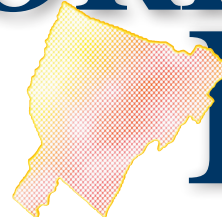




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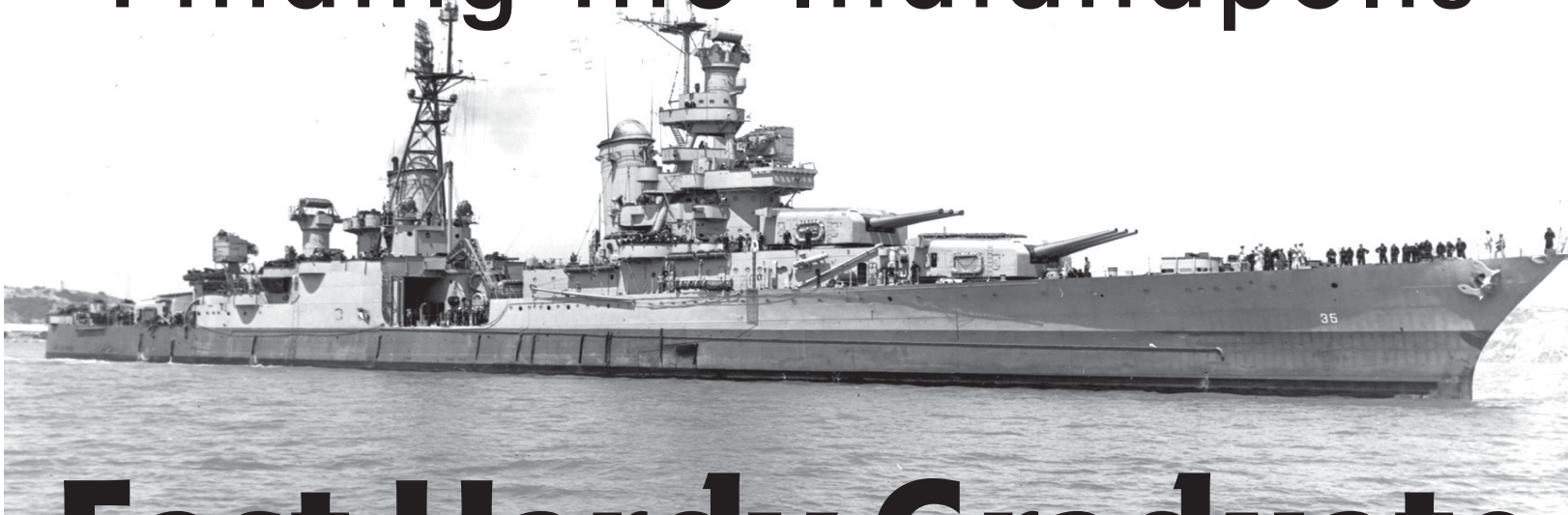
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Finding the Indianapolis



East Hardy Graduate Finds Lost WWII Ship

By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

Richard Hulver seemed destined for a career in military history. His father, Terry Hulver, was a high school history teacher and his grandfather, Allen Barb was a tank commander in the Korean War.

"I've always had a deep interest in history, particularly military history," he said. "There are historic sites all around Hardy County and the Shenandoah Valley that I visited frequently."

A 2005 graduate of East Hardy High School, Hulver was instrumental in locating the wreckage of the *USS Indianapolis*, the Portland-class heavy cruiser that was torpedoed in the Pacific Ocean in July 1945. Of the nearly 1,200-man crew, 300 were lost with the ship and almost 500 died waiting for rescue.

Hulver graduated from Shepherd College in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in history. He received his masters in history and doctorate in U.S. Foreign Relations/Public History from West Virginia University.

He interned at the U.S. Army Center of Military History and worked as a historian for the U.S. Southern Command and the American Battle Monuments Commission. He currently works at the Naval History and Heritage Command

on the Washington Navy Yard.

"The 71st anniversary of the loss of the *USS Indianapolis* happened shortly after I came aboard at the NHHC," Hulver said.

"Our director, Rear Admiral Samuel Cox, wanted us to revisit the records of the sinking to make sure we had an accurate history that could provide lessons to the Navy and the public, and properly commemorate the crew. I was assigned lead historian. My job was to tell the *Indianapolis* story and see if there was anything in the records that might help better understand where she sank."

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Richard Hulver

Williams Sentences Felons

By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

Jonathan L. Dove, 36, of Wardensville will spend two years in prison and five years on probation after his release. He pleaded guilty to two counts of wanton endangerment involving a firearm in March and was sentenced by Hardy County Circuit Judge C. Carter Williams on Wednesday, May 9.

Dove was originally indicted on five counts after he shot in the direction of his wife, son and others in August 2017.

While Dove had no prior arrests, the probation department recommended he serve some jail time, then
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Survivalist Ranch Dominates Planning Commission Meeting

By Lon Anderson
Moorefield Examiner

Fortitude Ranch, a survivalist community in Lost River, recently came to the attention of local residents when it held an open house in April and promoted itself with videos on Facebook. Concerned citizens then contacted the Hardy County Planning Commission which added the ranch to its agenda for discussion at its May meeting. That discussion item ended up dominating the meeting.

"Your open houses and publicity generated citizen concerns and phone calls to us," explained County Planner, Melissa Scott to the Ranch's CEO, Drew Miller, who attended last week's meeting by phone and also submitted a written statement to the Com-
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Board of Ed Gets Assurance From Sheriff's Department

By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

Less than a week after the latest school shooting, Hardy County Sheriff Department Chief Deputy Dave Warren spoke to the Board of Education about school safety.

The Hardy County Board of Education met on Monday, May 21.

"We have always had the best working relationship with regard to school safety," Warren said. "We will continue the PRO program at East Hardy High School and we will staff Moorefield High School until a PRO can be found."
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\$8.8 BILLION

Report: Drug Crisis Weighs Heavily on State Economy

By Jim Workman
For The WV Press Association

The current drug epidemic is a health crisis, a social services crisis and an economic crisis in the state of West Virginia.

That was the report from Bill Crouch, cabinet secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources, to the Joint Standing Committee on Finance in the House of Delegates Chamber at the State Capitol on Monday during May legislative interim meetings.

The impact on West Virginia's economy is "mind boggling," Crouch said, explaining the state loses \$8.8 billion each year as a result of the drug crisis, representing more than 12 percent of West Virginia's GDP. The next closest state is Ohio at 5.32 percent of the GDP.

Crouch's agenda was to give an allocation of Supplementary Appropriation of \$10 million for Substance Use
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Kids Get Coupons to Buy Fresh Fruits and Vegetables



Photo by Jean Flanagan

Teyla Brown picked some fresh tomatoes for her market bag.

By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

Some kids are picky eaters when it comes to fruits and vegetables. They're more apt to pick up a cookie than an apple. The West Virginia University Extension Service Family Nutrition Program is making an effort to change that. Recently, representatives from the Extension service and the West Virginia Department of Agriculture hosted the Kid's Coupon Project at area elementary schools.

"We want to introduce kids to fresh fruits, vegetables and plants," said Hardy County's WVU Extension Family Nutrition Specialist Vicki Fertig.

Through a grant from Trans-Canada, each child in grades Pre-K through 2 was given \$4 in coupons with which to purchase fresh strawberries, apples, lettuce, tomatoes, sugar peas. The students could also purchase tomato and cabbage plants, which give them the opportunity to help grow their own food.

"We piloted this program in southern West Virginia last year," Fertig said. "This year, our funding was increased and we've focused on counties that didn't participate last year."

The miniature Farmer's Markets came to East Hardy Early Middle, Moorefield Elementary, Petersburg Elementary and Franklin Elementary schools.

There was also a Rethink Your Drink station. "We wanted the kids
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OPINION

From other editors' desks . . .

Give Veterans A Choice

Senate Should OK Bill Giving Vets More Health Care Options

Opponents of a measure to make it easier for military veterans to see private-sector health care providers instead of relying on the Department of Veterans Affairs have one big complaint.

Doing that could lead to privatizing the VA, they complain.

Horrors! Take control of veterans' health care away from the bureaucrats who have refused — not just failed, but refused — to get the VA's house in order?

Why, the very idea!

Many veterans are satisfied with the quality of medical care they receive from VA hospitals and other facilities. Hundreds of thousands of VA personnel do their very best to fulfill the nation's obligations to veterans.

But it appears some veterans still have to cope with lengthy wait lists for treatment.

There is evidence some in the VA have tried to cover up such lapses. That, along with enormous waste of taxpayers' money by the bureaucrats, make it clear that change is needed.

A limited initiative of allowing veterans to seek care in the private sector, at government expense already is in place.

But it will run out of money within the next several weeks.

The House of Representatives has approved a bill that would give veterans more options in seeking private-sector care.

It provides \$51 billion more in funding for that program.

Senators should approve the bill and send it to President Donald Trump for his signature.

Instead of defending the bureaucracy, lawmakers who worry about the VA should be demanding that it make reforms that could make the private-sector program unnecessary.

~Harrisonburg Daily News-Record

MY UNBASED OPINION

A sack of grass seed. I want to convert part of my garden to lawn. I've already tilled it before all the rain. Soon as it's dry enough to get back on, I'll loosen the top, scatter seed and get grass started.

Friend Bill Wicks has some new construction at his place. A fair amount of bare rocky soil exposed, a couple loads of top soil to be spread and grass seed to be sown also. We decided to take advantage of recent grass seed sales at local stores and split a fifty pound sack of Kentucky 31 Fescue.

In Winchester the other day to buy some clothes, I stopped on my way out of town at Southern States Cooperative to pick up a bag. Paid for it at the register, handed sales slip to a young man on the loading dock who carried seed out on his shoulder and plopped it on the floor in rear of Little Van.

I hauled seed straight up the road to Wicks' because his ground was ready to plant and needed his share first. He wasn't handy when



By DAVID O. HEISHMAN

I got there to tell me where he wanted it, so I decided he'd find it OK if I set it on a bench beside his basement door.

I opened back of Little Van, slipped hands under the sack and lifted. Nothing happened. Hmmm. Strange.

I've handled one hundred pound sacks of feed and seed almost all my life. Thousands of bags. Big burlap sacks of small grain used to ride my shoulder up a long flight of stairs from field wagon to granary storage bins all day. Even though small elevators were available to do the raising, Pap wouldn't get one. Didn't want to waste money on machinery he'd only use three or four days a year. I was his elevator along with whoever he could find to help me for hay wages.

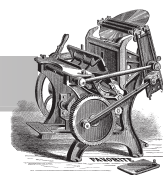
Determination. That sack was going to move. Hands under it again and up. The quick flip onto my shoulder I'd used all my working life became strain and a little pain as I hoisted and staggered back a couple steps. Shouldered, carried and deposited where I wanted it, there was no satisfaction. I was closer to crying than feeling good about it. One more hard pointed gouge to remind me that youth and strength are gone.

It's like the garden I want to seed to grass. Warmer, wet weather we've had lately used to upset me because my garden needed planting and working and it needed to dry a little so I could get everything in. Beans and peppers, egg plant and okra, four varieties of tomatoes and gourds galore, on and on to all things I'd plant, cultivate and harvest for whatever reason. Free time disappeared into my garden soil all season long.

No more. I have three garden tillers ranging from ten inches to twenty inches wide. I have to walk behind all of them in soft soil. I have one lawn mower forty-two

inches wide that I ride on. Mower one day a week for maybe ten minutes will cover same area that garden tending covers in most spare moments all week long. Vegetables I used to harvest are available from local farm markets and produce merchants at prices I can afford. All this to provide more deck and creek sitting time at my Doghouse cabin, rather than wiping sweat with my yucky hanky bent over plants "not doing just right."

There must be a million different cute little comments made about aging. Young and old alike snicker their way through a repertoire learned from past generations, old friends and new acquaintances. Most are intended to make me feel better about getting old. Those hardest to take stem from folks who haven't yet seen the summit of their abilities hill. Perhaps hardest aren't comments at all, but actions as with the kid handling the bag of grass seed with ease.



GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES

Fifteen Years Ago May 28, 2003

Krystal Arose and Jenna Workman were valedictorian and salutatorian for Moorefield High School...Aaron Heishman and Nathan Edgerton were valedictorian and salutatorian for East Hardy High School.

Jennifer Gillies, Ehren Thoma and Marcus Weese were named Knights of the Golden Horseshoe.

