, Boyd McWhorter, R. K. McNeill and Julian Chipley were elected to council.

Congressman Bowman recommended Russell Williamson, Hedg-essville, for an appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy. S. Ray Ours was one of three alternates.

O. L. Fout was remodeling his store at Flats.

County Agent Dodd moved his office from the Farm Bureau to the Court House.

W. N. Welton had two cattle die from blackleg. The remainder of the herd had been vaccinated.

Benjamin Souder had died at Milam.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Gamble, Jr., a son.



below freezing temperature days. And as of this week those same swollen red buds are now dark and unresponsive. Maybe they ll come back and maybe not. We really look forward to that shade tree so we hope Nature works her magic.

As we went to press, the buds were getting red and swollen again. There s hope!

Roads

Wonder if the firing of Tom Smith as State Transportation Secretary will make a difference in repair of roads, slides and potholes? Wouldn t it be lovely?

EXAMINER SAYS

Spring Arrives Today

The Vernal Equinox arrives today at 5:58 p.m. The sun is shining directly on the equator and the length of day and night is nearly equal. Today is also when the sun crosses the celestial equator, moving from south to north making this the first day of spring for countries in the Northern Hemisphere.

More on St. Patrick’s Day

It s a bit late to add this, but we found it interesting. March 17 is the day when all good men and women with a little or a lot of Irish blood celebrate the traditional

death date of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. We always associated St. Patrick’s Day with green beer and whiskey, because much was consumed on that day. In researching for a bit more information, we found out why. Since March 17 generally falls within Lent, the church lifted the Lenten restrictions on eating and drinking alcohol and the Irish had a wonderful excuse to partake of the spiritious fluids. Now you know.

Vernal Equinox

We wonder if spring will arrive with a roar or a baa. Mother Na-

ture may have a problem since for the last number of months she isn t sure if it s cold or warm or even hot. We ve had windstorms unlike anything in years and we ve had deep freezes followed by 60 or 70 degree temperatures. We re sure the meteorologists are as confused as we are.

More on Spring

The weather men aren t the only ones confused by the weird temperature and weather. Our report on the swollen maple buds two weeks ago was right on . . . right after writing that we had a couple of

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County Schools to Promote Holistic Approach to Math

By Jean A. Flanagan
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We believe our math scores show a definite need for improvement, said Hardy County School Superintendent Sheena VanMeter. “They are definitely an area of concern, both in Hardy County and the state.

Truth be told - math scores on standardized tests in Hardy County and across the entire state of West Virginia were atrocious! Last year’s Balanced Scorecard tests indicate students in West Virginia high schools do not meet the standards for academic performance in mathematics, and elementary and middle schools only partially meet those standards. Hardy County Schools were no different.

Something had to be done. Math4Life is a comprehensive approach to math instruction.

Kids that don’t necessarily do well or enjoy math are taught to approach it differently, VanMeter said. We’ll teach them, it’s okay to get things wrong along the way to learning the basic concepts.

We are involving teachers, prin-

cipals and the central office,” said Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Strawderman. We’re going to focus on the basics and align our standards vertically. That means each grade builds on the previous grade. So, the grade builds on what they learned in the prior grade and considers what’s necessary for the next grade.

According to the Math4Life website, West Virginia’s Math4Life initiative is a comprehensive and intensive statewide effort to improve student mathematics performance throughout the state over the next five years. The West Virginia Department of Education seeks to work with counties and schools throughout the state to institute best practices, challenging pedagogy, and student engagement strategies to improve students’ mathematics achievement.

Math4Life has specific goals for each grade level and the skills are related to real-world situations.

Math can’t be taught in isolation, Strawderman said.

For example, in Kindergarten, students should be able to count by ones and tens and tell how many there are. They should know how

to add and subtract up to 10. They should be able to name geometric shapes and compare objects with words like bigger, smaller, shorter and longer.

In eighth grade, students should be able to compare and order real numbers, including irrational numbers, work with positive and negative exponents, square root and cube root symbols and scientific notation and solve multi-step equations.

To get everyone on board with the concepts of Math4Life a team was assembled, including teachers, administrators, a Board of Education representative and a Central Office contact. “We hope to include some community and business partners,” Strawderman said.

The Hardy County Math4Life Team includes Wade Armentrout (MES), Amber Champ (MIS), Stephanie Miller (EHHS), Sabrina Dean (MES), JJ Butts (MIS), Tammy Gilbert (MMS), Mark Harclerode (EHHS), Jeffrey Rush (MHS), Randall Wolfe (EHHS), Melvin Shook (BOE) and Strawderman.

Math teachers were asked to
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Potomac State to Offer Demonstrations at STEM Festival



The Drone Obstacle course is back by popular demand for the 2019 Mineral County STEM Festival, to be held Saturday, March 30, from noon to 4 p.m., on the WVU Potomac State College campus, in Keyser, W.Va. This event is free for students K through 12 and their families.

The seventh annual Mineral County STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Festival will be held at West Virginia University Potomac State College on Saturday, March 30 from noon until 4 p.m. on the Keyser campus.

This free event is open to students K-12, their families and to other members of the surrounding communities. The STEM Festival will host an exciting variety of interactive presentations and demonstrations that are sure to entice the curiosity in everyone, and make participants aware of the many career opportunities available in STEM fields.

Here is a brief summary of demonstrations being provided by Potomac State College.

Students from Instructor Viktor Frazier’s biology class will give presentations and demonstrations on The Body Systems, including: cardiovascular, renal, respiratory, and circulatory.

Heal a Wound will be presented by Diana Niland, FNP-C, who is a certified wound specialist; and Sue Wells. This interactive presentation will have make-up wounds created on participants, who will then learn how

to care for and heal their wounds.

• PSC Employees David Miller, multi media specialist, and Nick Gardner, library technician, will present Drone Obstacle Course! Stop by and Fly in the Library, an interactive demonstration that will allow participants to see how many targets they can fly through in two minutes with a drone.

Brown Cow Chow Down will also be presented by Miller, along with Stacey Huffman, WVU Agriculture Extension Agent. This interactive demonstration will have participants strapping on boots to feed the cows. Be amazed as Eugene the mechanical cow eats buckets and buckets of feed that turns into energy which makes him grow big and strong.

• Biology Professor Gerald Wilcox will present a demonstration on Healthy Lungs and Simulated Smoker’s Lungs. This activity will demonstrate the difference between healthy pig lungs and simulated smoker’s lungs, which represent the lungs of a person who smoked a pack of cigarettes per day for about 20 years.

An Introduction to Modular

Arithmetic, will be presented by Mathematics Professor Richard Petersen. Arithmetic is the study of the basic operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Participants will explore these operations in a new set, denoted by $Z_n = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$, where n is a positive integer. We call this set the integer’s mod n .

• Participants can also interact with Mechanical and Electrical Projects which were built by freshman and sophomore engineering students in Professor Mohammad Saifi’s engineering design class.

For more information about the STEM Festival, contact PSC Instructor Andrea Schafer at 304.788-7133 or agschafer@mail.wvu.edu; or 4-H/Family Extension Agent Margaret Miltenberger at 304-788-3621 or m.miltenberger@mail.wvu.edu.

There are numerous other activities and demonstrations to participate in at the STEM Festival, so get the kids off the couch, off their phones and computers, and spend the afternoon learning about the world in which we live.

Gillies’ New CD Explores Survival

By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

On the heels of the whimsical “Poultry In Motion” and following her most recent live-album release Things I Shouldn’t Say, local folk artist Jan Gillies’ new CD Hurricane’s Eye features what she calls survival skills.

These songs represent ways I cope with a multitude of storms in the political, personal and physical arenas over the years, she writes on the album jacket.

From the soulful Annie’s Violin to Dogs of War and the tear-inducing Lobo and Blanca, Gillies explores aging, war and environmental changes in true folk-song tradition.

Even the clever Swamp Song and Chocolate send a clear message, that life sometimes brings its own coping mechanisms. And the final track “Heroes and Sherries” gives us hope that there are still people in the world who inspire and love.

Gillies’ music comes from her past experiences and from the world around her. She grew up in the Midwest and has worked as a scientist, newspaper editor, hospice director, scuba diver and teacher.

While teaching science in Har-



dy County schools, Gillies created folk songs to engage her students. For example, her album Science Songs With a Smile include track like It’s Elemental and Fungus Among Us.

Hurricane’s Eye includes a host of talented instrumental artists including husband Neil on hammered dulcimer, Jeremy Rodgers on Bass, Alex Polotskiy and Eric Lambert on lead guitar, Bill Foster on mandolin, Malia Furta-

do on violin, Robert Mabe on banjo and Michael Ronstady on cello. Lani Urreta sings vocal harmonies and melds flawlessly with Gillies’ melodies. If there’s only one complaint about the album, it’s that sometimes the instruments overwhelm Gillies’ voice.

Gillies will host a CD Release Party on Saturday, March 23 at the River House in Capon Bridge. The festivities are from 7 - 9 p.m.

Scanners Catch Contraband at Regional Jails

(AP) - Full-body scanners are now being used on inmates entering West Virginia’s regional jails to reduce contraband, corrections officials said Monday.

Inmates entering nine regional jails must now pass through a scanner similar to those at airports and courthouses, the Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety said in a news release. The X-ray technology can reveal hidden objects on and within the body.

The scanners recorded 36 positive hits last month, the statement said.

Last week, a scan of a suspect who was booked at the South Central Regional Jail on a parole violation turned up syringes and a packet of a white powdery substance hidden in his body. A subsequent strip search yielded a black makeup bag with additional syringes, a crack pipe and more white powder in a plastic bag, the statement said.

The scanners also are prompting contraband to be ditched in booking areas and outside law enforcement vehicles that bring inmates to jail. More than a dozen such instances

occurred in February, including discarded drugs, syringes and cell phones.

The department said reducing jail contraband saves lives, increases safety for officers and other staff members and improves outcomes for inmates who undergo substance abuse treatment and recovery services.

The scanners were purchased through settlement proceeds of prescription drug litigation. The department is seeking additional funding to bring scanners to other facilities.

NEWS BRIEFS

Shepherd University and the West Virginia Library Commission are now accepting short story submissions for the 2019 West Virginia Fiction Competition. The program is a literary competition for writers and storytellers in the state, designed to foster an appreciation of Appalachian culture and values. Any resident of West Virginia or student attending school in the state may submit an original, unpublished work of fiction. The submission may not have received any other award, recognition, or special honor. The deadline for submissions is May 1, 2019. For more information about the West Virginia Fiction Competition, see the website at <https://www.shepherd.edu/ahwir/west-virginia-fiction-competition> or contact Karen Goff, WV Library Commission, at karen.e.goff@wv.gov or Sylvia Shurbutt, Center for Appalachian Studies and Communities, at SShurbut@shepherd.edu.

The 13th Annual Chocolate Festival will be celebrated in Lewisburg on April 13. Tasting tickets are sold online at LewisburgChocolateFestival.com. The event includes an exciting schedule of chocolate themed activities including more than 35,000 chocolate inspired tastings, a chocolate mousse eating contest, professional chef demonstrations, live music, children’s activities and dinner specials from local restaurants. The Lewisburg Chocolate Festival is a non-profit charitable organization. For more information, check the website above or call 1-800-833-2068.

According to AAA last week, average gas prices in West Virginia were up to \$2.517. Nationally the average was up to \$2.510. The national gas price average has been steadily increasing for the last three weeks. During that

time, gasoline stocks have gradually decreased while demand has started to increase and crude oil prices have been fluctuating. Combined, these factors are driving up gas prices across the country. As regional gasoline stocks tighten, six Mid-Atlantic and Northeast states’ gas price averages jumped seven cents or more and land on the top 10 list of largest changes in the country on the week including West Virginia (+11 cents), Maryland (+9 cents), and Virginia (+8 cents). Across West Virginia, prices ranged from a low of \$2.453 at Weirton to a high of \$2.531 at Beckley. Area averages were \$2.534 in Jefferson, \$2.566 in Hampshire, and \$2.546 in Mineral counties. In Hardy County, the average gas price was \$2.550.

In Wardsville the price stayed at \$2.559, while Moorefield jumped to \$2.65. In Baker it was \$2.49.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Pre-K Registration

The E.A.C.H.S. Head Start program is accepting applications for the Fall 2019 enrollment in its 3-year old and 4-year old programs. Children must be 3 years old by July 1, 2019.

Registration will be held from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. at the Moorefield Learning Center, 112 Bean’s Lane on Wednesday, March 20 and Thursday, March 28. Parents should include various documents with their applications. Contact the center at 304-530-7787 for information.

Ambulance Fee

The Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Ordinance Fee is due March 31. Any fee not received by that date is subject to late charges. Send payment to

P. O. Box 671, Moorefield, WV 26836. For information, call 304-530-0256.

Planning Meetings

The Region 8 Planning and Development Council invites Potomac Highlands’ community leaders to participate in planning the region’s future by helping the Council update its Regional Development Plan. The Council will host two planning meetings. The meetings will be identical in format and last less than two hours. The Council will provide a light lunch.

The first meeting will be held Thursday, March 28, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Ponderosa Steakhouse, 1542 US Highway 220 N in Moorefield. Lunch will be provided. RSVP by March 22

The second meeting will be held Thursday, April 4, at 11:30 a.m. at The Candlewyck Inn, 65 South Mineral Street, Keyser. Lunch will be provided. RSVP by March 29.

You may register by phone, fax, or e-mail to Carla Dent at 304-257-1221, ext. 241, Fax: 304-257-4958, E-mail: cdent@regioneight.org

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.

