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Stump's Attorney Requests New Trial

By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

Juries often get verdicts wrong, said attorney Jason Gaines. And in this case, they got this one very wrong.

Gaines, who represents Moorefield resident Angel Stump, filed a motion in Hardy County Circuit Court last week for a directed verdict or a new trial. A directed verdict is a ruling by a trial judge after determining that the jury reached an unreasonable conclusion based on the evidence presented.

Stump was found guilty last month on one

count of first degree arson, two counts of second degree arson, two counts of third degree arson, one count of conspiracy and one count of burglary.

In June, 2017, a house in Moorefield was destroyed by fire. Steven Rosier was arrested after he pocket dialed the 911 Center and could be heard threatening to burn the place down.

Stump was arrested after Rosier said she enlisted his help, that she broke into the house and set the fire.

Gaines argued that Rosier, the prosecution's sole witness, was not credible and his

testimony defies physical laws. "There is no physically way possible he could have seen what he said he saw," Gaines said.

Rosier testified that Stump enlisted his help in breaking into a house on Chipley Lane to remove documents.

Gaines further argued that every question the jury asked related to suppressed evidence. That evidence related to text messages and e-mails from Rosier's sister to her father. Those e-mails and text messages were what led law enforcement to suspect Stump in the crime.

"The court was clear, those transcripts

could not be entered into evidence," Circuit Court Judge C. Carter Williams said.

Gaines argued that the jury did not find Steven Rosier credible and therefore they wanted to question the inadmissible evidence. "Their questions were only about what Kayla said," Gaines said.

Judge Williams said it was the jury's prerogative to consider the credibility of Rosier. He cited case law that said a verdict can be upheld on circumstantial evidence.

"If we took only Steven Rosier's word, is there sufficient evidence to sustain a ver-

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**Angel Stump**

W.Va. State Police Crime Lab Reports Vastly Improving Case Load

The West Virginia State Police Forensic Laboratory has reduced the number of pending cases by more than half, in part by adding to the ranks of its talented and highly trained staff.

The lab began the year with around 2,300 pending cases. The backlog by the end of 2016 had been nearly 5,000 cases.

We're at a level now where we always should have been with the caseload that we're expected to carry," said Forensic Laboratory Director Sheri Lemons.

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As the result of a tractor trailer rollover at Route 55 and Old Strasburg Rd, east of Wardensville, the road was completely blocked because of fuel leaking and the vehicle in the roadway. The driver escaped serious injury and declined medical assistance.

Photo courtesy Hardy County Sheriff's Department

RDA Supports Widening Upper Cove Road

By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

Upper Cove Road in Mathias has come onto the Hardy County Rural Development Authority's radar and Executive Director Mallie Combs asked the board of directors to support a letter to the West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways requesting the road be widened. The board of directors met on Tuesday, March 26.

"The road is not wide enough accommodate poultry trucks or traffic going to Trans Canada," Combs said.

Trans Canada/Columbia Gas operates a compressor station on Upper Cove Road. The compressor station was recently upgraded

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Christopher Sentenced, Wilson and Hutchinson Arraigned



Photo courtesy Hardy County Sheriff's Department

More than \$10,000 in cash and more than two pounds of marijuana were seized by Hardy County Sheriff's Department in the vehicle in which Trevor Davis, Julia Wilson and Colton Hutchinson were arrested.

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Hardy County Circuit Court was a busy place on Thursday, March 28. With 19 people on the docket, the day started early and ran late.

Lester D. Christopher, 20, of

Moorefield, was sentenced to not less than one year and not more than five years in prison for child abuse causing bodily injury. Judge C. Carter Williams suspended the sentence and ordered Christopher to four years probation with special conditions.

Christopher was charged with

child abuse after Grant Memorial Hospital reported a 4-month old infant had bruising on its chest as shoulders as well as severe bruising on its buttocks.

"He is a young father who beat his own child," said Prosecuting Attorney Lucas See. But he turned himself in and took full re-

sponsibility for what he did. The state does not oppose probation.

When Williams asked Christopher where he would live if given probation, Christopher turned to a female in the gallery.

"Does she have a young child?" Williams asked.

Yes, Christopher replied. You will not live with a small child, Williams said. You will not live with any child. We would be foolish and terribly derelict to allow that. You are not to be around any children, unsupervised.

Christopher's attorney Joshua Orndorff said Christopher had a job waiting for him.

"He fully understands the gravity of the situation," Orndorff said. "He has the support of his family."

The special conditions include registering on the National Child Abuse Registry, completing the Battering Intervention and Prevention Program (BIPP), find employment, not live with any child or be around children unsupervised and be subject to extended supervision for one year.

Julia E. Wilson, 22, of Edinburg, Va., was arraigned on one count of possession with intent to distribute a Schedule I controlled substance - marijuana and one count of conspiracy.

Wilson was arrested with Trevor Davis and Colton Hutchinson in December 2018. They had more than \$10,000 in cash and more than two pounds of marijuana in the vehicle.

After the trio did not appear for arraignment in February, a capias warrant was issued and Wilson was placed in custody when she came to court last week.

Wilson pleaded not guilty.

Her first pretrial hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17. Her second pretrial hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7.

Judge Williams granted a motion for bond and set it at \$10,000 cash or surety.

Colton Hutchinson, 19, of Maurertown, Va., was arraigned on one count of possession with intent to distribute a Schedule I controlled substance - marijuana and one count of conspiracy.

Hutchinson pleaded not guilty. After Hutchinson admitted he might test positive for marijuana, Judge Williams told him, he might serve the capias warrant.

Hutchinson's attorney, Brian Vance argued Hutchinson turned himself in voluntarily, he was not on bond and would not have any reason to believe he would be drug tested.

When the test came back positive, Williams said if he could not

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Hardy County Secondary Roads Prioritized For Repairs

By Jean A. Flanagan
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According to the list sent to Governor Jim Justice, the Hardy County road most in need of repair is a 13-mile stretch of Old Route 55, from mile marker 4 to mile marker 17.

The list was submitted to the governor on Wednesday last week at his request. Every Division of Highways District Supervisor and County Supervisor were summoned to Charleston for a meeting with the Governor.

Calls to District 5 supervisor Lee Thorne were not returned as of

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OPINION

Your Local Fire Company Needs You

For 85 years, a group of local men, which later included women, put their lives on the line to protect our homes and businesses, to rescue people caught in floods, to use the Jaws of Life to extricate people pinned in wrecked vehicles and even to save animals caught in trees, and people from burning barns or houses or from landslides.

Now they need help from you. It's your turn to help Moorefield's Volunteer Fire Company. They need more space and a new facility. They need new vehicles. They need volunteers. And they need money to pay for all these needs. More importantly, you need a fire company whose members are willing to respond all hours of the day or night to fight fires and do whatever else they are required to do as part of their volunteer efforts.

Have you ever had a fire? Where you live? Where you work? Within minutes, there are volunteer firemen on the scene to put out that fire and be sure you and your family or employees are safe.

Moorefield's Fire Company does receive some financial aid from the Town of Moorefield. They receive, however, nothing from the county, even though they respond to emergencies all over this side of the mountain and help when needed on the other side of the mountain.

For the 85 years they have been in business they have depended on fund drives, on donations, on the people who write a check or count out green money to keep them up and running. They have held dinners, bingo games, and brought a carnival to town until the cost of liability insurance and the carnival itself became more than they could afford.

Their costs are awesome. Just one fire truck can cost from \$500,000 up to over a million. And this doesn't necessarily include the cost of all the required equipment.

Each fireman must be equipped according to the federal requirements. Not cheap.

And now they are looking for land and new home. When's the last time you made a donation to the Moorefield Volunteer Fire Company? You might want to think about doing that before the equipment gets any older or there are no new and younger volunteers to help take over the hard work of being a fireman.

Finally, don't delay on this. Your support is vital as long as you want a group of trained volunteers to come put out the fire at your house or business or help rescue a child in the river.

We count on these men and women to help us and now it's our turn to help them.

MY UNBASED OPINION

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN



Spring began March 20th. Day after my heart valve replacement. First day of a new life far as I'm concerned.

A new life perhaps, but not necessarily one in which I can take care of old problems. There's still stiffness of age, shakiness and balance problems associated with Parkinson's with some arthritis thrown in to fill the cracks. Still, it's Spring and gardens and weeds and flowers and cleaning up winter's debris and the good sharp odor of freshly spread manure.

I made small lists of things I might do after my week of recuperation and extra care associated with the valve replacement. I tried to take into account my diminished capabilities. I thought about making jobs smaller and how to do them in shorter steps with time to smell the roses in between.

Smaller garden. Every year I threaten smaller garden. Cut out extra work growing things which largely go to waste anyway. More

trellises. Get more vine things which climb. Less wear and tear on stiff back and legs. Cucumbers, pole beans, gourds. Especially gourds of several kinds for my friend Mary Wicks to do her artistic decorating thing.

Wind and ice broke a lot of tree tops last winter. I'll clean up chunks from field edges where limbs fell across fences. Several more big old Sycamores have fallen. I'll push most of them aside with loader bucket and forks, but some I'll have to cut up before I can carry them off and pile them. Can't burn them because of excessive work involved splitting thirty inch tree trunks to sizes smaller than eight inches as West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requires.

Cutting up may be a problem. I've been looking at a new, easy to start and adjust, power saw. I've written about that before. Stihl has a new simple starting/adjusting saw, lighter than my old one. I'm

going to take it off Hardman's inventory I think. I've never bought a new saw until the one I was using was pretty well used up, but this time I'll help myself, help myself with a change. After all, if I can buy a new pickup to replace a small van with low mileage then I can buy a smaller new saw while old heavy one is still useable.

There's flood trash to gather from bottom pasture land. No big floods this year, but water high enough to push some trash out onto higher ground. Tractor loader will carry it off. Hardest job will be climbing on and off the tractor.

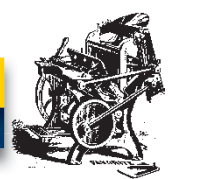
My medical procedure almost crowded out one regular March chore. First job I completed after week's layoff, was picking up trash along both sides of Rt. 259 through my property. As it turned out I beat a clean-up crew by two or three days on that job. March is good time to get road trash because winter has grass mashed down so trash is easy to see and

pick up. I've almost finished picking up part of last year's Big House walnut crop I want to keep for Doghouse squirrels. Feed them good this summer and maybe I'll be able to watch their floppy tails when I sit out on deck evenings.

I finished lawn rolling yesterday. Cows had Doghouse lawn gouged up badly and I smoothed it a bit. Big House lawn is tighter now. Moles should dig some new tunnels. This year I'm going to fight them a little with traps.

I'm already further ahead now than I thought I'd be. These several days of good dryer weather have helped. But there is a worry too. Will this year be as dry as last year was wet? It's beginning to look possible.

Oh well. Whatever. I'll do whatever God lets me get done. Big difference is that I'll likely enjoy doing it more now with some of living's pressure off.



GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES

Fifteen Years Ago April 7, 2004

Hardy County was the only county in the state to have a dual county-circuit clerk position, held by Janet Ferrell. She was being challenged by Gregg Ely who was running only for the county clerk position. If he won it would split the two clerk positions and Ferrell would retain the circuit position, assuming no Republican would win against either officer seeker.

Families had been notified that members of the 152nd Military Police National Guard Unit would be coming home.

Taylor Kuykendall, a junior at Moorefield High School, won the Intel Excellence in Computer Science Award, a first place in computer science, a four-year tuition waiver from Marshall University and was the Grand Prize winner at the State Science and Engineering Fair. He will attend the International Science Fair in Portland OR in May.

Ivan James Kesner, 78, Falls Church, VA, died March 26... Donna Gilkerson Keplinger, 58, died March 30...Elizabeth Williams Parry, 81, Alexandria, VA, died March 27...Calvin Allen Rohrbaugh, 80, Shanks, died March 28...Daisie Wilkins Pursell, 88, Harrisonburg, died March 31.

Laurel Ann Miller and D. L. Godlove, Jr. were married Oct. 18...Lanna Strawderman and Timothy Higgs were married March 27.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dolan, a son, Joseph Blake...to Jaime Kline and Richard Phares, a daughter, Jadelynn Marie.

MHS beat Paw Paw (no score) and Berkeley Springs 16-7 and 10-3...lights were used for the first time at East Hardy when the Lady Cougars beat Massanutten Military Academy 16-4 and 19-9...East Hardy boys post wins over Shenandoah Academy and Strasburg (no scores listed)...

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Thirty Years Ago April 5, 1989

The Historical Society gave \$1000 to the Duffey Methodist Church for the Higgins House, considered to be the second oldest structure in Moorefield. It was being renovated for use by the community and the church.

The Hardy County Public Service District announced that the 220 South water project was on schedule and would be completed by June.

The Board of Education ended up cutting over \$400,000 from its budget in order to meet state balanced budget requirements. The budget still showed a shortfall of \$276,000.

Carolyn Jean Heishman and Donald David Johnson were married Jan. 28.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Eye, a daughter, Caitlin LeeEvan.

Forty-five Years Ago April 3, 1974

The Hardy County Rural Development Authority announced plans to expand activities to include promoting and developing business in the county. They were to advertise for a county coordinator and expand the size of the board.

Farmers paid nearly \$133,000 for 110 bulls sold at the annual Bull Performance Sale at Reymann Memorial Farms.

The Library announced plans to celebrate 50 years of library service.

Florence Haas Jenkins, 64, Mathias, died March 26...Guy Wayne Branson, 47, Arlington, died March 19...Herbert Lane Malcolm, 61, Wardensville, died March 30.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Fitzwater, a daughter, Michelle Jean...to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Outten, a son, Scott Gregory.

Sixty Years Ago April 8, 1959

Over 100 Moorefield area citizens returned to work at the completely rebuilt and remodeled Rockingham Poultry plant. The plant had been closed since December to modernize so as to meet Federal inspection requirements.

Ella Bergdoll was elected president of the West Virginia Classroom Teachers Association.

Elwood Williams was named a production manager at Pierce Pre-Cooked Foods.

Thomas Jefferson Grove, 78, had died at Petersburg. He was recognized as the state's largest Aberdeen Angus producer...Lemuel Luther Reynolds, 69, Wardensville, died April 3...Ida Powers Willis, 78, Burlington, died April 1...Carl H. Crites, 62, Berkeley Springs, died March 30...Mattie Caldwell Copp, 86, Mathias, died March 31.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wolfe, a son, Thomas Dean...to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baldwin, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone Smith, a son, Randy Lowell...to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hopkins, a daughter.

Seventy-five Years Ago April 5, 1944

Sgt. Clifton Malcolm had been reported missing in action in a bombing raid over Germany on February 25.

The Board of Education was looking for a building to house equipment for a community canning project. The government would supply the equipment for preparing vegetables and fruits as well as pressure cookers and a unit for butchering and rendering lard.

Hardy County had exceeded its Red Cross War Fund quota of \$4,700 by nearly \$400.

Lucy Stover Funkhouser, 81, died March 28 in Riverdale, MD... Betty Lee Stickley, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stickley, Rada, died March 30...Joseph Ernest Gerstell, 58, Westport, died April 1...Charles C. Halterman, 78, Mathias, died April 2...James Harvey Wilson, 78, died April 2... James Caleb Davis, 90, Keyser, died March 29.

Hazel Sions and Boyd Shoemaker were married March 28...a permit to wed was issued to Fannie Lee Helmick and Oscar C. Shoemaker.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Crites, a son.

Ninety Years Ago April 4, 1929

The City Council passed an order making it a fine of \$10 to \$25 for cutting or trimming trees on the street without permission from the street committee.

The Moorefield High School faculty presented "Tea for Tom" with Mrs. R. J. Douglas, Joe Whetzel, Miss Averill Marshall, Miss Louise Chipley, Miss Elizabeth Hall, H. J. Stuckey, Marion Deahl, R. J. Douglas, Mrs. Edna Gamble and J. Allen Hawkins.

O. L. Fout had torn down his store building this side of Purgistville and was erecting a smaller store with a filling station.

Superintendent E. A. Hawse appointed Harry Welton to the Board of Education replacing M. Dasher who resigned.

A number of local citizens were in Cumberland to see Al Jolson in "The Singing Fool".

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Shanholtzer, a daughter...to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Funkhouser, a son.



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EXAMINER SAYS

The first mobile phone call

ing to share the story with us.