Carol See became Librarian of the Hardy County Public Library following the retirement of Marjorie Zirk.

The Hardy County Planning Commission approved a zoning ordinance to be discussed at several public hearings during the summer.

The Board of Education approved a proposal to place Sheriff deputies in the schools.

Secretary of State Joe Manchin was named Son of the Year by the West Virginia Society of Washington, DC.

John L. Weese, 53, Shepherdstown, died April 19...Larry Wayne Ketterman, Jr., 29, died May 28...Karl Luke Park, 97, Petersburg, died May 13...Bruce E. Hollingsworth, 52, Keyser, died May 14.

In tournament play East Hardy beat Paw Paw 7-0 and Moorefield 7-6...MHS beat Paw Paw 14-4 and EHHS 14-5...MHS defeated East Hardy 8-0 in the Section 4 title game...MHS girls lost to Pendleton County 5-4 in the Regional semifinal...40 students from East Hardy and Moorefield qualified to compete in the State Track Meet.

Thirty Years Ago June 1, 1988

Hardy County's two high schools were to graduate 131 seniors.

Over 300 people attended the grand reopening at the McCoy Grand Theatre.

A reported 8 to 10 inches of rain fell in an isolated area of Waites Run and Trout Pond creating a flash flood in those streams.

Ann Dyer was crowned Miss East Hardy.

Jeff Hartman and David Hoffman were to attend Mountaineer Boys State.

Dwane Lee Sager, 18, Lost River, died May 23 in an automobile accident...Orpha Shipe Loughry, 71, Baker, died May 22...Willa Alley Frye, 67, died May 22.

Forty-five Years Ago May 30, 1973

U. S. Senator Robert C. Byrd was to dedicate the Trout Pond Recreation Area.

O. S. Weatherholt, Jr. purchased the South End Garage from Douglas Kimble and was to move his small engine repair shop to that location.

John R. Hawse, chemistry teacher at Orange County High School, was named to receive the American Chemical Society's Distinguished Service Award.

Valedictorians were Dinah Tharp at Wardensville and Charles H. Garrett, Jr. at Mathias. Moorefield had 7 honor students.

Ralph Leroy Helmick, 38, died May 22...John H. Kuykendall, 72, Fort Seybert, died May 24...Edgar Anderson Hawse, 89, Baker, died May 24...Eunice Cline Pullman, 51, Baltimore, died May 21...Wilma Boorer Hinkle, 57, died May 23.

Judy Kay Heishman and Leon Dalton Combs were married on April 28.

Sixty Years Ago June 4, 1958

Nine homes were to be open for the Fifth Annual House and Garden Tour: The Meadows, Willow Wall, the A. C. McNeill home, the Willows, Caledonia, Sunset View, Hetzelwood, the McCoy home,

and the Alexander home.

Residents of Rig and Kessel were asked to notify Hardy Telephone if interested in phone service.

Ray Riggleman won first place for best painting in the MHS art show. James Shobe won first place for pen drawing and Granville Carr received first for wood whittling.

Watson C. Poling, 49, Romney, died May 31...Sarah High Markwood, 81, Flats, died May 26...Harry Henry Harvey, 84, died May 29...Mary Wolfe Cain, 90, Rig, died May 29.

Rachel Wimer and Edmund Vance Shaver were married May 10...Martha Lynn Shaver and P. W. Clarke, Jr. were married May 17.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arnice Cleaver, a son, Joey Randall...to Mr. and Mrs. George Stickler, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Sherman, a son, Monty D...to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Neff, a son, Tyler...to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wratford, a daughter.

Seventy-five Years Ago June 2, 1943

The Civilian Defense Council was urging citizen to increase the amount of scrap being collected. The county was far short of its goal of 200 tons.

Rep. Jennings Randolph says that air mail pickup will serve 3,500 communities in 30 states after the war.

Construction and improvement of public highways in Hardy County has become another war casualty and virtually halted for the duration.

Harry Dolan was reelected mayor. The rest of the slate was unopposed and elected by 135 voters.

The Purple Heart was to be awarded posthumously to Boyd L. Godlove, Jr. who was killed in

North Africa.

Jacob Levi Fink, 70, Upper Cove, died May 29...Mrs. Dallas Koenig, 38, Steubenville, OH, died May 8...Virginia Alpha Wilkins, 60, Purgitsville, died May 31...Mrs. B. F. Pilgrim, 63, Wardensville, died May 25...Annie Welton Shearer died May 25 in Washington, DC.

Ellen Harwood and Ens. Robert Tilden were married May 26... Louise Carter and Lt. Ernest Dix were married May 28...Mrs. Irene Ebert and Dr. Earl Fischbach were married.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Henry, a daughter, Erma Lee...to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clower, a daughter...to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Riggleman, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Poland, a daughter, Phyllis Ann...to Pvt. and Mrs. James Walker, a daughter, Betty Jean.

Ninety Years Ago May 31, 1928

Senator M. M. Neely delivered the graduation address to Moorefield High School seniors.

The Lost City switchboard had been moved from A. D. Walker's to C. S. Renner's.

Albert Chipley graduated from the School of Pharmacy in Louisville, KY. He had returned home and was to take the State Board examination in early June.

Dr. Poindexter and Robert Wilson were in Moundsville to purchase a carload of Jersey cows for Wilson's farm on Lost River.

Will Teets and family had moved to Petersburg where he had purchased a flour mill.

Brent Billmyer, Rio, had purchased a Buick sedan.

Anton Woerner, 84, had died at his home.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vetter, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Sions, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Dispanet, a daughter.

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EXAMINER SAYS

Crazy Weather

Can you imagine eating 30,000 Big Macs? The Wisconsin man who accomplished this milestone has been eating nearly one a day since 1972. Plus he kept receipts and many of the containers. Talk about an obsession! And he also says his cholesterol and blood pressure are normal plus he weighs less than when he ate Number 25,000 in 2011. We suppose there's something to be said about aiming high in the numbers game, but oh how boring after the first thousand.

Has Produced

We saw a reference to Zika the other day and wondered if there was much of a concern as there was two years ago. It seems the mosquito-borne was found in the Bahamas and Marshall Islands earlier this year, but none recently. However, the CDC recommends that pregnant women or couples trying to get pregnant check the CDC Zika website before traveling outside the United States. The rest of us might not have to worry about much of an illness if bitten, but we can be carriers of the disease. If you have concerns, then get tested.

One of the Most Beautiful

We forgot to congratulate the primary election winners. Some have to move on to the General election in November, but all judicial, education board members and municipal candidates will be sworn in by July 1 if not sooner. We also want to commend the candidates and their supporters for cleaning up the political signs so quickly this year. And finally, we were so proud of the local candidates who, for the most part, ran both clean and civil campaigns. There were a couple of folks who put out some not-so-nice literature, but for the most part that unpleasantness was on the state and national level. As we said, we're proud of most of the

area politicians.

Springs in Years

Gov. Jim Justice is asking for nominations for the Governor's Service Awards. These awards honor West Virginians who solve community problems in an innovative way. Justice wants individuals, organizations, families and businesses who stand out as volunteer superstars. The deadline is June 8 and nomination forms are available on Volunteer West Virginia's website, www.volunteerwv.org or by calling 304-558-0111.

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Survivalist Ranch

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mission.

Fortitude Ranch, according to Miller's statement is "a private, country club style membership, recreational and survival community, not open to the general public."

A bed and breakfast, the Lost Forest B&B, also operates on the same property and is open to the public, the statement explained.

Scott indicated that the potential issues of concern involved potential gun use noise and traffic, as well as possible fire safety and sanitation problems that could arise from 150 persons being housed at the camp, as promotional information suggested could happen. The business is located at 1609 Lower Cove Run Rd. in Mathias.

Miller told the Commissioners that having such a large number of persons at the Ranch would only happen "During a bad pandemic, a long-term loss of the electrical system, or other major disaster that leads to a collapse in food deliveries in cities/suburbs, rural areas and a likely long-term loss of law and order when millions of people will decide over time to leave homes...and 'head to the hills' in hopes of finding food, shelter and safety. Fortitude Ranch," the statement continued, "is designed to give members a safe place to ride out a collapse."

"And we hope that never happens," Miller told the Commissioners by phone.

In addition to the two-bedroom B&B, there is a four-bedroom house under construction on the property, as well as underground bunkers, stocked with provisions to last up to a year, according to the promotional information. The online promotional video also indicated there will be manned guard stations. The property also includes "a small firing range for member use only (not open to the public) which is uphill on our property, rarely used, and unlikely to bother our neighbors. For both safety and for avoiding bothering our neighbors with noise, the shooting range would never be used outside daylight hours," Miller's statement said. "We have never had a single complaint about noise or our operations."

The statement also noted that

they have operated business at that address for several years, paying state sales taxes and the Hardy County Motel and Visitor taxes, are completely licensed and apply for building permits as they expand their facilities.

"You've always come in with permits," Scott said. "The way we understand it, you fit into the private hunt club, camp category, which is a permitted use (under current zoning). We have you on record as a recreational cabin and B&B."

"We've been paying the taxes as a B&B for years," Miller responded.

"It's the advertising and commercialization of it that has really made this an issue," Scott said.

"We want everyone to know how you are compliant and how you could become out of compliance," Scott said. "You're compliant as long as your focus is not like that of a gun club."

In a situation of mass chaos with a lot of people there, sanitation could become an issue, as could fire codes, Scott added.

"We're using composting toilets," Miller noted, "which also helps with the gardens."

"How many acres do you have?" asked Commission Vice President Greg Greenwalt.

"Fifty acres, but we're selling off 10," Miller responded.

When there were no more questions, Commissioner Robert Williams thanked Miller for paying the B&B taxes, and Miller then ended his call, but the Commission's discussion continued.

"We'll draft a letter with our understanding," Scott told the Commissioners.

"I've heard his new place is only a few feet off the line with the National Forest," Commissioner Jay Fansler said.

"The permit says the bunkers are 20 feet off the line," Scott responded.

"What's the difference between a hunting club and a gun club—seems like they'd be very close," asked Commissioner Charlotte Bowman.

"A Gun Club focuses on guns with shooting all of the time," Scott explained.

"What are the differences between a B&B and a hotel?" Greenwalt asked.

"A B&B is residential (zoned), but you're paying commercial rates," Scott said.

"But when you've got bunkers with cots for many people to stay?" Greenwalt continued.

"We're not supposed to allow people to stay in bunkers—it's a serious fire hazard," Scott said. "And we don't want that heavy traffic regularly."

"But his online advertising says people would be staying in the bunkers," Greenwalt continued.

"We don't want the letter to indicate he has our blessings," Bowman said.

Greenwalt also expressed concern about any kind of a firing range. "There's no license needed for your own use, but if you start marketing it, then there are very, very strict guidelines, especially if the ATF considers it an arsenal."

"We need to be clear that people can't be staying in those bunkers absent an emergency," Scott said. "We can't condone people staying in those bunkers—it's very dangerous. There's zoning for dormitories, and this is not that, and he doesn't want the Fire Marshall involved."

Commission President Lee Lehman noted that "local taxation-wise, he seems to be good. But if he's operating as an LLC, he needs a business license."

"He's gotten the proper building permits and business licenses," Fansler noted.

"It looks like we are doing all we can do legally," Bowman said.

"And he is too, it seems," Greenwalt added. "It's unique--what he's trying to do."

In his written statement, Miller urged that "if anyone does have a noise or other concern (with Fortitude Ranch), they should contact the Lost Forest B&B (304-897-8281), and we'd be glad to see if we can do anything to address legitimate concerns."

In other business, Scott noted that the Commission had received a letter from the Farm Bureau, in response to the Planning Commission's earlier letter, taking exception with the FB's approach to land use planning.

According to its 2018 policy book, the FB generally opposes land use regulation, and thus the Commission's letter observing that in Hardy County, where there had

been some land use planning and regulation for over 50 years, the agriculture community was generally stronger for it and supportive of their planning efforts.

Scott indicated that the FB's letter, while polite, offered little, and suggested they respond with another letter specifically noting how farmers have benefitted from the Planning Commission's efforts.

Greenwalt responded by sharing an AP newspaper story out of Raleigh, NC., detailing how neighbors of an industrial hog operation had won \$50 million in damages against the farm and its owner, Smithfield, because of smells, noise and other disturbances that were found to be "so bad that people couldn't enjoy their rural homes."

"What we are trying to do here with our work is protect folks from that kind of lawsuit," Greenwalt asserted.