Health Fair

The Hardy County Health Department will host the Annual Health Fair on Saturday, April 13 from 8 - 11 a.m. at Moorefield Middle School. Numerous health screenings and educational exhibits are available at no cost. Various blood tests are available for a fee. Call 304-530-6355 between March 27 and April 10 to

register.

Volunteers Needed

The Hardy County Historical Society is looking for volunteers for many different areas of our local museum. The museum is located in the Mullen Hotel, 104 S. Main Street in Moorefield. It is on the second floor and is accessible by a rear parking lot lift. The museum is open at no cost to the public, on Saturdays 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, email Dave Jopling at joplingfam@hardynet.com or come by the museum any Saturday.

Free Classes

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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.

Dead Animals

The West Virginia Division of Highways wants to remind the public of its policy regarding the pickup and disposal of dead animals. The DOH will only pick up carcasses on state owned highways and will not go on private property. To report a dead animal on a state owned road, please notify your local district DOH office at 304-434-2525.

SCHOOL NEWS

MHS Wins At State Career And Development Conference



Moorefield High School DECA members attended WVDC Competition 2019. Back row (L/R): Garret Strickler, Weslee Roop, Malachi Hinger, Karson Reed, Hailey Biser, Amber Rigglesman. Advisor Jessica Markwood. Front row (L/R): Madalynn Clayton, Veronica VanMeter, Noah Greenwalt, Joseph Wilkins, Haley Kuykendall, Paige Van Meter, Zanna Parker. Not pictured: Branson See

Fourteen Moorefield High School students traveled to Charleston, and competed in the WV Career and Development Conference from March 10-11, 2019. This was the first year Moorefield High School competed at the state event.

Noah Greenwalt and Joseph Wilkins placed first in the Entrepreneurship Team Decision Making category, Zanna Parker placed second in Restaurant and Food Service Management. These three students will represent West Virginia at the International Career and Development Conference in Orlando, Florida from April 25-May 1, 2019. The international competition hosts roughly 19,000

student competitors from across the globe in categories spanning marketing, management, entrepreneurship, finance, hospitality, sales and business services.

Special thanks to the local businesses for the support that made this historic experience possible: American Woodmark Corporation, Bosley Eye Care, Inc., C & K Salvage, ER Excavating & Utilities, Fraley Ambulance, Fraley Funeral Home, Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., Hawse Shop N Save, M&M Transportation, Markwood Construction, Pendleton Community Bank, R. Thomas & Associates, CPA, Reed Insurance LLC of Moorefield, South Fork General Store LLC, and Summit Commu-

nity Bank.

Donations are currently being accepted to help offset the costs for students competing at the international conference. Businesses and individuals interested in sponsoring any future business professionals can make a check or money order payable to MHS DECA/FBLA and mail it to 401 N. Main Street, Moorefield, WV 26836. Donations are tax deductible. Any questions about sponsoring should be directed to Jessica Markwood, Moorefield High School DECA Advisor at Jessica.markwood@k12.wv.us or phone 304-530-6034.

MMS Announces Perfect Attendance for January



Moorefield Middle School had 166 students who had perfect attendance in January. They were each given a token of appreciation for their attendance at school each day.

Mattia Auville, Ivy Fultz, Malachi Holliday, Kole Kesner, Coye

Lewis, Guadalupe Marron, Teia Ray, Elektra Sions, and Mitzy Zelaya-Castro were lucky enough to have their names drawn for an additional award donated by the Williams Family and their businesses.

They received one of the following awards: free bowling pass

for South Branch Potomac Lanes; free movie pass for South Branch Cinema 6 or free ice cream cone from Sweet Rose Ice Cream or Old Fields Country Store. These awards will be available each month.

MMS Announces February Perfect Attendance



Moorefield Middle School had 160 students who had perfect attendance in February. Each were given a token of appreciation for their attendance at school each day.

Felecia Breeden, Michael Cost, Anthony Gonzalez, Aaron Harris (absent from picture), Lian Mung,

Kelsey Rodgers, Jonathan Stearns, and Faniel Yehdego were lucky enough to have their names drawn for an additional award donated by the Williams Family and their businesses. They received one of the following awards: free bowling pass for South Branch Potomac Lanes;

free movie pass for South Branch Cinema 6 or free ice cream cone from Old Fields Country Store. These awards will be available each month and the students appreciate them very much.

MES Student Leaders Announced

These Moorefield Elementary School students have been selected as Leader of the Month for their grade level. They went to visit Pilgrim's Pride where they received a small gift. They also received a Smart 529 water bottle, a Cinema 6 movie ticket, free bowling ticket, Sweet Rose ice cream coupon, and Old Fields Country Store ice cream coupon. The Leaders of the Month for January are in Kindergarten, Charlee Morgan, in Grade 2, Alex Stewart and in Grade 1, Maddyx Snyder. Also pictured is MES Principal Wade Armentrout.



Dates Added for Education Forums

(AP) - West Virginia education officials have announced additional dates for public forums as part of preparations for an upcoming special legislative session.

The first of seven forums was held March 18 at Cabell Midland High School.

The Department of Education

says in a news release other forums will be held at the following high schools: March 19 at Mount View, March 20 at Capital, March 21 at Woodrow Wilson, April 1 at Robert C. Byrd, April 2 at Wheeling Park, and April 3 at Berkeley Springs.

Each forum will start at 6 p.m. and will include discussions in

small groups on core education issues.

Gov. Jim Justice last week called the special session to address teacher pay raises and other education issues. He s asked legislators to meet with teachers, parents and other stakeholders before returning.

Don't Panic: How Parents Can Deal with Internet Hoaxes

By Mae Anderson

AP Technology Writer

(AP) - The latest parental panic on social media - over a purported challenge for kids to complete harmful tasks - elevates the importance of establishing an open dialogue with children.

Warnings about the Momo

challenge swept Facebook and other social media in recent days. But the challenge is believed to be a hoax. Experts say internet hoaxes focused on children tap into fears that parents have about protecting their children online and elsewhere.

Jill Murphy of the nonprofit Common Sense Media says par-

ents may feel caught off guard by what their kids are seeing. That s why talking to children is important. Murphy says parents can help kids understand that not everything online is real.

She also suggests that parents take advantage of parental controls built into products and services.

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New Fiction

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The Fifth Doctrine (Guardian; 3) by Karen Robards Offered her freedom in exchange for a dangerous undercover assignment, master manipulator Bianca St. Ives poses as a female hacker who stole top secret intel from NORAD in order to feed strategic misinformation to North Korea's tyrannical regime.

The American Agent (Maise Dobbs; 15) by Jacqueline Winspear When an American correspondent reporting on the war in Europe is found murdered in her London digs and her death is concealed by British authorities, Maisie must uncover the truth about Saxon's death while trying to protect a young evacuee she has grown to love and wants to adopt.

Murder Once Removed (Ancestry Detective; 1) by S. C. Perkins – Texas genealogist Lucy Lancaster uses her skills to solve murders in both the past and present and soon finds that shaking the branches of some family trees proves them to be more twisted and dangerous than she ever thought possible.

Glory Road by Lauren K. Denton In South Alabama, three generations of women find themselves navigating the uncertain pathways of their hearts during a summer that promises to bring change—whether they're ready for it or not.

The Good Detective (P. T. Marsh; 1) by John McMahon Amid rising racial tension and media scrutiny, Detective P.T. Marsh uncovers something sinister at the heart of a boy's murder—a conspiracy leading all the way back to the time of the Civil War. Risking everything to unravel the puzzle even as he fights his own personal demons, P.T. races headlong toward an incendiary and life-altering showdown.

The Elephant of Surprise (Hap and Leonard; 12) by Joe R. Lansdale Unlikely partners Hap and Leonard save a woman from a mob

hit, only to find themselves confronted by an adversary who challenges their friendship.

Redemption Point (Crimson Lake; 2) by Candice Fox For a former police detective wrongly accused of abduction and an ex-convict private detective, the hunt for the truth behind a missing person and the murder of two bartenders will draw them into a violent dance with evil that may well cost them their lives.

The Witch's Kind by Louisa Morgan Barrie Anne Blythe and her aunt Charlotte, concealing a strange and dangerous family secret, have always known that the other residents of their small coastal community find them peculiar. Now, they must decide how far they are willing to go to protect themselves and an abandoned baby with a hint of power like their own from suspicious neighbors, the government, and even their own family.

Treason by Rick Campbell A military coup in Russia leads to a swift invasion of former Soviet territories—while the U.S. has been rendered powerless to respond. Without their primary weapons,

the U.S. will have to overcome the malware that has grounded their ballistic missiles and planes, as well as secretly land a SEAL team to help rescue the imprisoned Russian President, and help retake control from the forces that are driving Europe into a continental war.

The Last Year of the War by Susan Meissner a German American teenager whose life changes forever when her immigrant family is sent to an internment camp during World War II.

If Cats Disappeared from the World by Genki Kawamura The postman's days are numbered. Estranged from his family, living alone with only his cat Cabbage to keep him company, he was unprepared for the doctor's diagnosis that he has only months to live. But before he can tackle his bucket list, the Devil appears to make him an offer.

Before She Knew Him by Peter Swanson A young suburban wife believes a killer is living right next door. And fears only the next murder, maybe her own, will make everyone believe her.

A Tender Hope (Cimarron Creek;

3) by Amanda Cabot When a Texas Ranger comes to town on a mission to capture his brother's killers, he finds more than he expected—including a young midwife who may hold the key to the justice he seeks.

The Parade by Dave Eggers An unnamed country is leaving the darkness of a decade at war, and to commemorate the armistice the government commissions a new road connecting two halves of the state. Two men, foreign contractors from the same company, are sent to finish the highway. While one is flighty and adventurous, wanting to experience the nightlife and people, the other wants only to do the work and go home. But both men must eventually face the absurdities of their positions, and the dire consequences of their presence.

In the Blink of an Eye by Jesse Blackadder Questions and blame fly in the devastating aftermath of a tragedy and a family finds itself searching for a path to forgiveness and redemption.

Save Me from Dangerous Men (Nikki Griffin; 1) by S. A. Lechuk – When a regular PI job tailing a tech company's disgruntled employee

who might be selling secrets turns ugly, Nikki Griffin has to break cover and intervene. But when something goes wrong, Nikki is no longer just solving a case—she's trying hard to stay alive.

New Non-Fiction and Bios

Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others by Barbara Brown Taylor Taylor recounts her discoveries of finding the sacred in unexpected places while teaching the world's religions to undergraduates in rural Georgia, revealing how God delights in confounding believers' expectations.

First: Sandra Day O'Connor by Evan Thomas Thomas presents a personal portrait of a woman who loved her family, who believed in serving her country, and who, when she became the most powerful woman in America, built a bridge forward for all women.

Funny Man: Mel Brooks by Patrick McGilligan A biography of comedy giant Mel Brooks, covering his rags-to-riches life and triumphant career in television, films, and theater.

Ambulance Fees

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We haven't received documentation from Fraley about why they need it," HCEAA Board President Paul Lewis said.

We depend on volunteers to provide services after 5 p.m., Fraley said. What do we do when the volunteers quit? Since the HCEAA started, our collections have gone down, our co-pays have gone down. We depend on our co-pays. People say, they've paid the fee, they don't need to pay for service. We serve the largest part of the county. Moorefield needs to get to 24/7 service.

Board member Harold Michael pointed out the difference in logistics between Moorefield and the coverage of HCEAA.

You have 4,000 people within a four-mile radius, he said. You take people to Petersburg, which is about an hour turnaround time. We have the rest of the county and our population goes to places where the turnaround time is three to four hours. You can't compare your situation with this one.

It would behoove the HCEAA to plan for county-wide operations, Rexrode said.

Following the demise of the Mathias/Baker Rescue Squad and prior to the formation of the HCEAA, Fraley was given the opportunity to expand their service to provide emergency ambulance service to the entire county and they declined.

We don't want Fraley to go out of business, Michael said. Unless we increase fees, there's not much room in this budget to move money.

To throw money at a private entity just because they asked, without knowing where it's going would be irresponsible of this board, Coffman said. I have the utmost respect for Fraleys and what they've done. I know how hard it is to operate a small business in West Virginia.

The board voted to approve the budget, which now goes to the County Commission for their approval.

Policies

Alt proposed two policies for the board's approval. They included Vehicle Usage and Non-Emergency/Scheduled Transport.

The first policy was prompted by a situation where a chase unit was seen parked outside an event at Moorefield High School.

Michael indicated the incident has been resolved as a personnel matter.

The Vehicle Usage Policy states that ambulances should be used to: Respond to emergencies, Attend special events as requested

•When first-due crew is out of the station. Chase units should be used to: Respond to emergencies,

•Perform day-to-day business of the HCEAA Transport medication orders Transport personnel to training and conferences.

The board voted to approve the policy. The second policy gave specific situations where non-emergency

transports can be done.

For E. A. Hawse Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

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The reason falls within the legal limits of Medicare/Medicaid

Contingent on availability of personnel and transports

No inter-facility transports

Alt said the transports will be handled on a case-by-case basis and at no time will first-due crews be used. He also said the HCEAA reserves the right to cancel if necessary.

George Crump with the Wardensville Rescue Squad, and a member of the Advisory Committee said he was totally opposed to the policy.

You are establishing a precedent and if it gets to the point you

can't control it, you've opened up a real can of worms," he said.

Rexrode said the situation was difficult.