Was made in 1973

Remember when Corridor H segments were opened to traffic? Remember when the anti-Corridor H protesters called it the road to nowhere? Since they didn't want the bridge they tried to laugh it off the planning blueprints. Thank heavens they didn't succeed. And, with any luck the connection from Wardensville to I-81 will be completed as will the Corridor H segments from Tucker County into Randolph County. Corridor H has already proven its worth with shorter, safer driving time over

Branch Mountain and Alleghany Front. But, and this is what's funny to us...there's a road being built in Southern West Virginia called the King Coal Highway. Down in the Bluefield area there's a bridge called the bridge to nowhere located on this King Coal Highway. Sound familiar? It's supposed to be completed in two years and then it will be a bridge to somewhere. We wish the opponents to highways would change their catch phrases and be more creative. We suspect that's not going to happen.

Just think how that changed

A New Jersey town wants to

put some bite in an ordinance that could result in hefty fines and even jail time for owners of barking dogs. The Saddle River council is amending a one-sentence noise rule by placing time restrictions that would prohibit dogs from barking, howling or yelping for more than 20 minutes between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. or for more than 15 minutes between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Violators would face a fine of up to \$1,000, up to 90 days, or up to 90 days of community service. That might actually work or might at least get the attention of barking dogs owners.

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PVCD Local Work Group Meeting Scheduled

The Potomac Valley Conservation District in cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will convene a local work group meeting on Tuesday, April 9 to discuss conservation programs for 2019-2020 and provide guidance for the Focused Conservation Approach (FCA), and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

The local work group includes representatives from cooperating federal, state and local agencies, conservation organizations, and is open to all farmers, agricultural producers, and forest owners/managers.

If you have thought about apply-

ing for one of the programs NRCS has to offer or have questions about what might be available to you, this meeting is a great opportunity for you to learn more. As part of NRCS's locally led process of administering programs, public comments will be sought from attendees on how to best prioritize USDA dollars for your local area.

In 2018, over \$3.5 million was allocated to the Potomac Valley Conservation District's five counties. They need your input to help decide how these funds are spent locally.

There are two NRCS District Conservationists that support the Potomac Valley area: Doris Brack-

enrich covers Grant, Hardy and Pendleton Counties; Christi Hicks covers Mineral and Hampshire Counties.

The Potomac Valley Conservation District local work group will meet at the Moorefield USDA Service Center conference room, 223 North Main Street, Moorefield, at 7 p.m., April 9. For more information contact Brackenrich at 304-578-9131, or Hicks at 304-822-3020 ext. 101.

If you need an accommodation to participate in this activity or event, please contact Nan Kimble at 304-284-7546, or by e-mail at NRCS.WVPublicAffairs@wv.usda.gov.

What To Do If You Encounter A Black Bear This Spring

Spring is here and that means West Virginia's black bears are coming out of their winter hibernation and looking for food. Residents are reminded that feeding black bears is a violation of state law as well as a misguided disservice to our state animal, according to Colin Carpenter, black bear project leader for the Division of Natural Resources (DNR) Wildlife Resources Section.

Some people will set out food to get a closer look at this often-secretive animal, Carpenter said. Although it may be tempting to feed scraps to a bear that wanders near your home, don't risk it. This practice only strengthens a bear's association of humans and food. These situations generally lead to bears that lose their natural fear of humans and can lead to property destruction or personal injury. At that point, the bear may need to be destroyed. Remember, in most cases, a fed bear is a dead bear.

For more on bear safety best practices, watch the WV Division of Natural Resources Bear Safety video at www.wvdnr.gov.

Bear movements are tied to food sources. Bears that roam around residential areas in search of food are less likely to stay if they do not find anything to eat. The key to avoiding human-bear conflicts is to remove or secure food attractants such as unsecured trash cans and pet food bowls before a bear finds them.

Because bears are becoming



Photo courtesy WV DNR

Black bears become more active in the Spring as they look for food following their Winter hibernation.

more active during this time of year, chances of an outdoor encounter increase.

DNR recommends taking the following actions if you encounter a bear:

- Remain calm.
- DON'T approach a bear.
- DON'T run from a bear.
- DON'T climb trees to escape a bear.

Give the bear a clear escape route.

Quietly back away and leave the area.

If attacked, immediately fight back.

- DON'T feed bears.

Be aware that bears are leaving their dens in March and will readily take advantage of human food sources, Carpenter said.

Black bears should always be appreciated from a distance to ensure the safety of both humans and the bears.

More information about how to handle black bear encounters can be found at www.wvdnr.gov.

Learn more about the WV DNR Black Bear Research and Tracking Project at www.wvdnr.gov.

Hardy County Man Sentenced On Firearms Charge

Joshua A. Parker, of Baker, was sentenced to 27 months incarceration for a firearms charge, United States Attorney Bill Powell announced.

Parker, age 30, pled guilty to one count of unlawful possession of a firearm in November 2018. Parker, having been convicted of four previous felonies, admitted to possessing a 9mm pistol in Hardy County in April 2017.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods

(PSN). Project Safe Neighborhoods is the centerpiece of the Department of Justice's violent crime reduction efforts. PSN is an evidence-based program proven to be effective at reducing violent crime. Through PSN, a broad spectrum of stakeholders work together to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in the community and develop comprehensive solutions to address them. As part of this strategy, PSN focuses enforcement efforts on the most violent

offenders and partners with locally based prevention and reentry programs for lasting reductions in crime.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Traci M. Cook prosecuted the case on behalf of the government. The Drug Enforcement Administration; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; and the Hardy County Sheriff's Office investigated.

U.S. District Judge John Preston Bailey presided.

Hardy County Man Sentenced For Heroin Distribution

Brandon David Fout, of Old Fields, was sentenced to five years probation for his role in a heroin distribution ring, United States Attorney Bill Powell announced.

Fout, age 23, pled guilty to one count of interstate travel in furtherance of a drug crime in July

2016. Fout traveled to Maryland from West Virginia to assist in the distribution of heroin in June 2015.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen D. Warner prosecuted the case on behalf of the government. The Potomac Highlands Drug & Violent Crimes Task Force, a HIDTA-

funded initiative, the West Virginia State Police, the West Virginia State Police Criminal Bureau of Investigations, and the Hardy County Sheriff's Office investigated.

U.S. District Judge John Preston Bailey presided.

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 Barbour, 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:

Residential \$ 3.87	6.40%
Commercial \$12.45	5.05%
Industrial \$165.16	9.86%

Resale \$ 88.18 2.31%

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:

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NEWS BRIEFS

The 13th Annual Chocolate Festival will be celebrated in Lewisburg on April 13. Tasting tickets are 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.

The WV Department of Arts, Culture and History has announced the 2019 Quilts and Wall Hangings Juries Exhibition. Entries should be mailed to the Culture Center before April 25. A

quilting workshop is planned for May 3. Reservations are required. The Awards Ceremony will be on May 24 during the annual Vandalia Gathering. For more information go to www.wvculture.org or email cailin.A.howe@wv.gov or call her at 304-558-0220, ext. 128.

The next Red Cross Bloodmobile will be here on May 9. All blood types are needed. Every 2 seconds a patient in the United States needs a blood transfusion. Blood is perishable and has no substitute. Red blood has a shelf life of only 42 days and must be replenished constantly. Blood and platelets can be used for trauma victims, heart surgery patients, organ transplant recipients, premature babies and patients being treated for leukemia, cancer or other diseases.

According to AAA last week, average gas prices in West Virginia were up 7 cents to \$2.585. Nationally the average jumped 9 cents to \$2.673. In the Mid-Atlantic gas prices range from \$2.42 to \$2.81. Motorists in Tennessee (+9 cents) saw the region's largest increase in pump prices while West Virginia (+1 cents) saw the smallest. Across West Virginia, prices ranged from a low of \$2.498 at Parkersburg to a high of \$2.641 at Beckley. Area averages were \$2.693 in Jefferson, \$2.625 in Hampshire, and \$2.611 in Mineral counties. In Hardy County, the average gas price was \$2.679. Prices in Baker and Moorefield were at \$2.69. Mathias and Wardensville were at \$2.65.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Correction

In the March 27 edition of the Examiner, the day of the week for Mary Louise Omstead's Celebration of Life was incorrect. The correct day and date are Saturday, April 13. The Examiner regrets the error.

Public Meeting

The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 3, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the USDA Service Center in Moorefield. A copy of the agenda will be available three days prior to the meeting and may be obtained at the District office, 500 East Main St., Romney, or by calling 304-822-5174. The public is invited to attend.

LEPC Meets

Hardy County Local Emergency Preparedness Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hardy County 911 Center, Freedom Way in Moorefield. The public is welcome to attend.

Community Together

Mathias Assembly of God Church on Howard's Lick Road in Mathias, will host Community Together on Thursday, April 11 at 6 p.m. Come and bring a friend.

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.

South Branch River Cleanup

Join Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College and Keep West Virginia Wild and Wonderful LLC. on Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. by cleaning the South Branch of the Potomac River. Location to be determined.

For more information contact Cristyn Bauer at cristyn.bauer@easternwv.edu or 304-434-8000 EXT: 9233

Mobile Office

A representative from the West Virginia Secretary of State's office will be in Hardy County on Tuesday, April 16, from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Hardy County Public Library, 102 North Main St. in Moorefield. The Secretary of State's Office is visiting all 55 counties to help businesses and entrepreneurs file their Annual Reports on time. They are due by July 1.

Mobile Office

Members of Congressman Alex Mooney's staff will be making stops to meet with constituents who may be having problems with a federal agency.

A representative will be in Hardy County on Tuesday, April 16 from 11 a.m. - noon at the Hardy County Courthouse, 204

Washington St. in Moorefield.

They ask that constituents bring copies of documentation related to their issues.

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 highlights Hardy County history and is open at no cost to the public, on Saturdays 10 am to 3 pm. For more information, email Dave Jopling at joplingfam@hardynet.com or come by the museum any Saturday.

CommuniTree

Spring Planting

Celebrate Arbor Day on Thursday, April 25, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. with Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College & the Cacapon Institute, by volunteering to help plant native trees at Eastern's Moorefield Campus

For more information contact Cristyn Bauer at cristyn.bauer@easternwv.edu or 304-434-8000 EXT: 9233

EHHS Senior Awards

East Hardy High School's Senior Awards Assembly will be on Wednesday, May 22, beginning at 1 p.m. If you wish to present an award or scholarship, please contact Monica Orndorff at 304-897-5948 for further details.

HARDY LIFE

Beloved Physician Dr. James Rising Retires

By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

E. A. Hawse Health Center is the top health center in West Virginia, thanks, for the most part, to the efforts of James L. Rising, MD. Rising came to E. A. Hawse in 2001 and is retiring after 18 years. When I came here there were two physicians assistants and a part-time physician,” Rising said. It was pretty dismal. Rising said he came to E. A. Hawse because of that need. I was looking for work and had visited West Virginia before, he said. I looked at three places and chose this one. Rising had several storied careers before coming to E. A. Hawse.

He grew up in a rural community in northern Illinois and after high school went to the University of Illinois at Champaign where he earned a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. He attended Perdue University College of Veterinary Medicine where he earned a Masters degree in veterinary clinical science and bioengineering. I practiced veterinary medicine for 14 years,” Rising said. “The last three years were specifically brain and spinal injuries. In 1970, Rising earned a Masters of Science degree in engineering. My thesis was about the similarities between bone and wood, he said. “They are similar in structure and their reaction to stress. In 1986, Rising decided to go

to medical school and graduated from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in 1990. I paid my way through medical school by doing veterinary medicine in the evening and on weekends,” Rising said. After medical school Rising became a Naval Aviator and flight surgeon. He served as flight surgeon on five Navy ships, the last of which was the aircraft carrier USS George Washington. He would have retired from the military, but for a career-ending accident. Flying an A-4 Skyhawk over the Indian Ocean, a Zuni rocket malfunctioned and parts of the rocket were sucked into the aircraft’s intake. Rising ejected, and his parachute deployed. But instead of landing in the water, he landed on the beach. He had fractures in his spine and the debris from the aircraft sliced into his hand and forearm. It all but amputated his thumb. “It took me 14 months to recover,” he said. I had 11 spine surgeries. I was three years away from retirement. After his recovery, Rising threw himself into practicing medicine. He moved to Wallace, Idaho, where he worked in two hospitals and an 80-bed long-term care facility. He also maintained a private practice where he saw patients during the day and treated their animals in the evenings three days

a week. “I’m a firm believer that pets can improve your health and extend your life,” Rising said. After a few years, the work became too much and Rising retreated to Montana and the home of a fellow Navy aviator. For six to seven months, he did locum tenens work in various hospitals in Montana, Wyoming and Idaho. Locum tenens physicians provide services in rural health clinics in medically underserved parts of the western United States. It originated from a federal grant to the University of Idaho in the 1970s. It was then, the job at E. A. Hawse presented itself. “We started off slow,” Rising said. I came here just after Sept. 11, 2001, so things were pretty slow. There were a lot of things that needed changing. “He had some big ideas,” said Diana Orndorff, office manager at E. A. Hawse. “One of the first things he did was restructure our charting system. I used to throw them down the hall,” Rising said of the charts. “I couldn’t find the information I needed. He also immediately began implementing his own standard of quality care. “The American Diabetes Association said an A1C of 9 or below is acceptable,” said Administrative Assistant Brenda Thompson. “Dr. Rising said 7 or below is acceptable. Rising was instrumental in bringing mental/behavioral health

to E. A. Hawse. It’s made a tremendous difference tying the two together,” he said. We have quarterly meetings with the medical and mental health people. We derive a lot of benefit with the two working together. Under Rising, the size of the E. A. Hawse Health Center virtually doubled in Baker. We doubled the number of exam rooms, so we could add more staff,” Thompson said. “We expanded one wing and built another wing. Rising oversaw the expansion of the practice in Mathias and the addition of the Moorefield and Petersburg offices. We’ve made steady progress over the last 18 years,” Rising said. But more importantly was the increase in the quality of care for the patients that came to E. A. Hawse.

As a federally subsidized health center, E. A. Hawse is required to keep complete and accurate records of their patients. Those record-keeping standards are just an expansion of Dr. Rising’s requirements. We are sometimes an emergency room and a trauma center, Thompson said. “People come here with construction accidents, farm accidents, heart attacks. “Dr. Rising set up a Code 55. That means there’s an emergency and everyone knows what they’re supposed to do. During the construction of Corridor H, E. A. Hawse saw a number of pretty gruesome accidents. A guy came in with a piece of rebar that had gone through his lung,” Rising said. “We stabilized him and sent him on to Winchester. In another instance a man came in with an injured foot. They didn’t know all his toes had been amputated until they took off his boot. Rising said he can’t take credit for all the improvements to E. A. Hawse.

Gary Johnson was hired by the board in 2003,” Rising said. “He was exceptional. Everyone here is exceptional. They are all ready to do what needs to be done for our patients. If they have a question, they come to me and we work it out together. Rising said he is looking forward to spending his retirement at his Hampshire County home, relaxing with his dog, Tar. But anyone who knows him knows that’s not the end of the story. Dr. Rising will have a small office at the Baker facility where he will come two days a week and make sure the quality of care remains as it has been. I’ve enjoyed my time here,” he said. I would do it all again.



Dr. James Rising will still spend a few days a week at E. A. Hawse after he formally retires.

Photo by Jean Flanagan

There will be a Retirement Party for Dr. Rising on Saturday, April 13 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Mathias-Baker Fire House on Route 259 in Mathias. Dr. Rising would enjoy seeing as many of his former and current patients as can attend. Please RSVP to Brenda Thompson at 304-897-5915, ext. 235.



Rising served as a flight surgeon in the U.S. Navy until an in-flight accident ended his military career.

New Trial

Continued from page 1 dict?” he asked. Gaines further argued the testimony presented by Rosier defied physical law. I think the jury didn’t believe Steven Rosier and that’s why their

questions were about Kayla, he said. “His testimony defies physical law in two instances. Hardy County Prosecuting Attorney Lucas See reiterated the court’s premise that it is up to the jury to determine if a witness is credible. I think this jury got it

right, he said. Williams asked both attorneys to submit briefs by April 15. Gaines requested post-conviction bond for Stump, who was remanded to custody after her conviction on Feb. 21. Williams denied the request.



Rising’s ability to treat people and their pets garnered attention from the National Enquirer in 1999.

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Book Memorials - March 2019

Mrs. Lincoln's Rival by Jennifer Chiaverini given in memory of Dorothy Lee Vance Michael by her cousins in the C. E. Vance family.

Easter Craft @ the Library

The library will be hosting an Easter Craft for kids on Saturday, April 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Mark your calendar and join us for some Easter fun!