The Commission agreed to send another letter to the Farm Bureau about the merits of land planning and detailing how it can work to the benefit of farmers and the agricultural community.

In other business, Scott informed the Commissioners about an upcoming public meeting about Corridor H to be held in Wardensville, which sparked a discussion about whether a completed Corridor H would do more good or harm to Wardensville.

Bowman, who represents Wardensville on the Commission felt it would be positive by accelerating its growth by adding more accessibility to the town, especially from Winchester.

"It (completing Corridor H) would certainly get the big rigs out of the town," Fansler added. "And they shouldn't be there anyway."

Scott said she would submit something at the meeting about someone who has a conservation easement right in the middle of the highway's path.

"Maybe we should consider adding setbacks on any zoning along that route," Fansler suggested.

The next meeting of the Hardy County Planning Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, June 5 beginning at 7 p.m. Meetings are held in the Planning Office in the lower level of the Hardy County Courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

Jopling, Sponaugle Honored By WV Culture and History



By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

Dave Jopling is a History Hero. Jopling was recognized by the West Virginia Division of Culture and History for his dedicated service to the Hardy County Historical Society and for his contribution to state and local history through research, and preservation.

"I'm very humbled by this recognition," Jopling said. "It's just something I'm passionate about. Knowing that people from generations ago walked these same streets and hallways. That people fought for our rights, right here. You can almost hear the walls talk."

According to his nomination by

the Hardy County Historical Society, Jopling has been a member for more than 20 years and was president for six years. He has served on the grants and research committees and is currently chair of the Museum Committee.

"He not only opens the museum every Saturday, but also catalogues items donated to the society," the nomination said. "He collects and shares artifacts with the community at such events as the Hardy County Heritage Weekend."

The Hardy County Museum is open from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturdays. For information about the museum or getting involved with the Historical Society, contact Jopling at 304-530-2705.



Delegate Isaac Sponaugle (D-55), was recognized as a History Advocate along with four other West Virginia legislators. He was presented a certificate by WVDCH Commissioner Randall Reid-Smith.

The award recognizes state legislators who support programs in

their communities that encourage interest in West Virginia history.

"This Legislative award allows the Division of Culture and History to acknowledge the important role our elected officials play in preserving and promoting West Virginia's rich history," said Reid-Smith.

NEWS BRIEFS

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive in Moorefield on Friday, June 8. The Bloodmobile will be at the Hardy County Health & Wellness Center, 409 Spring Avenue, from 1:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. To be eligible to be a blood donor you must be 17 years of age, meet weight and height requirements, and be in reasonably good health. All blood types are needed, especially O negative and O positive. A person may donate blood every 56 days. Every 2 seconds a patient in the United States needs a blood transfusion.

The West Virginia Department

of Agriculture (WVDA) is advising the public to be on the lookout for a potential new tick threat to West Virginia. The East Asian or long horned tick was found on a beef farm in Virginia. WV Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt notes that the beef industry in WV is the second largest agricultural commodity in the state. He says this exotic tick is a threat to angus and beef farmers alike. For more information, please contact the WVDA's Animal Health Division at 304- 558-2214.

The State Library Commission

recently sponsored Letters About Literature Writing Contest, a national reading and writing program. Students wrote letters to authors, either living or deceased, telling them how a book, poem or play affected them personally. Winners were announced May 17. Among the winning students from WV was Deianara Black of Petersburg High School who received honorable mention. Notable Mention went to Kara Pyle, Harlee Kimble and Cameron Hedrick, all of PHS.

According to AAA last week, gas prices in West Virginia av-

eraged \$2.872, an increase of 5 cents. At \$2.932, the national gas price average rose another 4 cents, the highest price point going into the Memorial Day weekend since 2014. Today, 14 states tout an average of \$3.00 or more, including Pennsylvania and Washington, DC. Across the state prices ranged from a low of \$2.784 at Parkersburg to a high of \$2.910 at Huntington. Area averages were \$2.899 in Hampshire, \$2.984 in Jefferson and \$2.850 in Mineral counties. In Hardy County prices jumped to \$2.95 in Moorefield.

Blankenship to Seek US Senate Seat As 3rd-Party Candidate

(AP) Despite losing the Republican primary, convicted ex-coal executive Don Blankenship says he'll continue his bid for U.S. Senate as a third-party candidate, though

it's unclear if the move violates the state's "sore loser" law.

Blankenship's campaign said in a statement that he'll run as a member of the Constitution Party, which

nominated him unanimously.

Blankenship spent a year in prison over a fatal 2010 explosion at one of his mines.

He finished third in the GOP pri-

mary this month. The president opposed him.

West Virginia secretary of state spokesman Steve Adams says Blankenship has officially switched his

party affiliation to the Constitution Party. Adams has said West Virginia's "sore loser" law prohibits major-party-affiliated candidates who lose in a primary from changing their

registration to a minor party to take advantage of later filing deadlines. Adams referred questions Monday to legal counsel, who didn't respond to requests for comment.

HARDY TIMES

Kindergarten Registration

East Hardy Early Middle School is holding kindergarten registration on June 8 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Children who will be 5 years old before September 1, 2018 are eligible. Bring your child's state-issued birth certificate, social security card, up-to-date immunization record, and most recent physical and dental exam records to registration. Please call the school at 304-

897-5970 to set up an appointment or with any questions.

Yard of the Month

The GFWC Moorefield Women's Club is looking for nominations for the May Yard of the Month. Yard of the Month nominations are taken May 1-Oct. 1. Nominations must be in by the 15th of each month. If you see a beautiful yard, make a nomination. Call Billie Jo High 304-538-616 9 or Tracey Ratliff 304-490-9002. If no answer leave the name and address of the yard being nominated.

Traffic Alert

Timber sales in the George Washington National Forest have opened. The U.S. Forest Service is advising motorists and residents to be alert for logging trucks on Mill Gap Road between Route 259 and Trout Pond. They hope to be finished by July 1.

Ag-Action Meeting

NewBiz Launchpad will host an Ag-Action Network Co-op Development Meeting on Tuesday, June 5 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Eastern WV Community and Technical

College. The event is for farmers/producers to collaborate in building cooperatives. Experts will be available to assist. Please register at tina.metzer@easternwv.edu. Call Nathan Bergdoll at 304-538-2397 for information.

Public Meeting

The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 6, at 7:30 pm. 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, WV or by calling 304-822-5174. The public is invited to attend.

Spay and Neuter

Warmer weather's around the corner. It's the perfect time to get your cat and dog spayed and neutered. Spay Today is the area's non-profit, reduced-priced spay and neuter program. Choose from many vets throughout the area. At the time of surgery, initial shots and tests can also be obtained at lower rates. Contact Spay Today: <https://spay-today.org> or

call 304-728-8330.

Dead Animals

The West Virginia Division of Highways wants to remind the public of its policy regarding the pickup and disposal of dead animals. The DOH will only pick up carcasses on state owned highways and will not go on private property. DOH does not have the equipment to pick up dead animals in creeks, streams, or rivers.

To report a dead animal on a state owned road, please notify your local district DOH office at 304-434-2525.

BUSINESS

Hardy Telecommunications Donates To Relay For Life



Derek Barr presents a check to Rose Mullins and Marlo Curran.

Hardy Telecommunications has become a Signature Sponsor of the 2018 Relay for Life of the Potomac Valley.

Derek Barr, Hardy's director of customer service and sales, marketing and human resources, presented a \$250 check to Relay for Life representatives Rose Mullins and Marlo Curran at Hardy's Moorefield office. The monetary amount denotes a Signature Level sponsorship of the event.

"Cancer affects everyone. More than 1.5 million people will be newly diagnosed with cancer just this year," Barr said. "The American Cancer Society provides valuable resources for those fighting cancer, and Relay for Life is not just an important fundraiser. It's also a time to celebrate those who

have survived cancer, remember those who have lost their lives to cancer, and offer support to those struggling with cancer. Relay for Life signifies our determination that we will not rest until cancer is defeated."

This year's Relay for Life of the Potomac Valley event is scheduled for June 9 at the Moorefield Town Park. The day includes activities designed to promote cancer awareness and prevention, with teams taking turns walking together around a track. The night is highlighted by the cancer survivors' and caregivers' walk and the luminaria ceremony, when candles are lit inside personalized bags to honor and support those who have fought or are fighting the disease. Proceeds benefit the

American Cancer Society.

Mike Alkire, senior community development manager for the American Cancer Society, said the money raised will help the ACS support education and prevention efforts, fund cancer research, and offer free information and services for people with cancer.

"Your sponsorship will help the American Cancer Society save lives faster," he wrote.

Hardy Telecommunications Inc., a member of the NTCA - The Rural Broadband Association, is a non-profit cooperative dedicated to bringing affordable high-definition digital television, local and long distance telephone service and broadband Internet service to the citizens of Hardy County.

The Escape Brings Puzzle-Solving to Life

By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

"It's like a live board game."

That's how Lowell Evans describes Moorefield's newest attraction, The Escape.

Lowell and his wife, Annette, are set to open Hardy County's first escape room-themed adventure.

"The premise is that rich, old Aunt Hilda left all her money to you," Annette said. "But, her nephew, Harold, who has been persistently guarding the house, has left for an hour. That's how long you have to find the Aunt Hilda's will and the money."

A group of people, usually 6 - 10, are given 60 minutes to find the clues and solve the puzzle. The ad-

venture is based on teamwork and your brain.

"You are not locked in a room," Annette said. "It's very family-friendly. We suggest children be 8 years or older, but we won't deny admittance to anyone."

The Fisher couple got the idea after visiting an escape room in Harrisonburg, Va.

"I wasn't thrilled about it before we went, but it was pretty neat," Lowell said. "Annette said we should do this in Moorefield."

Lowell said he told Annette to make a Facebook page and if they got 20 hits in 24 hours, they'd talk about it.

"We got 3,000 views in the 24 hours," Annette laughed.

It is suggested folks make res-

ervations or if you have a group of friends, book the group in advance. You should plan to arrive 10 - 15 early.

The Evans plan to change the theme every few months and have a special theme planned for Halloween. The cost is \$25 per person.

The Escape is located at 141 Water St. in Moorefield. Hours are Thursday and Friday from 3 - 9 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Sunday from 3 - 7 p.m. The closing times listed are when the last group is booked.

The Evans also suggest you leave your cellphones and smart phones behind. "It's like a 60 minute break from technology," Annette said.

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. Announces First Quarter Results

Highlands Bankshares, Inc., the parent company of The Grant County Bank and Capon Valley Bank, posted first quarter 2018 earnings of \$984,000 or \$0.74 per share of common stock outstanding (EPS), compared to \$765,000 or \$0.57 EPS for the same period of 2017.

On April 10, 2018, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend to shareholders of \$0.45 per share. The dividend was payable to all shareholders of record as of April 27, 2018 and was paid on or about May 4, 2018.

Net interest income, on a fully taxable equivalent basis, increased \$138,000 for the first three months of 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017. The increase in net interest income was driven by the increase in loan volume and rate and drop in volume of interest bearing liabilities partially offset by the increase in rate of interest bearing liabilities. Net interest margin increased 13.0 basis points to 4.53 percent at March 31, 2018, from 4.40 percent at March 31, 2017.

Return on average assets (ROAA) increased in 2018 to 0.97 percent, as compared to 0.76 percent in the same period of 2017.

The return on average equity (ROAE) increased to 7.67 percent at March 31, 2018, as compared to 6.01 percent at December 31, 2017.

Total assets, as of March 31, 2018, decreased \$49,000 to \$404,609,000 compared to December 31, 2017. Total liabilities decreased \$420,000 as of March 31, 2018 to \$352,565,000 compared to December 31, 2017.

Shareholders' Equity at March 31, 2018 was \$52,044,000 or \$38.93 per outstanding share, compared to December 31, 2017 of \$51,673,000 or \$38.65 per outstanding share.

John Van Meter, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the holding company, stated, "As announced earlier, we increased our dividend to shareholders this quarter based upon operating results and upon review of our dividend strategy in light of recent tax reform and our existing capital position. Highlands stock now provides a dividend yield of 4.2 percent when annualizing this quarter's dividends compared to the current market price. We have also been pleased with the market price of our common stock which has increased from \$41.25 per share to \$42.65 per share during the current year. Since the end of 2015, our

market price has increased 67.3 percent, and now represents 110 percent of book value.