You have some residents in the county that are truly bed-bound, she said. If you're going to do it, you need to make sure your i's are dotted and t's are crossed.

Michael said it should be done if there is no other alternative and only as a public service.

The board approved the policy.

First Responder's Day

Crump said the Advisory Committee has scheduled First Responder's Day in Hardy County for May 18. There will be vehicles and equipment on display at Moorefield High School. Crump said he will be contacting grocery stores and restaurants for food donations. He has requested funding from the HCEAA for souvenirs

and additional food, if necessary.

It will be a big event," he said.

A great opportunity to showcase our equipment and our people.

EMS Week is May 20 - 25.

Other Business

Crump invited interested parties to Inova Fairfax to witness open heart surgery. The trip will include background and pre-op information. It is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 8.

Alt said the DEA licenses expire this year and he is working with Dr. Rexrode on the renewals.

The next meeting of the Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority will be held on Wednesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the 911 Center on Freedom Way in Moorefield. The public is invited to attend.

National Heritage Area

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National Heritage Areas are designated by Congress as places where natural, cultural, and historic resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally important landscape. With the official national heritage area designation the Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area can earn recognition as being nationally significant,

and will have access to National Park Service technical assistance and funding to provide more services to the region.

The Appalachian Forest Heritage Area works in 16 counties of West Virginia and 2 counties of western Maryland on conservation, forestry, cultural heritage, tourism and community develop-

ment. With the overall theme of forest heritage, the initiative works with willing partners to explore and enhance the relationship between the forested mountains and the people who live here.

For more information see www.appalachianforest.us, email afha@appalachianforest.us, or call 304-636-6182.

DNR

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season on April 19, 2020 and an antler-less deer day on Oct. 20, 2020 to the Youth Hunt calendar. They will recommend two Sundays will be added to the Squirrel Season for youth hunting.

There is also a recommendation to extend the night coyote season through the end of August. It currently ends July 31.

Some suggestions offered by the public included stocking walleye and yellow perch in local lakes and

adding an early muzzleloading season.

I think more people would come out if there was a week before rifle season they could shoot muzzleloaders," said Derek Tyree.

Fisheries biologists were on hand to point out the differences between the candy darter and minnows and sculpins. The candy darter was recently added to the federal endangered species list by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

They don't usually travel this far north," said Brandon

Keplinger, district fisheries biologist. But we want people to know they shouldn't use them for bait.

The comments gathered will be consolidated and presented to the Natural Resources Commission at their quarterly meeting.


Written comments from the public on these proposed hunting, trapping and fishing regulations also are encouraged. The proposals will be posted on the DNR website soon at www.wvdnr.gov. The deadline for receipt of written comments is April 3, 2019.




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STANLEY EUGENE FOLTZ

Stanley Eugene Foltz, 91, of Mathias, W.Va. died March 14, 2019 at E.A. Hawse Nursing Home in Baker, W.Va..

He was born March 17, 1927 in Hardy County and was a son of the late Turner Ashby and Mattie Eye Foltz.

He was owner of Foltz Liter for 50 years and was also a poultry farmer. Stanley started feeding chickens at 10 years old, owned the first turkey house in W.Va., won the W.Va. Poultry Award in 1976, and was a life member of the W.Va. Poultry Association. He served as a board member for Shenandoah Valley Electric for 32 years, board

member of Capon Valley Bank for 34 years, and was a member of Bryce Resort for 30 years. He was a member of Cove Chapel United Methodist Church in Mathias.

On November 7, 1945 he married the former Marcella LaVern Wilkins, who preceded him in death on July 14, 1987.

Surviving are three sons; Jack Foltz and wife Libby, of Mathias, Alvin Foltz and wife Barbara, of Mathias, Kevin Foltz and wife Lora, of Mathias, a daughter; Debra Branson and husband Randy, of Baker, eight grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a

grandson; Jason Foltz, and a sister; Gladys Westfall.

Pastor Richard Delawder conducted a funeral service Sunday, March 17, 2 p.m. at the Grandle Funeral Home Chapel in Broadway. Burial followed at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Mathias.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mathias Community Kitchen, c/o Sue Nichols, 141 Meadow Lane, Lost River, WV 26810.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.grandlefuneralhome.com.



DOROTHY 'DOTTIE' MICHAEL

Dorothy (Vance) Michael, age 82, of Petersburg, W.Va. passed away Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg. She was born on October 21, 1936 in Fisher, W.Va. and was the daughter of the late Loring Hugh Vance and Mary Elizabeth (Weese) Vance.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Gene G. Michael, in 2015.

Dottie was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She loved cooking for and spending time with her family. In home videos, her care-free laughter rings out, followed by a joyous, Very good! a celebratory phrase of encouragement that marked many special occasions. A nurturer with the kindest heart and

sweetest soul, she loved many and was loved by many in return. Her door and her heart were open to everyone, and her hugs were freely given to all. Her compassion, beauty, and grace touched all who were fortunate enough to know her. She was a receptionist for Petersburg Medical Group for 29 years, and greeted all who entered with her contagious smile and comforting conversation. An avid sports fan, she thoroughly enjoyed watching sports on TV, but it was being at the ballpark that she loved most, especially when cheering on her Yankees. Her love of tending to others was also evident in the way she tended her garden, and she always looked forward to her flowers blooming, especially her purple lilacs.

Dottie is survived by her

children, Greg Michael and wife Sherry of Petersburg, W.Va.; Tammy Crites and husband Rodger of Moorefield, W.Va. and Linda Kay Michael of Petersburg, W.Va.; three grandchildren, Sarah Elizabeth Kessel and husband Daniel of Maysville, W.Va., Jessica Erin Michael Bowman and husband Jeremiah of Martinsburg, W.Va. and Ethan Gregory Michael of Frostburg, Md.; two great granddaughters, Sadie Elizabeth Kessel and Eleanor Kate Bowman; two brothers, Jim Vance and wife Annabelle of Mathias, W.Va. and Charlie Vance and wife Janet of Moorefield, W.Va.; and several beloved nieces and nephews, as well as grand-dogs and grand-cats.

Honoring Mrs. Michael's request, her body will be cremated and interment will be private.



In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, 13355 Peachtree St. NE, Suite 600, Atlanta, GA 30309 or Charity of Choice.

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

LEOTA MARIE LINK

Our beloved Nana, Leota Marie Link, born Leota Marie Delawder, 80, passed away on Monday, February 4, 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 Saturday, March 23 from 1-3 PM at the Grandle Funeral Home in Broadway.

In lieu of flowers, donations are encouraged to Sentara Hospice Service in Harrisonburg, Va. Go to www.sentara.com/harrisonburg-virginia/hospitalslocations/locations/sentara-rmh-hospice.aspx



Arrangements are under the direction of Grandle Funeral Home in Broadway, Va.

CLAUDE BENJAMIN BRADFIELD

Claude Benjamin Bradfield, 83 of Baker, W.Va. passed away on Friday March 15, 2019 at E.A. Hawse Nursing & Rehab Center in Baker.

Born on October 27, 1935 in Baker, he was the son of the late Jasper H. Bradfield and Beulah F. (Gochenour) Bradfield.

Claude was a lifetime farmer, working with his cattle and making hay in the summer, worked 45 years for Bradfield Lumber Co., He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was a lifetime member of the Zion Lutheran Church where he served on council for many years, a member of the Baker Ruritan, he was chosen W.Va. Conservation Farmer in 2008 and received the award in Charleston, W.Va., former board of director of Hardy County Farm Bureau.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Glen, Cecil, Harold and a sis-

ter, Mary Jane Smith. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family.

Surviving is his wife Sheila L. (Haines) Bradfield whom he married on December 19, 1964, a son David Bradfield (Tina) of Baker, and a grandson, Tyler Bradfield.

Funeral services were held on Monday March 18, 2019 at 11:00 A.M. in McKee Funeral Home Chapel, Baker, W.Va. with Pastor Gary Koontz and Pastor Dale Smith officiating. Interment followed in Zion Cemetery, Baker, W.Va..

Memorials can be made to Hospice Promise Foundation, Grant Memorial Hospice 100 Hospital Dr. Suite 2 Petersburg, W.Va. 26847 or Baker Ruritan Scholarship Fund P.O. Box 66 Wardensville, W.Va. 26851.

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

ROBERT WILLIAM CRITES

Robert William Bob Crites, age 82 of Fisher, W.Va., passed away Thursday evening, March 14, 2019 at the Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, VA. Born on June 2, 1936 at Fisher, W.Va., he was a son of the late Homer Charles Crites and Alice Rebecca Reel Crites. His wife of 62 years, Phyllis M. Kessel Crites preceded him in death in June 2018. Sisters Genevieve Sherman and Anne Miller also preceded him in death.

Bob in his heart was a lifetime farmer, was a truck driver for many years and was a school bus driver for the Hardy County Board of Education. He was a member of the W.Va. Poultry Association and attended services at Rig Assembly of God Church and the Moorefield Church of the Brethren. Bob and Phyllis often traveled on organized bus trips but he was content on the river bank fishing or just sitting on the porch watching life pass by.

He is survived by three sons;

Matthew and Cathy Crites of Moorefield, W.Va., Craig and Tammy Crites of Fisher, W.Va. and Eric and Teresa Crites of Fisher, W.Va.; a brother, Carl Crites of Fisher, W.Va.; five grandsons; five great-grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

Funeral Services were conducted 1:00 PM Monday, March 18, 2019 at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel, 107 Washington Street with Pastors Brad Taylor & Russell Webster officiating. Interment followed at the Olivet Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the American Brain Foundation: www.americanbrainfoundation.org/ways-give-make-difference/donate/.

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

Arrangements are under the direction of the Fraley Funeral Home.

SHELIA MARIA MCLENDON

Shelia Maria McLendon, age 45 of Moorefield, W.Va. formerly of Petersburg, W.Va., passed away Tuesday evening, March 12, 2019 at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, W.Va.. Born on August 22, 1973 in Petersburg, W.Va., she is a daughter of John Alden Simpson and Elizabeth Ann Western Simpson of Petersburg, W.Va.. She was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Petersburg.

Shelia never met a stranger, often inviting anyone in just to talk. Considered a foody by some, she loved perfumes and enjoyed watching movies on the television. Never to be hindered by her disability, she would often explore the neighborhood in her electric chair. To some she was a comedian, the most elaborate storyteller.

Surviving in addition to her parents is a sister, Nancy Marie Shobe

(husband Bradley) of Petersburg, W.Va.; a brother, Larry J. Whetzel of Petersburg, W.Va. and niece and nephews, Joshua, Hannah and Jeremiah Shobe.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held beginning at 11:00 AM Saturday, March 16, 2019 at the Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church, 2029 SR 55, Moorefield, W.Va. with Father Josh Stevens as celebrant. Interment will follow at Epiphany-St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Kessel, W.Va..

Memorials may be directed to the Petersburg Interfaith Food Pantry, 11 North Grove Street, Petersburg, W.Va. 26847. Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on Shelia's Tribute Wall at www.fraleyfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Fraley Funeral Home.

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Thanks to the pallbearers who Gerald handpicked and loved so dearly. Words can't express our gratitude to Elmore's Funeral Home for the wonderful job you did in fulfilling Gerald's last wishes. To our friend, Pastor Dan Stems who just had to say during the service that a die-hard Ford man was taken by the angels to heaven in a Chevy Suburban, just wait til Gerald sees you. There is nothing short of a "God-send" when Pastor Doug Bowers and his lovely wife came into our lives at the right time. You both held a very special place in Gerald's heart and we can never repay you and your church family for the outstanding job you did speaking at the service and preparing an outstanding meal after the service. And to the best friend a person could ever have, Patsy Nelson, who arrived at my house still in her pajamas within minutes after Gerald left this world for a much, much better place, you will never know how much I needed and appreciated my best friend at that time. Thank you and please continue to pray for us as we try to move on without the center of our hearts. We love you. God bless each and every one of you.

Wife Brenda Cook, Brother Robert Cook,
Sister Brenda Crider, and nephew Mike Davy.

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HARDY COUNTY TOURS

Wed. May 8, 2019

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Call Judy Patterson at 304-538-3066 or Maxine Halterman at 304-530-6202.

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Mon. March 25 - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, spinach, roll, pears

Tues. March 26 - Sloppy Joe on Bun, French fries, cole slaw, peaches

Wed. March 27 - Baked chicken w/stuffing, peas, carrots, orange

Thurs. March 28 - Sweet & sour meatballs over noodles, California blend, corn, pineapples

Fri. March 29 - Chili soup w/ crackers, pimento cheese sandwich, applesauce

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

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

A Howell game was played on Wednesday, March 13 with 3 1/2 tables in play in the South Branch Duplicate Bridge Club held at Colts Restaurant. There were seven pairs playing 24 boards with an average match-point score of 42.

Overall winners were Steve Kimble and Kevin McDonald, 31; Marion Marshall and Susan Newman, 27 1/2; and John Childs and Sue Halterman, 26 1/2.

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

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., March 25 - Puzzles, crafts

Tues., March 26 - Puzzles, Crafts, Senior Shopping 1:00 p.m.

Wed., March 27 - Puzzles, crafts

Thurs., March 28 - Puzzles, Crafts

Fri., March 29 - 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, 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, Ashley Davis, 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.

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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 (smileamazon.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. AmazonSmile is an easy and convenient way to donate to your local Senior Center. Donations will be used to offset the expenses of

our nutrition program. For more information, please call us at 304-53-2256

HCCOA receives funding from federal and state entities including Bureau of Senior services and Upper Potomac AAA, local government and memorial contributions.