New Fiction

Celtic Empire (Dirk Pitt; 25) by Clive Cussler (Reg. Print, Lg. Print, Audiobook) – NUMA Director Dirk Pitt is embroiled in a mystery that sends him to Scotland in search of answers about a bioremediation company and the spread of an unknown disease, while his children's discoveries in an Egyptian tomb put killers on their trail. *The A List* (Ali Reynolds; 14) by J. A. Jance (Reg. Print, Audiobook) Life without parole won't stop a disgraced physician from

exacting revenge. Tattooed on his arm are the initials of those who helped put him behind bars—including Ali Reynolds. *The Damascus Road* by Jay Parini In the years after Christ's crucifixion, Paul of Tarsus, a prosperous tentmaker and Jewish scholar, took it upon himself to persecute the small groups of his followers that sprung up. But on the road to Damascus, he had some sort of blinding vision, a profound conversion experience that transformed Paul into the most effective and influential messenger Christianity has ever had. *American Duchess* by Karen Harper – Reimagines the life of American heiress Consuelo Vanderbilt as the reluctant and bullied bride of the Duke of Marlborough before she finds the inner strength to fight for women's equality. *How the Light Gets In* by Joanna Petersheim After her husband's death, a woman finds solace in a Mennonite community. She also encounters the possibility

of new love that awakens hopes and dreams she thought she'd lost forever. But an unexpected twist threatens to unseat her happy ending. *The Memory House* by Rachel Hauck – Two women whose lives have been destroyed by disaster find healing in a special house. *A Silken Thread* by Kim Vogel Sawyer Eighteen-year-old Laurel Millard, youngest of seven children, is expected to stay home and take care of her mother by her older siblings, but Laurel has dreams of starting her own family. Operating a silk loom at the Atlanta Exposition, Laurel soon finds herself caught between the interests of two men. *Hope on the Inside* by Marie Bostwick – Hope Carpenter finds new purpose in a new phase of life when her husband's forced retirement strains both their savings and their marriage. Seeking inspiration and a financial boost, Hope gets a job teaching crafts to inmates at a local women's prison with surprising results.

I Am Watching by Emma Kavanagh A professor of criminal psychology returns to her hometown to interview the serial killer whose crimes left an indelible mark on her childhood. But similar murders soon have her wondering if someone is receiving help from the serial killer behind bars, or could the truth be darker still? **New Non-Fiction and Bios** *American Spirit: Profiles in Resilience, Courage, and Faith* by Taya Kyle Kyle presents an inspiring collection of stories of Americans who have persevered over adversity and built extraordinary lives after loss, hardship, and setbacks, showcasing the resilience of the American spirit. *Greek to Me: Adventures of the Comma Queen* by Mary Norris Norris gives an account of her lifelong love affair with words and her solo adventures in the land of olive trees and ouzo. *Appalachian Reckoning: A Region Responds to Hillbilly Elegy* edited by Anthony Harkins – A

retort, at turns rigorous, critical, angry, and hopeful, to the long shadow Hillbilly Elegy has cast over the region and its imagining. Appalachians from varied backgrounds tell their own diverse and complex stories through an imaginative blend of scholarship, prose, poetry, and photography. *Jimmy Page: The Definitive Biography* by Chris Salewicz An in-depth biography of Led Zeppelin guitarist Jimmy Page, based upon the author's extensive research and interviews. *Girl, Wash Your Face* by Rachel Hollis – With wit and hard-earned wisdom, the popular online personality and founder of TheChicSite.com helps readers break free from the lies keeping them from the joy-filled and exuberant life they are meant to have. *Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young: The Wild, Definitive Saga of Rock's Greatest Supergroup* by David Browne Browne presents the ultimate deep dive into rock and roll's most musical and turbulent brotherhood on the occasion of its

50th anniversary. **New YA Fiction** *On the Come Up* by Angie Thomas – When sixteen-year-old Bri, an aspiring rapper, pours her anger and frustration into her first song, she finds herself at the center of a controversy. *Never-Contented Things* by Sarah Porter First seduced and then entrapped in an alternate reality by Prince and his fairy courtiers, foster siblings Josh and Ksenia learn that the fairies' otherworldly gifts come at a terrible price. **New JR Fiction** *Sweeping Up the Heart* by Kevin Henkes – After an eventful spring break, seventh-grader Amelia Albright's life changes forever when she befriends a boy who claims to see the spirit of her dead mother. *Birdie* by Eileen Spinelli Still grieving for her father, 12-year-old Birdie struggles to adjust to many changes, including when her grandmother, her mother, and her best friends all begin dating.

State Police Crime Lab

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Located at State Police headquarters in South Charleston, the lab analyzes evidence across seven sections: Drug Identification; Biochemistry/DNA; Firearms/Toolmarks/Impression Evidence; Latent Prints; Toxicology; Trace Evidence; and Evidence Processing. Fully accredited by the ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB), formerly American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB), it is West Virginia's only full-service lab. It accepts evidence from as many as 800 federal, state, county and local agencies and all at no charge. As a result, the WVSPFL fields an average of 6,700 requests for analysis annually. But employee turnover and the regular need to replace or upgrade equipment have posed considerable challenges in recent years. The Biochemistry/DNA Section, for instance, lost half its staff in 2014. Our staff is highly educated, highly trained. It takes some of them up to two years if they are in a specific discipline to be able to even begin casework, Lemons

said. She added, A plan of action had to be made to determine how we were going to reduce and eventually eliminate the backlog. Grants and improved funding championed by Gov. Jim Justice have resulted in more competitive salaries, a revamped career progression structure and critical equipment purchases. The WVSP-FL now has increased its staff to approximately 50 forensic analysis and technician positions. "That has absolutely made an amazing difference in the backlog," said State Police Superintendent Jan Cahill. The funding benefiting the crime lab included a pair of \$1 million transfers by West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey from litigation settlement proceeds, in 2016 and 2017, specifically to improve equipment and staffing. Reducing the pending caseload means fewer delays in criminal cases and trials. That, in turn, will save counties and municipalities on regional jail costs. The State Police estimated in 2017 that improving the turnaround time for pending cases could reduce jail expenses by between \$6 million and \$15 million annually.

Secondary Roads

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pair. Governor Justice fired Transportation Secretary Tom Smith on March 10. In a brief statement at the time, Justice said he wanted to take the department in a new direction and wanted a return to the core mission of maintaining the quality of our secondary roads and bridges. In his State of the State address in January, Justice said he wanted to use money from the \$1.6 billion in road bonds to fix secondary roads. The \$1.6 billion road bonds were approved by voters in 2017 for major projects and new construction. Justice said, I told the people

of this state that we were going to fix the damn roads. That's exactly what I told them, and I haven't changed my philosophy in any way, shape, form or fashion. Last week, Justice appointed Byrd White to replace Smith and named highway worker Jimmy Wriston as acting Highways Commissioner. White is a Certified Public Accountant who has worked for Justice's companies in the past. Justice said he wants to hire workers and buy equipment to get the secondary roads back in shape. It's unclear how and when that can be accomplished. According to previous reports, there are about

800 positions within the Division of Highways currently not filled. The Top Ten List for Hardy County includes: #1 - Old Route 55 - Rt. 55/20 #2 - Trout Run Road - Rt. 23/10 #3 - River Road - Rt. 10/2 #4 - Howards Lick Road - Rt. 12 #5 - North River Road - Rt. 1 #6 - Mill Gap Road - Rt. 16 #7 - Trough Road - Rt. 6 #8 - Lower Cove Run Road - Rt. 59 #9 - Kessel Road - Rt. 10 #10 - South Fork Road - Rt. 7

Reel admitted she passed two counterfeit \$20 bills at McDonald's and Sheetz in Moorefield. Judge Williams ordered a pre-sentence evaluation and released Reel on post-conviction bond. Reel said she had two children who are currently living with relatives. If I consider probation, you will start paying child support, Williams said. Reel's case was continued to

Christopher Sentenced

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Christopher S. Hines, 41, of Petersburg has filed his application for South Branch Valley Drug Court and is waiting for evaluation. His case was continued until Wednesday, April 17. Julie S. Reel, 18, of Moorefield, pleaded guilty to one count of uttering a counterfeit bill. She was originally indicted on two counts, but as part of her plea agreement, one count was dismissed.

Crystal A. Hall, 22, and Spencer A. Reel, 22 of Petersburg, were ordered to submit their application to South Branch Valley Drug Court by Monday, April 1.

The case against Valerie S. Rose, of Moorefield was continued until Thursday, April 18. The case against Estel Bennett of Barbour County was continued until Thursday, April 18. The case against Mollie Akers of Moorefield was continued until Thursday, April 18.

Tuesday, April 30.



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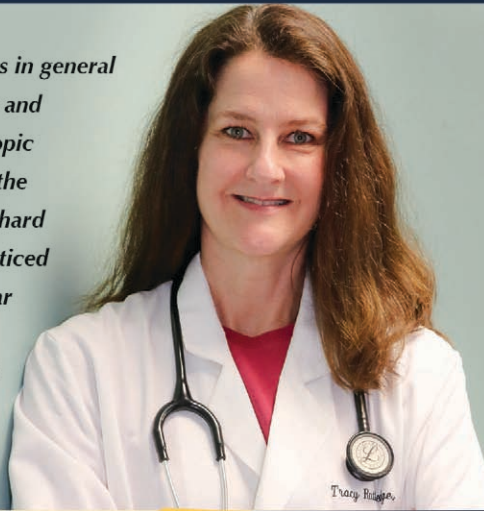
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OBITUARIES

IRENE GENEVIEVE DOLLY

Irene Genevieve Dolly, age 92 of Ostrich Lane, Maysville, W.Va. passed away Saturday evening, March 23, 2019 at her residence. Born on January 31, 1927 at Junction, W.Va., she was a daughter of the late Phillip Rosser Whiteman and Carrie Elizabeth Shoemaker Whiteman. Her husband, Stanley Guy Dolly preceded her in death in December 2015. Three brothers also preceded her in death.

Genevieve enjoyed gardening and cooking. Her family was everything to her. She also had a desire to take care of others as well as

family as everyone she knew was important to her.

Surviving are two sons, Larry Dolly of Maysville, W.Va. and Terry Dolly of Felton, Pa.; a daughter, Carol Cox of Rhome, Tex.; two brothers, Orville Whiteman of Wardensville, W.Va. and Loyd Whiteman of Baker, W.Va.; two sisters, Norma Westfall of Upper Tract, W.Va. and Juanita Wratchford of Aberdeen, Md.; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend many thanks to the Grant County

Committee on Aging, Grant County Home Care and Grant Memorial Hospice for their assistance in the care of Irene.

Funeral services were conducted 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 30, 2019 at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel, 107 Washington Street with Pastor John Ellifritz officiating. Interment will follow at the Old Pine Church Cemetery in Purgitsville, W.Va.

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



Arrangements are under the direction of the Fraley Funeral Home.

DONALD R. SINE SR.

Donald R. Sine, Sr., 85, of Wardensville, W.Va. died on Friday, March 29, 2019 at the Blue Ridge Hospice Inpatient Care Center in Winchester, Va.

Donald was born on July 20, 1933 in Wardensville, W.Va., the son of the late Walter and Cebie Jenkins Sine. He owned and operated Sine Lumber and Valley View Poultry and was a United States Army Veteran. Donald was a member of Marvin s Chapel United Methodist Church, Wardensville Rescue Squad, the VFW post 2102 all in Wardensville and the Strasburg Moose Lodge. He enjoyed hunting, listening to music and dancing with his wife Viletta.

Donald was married to the ate Viletta V. Cooper Sine. Viletta died on September 26, 2011.

Surviving are two sons: Donald R. Sine, Jr. and his wife Dorene; Jimmy L. Sine, Sr. and his wife Cindy; a daughter: Brenda Strawderman and her husband Danny all of Wardensville, W.Va.; a brother: David Sine of Wardensville, W.Va.; a daughter in-law: Tammy Sine; 9 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his son: Jerry Sine; a brother: James Sine; three sisters: Violet Funkhouser, Dorothy Link and Bessie Miller and a half-sister: Catherine Cornelus.

A funeral service will be at the Loy-Giffin Funeral Home & Crematory in Wardensville, W.Va. on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 11 AM. Officiating will be Rev. Michael Funkhouser. Interment will be in the Wardensville Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Marvin s Chapel United Methodist Church C/O Kathy Fishel, 2888 N. Mountain Road, Wardensville, WV 26851 or Capon Valley Vol. Fire Company, PO Box 308, Wardensville, WV 26851 or the Wardensville Vol. Rescue Squad PO Box 2, Wardensville, WV 26851.

To view Donald s tribute wall, please visit loygiffin.com.



Arrangements are under the direction of the Loy Giffin Funeral Home, Wardensville.

DENZIL B. WILKINS

Denzil B. Wilkins, 79, of Baker, W.Va. passed away on Saturday March 30, 2019 at his home surrounded by his family.

Born on April 12, 1939 in Baker, he was the son of the late Landis R. Wilkins and Iva Combs Wilkins.

He was a lifelong farmer and retired as a bus driver from Hardy County Schools after 28 years. He was a veteran of the US Army, member of Farm Bureau, a lifetime member of the Poultry Association and a member of the Bear s

Hill Hunting Club where he served as a board member, and a member or the Pine Grove United Methodist Church.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Granville and Kathryn Combs, paternal grandparents, Rob and Molly Wilkins and two infant sons, Jerry and Scott Wilkins.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Janet L. Funkhouser Wilkins, one son, Jim Wilkins (Angela), one granddaughter, Ash-

ley, one grandson, Travis, three brothers: Llewellyn (Jean), Robert "Buster" (Judy) of Baker, Roy Bud (Betty) of Winchester, two sisters, Marquetta Oates of Gore, Loretta Perkins (Ralph) of Fairmont, W.Va. and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday April 3, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. at Pine Grove United Methodist Church, Baker, W.Va. with Pastor Cheryl George and Pastor Russell Webster officiating. Inter-

ment will follow in the Pine Grove Cemetery, Baker, W.Va.. Military grave-side rites will be accorded by the U. S. Army.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pine Grove Church, c/o Charles Combs, 13233 SR 55, Baker, W.Va. 26801 or Hospice Promise Foundation, Grant Co. Hospice, 100 Hospital Dr. Suite 2, Petersburg, WV 26847.

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

AGE IN ACTION

MENU

April 8 - April 12, 2019
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Moorefield Nutrition Site

Meals served at 12:00-12:30

Mon. April 08 - Chicken nuggets w/ketchup, cheesy cauliflower, corn, wheat bread, pears

Tues. April 09 - Chicken and broccoli casserole, macaroni and cheese, beets, pineapples

Wed. April 10 - Tuna patty w/ tartar sauce, cooked potatoes, green beans, peaches

Thur. April 11 - Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, cauliflower blend, side salad, garlic bread, applesauce

Fri. April 12 - Sweet and sour meatballs over rice, peas, carrots, orange

All meals are to be eaten here at the center or at E. A. Hawse Community room in Baker, Thursday s 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, ex. 231 or 232.

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

ACTIVITIES AT MOOREFIELD SENIOR CENTER

Mon. April 08 - Puzzles, crafts

Tues. April 09 - Puzzles, Crafts, Senior Shopping 1:00

Wed. April 10 - Puzzles, Crafts

Thurs. April 11 - Puzzles, Crafts

Fri. April 12 - Puzzles, Crafts, Bible Study 11:15

Please call about Bingo on Wednesdays.

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themes.

April 5, 1856: Booker T. Washington was born a slave in Virginia. In 1865, he moved with his family to Malden to join his stepfather, who had escaped from slavery during the war.

April 5, 2010: An explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine in Raleigh County killed 29 workers. Only two men escaped from the mine alive. It was the country s worst coal mining disaster since November 20, 1968, when the Consol No. 9 Mine at Farmington, West Virginia, exploded, killing 78 workers.

April 6, 1938: The Civilian Conservation Corps established Camp Kanawha in the Kanawha State Forest. The CCC removed all of the abandoned houses, coal tipples, and other structures no longer in use, and constructed roads, the forest superintendent s residence, office, maintenance building, and picnic shelters.

April 7, 1927: A. James Manchin was born in Farmington. In 1984, Manchin ran for state treasurer, but he fell into trouble once elected. With a stock market downturn in 1987, Manchin bore much of the blame when the state lost nearly

\$300 million in investments.

April 7, 1947: Medal of Honor recipient Thomas W. Bennett was born in Morgantown. Believing it was wrong to evade the draft while others had to serve in Vietnam, he volunteered as a noncombatant medic. He was killed by gunfire while trying to drag a wounded soldier to safety.