"We are proud to announce increased earnings in the first quarter and are looking forward to success in 2018. We had growth in loans, deposits, and equity again this quarter. Our well-capitalized status remains a source of comfort to our shareholders, a buffer against economic uncertainty, and a platform for future growth of the company.

"Customers and relationships will drive the banking industry in the future. We continue to focus on ensuring that we meet the needs of our customers in an evolving banking environment and on positioning Highlands to be the best banking company possible."

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. is listed on the OTC market under the symbol HBSI and is the holding company for The Grant County Bank and Capon Valley Bank. Highland's subsidiary banks operate twelve banking locations in West Virginia and Virginia and offer credit insurance through its wholly-owned subsidiary, HBI Life Insurance Company.

Capon Valley Bank Donates to MVFD

Harry Shockley receiving a donation to the Moorefield Volunteer Fire Company from Capon Valley Bank.



GMH Staff Receives Certification In Neonatal Resuscitation Program



Pictured are Amanda Hawk, Erin Stonebraker, Monica Crites, Trisha Brennan, Cassandra Chenoweth, and Cecily Cosner

On March 19, 2018, 10 employees from Grant Memorial Hospital completed training and passed the written and practical examination required for certification in Neonatal Resuscitation. The Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) is an educational program in neonatal resuscitation that was developed and maintained by the American Academy of Pediatrics. This program focuses on basic resuscitation skills for newly born infants. To maintain certification, participants must take the class and be retested every 2

years. All RN's from the Family Maternity Unit are required to be certified in NRP, members of the GMH respiratory therapy department are also certified in NRP.

The Family Maternity Unit is staffed with two Pediatricians and two OB-GYN's. The experienced, compassionate nursing staff is available 24 hours a day to provide care and support to expectant parents. Childbirth classes are available free of charge to patients. The unit features private and semi-private rooms which include the necessary monitoring

equipment to maintain patient safety. They encourage rooming in and create a comfortable environment for families to welcome their new addition.

"Our unit is small but our hearts are big. We provide a warm, caring atmosphere for our patients to deliver while keeping patient safety a priority. The staff and I are grateful we can come to work every day and welcome a beautiful new life into the world," said Amanda Hawk, RN, Nurse Manager.

Allegheny Bancshares Announces First Quarter Results

Allegheny Bancshares, Inc., the parent company of Pendleton Community Bank, is pleased to announce first quarter 2018 net income of \$939,000 or \$1.12 per share. This compares with first quarter 2017 income of \$744,000 or \$0.88 per share. Return on Average Assets (ROAA) for the quarter was 1.31 percent and the Return on Average Equity (ROAE) was 10.33 percent. This compares to a ROAA of 1.08 percent and ROAE of 8.50 percent for the same period of 2017.

The increase in income for the first quarter in 2018 compared to first quarter 2017 was attributed to many factors including a 7.3 percent (\$204,000) increase in our net interest income, 58.3 percent (\$105,000) decrease in provision for loan loss, and a reduction in income tax expense resulting from the lower corporate tax rate. These positive trends to our first quarter numbers were partially offset by higher salary and benefit costs and other expense increases.

Assets increased by 2.4 percent from March 31, 2017 to March 31, 2018 and, at the end of the quarter,

totalled \$295,557,000 and Shareholders' Equity at the end of the quarter totalled \$36,842,000.

W.A. (Bill) Loving, President and CEO, indicated he was pleased with the first quarter's performance. According to Loving, "2018 is starting off well for the bank. Rising rates, improvement in the economy, and increasing loan demand has provided the needed catalyst for our improved bank performance. Couple that with the reduction in corporate income tax rates and stable net interest margin, and we are seeing profits increase at substantial levels. We are coming into 2018 with a strong balance sheet and strategically positioned for the potential of a continued rising interest rate environment. Given where we are today with low unemployment, increased credit quality, and continued strength in deposit growth, we are optimistic that these positive trends will continue through 2018; the result being another successful year for our customers, our team members, communities, as well as our shareholders."

This press release includes for-

ward-looking statements, which are not historical facts and pertain to future operating results. These forward-looking statements are intended to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are subject to significant business, economic, and competitive uncertainties and contingencies, many of which are beyond our control. Accordingly, actual results may differ materially from anticipated results.

Pendleton Community Bank, an independent community bank since 1925, currently has six full-service financial centers located in the West Virginia communities of Franklin, Moorefield, Marlinton, Petersburg, and two offices in the Virginia community of Harrisonburg, in addition to a loan production office in Wardensville, West Virginia. Allegheny Mortgage Company, a division of Pendleton Community Bank, originates residential mortgage loans and is headquartered in Harrisonburg, Va.

Telamon Launches New Website

The nonprofit Telamon Corporation announces the launch of their new website. The comprehensive new website features information organized by section:

Home Page - which introduces the mission and lines of business of Telamon Corporation

What We Do - which details the organization's mission, scope and provides representative impact stories for each program area

Where We Work - which provides an overview of Telamon's service area and guides viewer into their state of interest

State and Line of Business/Pro-

gram pages - with location information and contact forms so that visitors can connect with the organization via email to learn more about what Telamon offers in their area.

Who We Are - which introduces our leadership team and Governing Board, and with a "Newsroom" for the collection and display of stories, press releases, news and information as well as a career opportunities

Join Us - which showcases the different action-oriented ways that people can get involved in the organization's work: Donate, Partner,

Volunteer.

The new site was designed to serve customers as well as to engage with partners and supporters in the communities Telamon Corporation serves. In West Virginia, Telamon provides programs and services in Workforce & Career Services at the Moorefield office and Housing & Financial Empowerment at the Martinsburg office. These services are free to those who qualify.

For more information, please contact Heather Hernandez at 304-530-5911 or email at hhernandez1@telamon.org

Finding the Indianapolis

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People had looked for the *Indianapolis* before with no success. Hulver said this was primarily because the Navy estimated the last position to be where the ship should have been if it had followed its routing instructions exactly.

"It was an estimated position because all of the ship's records went down with the ship," he said. "A distress signal with coordinates sent by the crew was never received by anyone in the Navy because it sank in 12 minutes and communications were down. The location reported by the Japanese was not deciphered by the U.S."

All of the sources of the exact location were gone and all of the records were 70 years old.

Captain Charles B. McVay III survived the sinking and was later rescued at sea. He was interviewed two months after the *Indianapolis* went down. In that interview, he mentioned passing a U.S. Navy LST - tank landing ship - about

1 p.m. on the day the *Indianapolis* sank. While he didn't identify which LST passed, Hulver thought it was important.

"All Navy ships record their latitude and longitude in their log at 8 a.m., noon and 8 p.m.," Hulver said. "If I could determine the specific LST, I could access its logs for July 29, 1945 and see where it was at noon, just before it passed the *Indianapolis*."

Since Hulver didn't have the exact LST that passed the *Indianapolis*, he resorted to a deep dive on the Internet. He came across a blog post written on Memorial Day 2015 by a candy shop owner in Michigan.

"The man talked about how his father had passed the *Indianapolis* on her last day," Hulver said. "He wrote he was thankful that his father's ship hadn't met the same fate."

While Hulver still didn't have the name of the LST, he had the name of the sailor who was on it. He pulled personnel files and

found the sailor was on the LST-779. From there he could find the logs and determine its position at noon on the day the *Indianapolis* sank.

"The ship's noontime position ultimately showed the *Indianapolis* was further west than previously thought.," he said.

Eureka!

"The discovery of the LST-779 was a very rewarding moment and one of those times that reaffirms my decision to become a professional historian," Hulver said. "It was unbelievable in the sense that no one else had connected the pieces of the story in 70 years."

Hulver took the new information to the Navy's underwater archaeologists who, along with the coordinates of where the survivors were located and calculating their drift, began to identify a new search area.

Hulver published several articles about the LST-779 and the new information, which renewed attention to the wreck.

The following year, Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen's research team approached the Navy about supporting an expedition to find the *Indianapolis*. The research vessel *Petrel* would lead the expedition.

"On the morning of Aug. 19, 2017, I was notified the *Indianapolis* had been discovered," Hulver said. "The *Petrel* sent images of the ship's hull with its designation CA-35 and a tool box with 'USS *Indianapolis* Spare Parts' stenciled on it. It was an incredibly satisfying moment for all of NHHC. I was honored to be able to contribute to such an important discovery and help bring closure to the few living *Indianapolis* survivors."

"The coordinates of the wreck are not public, as the site is a U.S. war grave and still U.S. Navy property. It's more than three miles down and could not easily be tampered with, but the Navy protects these sites."

Hulver said his time in Hardy County and his choice of Shepherd

College for his undergraduate degree shaped his career path.

"There are no limits on what a student in Hardy County can achieve," he said. "I actually think that the smaller class size and the relationships I built with teachers at East Hardy better prepared me for the social elements of academia and work. I was able to enter interviews and social settings comfortably, talking and connecting with people."

Hulver took college classes as a senior at East Hardy High School, which gave him an advantage at Shepherd and ultimately allowed him to intern at the U. S. Army Center of Military History in Washington D.C. It was there he decided on a career in civil service.

"Hardy County students have an advantage other students in West Virginia do not have and that's the close proximity to Washington D.C.," Hulver said. "I encourage students to take advantage of that proximity. Take advantage of the history, the culture, the sports. Call

your Senators and Congressmen and set up a tour of the Capitol."

Hulver has written a book about the sinking of the *Indianapolis*, which will be available later this year. It is entitled "A Grave Misfortune: The USS *Indianapolis* Tragedy."

"It is my hope that all of my work on the *Indianapolis* will bring attention to the loss, help properly commemorate the ship and the crew and offer an accurate history of the loss that will be of use to the Navy," Hulver said.

Richard Hulver is the son of Terry and Brenda Hulver of Baker. Terry taught history at Wardensville and East Hardy High School for 40 years before retiring. Brenda has been the bookkeeper at E. A. Hawse Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for more than 30 years.

Richard lives in Alexandria, Va., with his wife, Caitlin.

Sentences

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probation.

Dove apologized for his actions and said he wanted a better future.

The sentences will run consecutively and as a special condition of his probation, he is to have no contact with the victims.

Edmund Funkhouser, 25, of Rio was remanded to jail for violating the terms of his probation. According to testimony in court, Funkhouser was arrested on April 7 by Moorefield Police for driving under the influence, second offense. He did not communicate with his probation officer and he left the area. He was arrested on a capias warrant, which means he was arrested and held without probable

cause.

Judge Williams said the full sentence would be executed in addition to the charges pending in Magistrate Court.

Dillon Harmon, 21, of Petersburg, was placed on probation after completing the program at the Anthony Center for Youthful Offenders.

Harmon requested his probation be transferred to Maryland, but Judge Williams ordered a restitution hearing for June 21. According to court documents, Harmon and others are responsible for \$21,000 in damage to a house on Jackson Avenue in Moorefield.

"You are building a case to have your probation transferred

to Maryland," Williams said. "The probation officer will determine how much you will pay weekly or monthly. You will report to probation weekly. We'll see what the probation report says and we will have a restitution hearing on June 21."

Gerald Bosley, 39, of Fisher, was remanded to jail after his drug test came back positive.

Bosley was initially sentenced to six months in jail in Magistrate Court for possession of methamphetamine. He was in Circuit Court requesting an alternative sentence when he tested positive for Sobuxone.

Williams said he will serve the six months with credit for time served.

The case against Steven Rosier, 20, of Moorefield, was continued until June 12.

Rosier was charged with multiple counts relating to a structure fire in June 2017. He was in court to plead guilty to one count of arson in return for the state's recommendation he be sent to the Anthony Center for Youthful Offenders and pay restitution.

When Rosier was asked by the

court to recount, under oath, what he did, he said he acted as a lookout for his step-mother, who actually started the fire.

"She asked me to help her go into the house to look for some paperwork," Rosier said. "She never told me she was going to set the fire. I saw the fire was set upstairs. She said if I told anyone she would kill me, my fiancee and our baby."

Rosier's attorney, Brian Vance, said part of the plea agreement was Rosier would cooperate with

the state in the prosecution of his codefendant. "How will we know that you are testifying truthfully?" Judge Williams asked.

"We have enough evidence to determine if he's telling the truth," Prosecuting Attorney Lucas See said.

Williams said he wanted to review matters concerning the plea agreement and continued the case.

The case against Jeremiah Brown Jr., 21, of St. Thomas,

Penn., was continued to June 21.