WE HAVE ENSURE

Flavors available are chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, and butter pecan. Regular and plus in same flavors. The cost has increased. We will only accept checks for ensure. No cash. Sorry for the inconvenience. Any questions, call the center at 304-530-2256.

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We have the following items available:

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Do you need help with Medicare Part A, B, C, D? Call to make appointment with Arline at 304-530-2256, 8:00-4:00, Monday through Friday. Anyone who has extra help with Part D through DHHR or Social Security can check and change your plan anytime.

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Mathias Community Center

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SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD

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ASBURY CEMETERY

Annual Meeting

Sat. April 20 • 6:30pm

North River Road

WE WELCOME ALL!

Potomac Highland Beekeepers to Meet

The Potomac Highlands Beekeepers Association will meet on Thursday, March 21 at 7 p.m., at the Bank of Romney Community Center, 165 E Main Street, Romney, across the street from the Sheetz. All our meeting are open to the public. If you are interest-

Davis says on average about 500 veterans each day need rides to Veterans Affairs medical centers in Beckley, Clarksburg, Huntington and Martinsburg.

The state is partnering with the nonprofit group Disabled American Veterans. The group operated a van transportation program in West

Virginia prior to 2014. The state then took it over.

But Davis has said he found some vehicles operated by the state program were being used other than for transporting veterans, while some drivers were going out of state to pick up veterans.

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MARCH 23, 2019
4:00 - 7:00 P.M.

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E.A.C.H.S. Head Start Accepting Applications For Fall 2019 Enrollment

The Eastern Allegheny Council for Human Services, Inc. (EACHS) Head Start Program is currently accepting applications for Fall 2019 enrollment.

Registration will be from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm at the Moorefield Early Learning Center located at 112 Bean's Lane in Moorefield on the following days: March 4, March 12, March 20, and March 28. All parents with children who will be three years old by July 1, 2019 are encouraged to apply. Parents should bring the child's birth certificate, immunization record, social security card, health insurance card, and proof of family income (W-2, 1040 Tax Form, Pay Stubs, SSI, etc.) to the registration.

Once the applications are completed, they are scored based upon established selection criteria. Please contact the Moorefield Early Learning Center at (304) 530-7787 for more information.

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Sunday, March 24, 2019

2:00pm

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Doors Open at 1:00pm

Concessions Will Be Available

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THANK YOU!

The family of Bill Houdyshell would like to thank everyone for their cards and calls in the 2 & 1/2 weeks he was sick. We thank the 75 people who came to the hospital for visits and prayers, to the wonderful doctors and nurses at Winchester Medical Center for all the care received while there. We thank Rev. Nip Crites and Rev. Cheryl George for the visits and service. A special thanks to everyone who prepared food at any time. The Baker U.M. Church for all they've done for our family. A special thanks to the 8 special guys

for their last trip with "Mr. Bill".

Special thanks to David Rudy for being at the hospital every day the two weeks we were there. To the 136 families who sent cards, we love you. To the over 667 people who came to the viewing and funeral, may God bless you. Thank you for the flowers, they were beautiful. To McKees Funeral Home, a special thanks. We will always remember the love and respect you showed "Mr. Bill" during his lifetime. For this, we thank you!

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New Math

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complete a survey, which was used to determine their needs.

We are using that to provide professional development for our teachers, Strawderman said.

Based on what they said they needed, our job is to provide support for them and what they need.

The Math4Life program is geared to the application of math

in real life. Students will be asked to take a pledge:

I pledge to approach math with an open mind. I will celebrate my mistakes as opportunities to grow. I will be confident and work hard to understand math and I won't give up.

Our goal is to give them the concepts they have to know before they get to high school, where

math content is specific, like geometry and algebra, VanMeter said.

The county received a grant from the state to initiate the program, but it is a county initiative. We get to chart our own path for progress, Strawderman said.

Strawderman cautioned that the improvements may not be seen for a few years.

"This is not an overnight fix,"

she said. Slow and steady wins the race, just like The tortoise and the Hare. It will take time to see results.

We will work on teaching the basics instead of covering different concepts, VanMeter said. Kids today don't rely on memorization.

Like multiplication tables - they are expected to understand the concepts of multiplication and be able to apply it.

Kids today have to be more engaged, so we are including real-world applications.

VanMeter mentioned the Math

Family Night recently held with Moorefield Elementary School and the Food Lion Grocery Store.

We hope to get our business partners to be more involved in this aspect, she said.

County Budget

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As with most departments, the largest expense of the Sheriff's Department is salaries.

Our problem has been trying to recruit and retain deputies, Sheriff Bryan Ward said. The increases approved by the Governor to the State Police are driving increases in the counties. We are losing deputies to better paying jobs in surrounding counties.

Ward said the difference between the annual salary of a new hire at the State Police and one in Hardy County is \$6,500. That's even before they complete the academy, he said.

If we don't support our deputies, we will lose skilled, veteran cops.

Even at that price, I wouldn't strap on a gun and do what they do, said Commissioner David Workman.

I feel they are costing us money, Commissioner David Jay Fansler said. They are suing us.

We're paying an attorney and you want to pay them more.

One Hardy County Deputy has initiated a civil lawsuit against the county for overtime pay.

Ward said the lawsuit was initiated by a small percentage of the deputies. I can't shortchange the public because of them.

Ward also requested an increase in the training budget.

That is primarily to fund the training of a new drug dog, he said. Rue, is aging out of the system. The dog we got to replace her has some health issues and won't be able to function in that capacity.

Right now our biggest, and our most continuing challenge is drugs. No other surrounding jurisdiction has a drug dog. We are infinitely more effective and efficient with a K-9 in drug searches.

Ward requested funding for a Vehicle Locator Service, which would enable the 911 dispatch to tell where a deputy is at any given time. Currently, deputies can be located by virtue of their on-board

computer tablets, but they are dependent on cell phone service, which is spotty throughout the county.

Better in-car and body cameras were also included in the Sheriff's budget request.

Everybody watches Cops now and jurors demand to see the video, Ward said.

Commission President Harold Michael said the budget request was unsustainable.

There is no way we can approve all these things, he said. When you need equipment, you should look for grants.

I was elected to protect the citizens of Hardy County, Ward said. These are things we need. We are still within our means.

Ely reminded the commissioners of the increased carryover. Last year was \$2.1 million and this year is \$2.6 million, he said.

The budget must be submitted to the state before the end of March.

Iron Works in Hardy County Will Be Subject of Historical Society Talk

For nearly 100 years iron works in what is now Hardy County made contributions to the economy. The span of time is from the late 1780s through the 1870s. The iron works were more than the furnaces. They were communities and they functioned like the large agriculture plantations in the south. The 1850 census for Hardy County lists 96 men who were in some way associated with the iron businesses.

On Sunday, April 28 at 2 p.m. in the Hardy County Public Library, The Hardy County Historical Society will sponsor a talk by Eleanor L. Heishman on the iron works. The public is invited.

Eleanor will have photographs, maps and other items related to the iron industry. She has been researching the iron works, the people who built them, why they were built in Hardy County, how they operated and why the works ultimately failed.

The furnaces and forges were financed by men from Pennsylvania and other parts of Virginia. John



Capon Furnace on Waites Run is in the Lee District of George Washington National Forest.

Bishop from Berks County Pennsylvania financed the first furnace, Charles Carter Lee, the older brother of Robert E. Lee was the owner of another of the furnaces.

The owners were land speculators and entrepreneurs. The remains of three furnaces at these iron works are still standing.

Home Rule

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on Monday, March 11.

The West Virginia Legislature passed a Home Rule measure and it is waiting for Governor Jim Justice's signature.

We have to list things we want to accomplish with Home Rule, Orndoff-Sayers said. We have to tell how they would benefit the town.

Orndoff-Sayers said in addition to the sales tax, the committee discussed standardizing business licenses, speed limits within town limits and selling equipment without an auction or bid process, as items to include on the application.

Recorder Maureen Martin said

the accountant can produce sales numbers for the past three years to estimate the revenue from a 1 percent sales tax.

Public Works Report

Public Works Director Erich Atkinson was not present at the meeting, but sent a report.

He indicated the town needs to purchase two floating aerators for the sewer lagoon. The cost is \$8,064 for the two units. He said this will keep us in compliance with DEP," Orndoff-Sayers said.

The council approved the purchase.

Councilwoman Gina Atkisson requested an update on the park house.

Orndoff-Sayers said the house was vacated in October and it was winterized.

It needs some repairs and we only got one quote, she said. We wanted other quotes or at least an itemized list of repairs.

We really need to get some insulation there, Councilwoman Charlotte Bowman said. "People can't afford to live there when winter comes, once they get the heating bills.

Public Comment

Judy Hahn asked if anyone had

been to her house to look at the damage caused by water.

Hahn has been requesting council action to stop water seepage into her home for the past five years.

The house needs painted and a new roof, she said. I don't want to do all that work, if the house is going to fall down.

Hahn says the water damage is caused by the buildup of the road and the closure of a ditch across the street.

Hahn produced a quote from a local contractor to mill the road and fix the ditch. The quote was for \$23,342 but was two years old.

Orndoff-Sayers said she had talked to several people and had

gotten several different opinions.

We were told it's not our problem, but the homeowner's problem, she said. We were also told if we take the road down, it will affect other people. We've only been on council for six months. We need more time to look at the problem.

I need a timeline or I'm going to an attorney, Hahn said.

Other Business

The council voted to table the Business License Review. There was considerable discussion on whether the town should collect B&O taxes from residential renters.

The council voted to authorize

payment of certain bills to avoid late fees.

The sign at the west end of town has sunk because of the wet weather. Mayor Orndoff-Sayers requested public works remove the sign and reinstall it when the ground is drier.

The council voted to solicit bids for a host of services needed for the town, including mowing and weed-eating and cleaning.

The next regular meeting of the Wardensville Town Council will be held on Monday, April 8 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meetings are held in the Conference and Visitors Center 310 E. Main St. The public is invited to attend.

NOTICE
The Region VII Workforce Development Board will hold a Board meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. on March 21, 2019.
The meeting is being held via conference call. Please call 304-530-5258 for call in information.


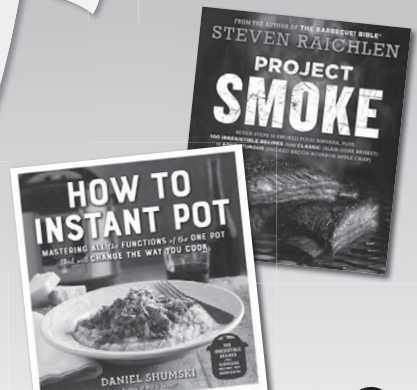

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Section **B**



Sports

SOFTBALL

Turner Ashby Limits Lady Yellow Jackets Production In Season Opener

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

A double and a solo home run were the only hits the Lady Yellow Jackets were given by Turner Ashby Softball pitcher Makayla Cyzick, who tossed seven strikeouts during a 7-1 victory in the season opener held in Bridgewater, Va. last Thursday.

This is the start of our season, our first game. We didn't get any scrimmages in or anything, so I was really nervous about this game. We haven't been on the field in a week. I wasn't sure how the kids were going to perform today and we were rusty, Turner Ashby Softball coach Clint Curry remarked.

"We didn't play our game, but we played solid and played smart. That worked out for us. Moorefield has a great team. They are going to do some great things this year.

Cyzick recently signed to play softball for NCAA Division I Winthrop University and her performance for the Lady Knights continues to turn heads with a tricky change-up which was effective last year reaching the Virginia state tournament.

Makayla has really come around. She's found a way to be a thrower and a pitcher, made the adjustment. She got ahead of the hitters and worked her change-up, but she went away from the change-up later in the game and I wasn't happy about that, because girls were starting to time her. Other than that, she did awesome. She was moving the ball up and down. Our defense was solid. This was the first time we have ever played Moorefield and heard good things about them. We want to play good competition, because it makes us better.

Moorefield was the West Virginia Class A state softball runner-up last season and remained

competitive in the game which would have been closer if costly errors didn't transpire.

Moorefield junior Lindsey Rinker, who is a first-year player, made an immediate impact with a two-out double in the first inning after Cyzick forced senior Rebekah Markwood into a lead-off groundout and struck out junior Madison McGregor and the inning closed on a flyout by sophomore Remi Hinkle.

In the bottom of the first inning, Turner Ashby batters Gracie Moyers, Makenzie Cyzick and Carley Davis went down in order against Moorefield pitcher Rebekah Markwood on consecutive groundouts with two collected by senior third baseman Macie Zirk and sophomore shortstop Tori Humphries with throws to senior first baseman Alyssa Vetter.

The Lady Yellow Jackets failed to connect at the plate from the second inning through the sixth inning before Hinkle smashed a solo home run in the seventh inning.

Zirk and Vetter popped out and Humphries went down swinging during the second inning against Cyzick.

Markwood issued a full-count walk to Turner Ashby's Makayla Cyzick, then struck out Kaylin Howard.

Sydney Lyons put the Lady Knights into scoring position with a double just off the tip of the glove of Hinkle in center field.

A bunt went foul in front of home plate and Moorefield catcher Alyson Simmons collected the ball and went to make a tag on the runner, but the play was called foul simultaneously as she was shoved on the path.

Markwood checked the third base runner after fielding the next grounder and threw out Rylee Clark at first base, then Zirk made a groundout off the



Moorefield's Tori Humphries fields the ball as Turner Ashby's Gracie Moyers slides into third base during the season opener in Bridgewater, Va.