April 7, 2004: Bob Wise signed legislation that transferred four colleges into universities. They were West Virginia State University, Shepherd University, Fairmont State University and Concord University.

April 8, 1891: The town of Paw Paw was incorporated. Strategically located on the Potomac River, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and the C&O Canal, Paw Paw was named

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This Week in West Virginia History

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

April 3, 1755: Frontier scout and long hunter Simon Kenton was born in Fauquier County, Virginia. Upon leaving home, Kenton first traveled north through present West Virginia to Pittsburgh and then explored, hunted, and trapped through much of the Ohio Valley.

April 3, 1908: Samuel Starks died in Charleston. Starks became the first African-American in the United States to serve as a state librarian when he was appointed to the position in 1901 by Governor Albert Blakeslee White.

April 4, 1980: Musician Red Sovine died in Nashville. Sovine, born Woodrow Wilson Sovine in Charleston, gained country music fame for his recitations, especially those incorporating sentimental truck driver

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

A Howell game was played on Wednesday, March 27 with 4 tables in play in the South Branch Duplicate Bridge Club held at Colts Restaurant. There were eight pairs playing 28 boards with an average match-point score of 42.

Overall winners were: Lary

Garrett and Bruce Leslie, 55; Donovan Kimble and Jimi Kimble, 44 1/2; Helen Chambers and Sue Halterman, 42; and Polly Long and Kathleen Puffenberger, 42.

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

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Although we receive state, federal and local funding, our allocations do not cover the cost of services provided. Donations are greatly needed to continue our programs.

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Social

Old Time Music At Peru



Old time music jam in Peru, at the South Fork General Store on Saturday, March 30. The trio featured Amanda Ours Barger on fiddle, Amy Lough Fabbri on guitar and dulcimer and Carmen Rexrode on stand-up bass. Owners Mary and Tom Burgess’ doggies were on hand to provide cuteness.

Hardy County Schools April 2019 Lunch Menu Announced

Monday, April 1 – Pork Rib-BO Sandwich, Sweet Potatoes, Pears	Monday, April 15 through Friday, April 19 – SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL	fresh fruit and garden bar (including vegetables, fruits, dressings, and condiments)
Tuesday, April 2 – Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Garlic Toast, Green Beans, Frozen Fruit Cup	Monday, April 22 Chicken Nuggets, Sauce Dipper, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit Cocktail	**Menus are subject to change - although we try our best to serve posted menus, however, sometimes circumstances beyond our control require us to make last minute menu changes. We strive to provide the most accurate and up-to-date information, however nutritional content of menu items may vary due to variations in recipes, product and seasonal availability, and the likelihood of substitutions from food service providers. Some of our calculations are averages based on the flavors available. Please forward questions to the Office of Child Nutrition at Hardy County Schools.
Wednesday, April 3 COOK S CHOICE	Tuesday, April 23 - Hamburger/ Bacon Cheeseburger, Three-Bean/ Kidney Bean Salad, Pineapple	**Middle and High School students may have larger portions or additional items on the menu in order to meet nutritional guidelines and meal component totals.
Thursday, April 4 – Chicken Patty Sandwich, Beans w/Ham, Applesauce	Wednesday, April 24 – Lasagna, Green Beans, Garlic Toast, Spiced Apples	
Friday, April 5 French Bread Pizza, Steamed Broccoli, Mixed Fruit	Thursday, April 25 – Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Roll, Applesauce	
Monday, April 8 –Teriyaki Beef Dippers, Sauce Dipper, Cooked Carrots, Applesauce, Snack Bag	Friday, April 26 – Pizza Variety, Sweet Potatoes, Peaches	
Tuesday, April 9 – Chicken Quesadilla, Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Pears	Monday, April 29 Steak n Cheese Sub, Honey-Glazed Carrots, Mixed Fruit	
Wednesday, April 10 Sliced Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Roll, Spiced Apples	Tuesday, April 30 – Calzone, Marinara Sauce, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit	
Thursday, April 11 – Creamed Chicken on Biscuit/Bread Bowl, Peas, Peaches	**Sauce Dippers may include ketchup, honey mustard, marinara, sweet n sour, or BBQ sauces.	
Friday, April 12 School-Made Pizza, Beans, Frozen Fruit Cup	**All lunches are served with a	

UA Student Tanner Carr Participates in Research and Creative Activity Conference

Nearly 500 students at The University of Alabama highlighted their research and creative projects during the Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Conference on March 27. Among them was Tanner Carr of Moorefield, whose presentation was titled Alabama Link-Node Project: Transferring Legacy Crash Data to an Enterprise GIS-Based Roadway Data Management System” in the Engineering, Transportation and Energy category.

The 12th annual conference is hosted by UA’s Office for Undergraduate Research and the Office for Research and Economic Development.

Poster presentations are grouped by research areas -- instead of by academic colleges or departments -- to align with national trends of using interdisciplinary approaches to problem-solving.

The conference spurs interest in research among undergraduate students and helps students polish their communication skills, said Dr. Kim Bissell, director of the Office for Undergraduate Research.

We have got some pretty phenomenal students who are truly doing great things, she said.

The University of Alabama, the state’s oldest and largest public institution of higher education, is a student-centered research university that draws the best and brightest to an academic community committed to providing a premier undergraduate and graduate education. UA is dedicated to achieving excellence in scholarship, collaboration and intellectual engagement; providing public outreach and service to the state of Alabama and the nation; and nurturing a campus environment that fosters collegiality, respect and inclusivity.

College Students Can Help Shape Tomorrow for Others

College students looking to challenge themselves and grow in an environment with the power to positively impact young lives will want to check out Horseshoe Leadership Center. We’re looking for college-age students who want to use their skills, energy, and passion for shaping a better world by influencing today’s teens and children.

Horseshoe summer camp counselors make all the difference in the lives of campers. Yes, Horseshoe is fun, friends, and all the great times that happen at camp, but it is so much more. Each week adds experiences to help our campers become all they can be, with an ultimate goal of returning home ready to serve others, and build better futures for all.

Horseshoe’s summer season includes nationally-recognized teen civic leadership and entrepreneurship camps, Adventure Camp for 7-12 year olds, and Youth Opportunity Camps for low-income boys and girls. A summer science and mathematics camp, and a youth church camp. Summer residential counselors build on prior experience and develop new skills to help teens and children become more productive citizens and always find something more within themselves in the process. Summer positions provide a living allowance, meals, and lodging.

For information, call Horseshoe at (304) 478-2481, e-mail horseshoe@yla-youthleadership.org or write Horseshoe Leadership Center at 3309 Horseshoe Run Rd, Parsons, WV 26287-9029.

College Students Needed to Serve as Mentors for Summer HSTA Camp

Through a Health Science & Technology Academy (HSTA) grant, West Virginia University Potomac State College is seeking college students to serve as mentors for a one-week, summer forensic science camp. The camp will be held July 21 through 26, on the Potomac State College campus, in Keyser, W.Va. (Mandatory mentor training will be conducted July 20.) The camp is a 10th-grade math and science program which encourages aspirations, opens doors, and empowers minority and underrepresented students in rural communities.

Mentors will:

- Oversee students to and from academic courses and provide assistance in the classroom when requested.
- Offer guidance on college life, time management and study skills.
- Interact with students and attend social activities and events sponsored by HSTA.

Promote an atmosphere conducive to balancing both academics and social activities.

Live on campus during the entire camp.

Further information regarding salary, amenities and minimum requirements along with the application are available at: <http://bit.ly/HSTAMentors>

The deadline to apply is Monday, April 15.

Questions about the application can be emailed to Potomac State College Biology Professor Vicki Huffman, Ph.D., at vicki.huffman@mail.wvu.edu

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Upper Cove Road

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which required a significant increase in electrical power and up-graded pipeline.

In addition, about two dozen poultry houses are located on the road south of Mathias.

Upper Cove Road intersects State Road 259 and almost immediately makes a sharp turn over Lost River. According to County Commissioner David “Jay” Fansler, the guard rail on the bridge has been replaced many times.

Another part of the problem with widening the road is the former Mathias Restaurant that sits on that sharp corner. Fire destroyed much of the building in December 2016. Since then, the owners have forfeited the property, and demolishing the remaining structure has proved to be a political nightmare.

“The problem is the house,” said RDA Board member Doug Mongold. Nobody wants to touch it.

The Planning Commission applied for Federal Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation fund-

ing because the structure sits in the flood plain.

The WV DOT was contacted about demolition because part of the structure is in the the Upper Cove Road right-of-way.

We’ve been trying to work with the landowner, Fansler said. Someone called the EPA because they said there were things leaking into the river.

Fansler said former Secretary of Transportation said it would be easier to demolish if the county owned the structure. FEMA said we didn’t want to own it, he said.

Combs said her concern was from an economic development standpoint. Our interest is purely to support the businesses in that area, she said.

The board voted to send a letter to the WVDOT in support of widening Upper Cove Road.

Public Information

Continued from the previous meeting was a discussion about the West Virginia Freedom of Information Act and the RDA establishing a policy regarding how and

when public information would be available to the public.

At the February meeting, Combs provided board members with a copy of a policy, recommended by attorneys at Steptoe & Johnson, regarding the RDA’s adherence to WV FOIA law. The policy was not provided to the public or the media.

The West Virginia FOIA is established in West Virginia Code 29B, which states Pursuant to the fundamental philosophy of the American Constitutional form of representative government which holds to the principle that government is the servant of the people, and not the master of them, it is hereby declared to be the public policy of the State of West Virginia that all persons are, unless otherwise expressly provided by law, entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and employees.” (emphasis added)

Several board members balked at a section of the policy that said

an attorney would be engaged to determine if a FOIA request is unreasonable. According to state code, the government agency must respond to the request within five business days.

“The board should review it, not an attorney, Mongold said. We can call a special meeting. The board should have the say.

Combs said the RDA needed a policy. I don’t want to make those decisions, she said.

“There is nothing that says we need to hire an attorney, said Board Vice President Derek Barr. If there is a question, we can address it.

The policy included a form that will be required for access to public documents, although the policy referenced verbal requests. “That was something I missed and should be deleted, Combs said.

The board approved the policy with the changes discussed.

Combs said it would be posted on the RDA’s website.

Trees at Caledonia

Heights

Also continued from the February meeting was the discussion about trees in the Caledonia Heights subdivision.

Recent high winds and wet weather have caused some of the larger pine trees to fall and obstruct the road.

We asked Grant County Mulch if they would come and cut the trees,” Combs said. “They said there weren’t enough to justify bringing their equipment.

“The landowners don’t want the trees cut, Mongold said.

“Do they present a danger?” Barr asked.

If they fall and damage someone’s property, are we liable?” asked Board member Robert Williams.

Combs suggested the board table the discussion yet again to enable other members to look at the situation.

If we were to have the trees cut, we would have to pay for it and we would have to pay to remove the stumps as well, she said.

Other Business

•The Robert C. Byrd Industrial Park access road is still in the hands of the WV DOT. Combs said since the firing of Secretary Smith, there will need to be an education period for the new administration.

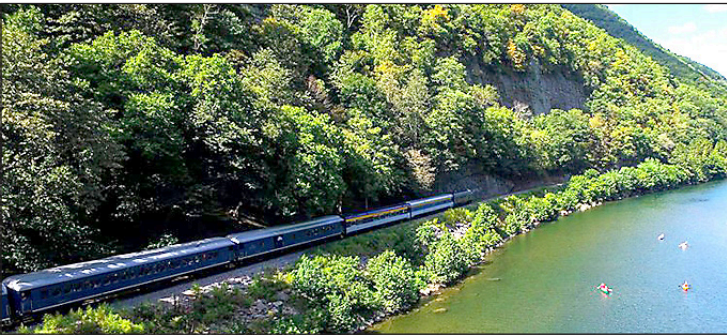
•The RDA continues to work with Christopher Peacock to expand their facility on the property already in their possession.

A Job Fair is scheduled for April 25 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Eastern Regional Family Resource Network office on South Fork Road.

•Mongold reported the Town of Moorefield’s new water treatment facility will go out for bid March 28. Bids will be opened on May 8 and construction will begin this summer.

The next meeting of the Hardy County Rural Development Authority will be held on Thursday, May 23 at 11 a.m. The meeting will be held at the RDA office, 223 N. Main St., Suite 102. The public is invited to attend.

Potomac Eagle Begins 2019 Season Under New Ownership



Potomac Eagle Scenic Railroad begins its 29th season on Saturday, May 11, 2019. This year brings some exciting changes, including more excursions, but most importantly, new ownership.

Railroad Investment Corporate Holdings (RICH) of North Carolina recently purchased Eagle Ca-on Passenger Car Company, which has operated Potomac Eagle since 1991. Robert and Celeste Franzen, President and Vice President, established RICH in 2018. Robert is also President and Owner of Steam Services of America (SSOA) founded in 2001. His extensive knowledge of the industry allows him to specialize in project management, consulting, engineering services, operations and managing oversight of major rebuilds for numerous tourist railroad and Steam Engine Preservation’s globally. Rounding out the couples’ talent, Celeste’s expertise is in marketing, events and entertainment.

Franzen, a Clemson University graduate with a degree in Mechanical Engineering has held key positions within the railroad industry for nearly 40 years, including Chief Mechanical Officer at Grand Canyon Railway as well as Vice President and General Manager at Great Smoky Mountains Railroad. Throughout his career Robert has held membership on numerous boards within the industry and cur-

rently sits on the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) and the National Board of Inspection (NBIC) committees for locomotive boilers. Franzen sees great potential at the railroad and said, We will continue to operate the Potomac Eagle on its current schedule for the 2019 season and look forward to expanding the operation and service for the benefit of the state and tri-county area.

The Franzen’s feel that the future growth of the Potomac Eagle is bright indeed given the outpouring of welcome and support that they have received from the tri-county communities. They look forward to being a vibrant contributor to the development and prosperity of this historic beautiful area.

Rodney Matheny will continue as Operations Manager, while Jodi Burnsworth will continue as Office and Sales Manager.

We are happy Potomac Eagle will continue to operate. The new owners have a lot of good ideas about how to move forward and grow. We look forward to seeing these changes implemented, Burnsworth said.

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April Topics

Importance of Fruits and Vegetables, Diabetes, and Organ Donation.

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

Lady Jackets Slide Past East Hardy

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

Fans had to be on time and not blink as Moorefield Softball quickly dispatched the Lady Cougars 11-0 in three innings of the Hardy County Softball Showdown enabled by two multi-run home runs by Tori Humphries and a bases clearing double by Madison McGregor to finish the game last Friday.

“The girls were excited about tonight and the weather was nice. We are ready for some softball weather now. They are ready to play ball and we just love this game, so they want to be on the field playing,” Moorefield Softball coach Tammie Ayers remarked.

“Anytime we play our in-county rival, it’s always a good thing since our girls are ready to play them. I have a lot of respect for Ash-

ley [EHHS Softball coach Ashley Taylor]. She does an awesome job coaching those girls and she is a great role model for those girls. She is really young this year and I just encourage them to keep playing. They will get better and win some more games this year.”

Moorefield pitcher Alyssa Vetter jammed East Hardy leadoff batter Madison Strawderman into a pop-up to start the game, but missed catching the ball as Strawderman reached base on the error.

Vetter adjusted for a pair of strikeouts to East Hardy’s Erin Riggle and Rebecca Whetzel before closing the side inducing a pop-up by Chelsea Keller which was caught by McGregor.

The Lady Cougars (1-4) made two quick outs to start the bottom of the first inning as pitcher Perry Whetzel’s pitch that was hit by Moorefield leadoff batter Re-

bekah Markwood was sent into the left center field where Emily Yates tracked it down, then McGregor popped out to Strawderman charging towards the circle from the shortstop spot.

The Lady Yellow Jackets (5-2) responded with a two-out rally as Lindsey Rinker kept the at-bat alive with a single into right center, then Remington Hinkle smacked an RBI double in center.

Vetter was given a walk by Whetzel as the Lady Yellow Jackets now had two runners aboard.

Humphries stepped to the plate and smashed a three-run home run for a 4-nil advantage.

East Hardy catcher Victoria Ames corralled a pop-up by Macie Zirk to end the inning.

“Moorefield is tough, top to bottom. We knew they were going to come out and be swinging. We were hoping those errors

wouldn’t happen, but they did and we will have to clean them up for next time. We will be ready for their hits again next year and do our best with what they give us. [Perry Whetzel] Perry has worked really hard since the beginning of the season and has a great game face with all those hits. She kept her cool and that says a lot about a pitcher,” East Hardy Softball coach Ashley Taylor commented.

In the top of the second inning, East Hardy’s Jessica Smith notched a single into left field.