Brown was in court to enter a plea agreement, but Judge Williams said there were documents not prepared for extended supervision and registration as a sex offender.

According to court documents, Brown was charged with multiple counts of sexual assault and soliciting a minor via computer.

As a result of the continuation, Brown waived his right to a speedy trial and remains on bond.

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Photo by Jean Flanagan

Landon Michael, Isabella Haines and Noah Constable get assistance picking out the vegetable plants they want to purchase.

Kids Coupons

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to make healthier choices and replace their sugary drinks with fruit infused water." Fertig said.

Students at MES had the choice of cucumber, watermelon or strawberry water. The watermelon was very popular.

"We also want to introduce the families to locally sourced food," Fertig said.

"There are a lot of benefits of


buying locally grown food," said Nathan Bergdoll with the WV Department of Agriculture. "Not only does it support a healthy lifestyle, which can reduce the obesity rate in the state.

"But the more we support local growers and producers, the more disposable income stays in the community."

Local contributors to the Kid's Coupon Project included Bue-

na Vista Farms, the Wardensville Garden Market, Keplinger Farm, Mock's Greenhouse, Orr's Farms and Peanut's Produce.

"Chris Alt gave us the use of a refrigerated tractor-trailer to haul and store the produce," Fertig said. "Students from Mr. Dent's Ag class were student helpers at Moorefield Elementary School. And I couldn't have done this without the support of the Department of Ag."



Relay For Life Potomac Valley

June 9 • 6 p.m. • Moorefield Town Park

Survivors Lap - 6 p.m. • Luminaria Ceremony - 9 p.m.

Whether you participate in person or in spirit, here's your chance to support the American Cancer Society's fight against cancer. Keep the fires of HOPE burning by donating a luminaria.

Luminaria Form

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To learn more about the Luminaria Ceremony, or Relay for Life, please contact Lorna Liggett at (304) 851.6325 or lliggett@frontiernet.net

During the luminaria ceremony, candles are placed in luminaria bags, which are dedicated IN HONOR of a cancer survivor or IN MEMORY of a loved one lost from cancer. When lit, hundreds of luminaria will brighten the way for Relay For Life walkers throughout the night.

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

COMMUNITY

OBITUARIES

SUSAN ELIZABETH MILLER

Susan "Sue" Elizabeth Miller, 72, of Petersburg, W.Va. passed away on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at her home.

Born on December 21, 1945 in Altoona, PA, she was the daughter of the C.W. "Bill" Woomer and Grace E. (Smith) Woomer.

She was a graduate of Altoona High School, Altoona, PA. She was a Baptist by faith and worked as a nurse's aide.

Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by 2 brothers, Robert C. and Jerry Woomer.

She is survived by her husband, James Lee Miller, whom she married Dec. 20, 1975, 2 sons, Luke Barb (Terri) of New Market, VA, and Mark Barb of Brandywine, W.Va., a daughter, Tori Lynn Lofton of Moorefield, W.Va., 10 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and numerous nephews and



nieces. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family, c/o McKee Funeral Home, PO Box 39, Baker W.Va. 26801.

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

MILDRED VANFLEET

Mildred "Millie" Frances (Coby) Van Fleet, age 94, of Baltimore Md., went home to be with the Lord on Monday, May 21, 2018 at Oakwood Care Center in Baltimore Md. Born on December 11, 1923 in Fisher WV, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, William J. Van Fleet; her parents, Charles Edward Coby & Campsie Dell (Carpenter) Coby; two sisters and eleven brothers.

After working 16 years at Bendix Aviation, Millie went back to school to earn her RN Certification in 1973. She helped establish the Outpatient Surgical Unit at Franklin Square Hospital and spent many years at the Outpatient Surgical Unit. She then turned her focus to private practice nursing where she fully retired at the age of 86.

Surviving is a daughter, Betty (Van Fleet) Lowers of Dandridge

Tenn.; two sons, William C. Van Fleet of Dandridge Tenn. and Stephen R. Van Fleet of Baltimore Md.; seven grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson.

Funeral Services were conducted 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 26, 2018 at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel, 107 Washington St., Moorefield W.Va., with Pastor Harold George officiating. Interment followed at Olivet Cemetery, Moorefield W.Va.

The family has requested memorial donations be made to the Hardy County 4-H Camp Pinnacle, 144 Emergency Lane, Moorefield, WV. Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on Mildred's Tribute Wall at www.fraleyfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Fraley Funeral Home.

MARTHA ANN CRIDER

Martha Ann Crider, age 59 of John C. Crider Road, Purgitsville, W.Va., passed away Tuesday morning, May 22, 2018 at her residence. Born on January 10, 1959 in Harrisonburg, VA, she was a daughter of the late Veril Lewis Frazier and Janet Charlotte Kuykendall Frazier. Martha had two passions, her grandchildren that she adored and large animals. She

cared and nurtured for numerous animals by operating the Lazy C Large Animal Rescue for many years.

Surviving is her husband, Johnnie C. Crider, Jr.; sons and stepsons, Jesse Crider of Ft. Sill, Okla., Wilmer Varner of Virginia Beach, Va., Jimmy Varner of Moorefield, W.Va., Bryan Morrison of Waynesboro, VA, James Crider of

Moorefield, W.Va. and Johnnie C. Crider, III of Moorefield, W.Va.; three sisters, Dorothy Garcia of Exchange, W.Va., Ellen Miller of Lost City, W.Va. and Lena Bowen of Edgewood, Tex.; numerous grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life was held beginning at 7:00 PM Monday, May 28, 2018 at the Valley Baptist

Church, 9349 SR 259, Mathias, W.Va. with Pastor Dale Smith as Celebrant.

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

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Moorefield- Nutrition Site

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Mon. May 28- MEMORIAL DAY CENTER CLOSED

Tues. May 29- Sweet and Sour meatballs over noodles, buttered carrots, wheat bread, pineapples

Wed. May 30- Bologna sandwich w/ lettuce, onions and mayo, coleslaw, chips, applesauce

Thurs. May 31- Calico beans w/ meat, peppers, and onions, cornbread, yogurt

Fri. June 01- Baked potato w/ chili and cheese, broccoli, wheat bread, plums

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Wed., May 30--- Puzzles, Crafts, Thurs., May 31--- Puzzles, Crafts

Fri., June 01- -- Puzzles, Crafts, Bible Study, 11:15

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Those making donations were Lola Crider, Lona Sherman, Ida Staggs, Patty and Harold Michael, Polly and Bennie Miller, Dept. of Highways, Moorefield office, Joyce Wolfe, Food Lion and the Moorefield Examiner. We would

like to thank each and everyone for your donations, they are greatly appreciated. Have a safe and happy week.

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VFW National Commander Visits Hardy County

By Hannah Heishman
Moorefield Examiner

On April 19, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) National Commander in Chief visited Hardy County. Commander Keith E. Harman arrived at Moorefield's Denney-Moyer-Pratt VFW Post 9606 around 11 am, a little behind schedule. State Commander Todd Kingsbury and State Quartermaster Kevin Light accompanied him.

After brief remarks and lunch, they continued to Wardensville's Capon VFW Post 2102, where Harman spoke again and the Auxiliary served cake.

District VFW Commander Bob Jenks, from Wardensville, also attended both events.

At both posts, Harman spoke of his concerns over sequestration, and the effects it has on both Veterans and those still in the military. Eliminating sequestration has been a primary VFW goal since 2001.

"We as an organization, have to put an end to sequestration," Harman said. "We have to do away with this."

"(We must) fully fund and equip today's military, so they can do what our country expects them to do."

"Troops are tired," he added, "of doing more with less -- far less."

Harman relayed several examples he's gotten from service members during his trips to bases and posts in this country and over-

seas. "Troops are telling me they don't train, for lack of funds," he said, adding that many units are only able to train enough to meet minimal requirements.

Harman said sequestration also affects the Missing in Action/Prisoner of War accounting mission. Digs for human remains on World War II, Korean, and Vietnam battlefields are planned months in advance. Teams must rent equipment and often gain access to sites.

They must plan months in advance, to ensure they have funding, but ultimately never know if the money will be there.

Harman encouraged VFW members to contact their elected officials. Kingsbury noted members can do this through the VFW.org website, through the VFW Action Corps. After signing up, members receive emails through which they can click to send immediate messages to their elected representatives.

Moorefield VFW Post member Rick Backus asked if the online method is as effective as a letter.

Harman said it's a matter of preference, and said members could still send their own letters.

"If they get the same email from 7 million people," Harman said, referring to the VFW's membership, "they take notice."

Moorefield VFW Post member Bob Cross asked Harman about officially recognizing 'blue-water' Navy Sailors and Air Force Air-

men who directly supported operations in Vietnam as veterans.

Currently, although many Sailors were posted off the shores of Vietnam, and many Airmen flew over the country, those service members do not technically qualify as combat veterans.

Cross, a Navy veteran, qualifies for the VFW because of other missions during his more than 20-year Naval career, despite time spent on the ground in Vietnam.

Harman explained that all major veteran organizations have opposed the measures Congress has put forward to do that.

Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Paul Ryan (R-WI) met with Chairman of the Veterans Affairs committee Dr. Phil Roe (R-TN), Harman, and the commanders of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), and several other veterans organizations.

Congress claims the cost to officially recognize the affected Sailors and Airmen is so expensive, that in order to do so, current 100% disabled veterans who reach qualification for Social Security would lose their disability pay, forcing them to switch to Social Security and therefore freeing up funds for Sailors and Airmen.

Social Security would not make up the difference in the lost disability pay, amounting to a substantial pay cut for affected veterans, and in effect, forcing veterans to pay for their own disabilities.

Speaker of the U.S. House of



National Commander in Chief of VFW Keith E. Harman

All of the veterans groups opposed the proposal for the same reason: "(It's) not right for veterans to pay for their own disability," Harman said.

Throughout the day, Harman also addressed the difficulty many organizations, including the VFW, have in recruiting new, younger members.

He congratulated Wardensville's Post for meeting and exceeding membership quotas for the year. Quotas are based on a Post's size the previous year. Moorefield's Post also met requirements after the visit.

Harman quipped that West Virginia is still more than 400 members short, and that National needs around 60,000 members.

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DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

A Howell game was played on Wednesday, May 23 with five tables in play in the South Branch Duplicate Bridge Club held at Colts Restaurant. There were ten pairs playing 27 boards with an average match-point score of 54.

Overall winners were: Bruce Leslie and Lary Garrett, 74; Bill Fisher and Rachael Welton, 66;

Leona Reynolds and Eleanor Heishman, 61; Polly Long and Kathleen Puffenberger, 58; and Steve Kimble and Susan Newman, 56 1/2.

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

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Girl Scout News



Pictured are Nevaeh Ketterman, Violet Hearn, Bailey Livesay, Madison Dillow, Patricia Crites, Piper Dimick, Sarah Liller, Lilly Crites, Morgan Malone, Isis Barb. Leaders, Nikki Crites and Amber Gano. Girl Scout Troop 40371 has been working hard on their Wonders of Water Journey. For their Service Project they made a Water bath for the Children's Community Garden at Brighton Park.

Hokum Retires from WIC

Laura "Kim" Yokum retired from her position as nutritionist with the WIC Program and the end of May.

She began work with the agency in May 1987, providing nutrition counseling and education to program participants in Grant, Hardy and Pendleton counties. Soon after, she took the role as the agency breastfeeding coordinator and was instrumental in piloting the first "Best Start Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Program" in WV.

She partnered with Hanover Shoe factory in Franklin to set up a breastfeeding pumping station for breastfeeding mothers returning to work at the factory. In 1993,

the program was recognized by the Mid Atlantic WIC Regional Office and Yokum was presented with an award for an "Innovative Breastfeeding Solution for Working Mother's in Pendleton County, WV"

She has continued to provide nutrition services for WIC participants in the Tri-County area over the last 30 years.

"Every day, it has been a joy to come to work and see the children and babies - they are like a breath of fresh air," Yokum said. "I've always believed children come first, and now my grandchildren need me."



Kim Yokum

Mongold Recognized By Eastern Mennonite University

More than 130 students were honored during Eastern Mennonite University's spring recognition chapel.

Bekah Mongold of Mathias was recognized for Ministry Assistant of Campus Ministries.

Leadership style and abilities emerge from experience and from constant learning. Vice President of Student Life Jim Smucker said in his welcome to Eastern Mennonite University's spring semester

recognition chapel. "We work, we experiment, we make mistakes, we learn, we make adjustments and we work some more, all in hopes of making a contribution to the common good of the community."