Photo by Carl Holcomb

bat of Gabby Fox.

Makayla Cyzick sandwiched strikeouts to Moorefield's Gracie O'Neill and Markwood around a diving catch in center field saving a potential hit by Simmons.

Markwood struck out Turner Ashby's Bailey Fulk to commence the bottom of the third inning of play.

Moyers singled on a short chopper down the third base line, then stole second base.

A walk was given to Makenzie Cyzick and Carley Davis singled

into center field to load the bases for the Lady Knights.

Makayla Cyzick put Turner Ashby ahead 1-nil on an RBI sacrifice fly into right field which was caught by O'Neill and the throw home sailed just above the leap of Simmons, then Markwood got out of the jam as Zirk collected a groundout.

"We knew she was a fast pitcher and struggled a bit against her. We turned the machine up in practice yesterday batting against faster pitching. I thought we put the bat

on the ball fairly well, but didn't get many hits. Errors are what killed us, you learn from that and go on from there. It would be a whole different ball game without the errors," Moorefield Softball coach Tammie Ayers commented.

I was very excited to play them. Their coach sent word that they are an above average team and I feel we are an above average team, so I knew it would be a good game. Takeaway the errors, we win the game 1-0. Our pitchers did very well out there today. Bekah

[Markwood] and Alyssa [Vetter] were hitting their spots head on. We need to get our other girls well, so we have a full staff. I did a little bit of shifting when I put Alyssa in to pitch. Lindsey Rinker played awesome in the outfield and she never ever played in the outfield before. She is doing fantastic and she is a coachable kid. That's what makes or breaks a team if they are coachable. We just need to learn from the errors to get better.

In the top of the fourth inning,
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Wind Carries Moorefield Tennis Over Bearcats In Season Opener

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

There was a howling sound from the foothills as the Bearcats arrived in Moorefield, but it was the wind which delivered the sound and boosted the Yellow Jackets Tennis team to a season opening victory against Grafton last Friday.

Playing tennis in the wind changes the direction of the ball on a whim creating unique volleys no matter what skill level the player possesses and trying to make adjustments and calculations for the wind dynamics can be a constant battle.

I am very pleased with how we performed today. For this being the first match of the season, we did awesome," Moorefield Tennis Coach Traci Eskridge Alley remarked.

Grafton arrived late and there was a forfeit for the No. 2 girls doubles match which gave Moorefield's Kim Miller and Jade Hinger the first victory of the day.

Excitement for the win with a huge smile and high-fives created positive vibes for the rest of the matches.

Moorefield No. 1 Doubles team of Cara Jo Long and Haley Gallahan maintained consistent volleys and movement to secure an 8-3 win over Grafton's Brooklyn Teeple and Natalie Weber.

The winning streak continued as Moorefield No. 3 Doubles Taylor Lyons and Hannah Ratliff created an 8-0 shutout over Grafton's Chloe Collins and Jocelyn Countryman.

The wind helped carry the ball into the net and out of bounds as the Bearcats struggled to keep pace with Moorefield.

There was a complete sweep for the Moorefield Girls in the entire match as the singles competition continued the domination.

Moorefield Girls No. 1 seed Cara Jo Long volleyed to an 8-2 victory over Grafton's Brooklyn Teeple.

Long hustled to return volleys and kept the serves inside the lines during the win.

In the No. 2 girls match, Moorefield's Haley Gallahan defeated Grafton's Natalie Weber 8-nil.

Gallahan was calling out the serving numbers, but the wind drowned out the sound on occasion which irritated Weber.

Weber threw her racquet down several times and dragged her feet walking very slowly to retrieve the

balls along the fence.

Gallahan took all of this in stride, keeping a smile and showing good sportsmanship throughout the match.

Moorefield Girls No. 3 seed Kim Miller garnered an 8-0 shutout win over Grafton's Morgan Johnson.

Moorefield Girls No. 4 seed Taylor Lyons picked up an 8-2 victory over Grafton's Chloe Collins to keep the Lady Yellow Jackets undefeated.

In exhibition play, Moorefield's Julie Bowen and Jade Hinger won 6-1.

Long expressed how excited she was for the season and how happy she was being the top seed.

I am really excited about the season being the top seed. I hope we continue to do well. The wind was crazy today," Moorefield Girls No. 1 seed Cara Jo Long commented.

The Moorefield boys struggled more with the wind, but managed to collect the team victory, 4-3.

"You don't want to play in the wind. You try to hit the ball in one place and it goes over there. If you make adjustment to go there, it just goes over that way. It was not fun playing in the wind, Moorefield
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Moorefield Boys Tennis No. 3 singles player Nick Simpson waits for a return volley by Grafton's Philip Roger in the season opener.

Photo by Carl Holcomb

Softball Opener

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Moorefield's Madison McGregor bunted into an out at first base, then Rinker struck out and Hinkle grounded out.

Turner Ashby's Sydney Lyons singled into left field, then advanced on a sacrifice bunt by Jadin Thomas.

A hit by Paige Eavers took a wicked hop in left field past Rinker which plated one run on the double for a 2-0 lead.

Markwood fielded a bunt by Jordan Brittle and the throw was in time at first base, but Vetter's glove didn't turn cleanly to collect it.

Humphries caught a pop-up from Moyers after a stolen base, then Makenzie Cyzick smacked a grounder to Zirk and it was bobbed and dropped as a run came home.

Davis knocked an RBI single into left field for which gave the Lady Black Knights a 4-0 advantage.

Zirk ended the frame fielding a groundout over to Vetter.

The Lady Yellow Jackets went

down in order as Zirk flew out, Vetter struck out and Humphries grounded out.

Vetter came in as the pitcher for Moorefield in the bottom of the fifth inning with Zirk moving to first base, Humphries went to third base and Markwood took short-stop.

Howard singled for Turner Ashby to leadoff the inning, then a zinger by Lyons was snatched in the air by McGregor, who nearly turned a double play firing an off-balanced shot to Zirk at first base.

A fielder's choice error on a hit by Thomas put two runners on the base path.

A throw by Simmons trying to catch an advancing runner went awry as a run scored, then a flyout by Eavers and a groundout ended the inning, 5-0.

A strikeout by Cyzick to O'Neill began the top of the sixth inning as Turner Ashby continued to keep the Lady Yellow Jackets from making noise.

Simmons ripped a shot near the right field fence, but the ball was

caught.

Markwood asked Rinker to kiss the bat for good luck which appeared to be the charm as the 2-1 hit sailed deep into right field only to be caught on a diving play erasing attempt.

Rinker had taken a few steps in on a ball launched by Moyers into left field, but the wind changed the course and she tried to recover and it just went off her glove backpedaling to reach second base.

Vetter countered with a strikeout to Makenzie Cyzick, then O'Neill snatched a fly ball and nearly made a double play with a throw to third base.

The next pitch by Vetter went off the toe of Makayla Cyzick as runners were now on the corners.

Howard plated a run on a disputed single with Markwood fielding and throwing to Zirk in time, but the runner was called safe.

A throw over to third base wasn't in time as the runner was safe, then the Lady Knights went for another steal and safely advanced with the next throw home and swing around

by Simmons not in time as Turner Ashby went up 7-nil.

A flyout ended the sixth inning. Cyzick remained in the pitching circle to complete the game for Turner Ashby with a strikeout going to McGregor and forcing a groundout by Rinker to the third baseman.

Hinkle crushed a two-out solo home run for the Lady Yellow Jackets as the only scoring highlight in Bridgewater for Moorefield.

Zirk grounded out to the second baseman to end the season opener.

Moorefield showed poise during the game, despite some errors which created havoc and continued to fight to the end.

The Lady Yellow Jackets face Turner Ashby at home tonight for the third game of the week after taking on Berkeley Springs and Strasburg with the week's slate continuing tomorrow hosting Allegany and visiting Washington on Saturday for a doubleheader.

Tennis

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field Boys No. 1 seed Atikilt Tamiru stated.

Moorefield sophomore Atikilt Tamiru moved up from the fifth seed in singles last season to the top spot and knows it takes dedication and practice to get better.

I am excited about this season. I work hard every day, Tamiru noted.

Tamiru faced off against Grafton's exchange student Emilien Brazilier from France and lost 8-1.

The wind kept changing and was difficult to master as Tamiru attempted to make adjustments.

At one point, Tamiru decided to take his hat off and throw it to the sidelines and the wind prevented that from happening.

Moorefield Boys No. 2 seed

Daury Sanchez took a 6-1 lead in his match, but Grafton's Marik Chambers rallied for an 8-6 win.

Having the big lead may have led to easing off the throttle during the latter part of the match and Chambers took advantage rallying back.

The wind was picking up, so that was a factor trying to navigate through that element of the match.

Moorefield No. 3 seed Nick Simpson was back to making his jump serves and kept the momentum going for an 8-3 win over Grafton's Philip Roger.

Moorefield No. 4 seed Jonathan Smith made good cross court volleys and kept Grafton's Tanner Taylor running during an 8-2 victory.

In No. 1 Doubles, Grafton's Brazilier and Chambers defeated Moorefield's Tamiru and Sanchez 8-1.

Sanchez had many serves during the match, but the Bearcats were able to return volleys on a consistent basis.

Tamiru had some good hits at the net and called back to Sanchez to help on some wide returns.

Moorefield No. 2 Doubles of Simpson and Smith commanded an 8-1 victory over Grafton's Roger and Taylor.

Smith made good volleys at the net and Simpson used his height to provide nice angles on attacks.

Moorefield No. 3 Doubles of Terrance Sadowski and Joseph Wilkins created an 8-0 shutout

over Grafton's Aiden Kittle and Jaylen Poole to lift the Yellow Jackets to the team victory over the Bearcats.

Sadowski and Wilkins kept moving during the match and made solid returns with the help of the wind hitting the corners.

In the boys doubles exhibition match, Moorefield's Malachi Hinger and Matthew Delawder garnered a 5-1 win.

Moorefield Tennis travels to Philip Barbour this afternoon and hosts Lincoln on Saturday.

The match against the Vikings was moved to this coming Monday in Petersburg.

The Yellow Jackets have the energy and desire to fly to new heights this season.

BOWLING NEWS

SOUTH BRANCH POTOMAC LANES MONDAY MIXED 3/11/19

HIGH GAME SCRATCH: Andrew Kesner 286; Jeremy Funkhouser 253; Tony Stutts 243; Sharon Champ 215; Penny Sites 183; Vicki DeSantis 181. HIGH SERIES SCRATCH: Andrew Kesner 683; Tony Stutts 658; Jeremy Funkhouser 655; Sharon Champ 531; Vicki DeSantis 508; Penny Sites 498. HIGH GAME HANDICAP: Andrew Kesner 293; Steve Myers 260; Jeremy Funkhouser 256; Charon Champ 251; Sarah Barnes 235; MaKayla Sullivan 221; Vickie Myers 221. HIGH SERIES HANDICAP: Andrew Kesner 704; Phil Vance 676; Jeremy Funkhouser 664; Sharon Champ 639; Brenda Clark 626; Vicki DeSantis 619.

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Clayton Laub 231, Bill Kenyon 224;

HIGH SERIES MEN (SCRATCH): Bill Kenyon 577, Larry Ware 568, Larry Walp 556; (HANDICAP): Bill Kenyon 652, Jeff

Sullivan 623, Tyler Halterman 602;

HIGH AVERAGE (MEN): Larry Ware 189.40, Larry Walp 188.74, Troy McGreevy 184.35;

HIGH GAME WOMEN (SCRATCH): Dee Anna McDonald 204, Sarah Earle 190, Dianne Thorne 189; (HANDICAP): Dianne Thorne 242, Kathy McNemar 237, Dee Anna McDonald 234;

HIGH SERIES WOMEN (SCRATCH): Dee Anna McDonald 506, Sarah Earle 505, Dianne Thorne 492; (HANDICAP): Di-

anne Thorne 651, Kathy McNemar 634, Ashly Sites 624;

HIGH AVERAGE (WOMEN): Sarah Earle 168.50, Dee Anna McDonald 163.01, Rosie Sampsell 150.78;

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HIGH GAME (SCRATCH):

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HIGH SERIES (SCRATCH): Clayton Laub 644, Gary Leatherman 582, Richie Burgess 581, Bill Kenyon 581, Kevin McDonald 571; (HANDICAP): Clayton Laub 704, Kevin McDonald 667, Bill Kenyon 653, Richie Burgess 644, Paul Ketterman 641;

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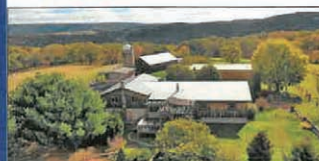
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Division No. 3

IN THE INTEREST OF:

1. J. (M) DOB: 01104/2015

ADULT RESPONDENT(s):

Nichole Bentz-Jones

Ross Jones

Unknown Father

SSN: xxxx CASE NO. 18-JA-74

NOTICE TO ADULT RESPONDENT

UNKNOWN FATHER

Upon information and belief, the State of West Virginia has not identified the biological father of the above-named child. However, any person purporting to have paternal rights to the above-named child is hereby notified that a hearing is scheduled for May 20, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. before Judge Phillip D. Gaujot at the Monongalia County Courthouse, located at 75 High Street 3rd Floor, Morgantown, WV 26505. You may appear at that time and defend any such rights if you choose to do so and that if you choose not to participate in the proceedings, your absence may affect your parental and custodial rights to the child.

Unknown Father your appointed legal representation in this matter is Maria Borror, Esq., who can be reached by telephone at (304) 602-0062.