During a bunt by Ames with an error at first base, runner interference was called as Ames was on the wrong side of the line to first base for the first out.

East Hardy’s Mackenzie Blair flew out to left field and Yates went down on a groundout as the Lady Yellow Jackets maintained

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Moorefield’s Lindsey Rinker slides home as East Hardy catcher Victoria Ames awaits the pass behind home plate.

Yellow Jackets Tennis Sweeps Hampshire



Moorefield No. 1 singles Atikilt Tamiru returns a volley against Hampshire’s Chase Ritter.

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

Moorefield Tennis showed great sportsmanship during a sweep against the Trojans in Sunrise Summit last Wednesday afternoon.

The Yellow Jackets garnered a 5-1 win on the boys side and the girls defeated Hampshire 7-0, but it was the time taken to provide advice and assistance to the novice members of the Trojans team that really spoke volumes for Moorefield.

During the Moorefield Boys No. 2 doubles match for Nick Simpson and Jonathan Smith, they took time to help direct Hampshire’s Paul Teter and Eric Feidler to the correct spots on the court during serve-receives.

Smith and Simpson won the doubles match by a score of 8-0.

Continuing the sportsmanship, Smith took time after his 8-0 victory in the No. 4 singles match to discuss proper swings returning volleys with Hampshire’s Eric Feidler.

It is more than just playing tennis, the respect and character shown during the matches was amazing.

Moorefield Boys No. 1 doubles partners of Atikilt Tamiru and Daury Sanchez rotated the volleys to precision in an 8-2 victory over Hampshire’s Chase Ritter and Kaleb Shafer.

Moorefield’s T.J. Sadowski was a substitute for Daury Sanchez in the No. 2 singles match and earned an 8-0 victory over Hampshire’s Kaleb Shafer.

Hampshire’s lone victory came in the boys top-seed match as Chase Ritter defeated Moorefield’s Atikilt Tamiru 8-3.

Moorefield Boys No. 3 singles player Nick Simpson executed jump serves effectively to earn an

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East Hardy’s Josh Hahn begins the 110 meter hurdles event during the season opening home meet.

Bright Skies Leads To Great Times At East Hardy Track Meet Opener

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

After weeks enduring frigid temperatures and precipitation, the competitors from East Hardy, Moorefield, Petersburg and Union enjoyed the sunny weather starting the East Hardy Track Meet home season opener with narrow finishes, big leaps and huge throws.

East Hardy Track squads finished second overall, Moorefield Boys won and Lady Jackets took third place with Petersburg Girls earning the top spot.

Final standings for the girls track teams were: 1. Petersburg 90, 2. East Hardy 45, 3. Moorefield 33 and boys track teams finished

in this order: 1. Moorefield 78.5, 2. East Hardy 77.5, 3. Petersburg 60.5, Union 8.5.

As East Hardy volunteer Stephanie Miller directed the track meet traffic in the press box, members of the EHEMS track team and other assistants helped make the meet run smoothly.

Before the calls to the assigned events, Moorefield Girls teams gathered in a circle for prayer and members of various relay teams prayed before events later in the meet.

During the warm-up time, a fan shouted to the high jump area telling the girls to start the bar above their heads and that caused everyone to laugh.

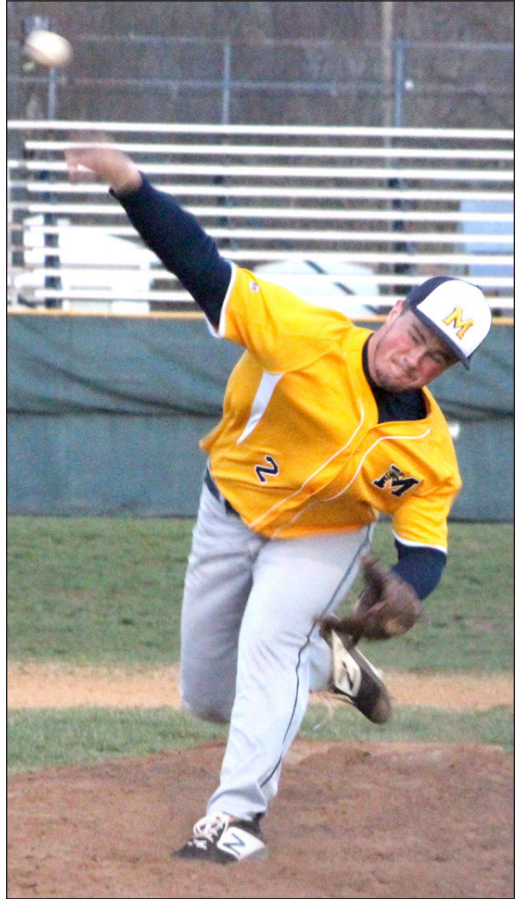
East Hardy state qualifying high jump returning sophomore SierraMarie Miller finished in second place by clearing the bar height of 4’8”, while Petersburg senior Jalyln Western won the high jump at 4’10”.

Moorefield sophomores Alexis Helman and Alexandria Wyman and freshman Laken Delawder didn’t clear the initial height for placement, but know what needs to be done to clear the bar next time such as making sure the trailing leg is up higher or arching more over the bar.

Some of the boys shot put competitors were flexing before the meet started, showing how strong

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Baldwin and Hoyt Hurl Jackets Over Petersburg



Moorefield pitcher Hayden Baldwin tossed eight strikeouts against the Vikings.

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

Moorefield relied on starting pitcher Hayden Baldwin’s eight strikeouts and closer Derek Hoyt’s strong finish with three strikeouts along with hits at the right moment for a 1-0 shutout over the Vikings at George Hott Field last Wednesday.

Baldwin pitched five innings allowing only three hits with eight strikeouts on 62 pitches thrown against Petersburg, while Hoyt closed the door in the last two innings with three strikeouts and help from the defense.

“I thought we recovered well from last night. It was a tough loss against a really good team. We discussed that after the game. We came out today and put together a great performance,” Moorefield Baseball coach Wade Armentrout commented.

“We had a really great performance by Hayden [Baldwin] on the mound. The team really follows a pitcher in a case like that and he really set the tone early in the game. The kids were really excited to back him up and our defense played really well. Obviously, that has to happen to win games. We

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Moorefield senior Nick Simpson signs letter of intent to play tennis at Bethany College and was joined by mother Kenytha Simpson, Bethany College Tennis Coach Brad Jones, MHS Tennis coach Traci Eskridge and MHS principal Patrick McGregor.

Simpson Signs To Play Tennis at Bethany College

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

Moorefield senior Nick Simpson signed his national letter of intent to play tennis for Bethany College this past Thursday.

Simpson will extend his athletic and academic career as a member of the Bison family and has worked hard to achieve a 3.8 GPA during his senior season and currently competes as the No. 3 singles seed and No. 2 doubles team for the Yellow Jackets Tennis team.

Knowing he has the opportunity to attend college and play tennis has been a motivation during his senior year.

“To have this opportunity was

life changing. Three years ago I started high school and started playing tennis and was thinking I was never going to college. It wasn’t important at the time as I wanted to join the military,” Moorefield senior Nick Simpson commented.

“My mind was set and I had a 2.0 GPA to get by and three years later the coach contacted me and said he wanted me to come play. I realized I could make it and now as a senior I am sitting on a 3.8 GPA. I went on a campus visit in December and played tennis with some of the freshmen and seniors from last year. They treated me like family and had never met me before in my life. The coach texted

me and said we would be a family and that’s how we are. I went there and they automatically accepted me as a Bison.

The smaller class sizes offered by Bethany College was an appealing factor to Simpson and that he was immediately accepted as a member of the family during a visit.

“What impressed me the most was the smaller campus. The 800-900 kids was amazing. The most I will have is 20 kids in my freshmen classes. My majors and minors will only have about 7-8 kids. What impressed me the most with the tennis program is that he wants to build such a young team. He knows that he can build it off of a com-

munity and a family that plays well together,” Simpson noted.

Bethany College was founded in 1840 by Alexander Campbell and is the oldest institute of higher learning in West Virginia and the campus features 1,300 acres in the northern panhandle above Wheeling.

Bethany College is a NCAA Division III school and the Bison Tennis team competes in the Presidents’ Athletic Conference as a member of the Eastern College Athletic Association.

During the signing day, Simpson was joined by his mother Kenytha Simpson, Moorefield Tennis coach Traci Eskridge, Moorefield princi-

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Simpson

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pal Patrick McGregor and Bethany College Men's & Women's Tennis coach Brad Jones.

Simpson plans to major in cyber security and minor in criminal justice at Bethany College.

Coach Jones is happy to have another recruit join his squad from the Mountain State as he strives to build the program with homegrown talent as there are currently two players on the men's team from West Virginia this year.

"It's nice to have another kid out of our backyard from West Virginia. When I first came to Bethany, that was my mission to recruit from West Virginia. Obviously, we are close to Pennsylvania and Ohio, but since we are the oldest institution in West Virginia it is my goal to get more kids from West Virginia," Bethany College Tennis coach Brad Jones remarked.

"Nick just adds a little more depth to our team. He came up and visited early in the Fall and really bonded with the team. I think with what he wants to do in life, I think Bethany College suits him very well. We will not only prepare him for what he wants to do as he is in school, but also prepare him for life after Bethany."

Moorefield Tennis coach Traci Eskridge is happy for Nick having the opportunity to attend Bethany College.

"I'm very happy that Nick will be attending a smaller college, as he comes from a smaller high school and is used to more individual attention. Also, the Bethany coach Brad Jones has shown a lot of interest in Nick and he has received a nice merit scholarship for grades and tennis," Moorefield Tennis coach Traci Eskridge stated.

"Nick's leadership will be missed next year by his teammates. I'm super proud and looking forward to his next graduation, four years from now."

Simpson's journey growing into the person he wants to become continues at Bethany College and will have fun playing tennis with the jump serve at the collegiate level as a Bison.

Baldwin and Hoyt

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have to make the plays. To have Derek [Hoyt] pitch so well in his role last season and to return from injury and pitch that well in his first game back on the mound was really good to see."

Petersburg pitcher Seth Cullers countered with six strikeouts in six inning of work allowing six hits on 90 pitches to keep the game close.

Due to Baldwin's pitching, the Vikings didn't have a base runner for the first two innings of play.

Baldwin opened the game tossing a strikeout to Petersburg lead-off batter Tyce Wisniewski, his first of three whiffs on the night.

Petersburg's Christian Ours hit a grounder which was fielded by Moorefield second baseman Thomas Williams and thrown to first baseman Blake Watts for the second out.

The Vikings went down in order as Hunter Pool struck out.

Moorefield leadoff batter Thomas Williams grounded out to Petersburg third baseman Dawson Tingler off a pitch by Cullers

The Yellow Jackets (4-2) responded as Brent Moran smashed a triple into right field, but was left stranded as Baldwin flew out to Wisniewski in center field and Watts struck out.

In the top of the second inning, Baldwin induced a groundout by Tingler with Yellow Jackets shortstop Isaac Van Meter making the play.

Petersburg's Jacob Hartman and Blake Loy went down swinging for

strikeouts on pitches from Baldwin to close the side.

The Vikings picked up two outs as Cullers struck out Van Meter and forced Lane Ours into a groundout collected by shortstop Hunter Pool.

Moorefield's Matthew Jenkins was issued a walk and was left aboard as Mason Ours struck out.

Petersburg's Owen Kitzmiller grounded out to Van Meter to begin the third inning, then Cullers singled into center field for the Vikings first base runner.

Wyatt Arbaugh bunted into a double play to Baldwin with the third out fired to second base as the Yellow Jackets headed for the dugout.

Moorefield's Karson Reed and Williams grounded out in the bottom of the third inning, then the two-out rally started.

Moran, who had the triple earlier, continued with a hot bat connecting for a double into left field.

This time around, Baldwin drove Moran home with an RBI double shot into right field for the 1-0 lead and eventual game-winning hit.

Baldwin was left on base as Watts ground out to end the frame with the Yellow Jackets in charge.

In the fourth inning, Wisniewski struck out looking at a Baldwin pitch and Christian Ours grounded out to Watts at first base.

Pool garnered an infield single for the Vikings, but couldn't be brought home as Baldwin tossed a strikeout to Tingler.

Van Meter went down swinging in the fourth inning for the Yellow

Track



Moorefield's Matthew Weatherholt releases the shot put during the East Hardy Track Meet last week.

Photo by Carl Holcomb

Jackets, then Lane Ours popped out and Jenkins struck out to end the frame with Cullers still on the mound.

Petersburg's Jacob Hartman grounded out to Watts in the fifth inning, then Loy reached base on a single into left field.

Baldwin struck out Kitzmiller as base runner Carter Phares stayed at first base.

A passed ball enabled Phares to take second base, but Baldwin remained focus notching the strikeout on Cullers.

Moorefield's Mason Ours grounded out to third base in the bottom of the fifth inning, then Jaydon See struck out.

Williams singled into center field and was left on board as Moran's fly ball in right field foul territory was snatched by Hartman.

Moorefield closer Derek Hoyt stepped on the mound in the sixth inning and pitched two consecutive strikeouts to Arbaugh and Wisniewski, then the Vikings failed to get a runner on base as a line drive by Christian Ours was grabbed by Watts.

Baldwin grounded out to shortstop to begin the bottom of the sixth inning for the Yellow Jackets.

Moorefield's Blake Watts executed a bunt single and Van Meter ripped a single into right field to put runners on the corners.

Van Meter took a huge lead to distract the Vikings in a rundown situation to give Watts some time to make the trip home, but Petersburg became aware of the ploy and the throw to home plate was there

with Watts colliding with Montana Sindledacker on the tag and as the dust settled the ball was still in the glove for the out.

Lane Ours popped out to second base as the Yellow Jackets weren't able to add an insurance run.

"He knew the magnitude of that run would be big. We wanted to do something to generate another run in that inning. I thought he made a great slide and did what he needed to do to make it possible to score," Coach Armentrout noted.

Hoyt induced a groundout by Pool to third baseman Hayden Baldwin for the first out of the seventh inning.

Tingler was thrown out by Moorefield catcher Lane Ours on a dropped third strike.

Hartman launched the ball into center field and Moorefield's Matthew Jenkins made a sliding catch and flipped over clutching the ball in the process for the final out sealing the victory as Hoyt pumped his fist stepping off the mound.

"That was an outstanding catch. [Matthew] Jenkins has been working very hard on all aspects of his game. He is such a great kid and very respectful, very coachable. He is a great addition to our team. He makes that play look easy and that's not an easy play to make," Coach Armentrout remarked.

Moorefield senior Ben Pyles leapt into Hoyt's arms to celebrate the victory over the Vikings.

The Yellow Jackets pitching looked as sharp as last year's state championship run.

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and ready they were for the day.

East Hardy senior Aden Funkhouser stopped to pose for a photo before the shot put event, then went to work with the best throw on a distance of 38'4", while second place went to Petersburg senior Doug Morral at 37'9.75".

Moorefield junior Seth Wilson was the only other thrower to reach 37'0" for third place.

Petersburg's Aedan Lott took fourth at 35'6" and East Hardy junior William Strawderman and Moorefield freshman Malachi Zirk tied in fifth place at 34'6".

Moving down the track to the long jump area, it seemed like pirates were all around at the sound of the wooden plank vibrating on the impact for the lift-offs except landing into sand instead of splashing into water.

The Yellow Jackets swept the top five spots in the boys long jump led by Moorefield senior Matthew Wright with a distance of 15'9.5", followed by freshman Dylan Strawderman at 15'7", freshman Dean Keplinger in third place at 15'4.5", then junior Matthew Weatherholt at 15'3.5" and junior Seth Wilson at 14'9.75".

East Hardy freshman Josh Hahn took sixth place in the long jump with a leap of 13'8.75".

Just beyond the track at the discus area, East Hardy junior Jaden Fleshman won the girls discus throw with a distance of 65'5", followed by sophomore teammates Aija Burnette in second place at 61'4.5" and semipro Jasmine Abrell in fifth place at 53'1".

Petersburg's Rylee Adams finished the discus in third place and teammate Anna Goldizen took fourth place.

As the field events were being done, the 4x800 meter relay races were underway.

Moorefield Girls 4x800 relay squad returned one runner from last year's state qualifying team in senior Morgan Armentrout and this year three freshmen Mackenzie Keplinger, Amaya Redman and Sage Dean helped garner a first place finish in Baker with a time of 13:04.26.

Petersburg Girls 4x800 team placed second at 13:16.61 and East Hardy Girls took third at 14:23.38 with senior Jasmine Abrell, juniors Liz Dove and Jaden Fleshman and freshman Carly Hershberger.