As a small liberal arts university, EMU provides a myriad of ways for students to practice leadership - to learn, experiment, make mistakes and grow outside comfort zones - whether through athletics and academics, student government, residence life, campus ministries and more.

"Today we want to recognize a number of folks who have been engaged in this practice, using their time, gifts and abilities for the betterment of our community," he said. "From my vantage point in student life, it has been inspiring to see up close and personal, the

many leadership contributions, of so many on our campus. Today we celebrate with you, and thank you for these contributions."

A leader among faith-based, liberal arts universities since 1917, Eastern Mennonite University (EMU) emphasizes peacebuilding, sustainability, service to others, and social justice to students of diverse religious and cultural backgrounds. On the main campus in Harrisonburg, VA; at the Lancaster, PA campus; and online, EMU educates undergraduate, graduate, professional and seminary students to serve and lead in a global context. The EMU experience challenges students to pursue their life calling through scholarly inquiry, artistic creation, guided practice, and life-changing cross-cultural encounter.

Bridgewater Announces Dean's List

The Dean's List for the spring semester at Bridgewater College has been announced by Dr. Leona A. Sevick, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Students on the Dean's List have attained a 3.4 or better grade point average out of a possible 4.0. The following stu-

dent from this area has been honored:

Alisha Renee Redmon, a senior majoring in liberal studies, from Moorefield.

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MILLER REUNION
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 Starts at 12:30 PM

JUNE WIC SCHEDULE

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Open Tuesdays and Fridays in April from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with the following exception:
 June 22 closed for Regional

Staff Meeting.

Hardy County participants can receive services in Petersburg, if desired.

Petersburg WIC, 23 Hospital Drive - Open Mondays 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with the following exception:

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Board of Education

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The Prevention Resource Officer program is a collaborative effort between the school system and law enforcement. A PRO is a uniformed law enforcement officer who is assigned to the school with the intent of building relationships with students and staff. It is these relationships that potentially prevent violent situations before they happen.

Warren was the PRO at EHHS last year. Deputy Alisha Sanders is the PRO this year. MHS does not have a PRO.

Warren also suggested forming a work group to make sure all safety procedures are being followed in the schools.

In addition, teachers and staff will participate in ALICE training on June 11. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate and is a scientifically-based approach to insure survival during an active shooter situation.

"Most of these shooters have posted things on social media," said board member Doug Boswell. "Is there any way we can look at what people are saying?"

Social media is public domain," Warren answered.

"Social media has to be monitored and we are doing that," said Hardy County Sheriff's Department Public Information Officer

Dave Maher. "We have those connections and with the PRO program can build trust."

"From what I've seen, these are kids who fall through the cracks," said Board President Nancy Hahn of the students who perpetrate the shootings. "That's why mental health is so important in our schools. These students feel like they've been left behind."

"I want to thank the Sheriff for providing a deputy at Moorefield High School," Superintendent Sheena VanMeter said. "The State Department is working with West Virginia about this. A student from Hardy County participated in that discussion led by (WV School Superintendent) Dr. Paine.

"They are referred to as 'ghost students.' They feel like they're invisible."

VanMeter also said the school system will have a new website beginning on July 1. "It will have an anonymous reporting feature," she said.

"The best information comes from the students themselves," said board member and former MHS Principal Doug Hines.

"I still get calls from students and teachers," Warren said.

Budget Update

While specific numbers have not yet been tallied, the school system

will most likely finish the fiscal year in the black. The fiscal year 2018 ends on June 30.

"I ran the numbers as of April 30 and came up with almost \$510,000 remaining," said Finance Director Veeta Burgess. "But then we found we spent \$94,500 for substitutes in April and that doesn't include the fixed costs."

Burgess said that amount includes \$50,000 for long-term subs, which was anticipated, but the additional \$44,500 was not anticipated.

"The culture nowadays is to burn the time you have," she said, referring to the sick and personal days to which teachers are entitled. "They don't want to save them."

Burgess said there is more revenue coming in than budgeted, but the system won't get Medicaid reimbursements until August.

Burgess also presented the State Step 7 budget for approval.

Step 7 is state allocated funding for Improvement of Instructional Programs.

The \$507,613 in Hardy County's Step 7 budget will be used as follows:

- \$168,130 for two Spanish teachers and one bi-lingual English teacher.
- \$233,263 for textbooks
- \$92,220 for instructional supplies



Students in East Hardy Early Middle School Destination Imagination Team took Second Place at the state competition. Teams can choose a subject in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts or Math to demonstrate. The EHEMS students chose the Arts and produced an 8-minute musical. Those participating included Kalen Billmeyer (4th grade), Eli Combs (4th grade), Albert Lermineaux (4th grade), Joseph Price (4th grade), Jerin Billmeyer (5th grade), Sadie Shields (5th grade), Amelia Caldwell (5th grade). The EHEMS Destination Imagination Team is under the direction of 4th-grade teacher Michelle Holstein. Photo by Jean Flanagan

• \$5,000 for academic contests
 • \$9,000 for Career and Technical Educational programs
 The board approved the Step 7

budget.
 The next meeting of the Hardy County Board of Education will be held on Monday, June 4 beginning

at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Central Office, 510 Ashby St. in Moorefield. The public is invited to attend.

Opioid Crisis

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Disorder. He said while the money is "a start," and he's thankful for it, a lot more funds are needed to effectively combat the issues the Mountain State faces.

The numbers support Crouch's claims. According to the DHHR, overdose deaths in West Virginia went from 735 in 2015, to 887 in 2016. The numbers for 2017 use preliminary data, until final data is available in August, but that number sits at 934 overdose deaths.

Further, the impact on child welfare in the state is "stunning," Crouch said.

West Virginia takes more children from their home per capita than any other states, with 84 percent placed in foster care because one of both parents have a substance use disorder, Crouch stated.

West Virginia's response to the crisis to date is making an impact, however, Crouch reported.

When the state legislature

passed the Ryan Brown Fund bill in 2017, it allocated \$21.6 million to increase the number of treatment beds in the state.

"That was a huge bill," Crouch said. "Adding even more beds is critical."

The legislature passed SB 272 and SB 273 in 2018, which provided for data collection and quick response teams, Crouch said.

"That was huge too," he said. "It helped turn the spigot off for opioids in our communities."

Of the \$10 million allocation, about \$1 million is allotted for the distribution of naloxone to first responders, more than 34,000 doses of 2 mg naloxone syringes with atomizers that comply with the statewide protocol administration for EMS personnel.

Counties listed as priority on the list because of a higher risk for overdose deaths include Berkeley, Cabell, Harrison, Kanawha, Mercer, Monongalia, Ohio and Ra-

leigh.

Other monies allocated include \$500,000 for post-partum long-acting reversible contraception insertion, \$500,000 for reproductive healthcare at harm reduction program sites and \$750,000 for children's mobile crisis response.

Crouch said the DHHR has "serious concerns" for children and youth, adding, "prevention is where the aim needs to be."

Further allocations include \$1,450,000 for the Partnerships for Success Program, aimed at reducing underage drinking and misuse of prescription drugs among youths, primarily in 12 targeted high-risk counties.

LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion) programs were allocated \$600,000 of the funds. Crouch said very valuable partnerships are established with law enforcement, "critical in breaking the cycle of jail/overdose/jail/overdoses," he added.

"We need treatment instead of incarceration," Crouch said. "We're moving in the right direction."

Recovery residences were allocated \$140,000, Collegiate Recovery programs \$100,000 and Quick Response Teams \$1,000,000.

Crouch praised the Huntington quick response teams, saying it can serve as a model for the state.

"We hope to have grants available to replicate (Huntington's) services by July or August," Crouch said.

Additional allocations include \$150,000 for the West Virginia Peer Network, \$500,000 for Higher Education Support for Those in Recovery, \$500,000 to expand Drug Free Moms and Babies Programs and \$2.59 million for the County Recovery and Empowerment Initiative.

NOTICE OF INTERVIEW FOR NOMINEE OF THE HARDY COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK

The Hardy County Democratic Executive Committee is seeking a nominee for the Hardy County Democratic Candidate for the Hardy County Circuit Clerk. The committee has already interviewed the acting Clerk, however, would like to give others the opportunity to apply for the nomination. The committee will accept resumes from anyone interested in the position, you must be a registered democrat and live in Hardy County, West Virginia, have computer skills and be energetic with a desire to serve the public. Anyone interested must file their resume on or before Wednesday, June 6, 2018, by 4:00 p.m., interviews will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Law Offices of Bean and Bean, 116 Washington Street, Moorefield, West Virginia. You may mail your resume to the Hardy County Democratic Executive Committee, P.O. Box 30, Moorefield, West Virginia, or you may drop off your resume at the Law Offices of Bean and Bean, for more information contact William H. Bean, Chairman, at 304-530-6198.

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MAKING Waves



Photo by Carl Holcomb

Class A Region II Championship shower was a two-for-one special drenching skipper Wade Armentrout and player Thomas Williams.

Moorefield Edges Irish For State Berth

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

The Yellow Jackets battled in a tight pitchers duel with the winning run coming off the bat of Grant Keller in the fourth inning which was just enough for Moorefield to eliminate Notre Dame 1-0 at Bridgeport High School on Thursday to punch a ticket to the state tournament in Charleston.

Moorefield (20-9) makes the trip to the state tournament for the sixth time under coach Wade Armentrout with the first trip dating back to 2001 and seek a third state title in program history.

"It's been a rewarding season up to this point, even to watch these guys celebrate like that and to know it's a big moment in their life that they will always remember," Moorefield coach Wade Armentrout commented.

"To win it the way we did, in that type of fashion knowing they were in a tight game having confidence in each other was great. Isaac going out there and getting it to a point where Derek can take over and he's been so confident in that role as our closer. Both of these games were tough. We knew they had good pitching and we knew we had to get a couple hits and

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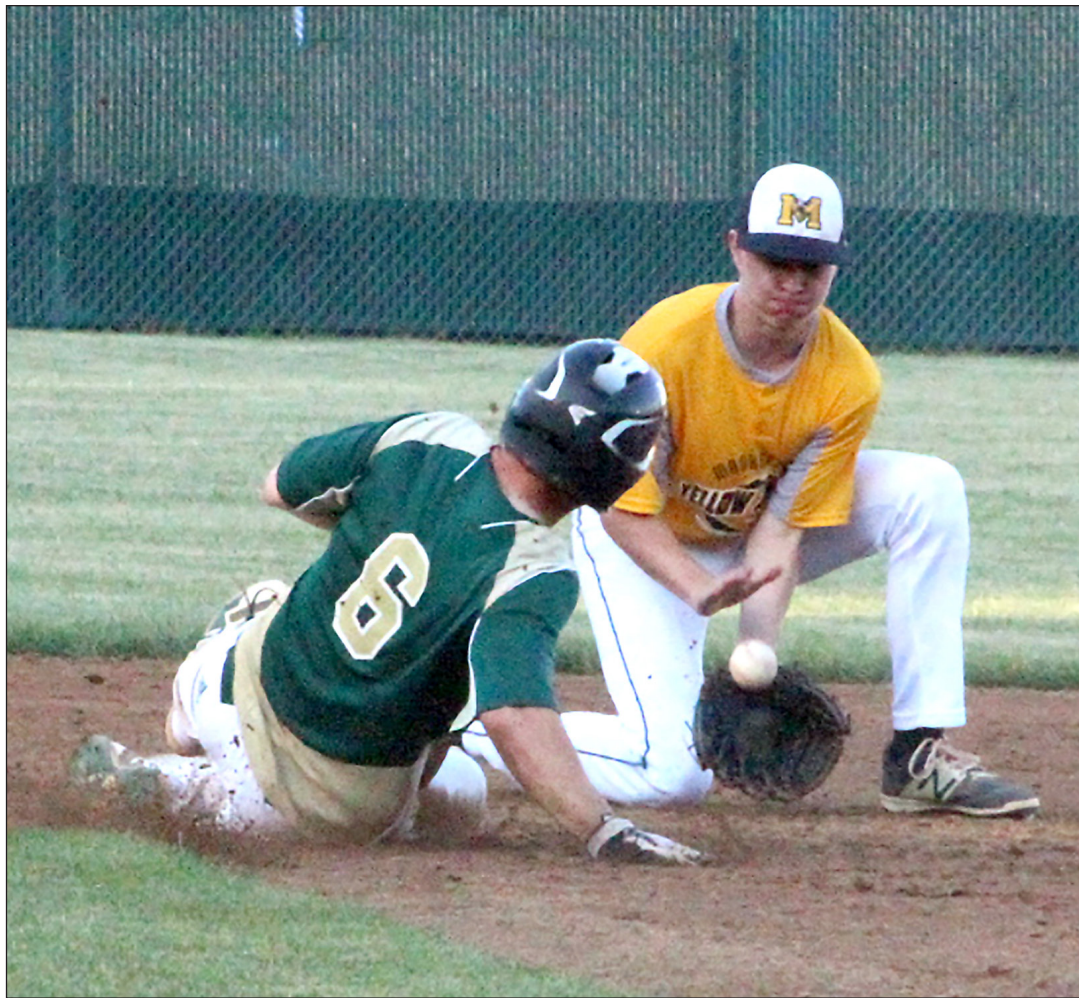


Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield's Brent Moran fields the ball as Notre Dame's Brent Robinson slides into second base during the Class A Region II Championship held at Bridgeport High School on Thursday.