Keshia Ann C. Penorio (WVSB # 12694)

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Notice of Trustee's Sale is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, William H. Bean, by that certain Deed of Trust dated March 11, 2009, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Trust Book No. 246, at Page 368, executed by the Borrowers, Leonard F. McDonald and Terry Lee McDonald, to Mark Wright or C. David Robertson, Trustees, to secure a Promissory Note unto Summit Community Bank, the beneficial owner. William H. Bean was appointed as Substitute Trustee by Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated February 15, 2019, and of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Trust Book 311, at Page 658. The Borrower has defaulted under the terms of the Promissory

Note and Deed of Trust, and the Substitute Trustee has been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the Elm Street entrance to the Hardy County Courthouse in Moorefield, West Virginia, on Friday, March 29, 2019, at 12:00 Noon the following described real estate situate in South Fork District, Hardy County, West Virginia, with a physical address of 130 Old Capon Road, Moorefield, WV 26836:

All that certain tract or parcel of real estate, together with all rights, rights-of-way, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being situate on the south side of what is known as the Old Capon Road, about two miles south of the Town of Moorefield, in South Fork District, Hardy County, West Virginia, containing 0.657 of an acre, more or less, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds description incorporated in that certain Deed to Bradley H. Vetter dated September 19, 1978, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 152, at Page 502, and further described on a Plat of Survey prepared by David O. Heishman, Licensed Land Surveyor, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 152, at Page 504, to which reference is now made for a more particular description of said real estate and for any and all other pertinent purposes.

Being the same tract or parcel of real estate conveyed unto Leonard F. McDonald and Terry L. McDonald, his wife, from Herman L. Whetzel and Rebecca E. Whetzel, his wife, by Deed dated October 12, 2001, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 263, at Page 126. The real estate is identified for tax assessment purposes in the Hardy County Assessor's Office on Tax Map 325, as Parcel 0012.0006.

The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-way, easement, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or affecting the subject property. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property.

The Trustee reserves the right to continue the sale from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.

The Beneficiary and/or Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserves the right to submit a bid for the property offered at

such sale.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent (10%) deposit, in cash or approved check, must be tendered on date of sale, with the balance to be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of sale. The Purchaser shall be responsible for all costs associated with the transfer of real estate, including deed preparation, transfer stamps and any real estate taxes and ambulance fees.

All announcements made on the day of sale take precedence over any printed material.

For more information concerning the real estate, contact Tina Martin, Summit Community Bank, at (304) 530-0522.

WILLIAM H. BEAN

Substitute Trustee for Summit Community Bank

116 Washington Street, Moorefield, WV 26836

Phone: (304) 530-6198

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Notice of Trustee's Sale is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Trustee, William H. Bean, by that certain Deed of Trust dated April 12, 2006, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Trust Book No. 218, at Page 631, executed by the Borrower, Larry Christopher Saul, to William H. Bean, Trustee, to secure a Promissory Note unto Hardy County Habitat for Humanity, Inc., the beneficial owner. The Borrower has defaulted under the terms of the Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, and the Trustee has been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the Elm Street entrance to the Hardy County Courthouse in Moorefield, West Virginia, on Friday, March 29, 2019, at 12:15 P.M. the following described real estate situate in Capon District, Hardy County, West Virginia, with a physical address of 246 Smith Road, Baker, WV 26801:

All that certain tract or parcel of real estate, together with all rights, rights-of-way, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, together with dwelling house situate thereon, located and situate near the end of County Route 3/3, in Capon District, Hardy County, West Virginia, containing 0.69 acres, more or less, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds according to a Plat of Survey and Description of Survey prepared by Tony L. Whetzel, Professional Surveyor No. 1852, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 262, at Page 585, to which reference is now made for a more particular description of said real estate and for any and all other pertinent purposes.

Being the same tract or parcel of real estate conveyed unto Larry Christopher Saul from Hardy County Habitat for Humanity, a West Virginia non-profit organization, by Deed dated April 12, 2006, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 291, at Page 421. The real estate is identified for tax assessment purposes in the Hardy County Assessor's Office on Tax Map 290, as Parcel 0040.

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The Trustee reserves the right to continue the sale from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee. The Beneficiary and/or Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserves the right to submit a bid for the property offered at such sale. Any excess monies obtained from said sale will be applied toward inferior liens in order of their priority.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent (10%) deposit, in cash or approved check, must be tendered on date of sale, with the balance to be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of sale. The Purchaser shall be responsible for all costs associated with the transfer of real estate, including deed preparation, transfer stamps and any real estate taxes and ambulance fees.

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For more information concerning the real estate, contact Jim Oliver, Hardy County Habitat for Humanity, Inc. at (304) 434-2636.

WILLIAM H. BEAN

Trustee for Hardy County Habitat for Humanity

116 Washington Street, Moorefield, WV 26836

Phone: (304) 530-6198

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PUBLIC NOTICE / HEARING TOWN OF MOOREFIELD

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Moorefield, a municipal corporation, will hold a public hearing before the final vote on the proposed amendment, 2019-1, to the Moorefield City Code. The principle object of which is to amend the current ordinance to create and provide for a new and additional section to Chapter 15, Article III of the Moorefield City Code, 1975, as amended, to provide for Drug and Gang Houses, Houses of Prostitution and Other Disorderly Houses within the municipal limits of the Town of Moorefield.

The final vote on adoption of said proposed ordinance shall be held in the Council Chambers of the Town of Moorefield in Inskeep Hall at 206 Winchester Avenue, Moorefield, West Virginia, at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

Interested parties may appear and be heard at such time with respect to the passage of the proposed ordinance. Copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the Mayor's Office, 206 Winchester Avenue, Moorefield, West Virginia.

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Eastern WV Community & Technical College

Notice to Request for Bids

Patio Construction

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is currently accepting bids for the construction of a patio behind the main campus building in Moorefield, WV. We are requesting two separate proposals for two different patio sizes. Please see the RFB and designs posted on Eastern's website for complete details. All bids must be submitted in an envelope addressed to Eastern WV Community and Technical College, 316 Eastern Drive, Moorefield, WV 26836. Send to the attention of John Galatic/ "Patio Construction Bids." Bids must be submitted by March 29, 2019 at 10:00 AM. All bidders are required to do a site visit prior to the bid opening. For more information and necessary documentation, contact John Galatic at 304-434-8000 x 9225 or john.galatic@easternwv.edu. For specific questions concerning the design, please contact Troy Rudolph of Engineering Solutions at Troy@engsoln.com.

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Notice of Administration /to Creditors**

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

Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner. If no reference to a fiduciary commissioner is listed herein, claims against the estate(s) must be filed in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-1-14A(10).

Publication Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019
Claim Deadline Date: Sunday, May 12, 2019

ESTATE NUMBER: 106
ESTATE NAME: RUSSEL J WRATCHFORD
ADMINISTRATOR DBN
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GREGORY L ELY
Clerk of the Hardy County Commission
3/13, 3/20 2c

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
LUCAS J. SEE, PROSECUTING
ATTORNEY OF
HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
ON BEHALF OF THE
HARDY COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE,
PETITIONER,
VS.
CASE NO: 19-P-18
\$10,310, IN us Currency More or Less,
RESPONDENT,**

Serve on:
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371 West Spring St.
Woodstock, VA 22664

Colton Guy Hutchinson
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**NOTICE OF FILING OF
PETITION FOR FORFEITURE**
The Object of this suit is to seek an Order forfeiting the described property pursuant to the West Virginia Contraband Forfeiture Act (Chapter 60A, Article 7 of the West Virginia Code, as amended).
TO: ANY CLAIMANT OF A RIGHT IN SAID PROPERTY
\$10,310.00 in U.S. Currency, more or less.

You have the right to file a claim to the herein described property on or before April 19, 2019, (thirty days after the date of first publication), any such claim must clearly state the identity of the claimant and an address where legal process can be

served upon said Claimant.
The Hardy County Drug Task Force is responsible for the seizure of the respondent property.
The seizure took place on December 18, 2018 in Hardy County, West Virginia. Said property was owned by Trevor Davis, Colton Hutchinson, and Julia Wilson and found with controlled substances.
After the date of filing said claims, an Order of the Court directing forfeiture of the seized said property and vesting ownership of said property in the State shall be sought.
If you fail to make a claim, thereafter an Order, upon proper hearing shall be entered against said property and against your claim for the relief sought in the Petition.
A copy of said petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at his office.
Entered by the Clerk of Said Courts on this 20 day of March 2019.
Kelly Shockey
Clerk of the Hardy County Circuit Courts
by: Mary Brennsdag
3/20, 3/27 2c

**Tariff Form No. 8
(RULE 23)
PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN
RATES WITH PROPOSED
EFFECTIVE DATES**

NOTICE is hereby given that Mountaineer Gas Company, a public utility, has filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia a tariff containing a requested increase in rates and charges for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 218,000 customers in Barbours, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming Counties in West Virginia. The proposed increased rates and

charges will become effective Friday April 5, 2019, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will produce, on a total Company basis, \$13,089,000 annually in additional revenues, or an overall average increase in revenues of approximately 6.15%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

(\$)	INCREASE	(%)	INCREASE
Residential	\$3.87	6.40%	
Commercial	\$12.45	5.05%	
Industrial	\$165.16	9.86%	
Resale	\$88.18	2.31%	
Other	\$ -	% -	

This increase will incorporate the rate impact of the cumulative investment under the Company's Investment Replacement and Expansion Program ("IREP") that was placed into service as of December 31, 2018. As a result, the Company proposes to reduce the IREP component of its rates relating to that investment when the new base rates go into effect.

Resale customers of Mountaineer Gas Company include Canaan Valley Gas Company, Consumers Gas Utility Company, Dominion Hope, Megan Oil and Gas, City of Philippi and Southern Public Service Company. The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

Anyone desiring to intervene and act as a part in the case should file on or before June 4, 2019 a Petition to Intervene complying with the Commission rules on intervention in the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 150 C.S.R.1, unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Anyone

desiring to protest should file a written protest as soon as possible, although protests will be accepted by the Commission through the pendency of this proceeding. All written protest should briefly state the reason for the protest. All protest and petitions to Intervene should clearly state the case name and number and the addressed to Ingrid Ferrell, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston West Virginia 25323.

A complete copy of the Company's tariff proposals and a representative of the Company to provide information concerning this tariff are available to all customers, prospective customers or their agents at the following office of the Company:
501 56th Street, SE, Charleston, WV 25304

A copy of this tariff is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301.

3/20, 3/27 2c

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HARDY
COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
IN RE: THE CHANGE OF NAME OF
K.R.K. TO A.D.K.
Circuit Court Case Number 19-P-21
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
OF CHANGE OF NAME:**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of May, 2019 at the hour of 10 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard, Dawn Kytie will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Hardy County, WV, at the Courthouse thereof in the City of Moorefield for the entry of an Order by said Court changing the name from K.R.K. to A.D.K.

Any person who has objection to the change of said name for any reason may appear at the time and place set forth above and shall be heard in opposition to such change. The publication shall contain a provision that the hearing may be rescheduled without further notice or publication.

Given under my hand this 11 day of

March, 2019.
Kelly Shockey
by Mary Brennsdag

3/20 1c

**IN THE FAMILY COURT OF HARDY
COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
Civil Action No. 19-D-21
IN RE: The Marriage of:
Philip J. Martyn Sr.
Petitioner
and
Wendy S. Pereira
Respondent**

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION
THE OBJECT OF THIS SUITE IS TO
OBTAIN A DIVORCE.
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To the Above-Named Respondent
It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Wendy S. Pereira is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that Wendy S. Pereira serve upon Philip J. Martyn Sr., Petitioner, whose address is 1242 Jenkins Hollow Rd., Mathias, WV 26812, an Answer, including any related counter-claim or defense you may have to the Petition For Divorce filed in this action on or before April 18, 2019. If you fail to Answer the Petition for Divorce, a judgement may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office.
Entered by the Clerk of said Court Family

Kelly Shockey
Clerk of the Court
by Mary Brennsdag

3/20, 3/27 2c

Notice of Meeting
The Region VIII Solid Waste Authority Planning Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at the Region 8 office building in the Grant County Industrial Park near Petersburg, WV. The purpose of the meeting will be to review scale house quotes.

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Bridal Guide



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Rules of Engagement

Certain Factors Can Affect Engagement Length



Upon getting engaged, couples may ponder how long their engagement should last. There is no perfect answer, and engagement length typically depends on personal preference and the needs of the couple.

Each year, millions of couples around the world tie the knot. But before couples walk down the aisle, the proposal to get married must take place. Many couples mutually agree to get engaged, while the experience may be a surprise for others who have thought about it, but may not have been sure when one partner or another would “pop the question.”

Upon getting engaged, couples may ponder how long their engagement should last. There is no perfect answer, and engagement length typically depends on personal preference and the needs of the couple. In fact, according to The Knot 2017 Real Weddings Study, the average length of an engagement is 14.5 months.

A number of factors affect the length of a couple's engagement, and couples should not feel as if they need to hurry down the aisle. For example, couples who will be financing their own weddings may need a longer engagement than those whose parents will be chipping in. In such instances, longer engagements give couples more time to save and may help them ensure their weddings are everything they hoped for.

Others may prefer a shorter engagement if

they are financially stable and prepared to tie the knot. Couples in their late 30s may feel the tug of a biological clock and want to ensure there is ample time to get married and have children. A shorter engagement can facilitate that.