East Hardy Boys 4x800 relay squad won the event in a time of 11:13.42 with sophomores Nathan Phillips, Christian Robinson, Bryce Sharp and freshman Noah Lang.

Moorefield Boys 4x800 relay team took second place with a time of 11:50.94 with junior Aiden Richardson, sophomores Russel Coon and David Myers plus freshman Mason Ratcliff, while Petersburg Boys 4x800 placed third overall.

The Lady Vikings took the top two honors for the 100 meter hurdles with Kalyan Western at 17.77 and Reece Hedrick at 17.78, followed by Moorefield junior Sydney Gribble in third place at 19.27, Moorefield senior Hope Aristidou in fourth place at 19.34 and Moorefield senior Allyson Lofton at 19.85 for fifth place.

There was just one competitor for the boys 110 meter hurdles as East Hardy freshman Josh Hahn earned the first place points with a time of 23.57.

Hahn raised his arms up in celebration exiting the track.

In the girls 100 meter dash, East Hardy freshman Holly Snyder garnered the top spot with a time of

14.34, followed by Moorefield junior Cassie Mooney at 14.50 in second place, Moorefield freshman Taylor Harvey took third place in a time of 14.64, then Petersburg's Taylor Grago and Jessie Canoy rounded out the top-5.

Leaning at the finish line was beneficial during the boys 100 meter dash for Petersburg senior Zach Wampler narrowly edging East Hardy's Aden Funkhouser by fractions of a second, 12.14 to 12.17.

Petersburg's Jacob Perez placed third in a time of 12.43, while Moorefield junior Paxton Coby took fourth place at 12.55 and East Hardy sophomore Sky Spell was fifth at 12.69.

The Lady Vikings took first place in the 4x100 meter relay race at 56.08.

Moorefield girls 4x100 relay squad placed second with a time of 1:00.54: Sydney Gribble, Morgan Armentrout, Cassie Mooney and Taylor Harvey.

East Hardy 4x100 relay team was in first place entering the final exchange, but dropped the baton for a disqualification: Emili Flynn, Holly Snyder, Emma Lutz and SierraMarieMiller.

That same quartet redeemed themselves with a first place honor for the 4x200 meter relay in a time of 1:57.96.

Petersburg girls took second in the 4x200 (2:03.94) and Moorefield was third overall: Allyson Lofton, Madielyn Crites, Cassie Mooney and Taylor Harvey (2:12.54).

Having fun before relay races, Moorefield's Paxton Coby and Matthew Wright took the tennis ball lane markers and suctioned them to their hands and foreheads.

It was good to see the athletes being loose during a meet, then when it was time to race they were focused.

In fact, Coby and Wright joined freshmen Dylan Strawderman and Dean Keplinger in finishing the 4x100 relay race in second place with a time of 50.31

Prior to the shuttle hurdles event, East Hardy assistant coach George Maddox placed sticks down to mark where the hurdles needed to be moved and earlier helped in the long jump pit raking the sand among other duties during the meet.

Petersburg boys took top honors in the 4x100 (48.50), 4x200, 4x400 and shuttle hurdles.

East Hardy 4x100 boys team earned third place at 51.46 with sophomore Sky Spell, juniors Tyler Harmon, Casey Sine and Aaron Fishel.

Taking a look at some top finishes for the track meet: East Hardy's Emili Flynn was in state qualifying form with a first place time of 1:07.36 in the 400 meter run, East Hardy's Aden Funkhouser was first in the 200 meter run at 24.48 and the 400 meter run at 1:03.02, Moorefield's Matthew Wright was first in the 800 meter run at 2:27.44, Moorefield's Russel Coon was first in the 3200 meter run at 15:06.71 as a solo act, East Hardy's Bryce Sharp was the top hurdler in the 300 meter hurdle event at 43.95 and East Hardy Girls 4x400 relay team was first at 5:02.20 (Flynn, Stotelmeyer, Lutz, Miller).

East Hardy and Moorefield teams had productive events and will be working on making better times and distances throughout the season, but this bright day proved to be exceptional.

A full list of the track meet results can be found on www.wvmat.com.

Lady Jackets Slide

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the shutout.

Moorefield's Hanna Carlson and Allyson Simmons sent fly ball into center field for outs, then Markwood reached base on a single hopping into left field before being stranded on a flyout by McGregor.

The Lady Cougars went down in order in the top of the third inning as Vetter struck out Perry Whetzel, then Strawderman and Riggle popped out.

Rinker hit a soft grounder for the Lady Yellow Jackets to start the bottom half of the inning reach-

ing Strawderman at shortstop, but beat the throw to first base.

Hinkle hit into a fielder's choice which turned into an error as Rinker safely reached second base.

Vetter advanced the runners with a sacrifice bunt plating Rinker in the process with the throw home deflecting off the glove of Ames as Rinker jumped into a slide to extend the Moorefield lead to 5-0.

Humphries delivered a two-run blast to give the Lady Yellow Jackets a 7-0 advantage and East Hardy sent in Riggle to pitch.

Zirk and Carlson drew walks, then Simmons knocked the ball into left field to load the bases for

Moorefield.

Markwood hit the ball back to Riggle, who elected to throw home for the potential out and the ball was dropped at home plate as Zirk scored.

McGregor connected for the game-winning walk-off three-RBI double giving the Lady Yellow Jackets the 11-0 victory.

[Tori Humphries and Madison McGregor] Both of those girls hit the ball well. When we have Tori drop her shoulder, she hits the crap out of the ball. Not being overly anxious is what we have been working on and keeping the nose on the ball. Madison gets the

hits when we need them and hitting one out there in the outfield doesn't surprise me. Alyssa [Vetter] pitched very well tonight. It is funny to watch her, because she struggles in practice hitting her spots. She was on tonight," Coach Ayers stated.

Moorefield hosted Strasburg on Tuesday, visits Fort Hill tonight, greets Frankfort on Thursday, has a rematch against the Lady Cougars in Baker on Friday and visits Mountain Ridge on Saturday with University.

East Hardy visits Tucker County tonight and hosts the Lady Yellow Jackets on Friday.

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Yellow Jackets Dominate South Harrison in Doubleheader



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Moorefield’s Jayden Moore returns safely to second base during a pickoff attempt as South Harrison’s Dylan Richards dives for the ball.

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

Class A defending state champion Moorefield didn’t appear to have any rust during a doubleheader sweep over the Hawks with 11-1 and 10-2 victories at George Hott Field on March 23 behind stellar pitching from Blake Watts and Isaac Van Meter on an afternoon celebrating the ten-year anniversary of the 2009 state championship.

Moorefield senior Blake Watts pitcher pricked up the win in the opening game against South Harrison with seven strikeouts and allowed only three hits in four innings, while sophomore state championship pitcher Isaac Van Meter returned in the second game with nine strikeouts and allowed just two hits in five innings.

“It’s a great honor to have those guys back. We had a nice breakfast together with them and walked through the school as some of them haven’t been back since the school was renovated. It was great for them to go in there and see their team picture on the wall in the cafeteria. It was nice to remember the special moments they had together. Ten years went by really fast,” Moorefield Baseball skipper Wade Armentrout commented.

“I thought we hit the ball much better today than previous games. We made good contact with the ball. Blake [Watts] and Isaac [Van Meter] pitched very well and it was good to see the freshmen come in to finish the games with quality innings. Our defense played well and

this is a good win to get early in the season, because this will eventually come down to have bearings on the playoff seedings.”

The Yellow Jackets swarmed the plate with seven runs scored against South Harrison in the first inning of the initial contest en route to the mercy-rule finish with freshman closer Bryce Hines finishing it out in the fifth inning.

Watts struck out the Hawks leadoff batter Brandon Gray, then Noah Dyer connected for a single into left field just past the dive of Moorefield third baseman Hayden Baldwin.

South Harrison stranded Dyer as Yellow Jackets second baseman Brent Moran caught a fly ball from Landon McFadden and Kasen Hurst grounded out to first baseman Mason Ours.

Moorefield leadoff batter Thomas Williams garnered a single on a 2-2 pitch from South Harrison’s Kasen Hurst in the bottom of the first inning.

Moran followed hitting into a fielder’s choice with a kneeling stop at third base, but it transpired into an error at second base with Williams sliding in safely.

Baldwin knocked an RBI single into center field to give Moorefield a 1-nil edge.

Watts plated Moran on a fielder’s choice out at second base and was safe on the throw to first base.

A pickoff error created an advancement to second base.

Van Meter notched an RBI single with the ball going past first base to give the Yellow Jackets a

3-0 lead.

Moorefield’s Lane Ours ripped a double and Jayden Moore smacked the ball up the middle for an RBI single as the swings continued to heat up.

Mason Ours hit an RBI infield single and arrived safely at first base with the high throw not giving South Harrison first baseman Brenten Barnette time to load.

Moorefield’s Matthew Jenkins was issued a full-count walk to load the bases, then Williams garnered an RBI on a fielder’s choice out at second base and denied a double play with his speed, 6-0.

Moran was hit by pitch to load the bases again and Baldwin was given a walk as the Yellow Jackets scored to go up 7-0 and the Hawks sent Logan Ross to the mound.

Ross got out of the jam forcing a pop-up out by Watts.

Barnette singled for South Harrison to Moorefield shortstop Isaac Van Meter and tripped reaching the base flipping over and a base runner came in for Barnette.

South Harrison’s Tommy Davis grounded out to Baldwin at third base, then Colby Posey singled on a pop-up as Baldwin tried to catch the ball falling backwards and just missed which enabled a run to score making it 7-1.

Watts finished the side tossing a strikeout.

Ross struck out Van Meter in the bottom of the second inning, then Lane Ours answered with a triple into deep center field.

Moore notched an RBI double and Mason Ours added an RBI

single to put the Yellow Jackets ahead 9-1.

Jenkins flew out and Williams hit into a fielder’s choice to end the frame.

The Hawks failed to get on base in the third inning as Watts hurled two strikeouts and induced a groundout.

Moorefield had a one-out single from Baldwin, before two fielder’s choice outs prevented a score.

South Harrison’s Kasen Hurst singled in the top of the fourth inning and Garrett Davis was hit by a pitch, then Watts countered with two strikeouts and a groundout.

Moorefield’s Mason Ours was hit by a pitch with two outs and Jenkins singled into left field, but no scoring was produced on a fielder’s choice out.

Hines sandwiched two strikeouts around a fly ball caught by Jenkins to close out the top of the fifth inning for the Yellow Jackets.

Moran was given a walk before Baldwin flew out in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Watts smashed an RBI double and Van Meter delivered the game winning RBI double for the 11-1 mercy-rule victory in five innings.

Members of the 2009 Class A state baseball championship were honored in between the games.

These players enjoyed breakfast with the current team and toured the school during their visit.

Moorefield’s Isaac Van Meter was on the mound to start the second game and started with a strikeout, then issued a walk before inducing two groundouts.

Thomas Williams singled past the diving attempt at third base off South Harrison pitcher Colby Posey.

Moran grounded out and Baldwin flew out with a catch made along the fence.

Watts drilled an RBI single into left field to put the Yellow Jackets up 1-0.

Van Meter was hit by a pitch, then Lane Ours hit into a fielder’s choice to end the frame.

The Hawks failed to find the base in the second inning as Van Meter sandwiched two strikeouts around a flyout to Jenkins.

Moore drew a walk, then Mason flew out and Jenkins grounded out after a steal on a pickoff error.

Williams smacked an RBI single into left field for a 2-0 lead.

A pickoff move was very close as Williams reached back just in time during the swipe attempt, but was left on board with a flyout.

South Harrison went down in order during the third inning as Van Meter tossed three more strikeouts.

Baldwin hit a leadoff double into left field, then Watts was hit by a pitch and both runners advanced on a sacrifice bunt by Van Meter.

Lane Ours garnered an RBI double in left center field as Moorefield took a 3-nil edge.

Moore struck out and Mason Ours popped out to first base to end the inning.

South Harrison’s Brandon Gray connected for a single before being stranded at third base on two strikeouts and a groundout.

Jenkins notched a blooper into left field for a single and stole second base after a pop-out by Williams.

Moran reached base on an error as the Hawks shortstop bobbled and dropped the ball.

Baldwin executed an RBI sacrifice fly and Watts added an RBI single to extend the lead to 5-0.

A walk and a flyout closed out the fourth inning.

Posey hit a soft grounder in the

infield grass which Williams fielded by hand, but Posey just narrowly beat the throw for a single.

Van Meter countered with a strikeout, then the Hawks denied the shutout on an RBI groundout by Simon Cheuvront, 5-1.

Moorefield’s Logan Wolfe reached base on an error, then Mason Ours hit into a double play.

Jenkins reached on an error as the first baseman made a leap landing off the bag.

Williams was issued a walk by Hawks pitcher Hunter Lipps, but the runners were left on board on a pop-out.

Moorefield freshman Karson Reed came in as the closer throwing two strikeouts around a walk to Gray.

South Harrison’s Landon McFadden recorded an RBI single and stole second base before a balk advanced him to third base and Reed got out of the side collecting a groundout, 5-2.

South Harrison pitcher Hunter Lipps issued walks to Baldwin and Watts, then Gray came in to pitch.

Van Meter reached base on an error to load the bases and Lane Ours delivered a two-RBI single to extend the advantage to 7-2.

After a strikeout to Wolfe, Mason Ours was hit by a pitch loading the bases again.

Jenkins connected for a two-run producing single which made it 9-2.

Williams hit into a fielder’s choice out at third base before Moran drew a walk.

Jenkins scored on a passed ball to create a 10-2 lead and Gray ended the frame with a strikeout to Baldwin.

Wolfe caught a fly ball for the first out of the seventh inning in right field, then Reed pitched a strikeout and the final out was a line drive caught by Watts.

The Yellow Jackets had the right recipe of hitting and pitching with defensive plays for the to garner success as the 2009 state championship team observed.

BOWLING NEWS

SOUTH BRANCH POTOMAC LANES MONDAY MIXED 3/25/19

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HIGH GAME HANDICAP: Andrew Kesner 265; Phillip Crews 251; Larry Walp 243; Tracy Kesner 232; Sharon Champ 224; Dorothy Wilson 223.

HIGH SERIES HANDICAP: Larry Walp 671; Chuck Myers 660; Zach Arbaugh 645; Sharon Champ 621; Patricia Vetter 618; MaKayla Sullivan 615.

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HIGH GAME HANDICAP: Cohan Kesner 258; Jaxson Vetter 239; Peyton Vetter 228; Penny Kesner 191; Madison Sherman 168.

HIGH SERIES HANDICAP: Jaxson Vetter 668; Cohan Kesner 654; Peyton Vetter 625; Penny Kesner 499; Madison Sherman 480.

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HIGH GAME MEN (SCRATCH): Larry Ware 224, Troy McGreevy 216, Josh Sullivan 210; (HANDICAP): Josh Sullivan 267, Larry Ware 233, Troy McGreevy 229;

HIGH SERIES MEN (SCRATCH): Troy McGreevy 598, Bill Kenyon 549, Clayton Laub 546, Larry Ware 546;

(HANDICAP): Troy McGreevy 637, Donald Burgess 629, Bill Kenyon 621;

HIGH AVERAGE (MEN): Larry Ware 188.74, Larry Walp

188.18, Troy McGreevy 184.36;

HIGH GAME WOMEN (SCRATCH): Sarah Earle 189, Teresa Sullivan 179, Ashly Sites 179; (HANDICAP): Teresa Sullivan 228, Ashly Sites 223, Dianne Thorne 222;

HIGH SERIES WOMEN (SCRATCH): Sarah Earle 545, Dee Anna McDonald 507, Teresa Sullivan 499; (HANDICAP): Dianne Thorne 651, Teresa Sullivan 646, Sarah Earle 620;

HIGH AVERAGE (WOMEN): Sarah Earle 168.92, Dee Anna McDonald 163.05, Rosie Sampsell

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HIGH GAME (SCRATCH): Larry Walp 240, Larry Ware 235, Eddie Baldwin 226, Derek Miller

225, Mike Smith 223; (HANDICAP): Derek Miller 249, Larry Walp 245, Larry Ware 244, Eddie Baldwin 241, Mike Smith 239, Bill Kenyon 239;

HIGH SERIES (SCRATCH): Larry Walp 672, Roger Earle 632, Mike Smith 600, Derek Miller 586, Eddie Baldwin 583; (HANDICAP): Larry Walp 687, Roger Earle 671, Derek Miller 658, Randy Thorne 656, Mike Smith 648;

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Vikings Smash East Hardy

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

The Cougars jumped out to an early lead, but Petersburg answered on a rampage garnering a 17-2 victory on March 18.