Jackets Splash Past Notre Dame As Haggerty Fans 11 in Region Win

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

Moorefield senior Garrett Haggerty struck out 11 Fighting Irish batters and had a 3-nil run supported lead entering the bottom of the sixth inning in the first game of the Class A Region II Baseball Championship series before it was suspended due to a sudden downpour on Monday and the Yellow Jackets finished with a 6-0 victory on Wednesday to take one step closer to reaching the state tournament.

"The pitching has been phe-

nomenal through the section and the region. I think we only gave up two runs in all of it and that's fantastic. The credit goes to coach Stutler, he gets those guys ready for this time of the year."

Haggerty struck out Notre Dame's Sam Romano before walking Brent Robinson in the first inning and Elias Gordon flew out to right fielder Thomas Williams.

Garrett Collins reached base on an error as Haggerty slipped on the turf trying to scoop the ball up, but a strikeout to Hunter Emerson ended the side.

Notre Dame pitcher Elias Gordon induced a groundout by Brent Moran fielded by shortstop Justin Frazier before striking out Haggerty and Blake Watts.

Haggerty sent the Fighting Irish packing for the dugout on three straight strikeouts to Andrew Rogers, Alessandro Cava and Jeremiah Ritter in the second inning.

"It's great to be a part of this. I want to make sure everyone has confidence. You have to have confidence and our young kids have stepped up and played well," Moorefield senior Garrett Haggerty noted.

Moorefield's Jake Ours ground-out and Hayden Baldwin flew out prior to Isaac Van Meter tapping a single past Frazier, but was stranded on a groundout by Lane Ours back to Gordon.

In the top of the third inning, Notre Dame's Jalen Miller drew a walk and advanced on a sacrifice bunt by Romano which Haggerty fielded cleanly this time.

Haggerty struck out Robinson before creating a groundout off the bat of Gordon to Baldwin at third base.

Moorefield's Grant Keller
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Maroon Knights Lance Lady Yellow Jackets' Title Hopes



Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield first baseman Alyssa Vetter stretches for an out in the Class A state championship against Wheeling Central Catholic.

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

Wheeling Central Catholic completed the triple play of three straight Class A state softball championships and 12th title in program history in a 12-0 shutout over the Lady Yellow Jackets on Thursday afternoon in Vienna.

"I'm very proud of these girls. They played with a lot of heart and passion. We just came up a little short. We will be back next year and stronger," Moorefield coach Tammie Ayers remarked.

This was an entirely different game than the state tournament opening round contest between these two squads which went nine innings with the Lady Maroon Knights edging Moorefield 5-3.

The Lady Yellow Jackets proved they belonged in the state championship game by fighting through the loser's bracket with a 15-4 win over Fayetteville and a 2-nil victory against Sherman to setup the rematch.

Having to play these other games took a toll on the pitching allotment entering the championship round with sophomore Hanna Carlson pitching against Wheeling Central Catholic in the first round and the elimination final against Sherman, while junior Rebekah Markwood and freshman Lauren Arbaugh shared duties against Fayetteville and in the championship.

There is a limit of 14 innings for one day and Carlson pitched seven innings against the Lady Tide and was given rest for a potential second championship game as Moorefield needed to win twice to garner the trophy.

There were muddy sections in the outfield as water had been removed
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Moorefield Surfs Tide To Reach Title Match

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

Moorefield made sensational plays on the turf and surf over the Lady Tide for a 2-0 victory in the Class A state softball tournament elimination final to advance to the championship on Thursday in Vienna.

"They stayed up the whole game. We had some really good clutch hits when we needed them and the defense was on," Moorefield Coach Tammie Ayers stated.

"Madison McGregor had the game of her season. She has played with so much heart and Hanna Carlson pitched a great game. Macie Zirk came through when we needed her. We are getting our

wish to play Wheeling again. The girls seemed more relaxed, because the jitters were gone."

Before each game, Moorefield prayed together which created a calm feeling for the team.

Sherman pitcher Autumn Thompson jammed Moorefield leadoff batter Rebekah Markwood into a pop-out caught by third baseman Zoie Hess, but the Lady Yellow Jackets responded with a double by Hanna Carlson into left field and courtesy runner Gracie O'Neill took her spot on the base path.

Thompson countered with pair of strikeouts to Moorefield's Tori Humphries and Anna Riggelman to prevent a score.

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Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield catcher Alyson Simmons made the tag on Sherman's Taylor Elkins during the Class A state tournament elimination final.

State Opener

Maroon Knights Temporarily Stuck in Mud as Moorefield Forced Extra Innings



Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield's Anna Riggleman slides back to first base before the attempted tag of Wheeling Central Catholic's Olivia Carpenter during the opening round of the Class A state softball tournament.

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

The Lady Maroon Knights splashed through the mud throwing 23 strikeouts in the first round of the Class A state softball tournament, but couldn't shake the pesky Lady Yellow Jackets forcing nine innings before notching the game-winning home run for a 5-3 final.

"That game was tough from beginning to end. I can't say enough about both teams. They battled and I'm happy we came out on top," Wheeling Central Catholic coach Buck Davidson remarked.

"It's hard to get the lead twice just to give it up to be tied and finally came through. You can't say enough about Riley and the way she pitched. They're [Moorefield] not going to give up. You are going to have to play them seven to nine innings."

A torrential downpour on Tuesday night inundated the three state softball tournament fields with water creating muddy conditions causing a delay of the opening round games.

The rain came so quickly, that there was no time to put the tarps on the fields.

After waiting for nearly two hours, the teams were allowed to come to the dugouts and the players danced to music as the ground crew continued to drain the outfield.

The Class A field was too wet to be played on, so Moorefield and Wheeling Central Catholic played on the Class AA field after those games were completed.

The Vienna Parks and Recreation Department and city personnel drained over 5,000 gallons of water from the fields.

When the Moorefield game was being played, the Class A field was cleared for action despite a muddy outfield and eventually both sessions were played with one game pushing just past midnight.

"Very good game, very well played by both teams," Moorefield coach Tammie Ayers noted.

"We had a couple of errors that cost us a couple runs. I really believe that's what did it, because we had them beat about four times.

We just fell short, but they know we are here."

Moorefield sophomore pitcher Hanna Carlson tossed a complete game with six strikeouts on 104 pitches, while Wheeling Central Catholic senior pitcher Riley Bennington went all nine innings recording 23 strikeouts on 187 pitches in addition to hitting the game-winning two-run home run.

Carlson induced a groundout by Bennington to Moorefield junior shortstop Rebekah Markwood throwing to junior first baseman Alyssa Vetter to begin the opening round contest, then a pop-up by Jairika Baylor was just missed on a diving attempt by freshman catcher Alyson Simmons before striking out.

Wheeling Central Catholic's Julia Padden singled on a blooper into left field and was stranded on a groundout by Olivia Carpenter.

Moorefield went down in order as Markwood struck out, freshman left fielder Remi Hinkle popped out to Bennington and Carlson struck out on a full-count to end the frame.

The Lady Maroon Knights failed to reach base in the second inning as Kaitlyn Ferns grounded out to Moorefield junior third baseman Macie Zirk, Allison Davidson flew out to freshman right fielder Tori Humphries and Marissa Garlitz grounded out to Markwood.

Moorefield sophomore Madison McGregor singled up the middle to begin the second inning and he to make a dive back to first base moments later on a pickoff attempt.

Bennington countered with three consecutive strikeouts to Humphries, Vetter and Zirk.

Wheeling Central Catholic's Emilee Ondrik popped out to Markwood in the third inning, then Maria Murphy bunted and was tagged out by Vetter before Carlson struck out Bennington.

Simmons struck out for the Lady Yellow Jackets and sophomore teammate Anna Riggleman drew a walk prior to being left aboard on strikeouts to Markwood and Hinkle.

There was still no score entering the fourth inning as the Lady Maroon Knights attempted to

change things as Baylor singled and Padden executed a bunt making it safely on base, but Baylor was thrown out at third base.

Carpenter struck out and Ferns flew out to Humphries as Wheeling Central Catholic came up empty.

Bennington pitched a strikeout to Carlson and induced a groundout by McGregor, but the Lady Yellow Jackets responded with a double into left center field by Humphries.

Vetter's shot into center field eluded Ferns allowing Humphries to score for a 1-nil edge.

Davidson reached base on an error as the ball was thrown past first base and Garlitz put down a bunt and the throw went over Vetter at first base.

Ondrik connected for an RBI sacrifice fly to tie the game and Murphy hit a hard grounder to Zirk, who made the saving stop on the single as the Lady Maroon Knights took a 2-1 lead.

In the sixth inning, Wheeling Central Catholic failed to generate a baserunner as Carpenter flew out to Moorefield center fielder Riggleman, Ferns flew out to shallow center field with the catch made by Markwood and Davidson grounded out.

After strikeouts to Hinkle and Carlson, McGregor launched Bennington's 2-2 count pitch over the right field fence for a game-tying solo home run, 2-all.

Humphries followed with a single just over Padden and was left on base on a strikeout to Vetter.

In the seventh inning, Carlson bookended it with strikeouts surrounding a single by Ondrik and nothing else as Vetter caught a line drive.

Riggleman and Markwood singled with two outs, but were left aboard as the game went into extra innings.

Baylor singled to Markwood and beat the throw to begin the eighth inning for the Lady Maroon Knights, then Carlson caught a line drive by Padden and turned a double play throwing over to first baseman Vetter.

Carpenter drew a walk and Ferns singled into center field, then

Wheeling Central Catholic took a 3-2 lead on Davidson's RBI single into center field and advanced to second base on the throw home with Simmons sending the ball to second base a moment too late and a groundout ended the side.

In the bottom of the eighth inning, Carlson struck out on a full-count before McGregor hopped on base on an error as Baylor threw past first base allowing advancement to second base.

Humphries notched an RBI single into center field for the Lady Yellow Jackets and took second base on the late throw home which was the game tying run at 3-all.

Bennington answered with strikeouts to Vetter and Zirk to end the frame.

Ondrik singled into right field for the Lady Maroon Knights to begin the ninth inning and Carlson countered with a strikeout.

Bennington launched the lead changing and eventual game winning two-run home run for a 5-3 Wheeling Central Catholic advantage.

"It was hard to just stay focused and keep calm, because of all that was going on. My teammates really supported me and felt good they had my back," Wheeling Central Catholic's Riley Bennington stated.

"I was so pumped hitting the home run. It's senior year, we want to go out strong. They [MHS] were good, they made contact and they were disciplined. They knew what pitches to hit and which ones to lay off. I'll give it to them, they are a good team."

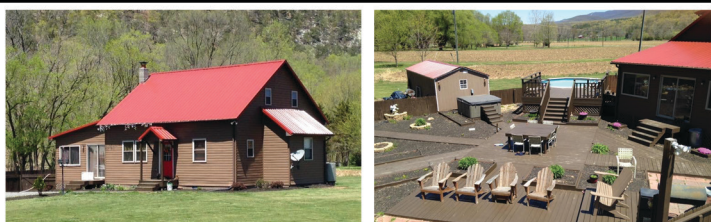
Simmons and Markwood caught two pop-ups to retire the side.

Moorefield freshman pinch hitter Gracie O'Neill and Riggleman both struck out before Markwood was given a full-count walk.

Hinkle doubled into center field, but there wasn't enough time for Markwood to come home and Bennington finished the game with a strikeout to Carlson.