Some couples may have little choice in the matter, as the length of their engagements may be dictated by the availability of their favorite venues.

Military deployment, work commitments, medical issues, or travel responsibilities also may affect the length of an engagement.

Some couples may feel that an especially lengthy engagement diminishes their excitement about getting married. That “new engagement shine” can wear off as family and friends wait months or years for the wedding to take place.

Couples generally are advised to stick with what feels right to them regarding the length of their engagements. Just like all aspects of the wedding, couples can weigh the opinions of others but follow through with what works best for them.

There are Alternatives to Engagement Rings

Engagement rings are often sizable investments. Money magazine reports the average engagement ring costs around \$5,800. An engagement ring symbolizes the start of a life-long commitment and may even set the tone for a couple's wedding day.

Jewelry styles are personal, and grooms-to-be should carefully research their significant others' preferences in terms of precious metals, colors and gemstones. Even though tradition holds that a diamond gemstone is classic for engagement rings, these precious stones are not the only options. In fact, before World War II, just 10 percent of proposals involved diamond engagement rings. That number jumped to 80 percent by 1990. However, many

modern couples now lean toward other offerings not only for the uniqueness they provide, but also for the potential cost savings.

Those seeking something unique can embrace these engagement ring options.

- **Amethyst:** This vibrant, lavender-hued stone can be breathtaking when cut the correct way. Purple shades have long been associated with royalty, making an amethyst fitting for such an occasion as special as an engagement. Because amethysts, which are less expensive than diamonds, are a seven on the Mohs scale for gemstone hardness, they can be very durable.

- **Knot rings:** These rings do not have a center stone. Rather, they're designed to be

a tied knot or infinity symbol. These rings can be particularly sentimental as they represent true, unbroken love.

- **Opal:** Gemstones, like flowers, have been assigned certain meanings. Tying the engagement ring to one of them can infuse more symbolism into the relationship. Opal, for example, represents love, passion, creativity, spontaneity, and inspiration. Those traits seem tailor-made for surprise proposals.

- **Sapphire:** While sapphire stones often are blue, they can also be yellow, green, pink, and white. Sapphires are the third hardest mineral. A white sapphire can be the perfect diamond replacement.

- **Garnet or ruby:** Red is the definitive col-

or of love. A Valentine's Day proposal can be made even more special by presenting an engagement ring with a red gemstone.

- **Moissanite:** The jewelry source Brilliant Earth says moissanite is a gemstone first discovered in 1893 by Henri Moissan in a meteorite that fell to earth. It is remarkably similar to a diamond in appearance and strength. Moissanite also has heightened brilliance, with a refractive index higher than that of a diamond.

Couples have many beautiful alternatives to diamonds that they can explore when shopping for engagement rings.

Did *You* Know?

A wedding is a tough time to experience a bad hair day. Clothing styles, time of day and weather all can dictate a wedding hairstyle, but ultimately one of the most important factors in a wedding hairstyle is finding a stylist who understands you and can exercise your vision. A patient, understanding stylist who is open to viewing different photographs and drawing inspiration from various places, as well as running through a few trial styles, can help brides (and grooms) look their best. In fact, trials are a must to ensure that a chosen style will work with your hair texture. If you plan to get your hair colored, professionals recommend doing so about three weeks in advance of the big day so it looks natural and any potential snafus can be remedied beforehand. Your stylist may suggest a light trim prior to the wedding so that the ends are fresh and healthy. And since you're putting your faith in a qualified stylist, trust their expertise and vision. Keep an open mind to their suggestions. You may fall in love with one of the options you hadn't considered.



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Make Healthy Habits a Part of Wedding Prep



Couples can exercise together to maintain physical and mental well-being as they count down to their wedding day.

After the big question is popped and loving partners decide to spend their lives together as a married couple, a whirlwind of activity will ensue. Although wedding planning is exciting, some couples may feel overwhelmed with all the decisions that need to be made before they can tie the knot. In this state of increased pressure, stress may build and health could falter. According to a Cornell University study, more than 70 percent of brides-to-be have weight loss on the brain, but shedding pounds shouldn't be the only health factor to consider. Here are some easy ways to stay mentally and physically fit in advance of a happy wedding day.

- **Get daily exercise.** Exercise is important for maintaining a healthy body weight and keeping stress levels in check. Exercise also can boost mood. The Department of Health and Human Services recommends getting at least 150 minutes of moderate aerobic activity or 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity each week. Strength training exercises performed at least twice a week complete a well-balanced exercise regimen.

- **Slow down and relax.** Those who go full-throttle with all of their responsibilities — including wedding planning — may burn out. Stress can weaken the immune system and make people vulnerable to illness. Sched-

ule some time for date nights with your fiancé, and don't overlook the benefits of hanging out with friends and getting away from wedding planning for a bit.

- **Eat body-boosting foods.** The foods we eat can impact everything from energy levels to skin radiance. Foods like berries, sweet potatoes, broccoli, greens, green tea, and dark chocolate all contain antioxidants that boost the immune system, states The Food Network. Avoid drastic diets that can do more harm than good. Simply cutting 500 calories a day can help the average person lose a pound per week if weight loss is a goal. Simple ways to trim calories are to choose skim milk over whole milk and choose low-calorie snacks.

- **Cut down on alcohol consumption.** Toasting to the future with a glass of wine may become rote in the months leading up to the wedding, but alcohol is a diuretic and a source of liquid calories. Alcoholic beverages dehydrate the body and cause it to hold onto water. When imbibing, stick to low-calorie cocktails like a vodka spritzer (60 to 80 calories) instead of a calorie-laden frozen margarita (300 calories).

Feeling and looking one's best starts long before the wedding day. By making health a priority, couples can start their new lives together on healthy footing.

Live Music Can Make a Wedding Memorable

Booking a live band for a wedding or another special event can be a great idea. The atmosphere live musicians can provide is unmatched. Live musicians offer a level of excitement that may not be met by other musical options. But some couples may find the prospect of booking live entertainment a bit challenging, especially if they've never hired musicians for an event before. Here are some tips to make the process go smoothly.

- **Get recommendations.** Just like you might

before booking other vendors, seek advice from friends or family members who have recently gotten hitched or had live performers at their events. They may have wonderful things to say about particular bands or performers. Individuals also can consider a resource such as HireLiveMusicians.com, a global musician database that can help couples narrow down their options.

- **Decide on when the musicians play.** Live musicians can entertain guests throughout the

ceremony and reception, but the longer musicians play, the more they're likely to cost. Work with musicians to develop a schedule that suits your budget.

- **Discuss the theme.** Make sure musicians understand the type of atmosphere you're hoping to create. A band that customarily plays swing or big-band era songs may not fit in at weddings with more modern themes.

- **Understand the fees.** Musicians may have fees related to their agents, cartage (extra giv-

en to musicians who carry large equipment), mileage costs, travel time, lighting, and other factors that affect the overall price. Discuss these fees before signing any agreements.

- **Be sure the venue fits.** Live musicians are great but not if the space is too small. Otherwise, the music can be too loud and overpowering, or the band will not have adequate space to set up. Consider these factors before making any decisions.

Rain on Your Day? Overcome Wedding Weather Obstacles

Metro

Summer weddings have the promise of warm temperatures. Weather is one reason why summer is such a popular season to tie the knot. But just because sunny skies and rising mercury are par for the course, that does not mean Mother Nature won't invite herself to the festivities — and attempt to upstage happy couples in the process.

Some feel it's good luck for couples to get rain on their wedding days, but many couples would trade in a little of that luck for clear skies. However, weather can be fickle, and couples who build contingency plans into their wedding festivities are much more likely to overcome inclement weather than couples without such plans.

- **Have solutions for sun and heat.** Couples don't want their wedding guests or bridal party members passing out due to heat exhaustion. Make sure to offer shade if the ceremony or

reception is outside. Stock the area with cold bottles of water or a chilled lemonade stand. Have fans and umbrellas available just in case guests need a way to protect themselves from the sun.

- **Strong storms.** Over the course of hot and humid days, storm clouds can develop and roll in. Afternoon thunderstorms are quite common on summer days. Accommodate for sudden downpours by hosting early luncheon receptions or ensure there is a plan B that includes a covered area. Couples can stash spare shoes or even rain slickers in a car to keep their wedding attire protected against rain as they dash between venues or take photos.

- **Embrace the rain.** Vivid skies with lightning or overcast days can make for unique and striking wedding photography. Couples needn't look at the downside of rain, but rather they should see the opportunities for one-of-a-kind memories.

- **Keep a generator on standby.** Storms may knock out power. Some reception halls or banquet facilities may have their own backup power, but be sure to address how power outages are handled. If need be, bring in a portable generator to keep the reception room cooled by fans.

- **Plan for wind.** Coastal outdoor weddings present beautiful backdrops for weddings. But being near the shore may mean accepting windy conditions. Tie down tents and use weights to keep wedding programs or other papers from catching a current. The bride and her wedding party should opt for free-flowing tresses so they needn't worry about intricate updos coming undone.

- **Maintain a sense of humor.** It's impossible to predict wedding day weather, but staying calm, going with the flow and laughing at things they can't control can help couples make memories that last a lifetime.



Tips to Enhance Your Wedding Decor

(Family Features) Wedding days are meant to be filled with love and celebration, and what better way to ring in the new stage of life as newlyweds than with a well-decorated venue to match the joyous occasion. Whether a couple is on a tight budget or picky when it comes to theme ideas, these decorating tips can help add more flair for the big day.

Use a natural venue. Many couples choose wedding venues that require immense amounts of decorations, but a venue with organic scenery or a beautiful view can help alleviate the stress. Consider having the ceremony near a garden or beach with enough natural surroundings to keep guests in awe.

Make the cake a centerpiece. Wedding cakes are almost guaranteed to be filled with flavor, but they can also serve as a decorative centerpiece for the reception. Choosing a cake topped with flowers, highlighting bright colors and placing it in a prominent spot at the reception can grab guests' attention while also keeping them eager for a bite.

Choose table accessories that pop. Leave

guests in amazement as they make their way to their seats for the reception with beautifully decorated tables. Table accessories can be anything ranging from patterned table runners to flowers in full-bloom placed in simple, elegant vases. If you are not having a formal sit-down reception, try using paper lanterns or hanging flowers from the ceiling to create an eye-catching atmosphere to remember.

Add classic lighting. At times, finding the right lighting to match the mood of a wedding venue can be tricky. In this case, less may actually be more. Try opting for a classic candlelit ceremony or reception to create a more romantic setting. This can save both money and countless hours spent attempting to configure elaborate light fixtures, and also provide a timeless feel.

Place engagement photos around the venue. With any wedding, you want the day to feel personal and intimate for the couple and guests alike. Consider decorating the venue with engagement photos of the soon-to-be spouses as they popped the question. This can

allow the newlyweds to reminisce while guests view those cherished moments and revel in the occasion.

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Dress for Success

Wedding Dress Fitting Guide

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Because fashion preferences were once ornate and dependent on precise fits, ready-to-wear clothing really did not become widely available until the early 20th century. Such attire is now available in just about any retail store.

Because ready-to-wear clothing is so readily available, the average person may be unfamiliar with custom-made or tailored items. In fact, a couples' wedding may be the only instance in their lives when they require the services of a seamstress or tailor.

Fittings are a part of wedding planning, and here's how brides-to-be can navigate the process of finding and being fitted for a dress.

- Try on sample gowns. The first step is to make your rounds to various gown shops and try on the samples they have available. Most sample sizes will not be the size you wear every day, so expect them to be ill-fitting. Do not be discouraged. Once a gown is chosen, the dress shop will take your measurements and order the gown according to the manufacturer's sizing guide. Again, this can be shocking, since the size will likely be larger than what you wear in street clothes. Some shops will also order a little larger to allow for adequate tailoring.