East Hardy leadoff batter Andrew Tharp crushed a double off Petersburg pitcher Jacob Hartman in right center field during the season opener.

Alex Miller hit a line drive out for the first out, then Logan Whetzel reached base on a dropped third strike error as Vikings catcher Montana Sindledecker threw the ball past first base and Tharp scored in the process giving East Hardy a 1-nil edge.

A diving save at third base on a hit by East Hardy's Adam Baker turned into an error as the throw eluded first base.

The Cougars failed to add to the lead with runners on the corners as Noah Miller hit into a double play.

East Hardy pitcher Noah Miller started the bottom of the first inning hitting Petersburg leadoff batter Peyton Sindledecker, who stole second base before a walk was issued to Tyce Wisniewski.

A passed ball advanced the runners, then Petersburg's Hunter Pool tied the game on an RBI single with the help of an error by East Hardy shortstop Peyton Whetzel.

An error on a stolen base plated a run and Dawson Tingler notched an RBI single into center field to put the Vikings ahead 3-1.

Miller threw a strikeout for the first out of the inning, then Petersburg's Wyatt Arbaugh responded with an RBI single into left field after a balk.

Montana Sindledecker reached base on an error as Baker dropped the throw from Peyton Whetzel and Blake Loy was given a walk as the Vikings loaded the bases.

Petersburg's Christian Ours hit an RBI single to shortstop and Peyton Sindledecker sliced a two-run producing single into left field creating a 7-1 advantage.

The Vikings weren't done adding to the damage as Wisniewski plated a run on an error, 8-1.

The Cougars got out of the mess with a fielder's choice and Logan Whetzel caught a line drive from Tingler at second base.

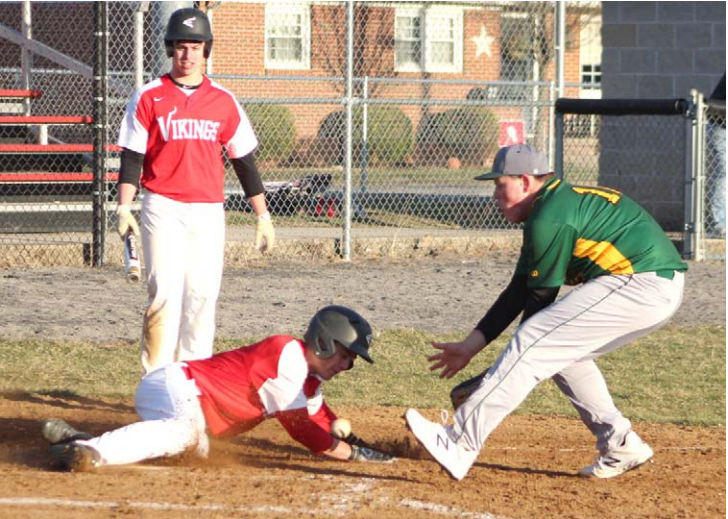


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East Hardy pitcher Riley Mongold corraling the ball as Petersburg's Tyce Wisniewski crosses home plate for a run.

Hartman settled down pitching for the Vikings after issuing a walk to East Hardy's Cole Pusch in the top of the second inning with two consecutive strikeouts to Peyton Whetzel and Riley Mongold and standing the runner with defensive help as Kollin Quarles flew out in center field.

Hartman singled beating the throw from Peyton Whetzel to give the Vikings a base runner.

East Hardy catcher Alex Miller caught a pop-up and Tharp snatched a fly ball in center field for the second out.

Petersburg's Blake Loy launched the ball into left field and it bounced over the fence in between the two fences there and it was deemed a ground-rule RBI double, 9-1.

Quarles caught the last out at third base for the Cougars.

In the third inning, East Hardy's Alex Miller doubled into left field with one out and Logan Whetzel singled into center field with Miller safely sliding into third base.

Baker garnered an RBI sacrifice fly to cut the deficit to 9-2, then Noah Miller flew out to retire the side.

Petersburg's Peyton Sindledecker started the bottom of the frame with a double into left field collected by Pusch, then two passed balls

allowed Sindledecker to come home adding to the lead, 10-2.

East Hardy's Noah Miller issued walks to Wisniewski and Pool and passed balls led to another run scored.

The Cougars brought in Riley Mongold to pitch and a balk plated one run, then walks were given to Tingler and Hartman.

The Vikings dashed around the bases on passed balls creating another run for a 13-2 advantage.

Arbaugh got on base with a dropped third strike and Montana Sindledecker plated a run during a double play to make it 14-2.

East Hardy managed two base runners in the top of the fourth inning as Pusch was walked and Mongold singled, but both were stranded.

Petersburg kept the momentum going with three consecutive singles including an RBI single by Pool and a passed ball scored another run as the Vikings rolled to a 17-2 victory.

The Cougars turned around two days later with a 13-9 win against Tucker County, but couldn't find an answer in losses against Broadway 11-1 and Central 10-0.

East Hardy hosted Moorefield on April 2 and visits Keyser today with a trip to Paw Paw on Friday.



Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield No. 3 Doubles partners Hannah Ratliff and Taylor Lyons wait for a return volley by Hampshire's Kaylee Marple and Gracie Bond.

Tennis

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8-1 victory over Hampshire's Paul Teter.

In an exhibition match, Moorefield's Malachi Hinger garnered an 8-2 win.

Sanchez joined Tamiru for the No. 1 doubles match and secured an 8-2 victory over Hampshire's Ritter and Shafer.

The Yellow Jackets had extra time to send out more players for exhibition matches including Joseph Wilkins, Caitlin Ely and game manager Josh Park, who paused to salute the flag during the softball game's playing of the national anthem.

Moorefield Girls No. 1 doubles

partners Cara Jo Long and Haley Gallahan displayed patience and made sure to accurately return balls for upcoming serves during an 8-0 victory.

For the Girls No. 2 doubles match, Moorefield's Kim Miller and Jadelyn Hinger secured an 8-0 victory over the Lady Trojans' Mercedes Ravenscroft and Anna Goad.

Moorefield Girls No. 3 doubles partners of Taylor Lyons and Hannah Ratliff volleys to an 8-0 win.

Moorefield Girls No. 1 singles player Cara Jo Long defeated Hampshire's Cheyenne Sowell 8-0.

Long was able to track down cross court volleys and made solid returns in addition to landing good

serves.

Moorefield Girls No. 2 singles player Haley Gallahan shutout Hampshire's Emma Johnson 8-0.

Moorefield Girls No. 3 singles player Kim Miller picked up an 8-0 win over Hampshire's Mercedes Ravenscroft.

Moorefield Girls No. 4 singles player Taylor Lyons claimed an 8-1 victory over Hampshire's Anna Goad.

In exhibition play, Moorefield's Julie Bowen won 8-0.

The Yellow Jackets have been playing with great precision and sportsmanship which continues to build character and grows the success of the team.

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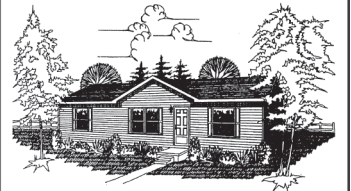
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ever, this is not a good thing. (In case you were wondering, WVU's offensive 3-point shooting percentage was abysmal, ranking 302 this year.)

What's next? There will be a large amount of roster turnover. Wesley Harris and Esa Ahmad were already gone. Beetle Bolden and Trey Doomes entered the transfer portal before the season was over. After the season, Lamont West and Drew Gordon entered the portal (West has announced he will attend Missouri State). Sags Konate is still unknown. At the beginning of the year, it appeared he was a lock to turn pro, but his knee issues turned this into a lost season for him. It may be in his best interests to return to WVU next year, but he could still go pro.

It appears that the core of the returning team will be those who saw the most playing time in the

postseason, except for West. That means Jordan McCabe, Jermaine Haley, Emmitt Matthews, and Derek Culver. It seems like Chase Harler and Brandon Knapper will also be back, as well as Logan Routt. Miles McBride and Oscar Tsheibwe are already signed, and there is room for multiple recruits. It will be interesting to see how the roster gets filled in.

The baseball team had a disappointing open to their Big 12 season, getting swept at Baylor, with the bullpen being quite shaky. But the team (and the bullpen) bounced back last weekend against #19 Oklahoma, in their Big 12 home series opener. After losing a close 2-1 pitchers' duel in the first game. They dominated the last two, 12-4 and 5-1, to win the series. Their RPI (per Warren Nolan) after the series was 22, and they showed they can hang with a Top 20 caliber team. That's good because their next conference series are at a good Oklahoma State team, and then WVU hosts Top 10 Texas Tech during Easter weekend.

Notes: Good luck to the Gymnastics team, which will compete this weekend in the Ann Arbor Regional for NCAAs. While it will be difficult for the team to be one of the two teams of nine to advance to Nationals, a couple of individual gymnasts will have a shot at advancing.



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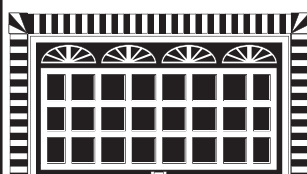
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF

CONNAR WAYNE DAVIS.
Case No.: CC-16-2019-A-2
TO: STEPHANIE NICOLE BENNETT
AND/OR ANY INTERESTED PERSONS:

The object of this suit is to obtain an adoption of Connar Wayne Davis. Any interested persons may appear before this Honorable Court and protect their interests in such adoption when this matter is heard on the 15th day of May, 2019, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Hardy County Courthouse in Moorefield, Hardy County, West Virginia, at 204 Washington Street, Moorefield, WV 26836. You may also serve upon the Petitioner's attorney, David Collins, Nelson M. Michael, L.C., at his office address of 126 East Street, Post Office Box 59, Keyser, West Virginia 26726, any answer or answers you may have by April 29, 2019. If you fail to so appear, any interest you may have will be forfeited.

Entered by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hardy County, West Virginia, on this the 21st day of March, 2019.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

TOWN OF MOOREFIELD, HARDY COUNTY CONTRACT NO. 1: MOOREFIELD WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM UPGRADES

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Moorefield Water System Improvements Distribution System Upgrades will be received by the Town of Moorefield, at the office of the Town at 206 Winchester Avenue, Moorefield, WV 26836, until 2:00 PM local time on Friday, May 10, 2019, at which time the Bids received will be "publicly" opened and read. The Project consists of approximately 10,000 linear feet of 4"-12" waterline and all required appurtenances including water meter replacement.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Gwin, Dobson & Foreman, Inc., Engineers, 3121 Fairway Drive, Altoona, PA 16602. Contact Person: Christopher M. Eckenrode, P.E., Email: ceckenrode@gdfengineers.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at plan holding sites and websites indicated in Section 00200 Instructions to Bidders; the office of The Town of Moorefield, 206 Winchester Avenue, Moorefield, WV 26836, on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM; and the office of the Engineer, Gwin, Dobson & Foreman, Inc., Engineers, 3121 Fairway Drive, Altoona, PA 16602. Contact Person: Christopher M. Eckenrode, P.E., Email: ceckenrode@gdfengineers.com, on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a non-refundable deposit of \$250 for each set. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to "Gwin, Dobson & Foreman, Inc., Engineers". Upon request and receipt of the document deposit indicated above plus a non-refundable shipping charge, the Issuing Office will transmit the Bidding Documents via delivery service. The shipping charge amount will depend on the shipping method selected by the prospective Bidder. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Bidding documents must be obtained directly from the issuing office by the bidder for a bid to be considered.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 225 Jefferson Street, Moorefield, WV local time on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 9:30 AM at the Moorefield Bingo Hall. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

This project is being financed by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development.

Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017) applies an American Iron and Steel requirement to this project. All iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term "iron and steel products" means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and construction materials.

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By: Lucas Gagnon, P.E.
Title: Public Works Director
Date: March 29, 2019

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MOOREFIELD LANDMARK COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

The Moorefield Landmark Commission will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. in the council chambers of Inskeep Hall, 206 Winchester Avenue, Moorefield, WV. Items to be discussed during the meeting include:

- 1) Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
 - 2) Review National Registry Nomination
- As always, this meeting is open to the public.

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Notice:

The Hardy County 4-H Camp Association will hold its annual meeting April 11, 2019 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Big Community Center. There will be a covered dish dinner followed by the meeting. Everyone is invited to attend the meal and meeting.

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Hardy County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget) 2019 - 2020 Fiscal Year STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

County of: Hardy, West Virginia

In accordance with WV Code §11-8-10, as amended, the Hardy County Commission proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

General Fund	Estimated Revenues		
Fund Balance	\$994,933		
Property Taxes Current year	3,868,435		
Prior Year Taxes	96,000		
Property Taxes Excess Levy	-		
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication Fees	40,000		
Dog Taxes	-		
Property Transfer Tax	40,000		
Coal Severance Tax	-		
Gas and Oil Severance Tax	15,000		
Horse and Dog Racing Tax	-		
Wine & Liquor Tax	2,500		
Hotel Occupancy Tax	45,000		
Waste Coal Producing Counties	-		
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	10,000		
Miscellaneous Permits	6,500		
Federal Grants / Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes	50,000		
State Grants	-		
Other Grants	-		
Charges for Services	100		
Magistrate Court Clerk	-		
Sheriff's Service of Process	2,000		
Sheriff's Earnings	-		
County Clerk's Earnings	20,000		
Circuit Clerk's Earnings	12,000		
Prosecuting Attorney's Earnings	500		
Accident Reports	400		
Motor Vehicle License Fee	-		
Map Sales	-		
Clerk Deed Fees	900		
Parks & Recreation Fees	-		
Rents & Concessions	9,000		
Franchise Agreement	16,000		
Inspection Fees	-		
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	15,000		
Jail Fees	-		
Fines, Fees & Court Costs	10,000		
Regional Jail Operations Partial Reimbursement	20,000		
Interest Earned	12,000		
Miscellaneous Revenue	15,000		
Sheriff's Commission	10,000		
Confiscated Property	-		
Commissions	1,000		
Gaming Income	35,000		
Recycling Programs	-		
Filing Fees	-		
Video Lottery	14,500		
Planning Commission Revenue	1,500		
Refunds/Reimbursements (External Sources)	36,000		
General School Reimbursements	120,000		
Transfers Assessor's Valuation Fund	124,900		
Total Estimated General Fund Revenues	\$5,644,168		

Estimated Revenues			
Coal Severance Tax	Estimated Revenues		
Assigned Fund Balance	\$19,500		
Unassigned Fund Balance	-		
Coal Severance Tax	20,000		
Interest Earned on Investment	-		
Refunds/Reimbursements	-		
Total Coal Severance	\$39,500		

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	General Fund	Coal Severance Tax Fund	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
County Commission	\$1,004,142	\$1,500	
County Clerk	374,190	9,000	
Circuit Clerk	148,245	3,000	
Sheriff - Treasurer	232,563	1,200	
Prosecuting Attorney	303,826	6,000	
Assessor	267,653	600	
Assessor's Valuation Fund	124,900	-	
Statewide Computer Network	36,000	-	
Sheriff's Tax Processing	-	-	
County Surveyor	-	-	
Fiduciary Supervisor	-	-	
Agricultural Agent	93,758	600	
Elections - County Clerk	97,900	-	
Elections - Circuit Clerk	-	-	

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Elections - Circuit Clerk	-	-	

Capital Projects			
Other Boards & Authorities	-		
Purchasing	-		
Dog Warden	-		
Emergency Services	-		
Service of Process	2,000		
Streets and Highways	-		
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	2,000		

Total Expenditures	\$5,644,168	\$39,500	
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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA			
HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, WEST VIRGINIA			

I, Gregory L. Ely, CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF SAID COUNTY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ARE TRUE COPIES FROM THE RECORD OF ORDERS MADE AND ENTERED BY SAID COMMISSION ON THE ____ DAY OF MARCH 2019.

HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA LEVY PAGE REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY 2019-2020

Current Year Class I	Column E Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Personal Property	0	\$14.30	\$0
Public Utility	0		
Total Class I	\$	0	\$0
Class II			
Real Estate	\$448,398,250	28.60	\$1,282,419
Personal Property	2,244,964		6,421
Total Class II	\$450,643,214		\$1,288,840
Class III			
Real Estate	\$83,663,430	57.20	\$478,555
Personal Property	63,421,266		362,770
Public Utility	262,118,184		
Total Class III	\$409,202,880		\$2,340,640
Class IV			
Real Estate	\$48,733,980	57.20	\$278,758
Personal Property	50,900,790		291,153
Public Utility	5,578,794		31,911
Total Class IV	\$105,213,564		\$601,822
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$965,059,658		\$4,231,302
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%	211,565
Less Tax Discounts		2.00%	80,395
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - see worksheet			0
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			3,939,342
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			70,908
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		1.80%	
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			

Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes
For Budget Purposes (Transfer amount to Worksheet GCRev - Account No. 301-01) **\$3,868,434**
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SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES HARDY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

The following is a true copy from the record of orders entered by HARDY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION on the 18th day of March 2019:

Column E Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes		Current Expense Levy Levy Rate/\$100 Taxes Levied		Bond Levy Levy Rate/\$100 Taxes Levied	
Class I					
Personal Property	\$ -	19.40	\$ -	5.11	\$ -
Public Utilities	-		-		-
Total Class I	-		-		-
Class II					
Real Estate	448,398,250	38.80	1,739,785	10.22	458,263
Personal Property	2,244,964		8,710		2,294
Total Class II	450,643,214		1,748,495		460,557
Class III					
Real Estate	83,663,430	77.60	649,228	20.44	171,008
Personal Property	63,421,266		492,149		129,633
Public Utilities	262,118,184		2,034,037		535,770
Total Class III	409,202,880		3,175,414		836,411
Class IV					
Real Estate	48,733,980	77.60	378,176	20.44	99,612
Personal Property	50,900,790		394,990		104,041
Public Utilities	5,578,794		43,291		11,403
Total Class IV	105,213,564		816,457		215,056
Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross					
Tax Collections	\$965,059,658		\$5,740,366		\$1,512,024
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles Exonerations and Delinquencies	5.00%		(287,018)	4.69%	70,958
Less Allowance for Tax Discounts	2.50%		(136,334)		
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - see worksheet					
(Subtracted from regular current expense levy only)			-		
Net Projected Tax Collections, before allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund			5,317,014		
Less - Allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund			(95,706)		
(Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)					
Projected Net Taxes to be Collected			\$5,221,308		\$1,411,066

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FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020 LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPALITY OF MOOREFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

In accordance with Code § 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to buton to hide those rows selected make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

REVENUE SOURCE	
Unassigned Fund Balance	520,000
Property Taxes - Current Expense	494,869
Prior Year Taxes	25,000
Supplemental Taxes	4,000
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication Fees	3,000
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	5,500
Excise Tax on Utilities	270,000
Business and Occupation Tax	-
Wine & Liquor Tax	25,000
Animal Control Tax	600
Hotel Occupancy Tax	100,000
Sales Tax	450,000
Fines, Fees & Court Costs	100,000
Parking Violations	50
Regional Jail Operations	-
Partial Reimbursement	1,500
Licenses	11,000
Building Permit Fees	1,000
Miscellaneous Permits	100
IRP Fees	-
(Interstate Registration Plan)	15,000
Private Liquor Club Fee	5,000
Rents, Royalties, and Concessions	7,500
Charges to Other Funds	34,000
Gaming Income	11,000
Interest Earned on Investments	6,000
Refunds	2,500
Video Lottery (LVL)	5,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	20,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$2,117,619

COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND

REVENUE SOURCE

Assigned Fund Balance	\$11,000	
Coal Severance Tax	5,000	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$16,000	
	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES		
Mayor's Office	4,408	-
City Council	125,222	-
Recorder's Office	1,880	-
Treasurer's Office	1,542	-
City Clerk's Office	33,586	-
Police Judge's Office	15,706	-
City Attorney	1,000	-
Enforcement Agency	38,422	-
Regional Development Authority	1,908	-
Building Inspection	7,883	-
Planning & Zoning	11,873	-
City Hall	25,162	-
Other buildings	25,000	-
Public Works Department	296,798	-
Contingencies	77,198	-
Police Department	622,341	-
Fire Department	25,000	-
Dog Warden/Humane Society	11,450	-
Flood Control/Soil Conservation	129,100	-
Streets and Highways	-	16,000
Signs and Signals	2,500	-
Local Health Department	2,500	-
Parks & Recreation	39,517	-
Visitors Bureau	110,000	-
Historical Commission	26,750	-
Library	7,373	-
Beautification Programs	23,000	-
Aging Program (Senior Citizens)	5,500	-
Capital Projects - General Government	60,000	-
Capital Projects - Public Safety	55,000	-
Capital Projects - Street and Transportation	90,000	-
Capital Projects - Culture and Recreation	240,000	-
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$2,117,619	\$16,000

MUNICIPALITY OF MOOREFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA Regular Current Expense Levy FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020

Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
CLASS I Personal Property Public Utility Total Class I	\$0 0 \$0	\$0 0 \$0
CLASS II Real Estate Personal Property Total Class II	\$23,596,660 587,572 \$24,184,232	25.00 1,469 \$60,461
CLASS IV Real Estate Personal Property Public Utility Total Class IV	\$45,111,980 49,627,475 4,352,035 \$99,091,490	50.00 225,560 248,137 21,760 \$495,457
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$123,275,722	\$555,918
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes	7.50%	41,694
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)	2.00%	10,284
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)		0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection		\$503,940
Less Assessor Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)	1.80%	9,071
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes		\$494,869

MUNICIPALITY OF MOOREFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA Excess Levy/Levies FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020

Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
CLASS I Personal Property Public Utility Total Class I	\$0 0 \$0	6.25 \$0 0 \$0
CLASS II Real Estate Personal Property Total Class II	\$23,596,660 587,572 \$24,184,232	12.50 734 \$30,230
CLASS IV Real Estate Personal Property Public Utility Total Class IV	\$45,111,980 49,627,475 4,352,035 \$99,091,490	25.00 \$112,780 124,069 10,880 \$247,729
Total Value &		

Projected Revenue	\$123,275,722	\$277,959
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes	7.50%	20,847
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)	2.00%	5,142
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy for Budget Purposes		\$251,970

MUNICIPALITY OF MOOREFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA Excess or Bond Levy FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020

Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
CLASS I Personal Property Public Utility Total Class I	\$0 0 \$0	0.00 \$0 0 \$0
CLASS II Real Estate Personal Property Total Class II	\$23,596,660 587,572 \$24,184,232	0.00 \$0 0 \$0
CLASS IV Real Estate Personal Property Public Utility Total Class IV	\$45,111,980 49,627,475 4,352,035 \$99,091,490	0.00 \$0 0 \$0
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$123,275,722	\$0
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes	7.50%	0
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)	2.00%	0
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy for Budget Purposes		\$0

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA COUNTY OF Hardy MUNICIPALITY OF MOOREFIELD

I, James R. Freeman II, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 25th day of March, 2019.

James R. Freeman II
City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE WV Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water and Waste Management 601 57th St., S.E. Charleston, WV 25301 Telephone: (304) 926-0495 Public Notice No: MM-2-19 Public Notice Date: April 1, 2019 GENERAL WINNPDES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT FOR DOMESTIC SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS SERVING INDIVIDUAL RESIDENCES (FLOW < 600 GPD)

The Division of Water and Waste Management is proposing to reissue a General WV/NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit to regulate discharges from domestic sewage disposal systems which have flows of 600 GPD or less serving individual residences. The Permit will authorize the installation, operation and maintenance of domestic sewage disposal systems, or parts thereof, and the direct discharge of treated wastewater to the waters of the state. All facilities that are currently permitted shall be required by the agency to renew their current WV/NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit for small sewage treatment systems, serving individual residences and small commercial facilities through this reissued permit. It is proposed that this General Permit be issued for five (5) years.

Described below are some important aspects of the General Permit Program.

1. This proposed general permit will be a reissued permit. Currently, the DWWWM has an agreement with the Bureau for Public Health for small sewage treatment systems serving individual residences, also known as home aeration units (HAU). The agreement prohibits the Bureau for Public Health from granting approval for HAUs unless other means of treatment and disposal has proven ineffective and a real potential health hazard exists. Also, WV Code 64, Series 9 allows the use of HAUs for new single family residences. In order to protect public health and the water quality in the state, the DWWWM proposes to reissue this general permit to regulate those discharges.

2. All eligible existing facilities will be required to complete the general permit registration procedures before receiving coverage under this permit, except for those facilities registered since January 1, 2019. These facilities will automatically be covered under the new general permit once a new 5-year maintenance contract is in place. The DWWWM will establish a treatment category prior to authorizing general permit coverage. The current general permit expires on June 30, 2019. However, it will be extended through December 31, 2019 to provide continued coverage during the reissuance process.

3. Only those sewage treatment systems that serve the connection of single family dwellings, and the connection of small commercial facilities (food service facilities and industrial wastes are strictly prohibited) with flows of 600 GPD or less will be provided coverage under this permit.

4. Coverage under this permit will be required, through site registration, prior to construction of the facility.

5. Coverage under this permit will be issued jointly to the owner and operator (maintenance contractor) of the facility. Facilities without a maintenance contract, minimum of five (5) years, will not be granted coverage under this permit.

6. An applicant for new construction will be required to secure the wasteload allocation prior to filing application for coverage under this permit. This procedure is used to determine if the receiving stream is available for discharge and the type of treatment needed to protect the state Water Quality Standards.

7. This general permit prohibits the permittees from cancelling the maintenance contract without prior approval of this agency. If either permittee makes a motion to terminate his or her maintenance contract with the other permittee, a Release Request form, if the maintenance contractor is requesting release, or a transfer form and contract with a new service provider, if the homeowner wishes to be released, shall be sent to our office for approval of such termination. At the discretion of the Division of Water and Waste Management, approval may be granted, and notification given. This is to further ensure that the permitted facility is properly operated and remains under a maintenance contract.

8. Upon receipt of the registration application form, the Division will review the contained information and prescribed discharge load allocation and will assign each individual permittee to one of four (4) available treatment categories. Individual permittees must comply with the effluent limitations other assigned treatment category and must provide the minimal treatment technology for their category.

The draft general permit and fact sheet may be inspected by appointment between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Department of Environmental Protection, Public Information Office, 601 57th St. SE, Charleston, WV 25304. Copies or the document may be obtained at a nominal cost.

Any interested persons may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments will be accepted until April 30, 2019. They should be addressed to:

Department of Environmental protection
Public Information Office
601 57th St., S.E.
Charleston, WV 25304
Attention : Mylinda Maddox
(304) 926-0499, extension 1065

Fax: (304) 926-0496
E-mail: mylinda.a.maddox@wv.gov
All comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the draft permit. Correspondence should include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer; and a concise statement of the nature of the issues being raised.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA CONRAD STEPHEN GAPP Claimant v. CASE NO.: 19-C-15 UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GERALDINE V. FIDLER Defendants ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of the above entitled action is for the Plaintiff to determine all the heirs of the law of Geraldine V. Fidler; that the Court clear any title issues in said real estate; that the Court do take such other action as it deems meet and just; It is ORDERED that they do appear and serve upon William H. Judy, III, Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is Judy & Judy, Attorneys at Law, P.O. Box 636, Moorefield, West Virginia, 26836, answer or other defense to the Complaint filed in this action on or before May 6, 2019, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., otherwise an Order of Declaratory Judgment finding and concluding that the improper description in the Deed dated September 21, 1988 be corrected to show that the real estate would be all of Lot 28 and 1/2 of Lot 29 and that the fee simple title be quieted in their Plaintiff.

A copy of said Complaint can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office located in Moorefield in said County and State.

Entered by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hardy County, West Virginia, this the 27 day of March, 2019.

Kelley Shockey
Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TOWN OF WARDENSVILLE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM PLAN APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given by the Town Council of Wardsville, W.Va., that it will conduct a public hearing to discuss the Town's written plan for Home Rule.

Information from the hearing will be used by Council in its application for acceptance into the West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Program, established by Chapter 8, Article 1, Section 5a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended.

The public hearing on the plan and the second reading of an ordinance permitting the Mayor to make application to the Municipal Home Program shall take place during a special meeting of Wardsville Town Council on Monday, April 29, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Wardsville Visitor and Conference Center, 301 East Main Street, Wardsville W.Va. Notice is hereby given that any interested party may appear before Council

during this meeting to be heard with respect to the plan and the proposed ordinance.

The proposed Home Rule Plan for Wardsville will be available for public inspection beginning on March 27, 2019, in Wardsville Town Hall, 25 Warrior Way, Wardsville, W.Va., during regularly posted business hours.

Interested citizens are invited to attend the public hearing and to present oral or written comments concerning Wardsville's proposed Home Rule plan. Written comments may be addressed to the Town of Wardsville, P.O. Box 7, Wardsville WV 26851.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

TOWN OF MOOREFIELD, HARDY

CONTRACT NO. 2: PASKELL HILL 1.5 MG STORAGE TANK

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Paskell Hill 1.5 MG Storage Tank will be received by the Town of Moorefield, at the office of the Town at 206 Winchester Avenue, Moorefield, WV 26836, until 2:00 PM local time on Friday, May 10, 2019, at which time the Bids received will be "publicly" opened and read. The Project consists of a 1.5 MG AWWA D-110 Type III Concrete Water Tank, hydrodynamic mixing system, site-work, electrical work and all required appurtenances.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Gwin, Dobson & Foreman, Inc., Engineers, 3121 Fairway Drive, Altoona, PA 16602. Contact Person: Christopher M. Eckenrode, P.E., Email: cekenrode@gdfengineers.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at plan holding sites and websites indicated in Section 02000 Instructions to Bidders; the office of The Town of Moorefield, 206 Winchester Avenue, Moorefield, WV 26836, on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM; and the office of the Engineer, Gwin, Dobson & Foreman, Inc., Engineers, 3121 Fairway Drive, Altoona, PA 16602. Contact Person: Christopher M. Eckenrode, P.E., Email: cekenrode@gdfengineers.com, on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a non-refundable deposit of \$300 for each set. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to "Gwin, Dobson & Foreman, Inc., Engineers".

Upon request and receipt of the document deposit indicated above plus a non-refundable shipping charge, the Issuing Office will transmit the Bidding Documents

via delivery service. The shipping charge amount will depend on the shipping method selected by the prospective Bidder. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Bidding documents must be obtained directly from the issuing office by the bidder for a bid to be considered.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 225 Jefferson Street, Moorefield, WV local time on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 9:30 AM at the Moorefield Bingo Hall. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

This project is being financed by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development.

Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017) applies an American Iron and Steel requirement to this project. All iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term "iron and steel products" means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and construction materials.

Owner: TOWN OF MOOREFIELD
By: Lucas Gagnon, P.E.
Title: Public Works Director
Date: March 29, 2019

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

TOWN OF MOOREFIELD, HARDY COUNTY

CONTRACT NO. 3: MOOREFIELD WATER TREATMENT FACILITY UPGRADE AND EXPANSION

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Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a non-refundable deposit of \$800 for each set. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to "Gwin, Dobson & Foreman, Inc., Engineers".

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Owner: TOWN OF MOOREFIELD
By: Lucas Gagnon, P.E.
Title: Public Works Director
Date: March 29, 2019

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, Gerald J. Langan, by Deed of Trust dated June 23, 2017, recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Trust Book 301 Page 855, the following real estate is offered for public sale: 1.528 acre lot more or less, located at the physical address of 250 Smith Road, Baker, WV 26801, and designated at Capon District Tax Map 290 as Parcel 20.6 off Route 3/2 Arkansas Road, approximately 12 miles East of Moorefield, described on a Plat of Survey and Description in Deed Book 292 at Page 924.

Being the same tract or parcel conveyed to Rex Allen Stump from Hardy County Holdings, LLC, by Deed dated June 23, 2017, of record in the Hardy County Clerk's Office at Deed Book 343 Page 34.

The above Deed of Trust, executed by Borrower Rex Allen Stump to Miles Roth and Robert Helman, secures a promissory note to the beneficial owner, Hardy County Holdings, LLC. Gerald J. Langan was substituted as trustee by Appointment dated March 18, 2019, and recorded in the Clerk's office at Trust Book 312 Page 106.

The Borrower has defaulted under the terms of the Promissory Note and Trust Deed. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the Entrance of the Hardy County Courthouse, Moorefield, WV, on April 22, 2019, at 12:00pm, the above real estate situated in the Capon District, Hardy County, West Virginia:

The property will be conveyed "as is" 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, easements, covenants, conveyances, and conditions of record in the Clerk's office affecting such property. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate.

The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Note reserves the right to submit a bid for the property offered at such sale, and tenders a minimum opening bid of \$10,000.

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 sale. The Purchaser shall be responsible for all costs associated with the transfer, including deed preparation, transfer stamps, and real estate and ambulance fees.

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

GERALD J. LANGAN
Substitute Trustee, Hardy County Holdings, LLC

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