- Schedule the first fitting. The first fitting

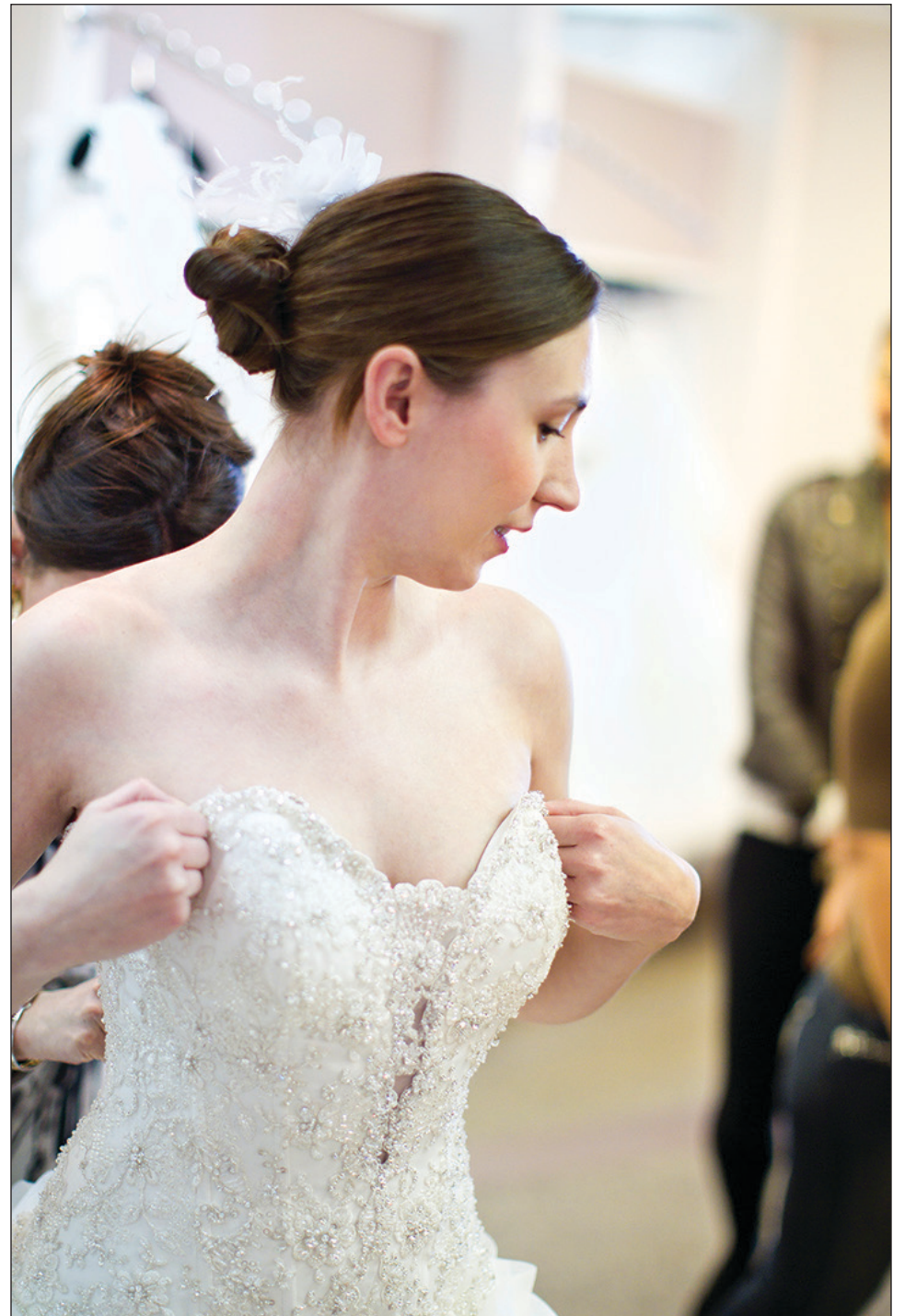
should be anywhere from eight to 12 weeks before the wedding date, according to experts at WeddingWire, an online wedding information provider. This is the time it takes to complete most standard alterations. Complex customizations can take even longer. Brides should also budget a minimum of \$500 for alterations, which may or may not be included in the price of the dress.

- Bring shoes and undergarments. Remember to bring along the exact shoes and undergarments you will wear with your gown. A change in shoes or bra/corset can result in the alterations fitting poorly the next time. Bring these items along to all subsequent fittings.

- Speak up. Martha Stewart Weddings suggests speaking up at fittings if anything is uncomfortable or needs tweaking. Seamstresses are masters at their crafts, but only if they understand the desires of the bride.

- Check the details. The second fitting is designed to check that all issues from the first fitting have been addressed, the gown is comfortable and you can move freely. At the last fitting, ask the maid of honor to come along so that she understands how to bustle or help you handle complicated straps or closures.

Open communication with a seamstress and bridal shop can ensure brides-to-be get a dress that fits like a glove.



Facts and Figures about Modern Engagements

Getting engaged has and always will be a big deal. While marriage proposals are often steeped in tradition, some facts and figures about modern day engagements, courtesy of the 2018 Newlywed Report from WeddingWire, show just how much this special moment and all that surrounds it is changing.

- The pressure to make marriage proposals extraordinary appears to be on the rise, at least for Millennials. Of the nearly 18,000 respondents who shared their stories via WeddingWire's 2017 Newlywed Survey, 72 percent of Millennials said they feel pressured to make their proposals highly unique, while only 45 percent of Gen X respondents indicated feeling such pressure.

- Proposals might be changing, but getting down on one knee appears to be an enduring tradition that Millennials plan to keep in style. Eighty-two percent of Millennials indicated they got down on one knee to propose. In addition, the tradition of asking for parents' blessing also remains popular among Millennials, 72 percent of whom sought such blessings before proposing marriage.

- The average cost of an engagement ring was \$5,000.

- The pressure to pick out the right engagement ring appears to be subsiding. That's because 50 percent of survey respondents indicated they picked out the ring together.

- Married-couples-to-be also appear to like comparison shopping in regard to engagement rings. The majority of purchasers looked at between two and seven rings before making a purchase.

- While online shopping has changed consumer behavior in myriad ways, couples still prefer brick-and-mortar stores when buying engagement rings. Thirty-one percent of purchasers bought rings online, but 63 percent made their purchases in-person at brick-and-mortar stores.

- Christmas Day is the most popular day to pop the question, followed by Valentine's Day. Christmas Eve, New Year's Day and New Year's Eve round out the top five.

- How to spread the news of an en-

gagement is perhaps the biggest change surrounding engagements. Engagement parties were once the go-to way to spread the good news, but just one in four couples now have engagement parties. Nowadays, 86 percent of couples spread the news via social media. In fact, 10 percent of parents find out about their children's engagements via social media.

- The days of a short engagement seem to be a thing of the past. The average engagement now lasts 13 months, and 28 percent of couples are engaged for 16 months or longer.

Factors to Consider Before Including the Pup in Your Wedding



Pets are full-fledged members of many families and even, apparently, families-to-be.

In its 2016 American Wedding Study, Brides magazine found that 8 percent of wedding ceremonies included pets. While the couples of yesteryear might have left Fido at home, many of today's couples want their four-legged friends to be there on their big day. Though no studies to date have examined which animals are most likely to make an appearance at couples' nuptials, it's fair to assume that dogs, which tend to get out of the house more than most other types of pets, are the most common furry bridesmaids, groomsmen or ring bearers.

Before including dogs in their wedding

plans, couples may want to consider a few factors to ensure asking Fido to be there come the big day is what's best for couples, their guests and, of course, their beloved pooches.

Eligibility

Some venues do not allow pets that are not documented assistance animals on the premises. Confirm a venue's pet policy before purchasing any wedding day attire for your dog. Couples who are intent on including their pets in their wedding ceremonies should only consider pet-friendly facilities, which may be hard to find. Couples who plan to take a limousine to and from their wedding also should confirm that the cars allow pets before booking.

Personality

No two dogs are the same. Some dogs might love people and attention, while others might prefer one-on-one time with their owners. Dogs that are sociable and unaggressive may make perfect additions to wedding ceremonies, while animals that exhibit anxiety around strangers or seem uncomfortable in noisy settings should be kept out of the ceremony.

Health

Dog owners also must consider their pets' health when deciding whether or not to include them in the wedding ceremony. Couples who bonded over a love of their dog may really hope to include their furry friend in the festivities, but should not do so at the expense of the animal's health. Outdoor wedding cere-

monies under sunny skies may produce potentially unhealthy conditions for certain breeds or older dogs. Dogs that have difficulty getting around may need a red wagon (and attendant) to make the rounds at the wedding.

Assistance

Couples will be busy on their wedding days, so they may need to arrange for a caretaker to look after their dog during and after the ceremony. Asking a guest or guests to play this role may be asking too much, as guests will no doubt want to celebrate without having to take care of a dog. A professional pet sitter might work, but that can be costly, as couples must pay for the sitter and will likely need to pay for the sitter to have a seat and a meal during the reception.

Dogs can make great additions to weddings, but couples must consider a host of factors before deciding to have Fido join them as they tie the knot.

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Did You Know?

A first dance song at the wedding reception often sets the tone for the upcoming festivities and can exemplify just how newlyweds feel about each other. Couples may agonize over which song to choose, but there are many different resources available that can help couples narrow down their options. Spotify, the popular streaming music service, has compiled a list of the most popular wedding songs for 2018, based on global respondents. Their top pick was "Perfect," by Ed Sheeran, a song that many might suspect was composed with wedding dances in mind. Sheeran's "Thinking Out Loud," Etta James' "At Last," John Legend's "All of Me," and Elvis Presley's "Can't Help Falling in Love" filled out the remaining top five spots on Spotify's list.

Types of Wedding Officiants

Many people play a role in a wedding. The bride and groom, bridesmaids, groomsmen, ring bearers, and flower girls are front and center on the day a couple ties the knot.

Another central, and very important, figure on a couple's wedding day is the officiant. Officiants perform the wedding ceremony and are the first to introduce the newlyweds to their guests as an officially married couple.

Various types of officiants can officiate a wedding, and understanding each type can help couples find the right one for them.

Religious Officiant

Couples who want traditional religious ceremonies often choose a religious officiant, such as a parish priest or rabbi, with whom they're familiar. For example, couples who grew up attending a particular church might choose the priest who's been preaching to them since they were children, while others might choose the priest at their current place of worship.

Religious officiants may be governed by certain rules that restrict them to performing ceremonies in a house of worship, which might rule them out for couples who want

outdoor or destination weddings. Couples should inquire about such restrictions as early as possible in the planning process so they aren't caught off guard.

Civil Officiant

Civil officiants are officers of the court, such as a judge or justice of the peace. Many couples who are planning destination weddings abroad still choose to have a civil officiant perform a wedding ceremony at home. This is because some overseas officiants may not be authorized to marry couples in their home countries, meaning their marriages won't be recognized once they return home. Civil officiants make sure marriages are legal, and they also make great options for couples who just want to get hitched without a grand ceremony.

Professional Officiant

Professional officiants are not affiliated with a particular religious organization. That makes them great choices for couples who aren't religious as well as those who come from different religious backgrounds and won't be converting to the same faith. Professional of-



ficiants typically meet with a couple once or twice to get to know them before writing the speech they will give during the ceremony. Many will share the speech with the couple in advance of the big day, and some even allow couples to write the speech.

Loved Ones

Many couples ask a friend or family member to officiate their weddings, which can add

a fun and very personal component to the ceremony. Couples who want to take this route should research local laws to determine the steps loved ones must take to become ordained ministers who will be recognized by the state or country where the ceremony will take place.

Officiants play a significant role during a wedding, and couples can choose one who best fits their personalities and ceremony preferences.

The Secrets to At-Home Weddings

Many couples preparing for their trip down the aisle follow the familiar sentiments expressed by Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz." Such couples feel "there's no place like home" when hosting a wedding ceremony or reception.

There are many benefits to hosting a wedding at home. Homes often hold couples' most cherished memories, and hosting a backyard celebration or an intimate indoor ceremony at your own home or the abode of a loved one can be a cost-effective way to have a good time.

Here are some tips to help couples navigate hosting an at-home wedding.

Assess the Space

The average home is not equipped to handle hundreds of guests, wait staff, caterers, and parked cars. Concessions in regard to comfort and safety will have to be made when drawing up the guest list. The wedding resource The Knot advises the general rule is six- to 10 square-feet of floor space per guest for row seating. You'll probably need even more space for buffet tables, seating and a dance floor.

You will likely need to temporarily move furniture to comfortably fit everyone indoors — or rent a large enough tent for a backyard wedding.

Hire a Cleaning Service

It's important to present a clean, inviting space when hosting a wedding at home. A cleaning service will conduct a thorough cleaning before and after the festivities, freeing up your time for last-minute tasks or to embark on your honeymoon.

Book an Officiant Early

Confirm with an officiant that they can oversee the wedding proceedings at your home. Many religious officials are not able to perform ceremonies outside of a place of worship.

Learn if it's Legal

Certain municipalities may require permits for parking on street, noise past a certain hour, closing of streets, and much more. Do your research. You may need to coordinate parking at a nearby lot (like a school closed on the weekend) and shuttle people to your home.

Consult with an Insurance Carrier

Inquire if having such a large party at home is covered by your homeowner's insurance policy, particularly if your home is damaged or someone gets injured during the festivities. Supplemental liability insurance or an umbrella policy may offer greater protection.



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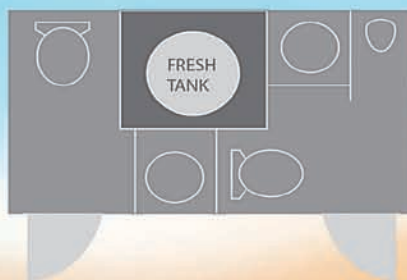
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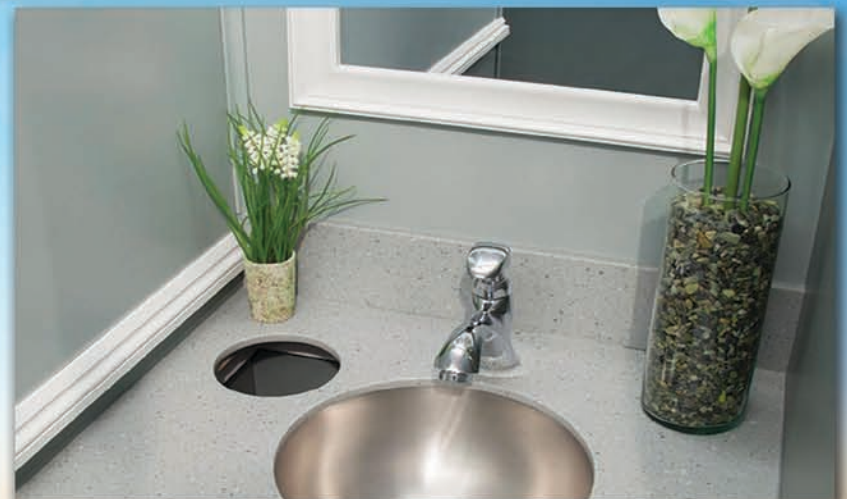


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