The Lady Yellow Jackets would bounce back from this defeat with victories over Fayetteville and Sherman staving off elimination to reach the state championship final against the Lady Maroon Knights.

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Title Hopes



Photo by Carl Holcomb

The Moorefield Lady Yellow Jackets earned the Class A state softball runner-up trophy in Vienna. The teams representing the state were: Wheeling Central Catholic, Moorefield, Sherman and Fayetteville.

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from torrential downpour coming on Tuesday night, so navigating to catch or retrieve the ball was a little treacherous.

Wheeling Central Catholic ace pitcher Riley Bennington had 23 strikeouts in the opener against the Lady Yellow Jackets, who still found a way to push the Lady Maroon Knights to the limit.

Bennington returned to the pitcher's circle in the championship game allowing only three hits and issuing three walks to go along with seven strikeouts.

Starting the title contest, Moorefield leadoff batter Rebekah Markwood struck out on a full-count.

Hanna Carlson drew a walk and advanced on a groundout by Tori Humphries, then a wild pitch sent her to third base before being stranded.

Markwood's second pitch was launched out of the park by Bennington for a home run giving the Lady Maroon Knights the early lead in the championship.

Wheeling Central Catholic's Jairika Baylor singled up the middle into center field and advanced on a sacrifice bunt by Julia Padden to Markwood before Olivia Carpenter grounded out to McGregor at second base.

Kaitlyn Ferns drew a walk on four balls, then Allison Davidson plated two runs on a grounder bouncing past the diving attempt of Moorefield shortstop Anna Riggeman as Wheeling Central Catholic went up 3-nil.

Wheeling Central Catholic's Marissa Garlitz singled on a bloop and the ball hit Emilee Ondrik during a bunt and was sent to first

base.

The Lady Maroon Knights had the bases loaded for Maria Murphy, who delivered an RBI single into left field to increase the score 4-0.

Moorefield relief pitcher Lauren Arbaugh jammed Bennington into a pop-up caught by shortstop Rebekah Markwood.

Lady Yellow Jackets junior first baseman Alyssa Vetter struck out to begin the top of the second inning, then freshman center fielder Remi Hinkle singled past a dive at second base and both runners were stranded on a pop-up to first base by Carmen Ketterman.

Arbaugh issued a walk to Baylor in the second inning before tossing a strikeout to Padden and Carpenter flew out to Humphries.

Moorefield's Gracie O'Neill would be seen from the dugout observing the game through makeshift binoculars made of paper cups.

Ferns sent one run home on an error and advanced to second base on the play before Davidson notched an RBI single fly ball into shallow right field for a 6-nil advantage for the Lady Maroon Knights and Arbaugh got out of the inning forcing Garlitz to pop-up to third baseman Macie Zirk.

In the third inning, Markwood singled on a grounder rolling near shortstop Julia Padden.

Bennington struck out Carlson, then Humphries poked the ball in front of second base and two infielders converged struggling to collect it and failed to make the fielder's choice tag on Markwood.

Moorefield had two baserunners in the fourth inning as Arbaugh

and Zirk drew walks with Gracie O'Neill and Haley Biser coming in as courtesy runners.

Both advanced on a sacrifice bunt by Ketterman, but couldn't be brought home when Markwood struck out.

After a groundout by Baylor with Markwood throwing to Vetter, who stretched into a split to secure the catch there was a walk by Arbaugh to Padden.

Carpenter singled on a line drive into vented field, then both baserunners advanced on a passed ball to setup Ferns on an RBI single into left field putting Wheeling Central Catholic up 7-0.

Abigail Davidson popped out to Markwood before sister Allison Davidson ripped a two-run producing single into right field collected by Humphries, 9-0.

Murphy crushed a three-run home run over the left field fence to give the Lady Maroon Knights a 12-0 advantage.

Bennington flew out to Moorefield left fielder Remi Hinkle to retire the side, but the damage was done.

In the top of the fifth inning, the Lady Yellow Jackets went down in order ending the game as Carlson flew out to Wheeling Central Catholic left fielder Allison Davidson, Humphries grounded out to Bennington and McGregor hit a pop-up to Padden for the championship final out.

Both teams went through the customary line after the game showing good sportsmanship shaking hands before the trophy presentation occurred.

This was the third state championship in a row for the Lady Ma-

roon Knights and the fifth time Moorefield has been the state runner-up (2004, 2012-15, 2018).

The Class A state softball tournament team sportsmanship award was given to the Sherman Lady Tide.

"It is an honor to be recognized on the all-tournament team. It means other coaches see how well I play. Everywhere we go, we have our doubters. It is us against the world," Moorefield's Rebekah Markwood remarked.

The Lady Yellow Jackets were cheering loudly for their teammates Carlson, Markwood, Humphries and McGregor being named to the Class A state softball all-tournament team joining Wheeling Central Catholic's Bennington, Davidson, Garlitz, Baylor and Ondrik plus Sherman's Autumn Thompson.

"It's very special, especially being my first time at state. It's an honor," Moorefield's Madison McGregor commented.

"To be here is an amazing honor and to be selected to the all-tournament team is another amazing honor," Moorefield's Hanna Carlson said.

Moorefield senior Makaleigh Snyder finished her career in Vienna.

"It's a big honor and I wouldn't want to be here with any other team," Snyder noted.

Moorefield played with tremendous heart and determination the entire season and finished with an overall record of 24-10.

Jackets Splash

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launched a shot just over the reach of the Fighting Irish center fielder for a double and advanced on a sacrifice bunt by Williams.

Moran was given a free pass and stole second base to put runners in scoring position, then Haggerty hit an RBI single with the help of an error as the ball was bobbled by Frazier and the throw to first base went awry.

Watts notched an RBI sacrifice fly and Jake Ours ricocheted the ball into left field for an RBI single giving the Yellow Jackets a 3-0 advantage prior to Baldwin hitting a flyout.

Haggerty struck out Collins and Emerson in the fourth inning.

Gordon pitched a strikeout to Van Meter, then Lane Ours popped out and Grant Keller grounded out.

Haggerty zoned in on three more strikeouts in the fifth inning, fanning Cava, Ritter and Miller.

Notre Dame relief pitcher Jalen Miller stepped up to the mound and was hit right away as Williams doubled as the ball eluded a diving catch attempt in left field.

After Moran popped out, Mille struck out Haggerty and Watts was out on a dropped third strike.

It started to rain as Haggerty walked Romano in the sixth inning, then Moorefield sent in closer Derek Hoyt to finish the game.

After a walk to Robinson, Hoyt threw out Romano trying to steal third base with Baldwin making the tag.

Moorefield catcher Lane Ours caught Robinson trying to steal second base with a toss to Moran and Hoyt retired the side with a strikeout to Gordon.

Miller issued a walk to Jake Ours, then a timeout was called as the rain came down hard causing some puddles and the umpires called the game even though it stopped just as everybody left the complex.

Notre Dame returned to Moorefield on Wednesday to finish the game after it was postponed the previous day.

Play resumed on Wednesday with Moorefield up 3-nil and Ours on first base with no outs and Baldwin drew a walk giving the Yellow Jackets a scoring opportunity.

Van Meter knocked the ball into left field for an RBI single to boost the lead, 4-0.

After a flyout by Lane Ours, Keller singled on a bloop near third base line to load the bases.

Williams notched an RBI single sending the ball on a flight into right field to extend the advantage, 5-0.

Moran hit an RBI sacrifice fly with Van Meter tagging on the play to come home for a 6-0 score and Haggerty wit down swinging.

Collins singled off Hoyt in the seventh inning for the Irish, but Hoyt countered with a strikeout to Emerson, then Williams caught a fly ball from Rogers and the game ended with a strikeout by Hoyt to Frazier.

The Yellow Jackets capped off the Class A Region II Championship series against Notre Dame in Bridgeport on Thursday.

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a couple runs. They are a good team. Our guys have been resilient through all of that. I thought we would hit more than we did today. On the journey we are on and the goal we have, there are games where you aren't going to play your best. You have to find ways to win it, sometimes offense or sometimes defense. It's great to watch the culture these guys have as teammates, they enjoy being around each other and they compliment each other, they know what their role is. They have a passion for the game and appreciate each other and that's the reward I get."

Moorefield freshman pitcher Isaac Van Meter allowed only three Irish hits and struck out four batters with one walk issued in five innings of work, then junior closer Derek Hoyt took care of business with three strikeouts and the defense sealed the win.

Notre Dame senior pitcher Todd Griffith kept the Irish in the game with 11 strikeouts and allowed only four hits and gave up three walks in the loss.

Griffith forced groundout by Moorefield leadoff batter Brent Moran to start the game with Elias Gordon fielding the ball at shortstop, then struck out Garrett Haggerty.

The Yellow Jackets got on base with a single by Blake Watts into left field, who advanced on an error and was stranded on a strikeout to Jake Ours.

Notre Dame's Sam Romano flew out to Haggerty in left field, then Brent Robinson singled off of Van Meter into center field and dashed to second base on an error by Jake Ours.

Van Meter struck out Gordon and Garrett Collins to prevent a run.

In the top of the second inning, the Yellow Jackets went down in order as Griffith recorded three strikeouts to Hayden Baldwin, Van Meter and Lane Ours.

Andrew Rogers reached base on an error for the Irish, then Hunter Emerson popped out to Watts at first base.

Griffith singled into left field to give Notre Dame two baserunners, but they were stranded on a groundout by Sam Snyder and a strikeout on Justin Frazier.

Moorefield's Grant Keller singled in the top of the third inning and Thomas Williams drew a full-count walk for a scoring opportunity.

"It's very special to advance to the state tournament. It's not very often you get to perform at that level. Take a deep breath and approach the plate calm, cool and collected," Moorefield senior Matt Mongold said.

Griffith jammed Moran into a pop-out to first baseman Jeremiah Ritter, then Matt Mongold struck out.

The Yellow Jackets loaded the bases as Watts was given a free pass, but Griffith denied a run with a strikeout to Jake Ours.

Romano popped out to Moran at shortstop, then Robinson was issued a walk.

Gordon hit a line drive which was caught on a leap by Moran and the throw for a double play went awry, then Robinson safely stole second base sliding in as the ball came back to Moran before the inning ended on Collins striking out for the Irish.

Baldwin hit leadoff single into left field for Moorefield in the fourth inning and advanced on a groundout by Van Meter.

After strikeout to Lane Ours, Grant Keller hit the game-winning RBI double into center field and a flyout by Williams in left field kept the score at 1-0.

Notre Dame's Rogers grounded out to Moorefield shortstop Brent Moran, then Emerson bunted and the throw by catcher Lane Ours went wide past the dive of Watts for an error.

Griffith popped out to Baldwin at third base for the second out.

Snyder hit a deep fly ball to left field for a single and Haggerty gunned the ball to home plate for Ours to make the tag for the last out of the frame.

The fifth inning was quick as Moran flew out to center field, Haggerty struck out and Watts was

out on a dropped third strike for the Yellow Jackets.

Notre Dame's Frazier and Romano grounded out and there was a dispute on the second out as some fans thought Watts pulled his foot early.

Robinson was hit by a pitch, but the Irish stranded him on a fly ball caught by Jake Ours in center field.

Jake Ours drew a walk in the top of the sixth inning for the Yellow Jackets, advanced to second base on a groundout by Baldwin to Griffith on the mound and tagged up to reach third base on a flyout by Van Meter before being left on base on a full-count strikeout on the edge to Lane Ours.

Hoyt came in as the closer and caught a line drive on the mound diving into the dirt off a shot by Collins, then struck out the Irish side of Rogers and Emerson.

"Being considered the 'Latch' as my teammates like to call me, because I always close the door is considered to be a big role on the team and I'm glad to fill it," Moorefield closer Derek Hoyt remarked.

"Even if we are down, I still get to come in and give us a chance to come back. Nothing is better than this."

Notre Dame brought in pitcher Justin Frazier in the seventh inning and he forced a pop-out by Keller caught by the catcher, then Moorefield pinch hitter Ben O'Neill struck out.

Moran singled past Gordon into left center field, but was caught stealing.

Hoyt induced a groundout by Griffith fielded by Moran at second base, then struck out Snyder and Hoyt collected the last grounder by Frazier with the throw to Watts to end the Irish season.

Haggerty jumped up and embraced the victory with his teammates, then helped take a cooler to drench coach Armentrout in celebration.

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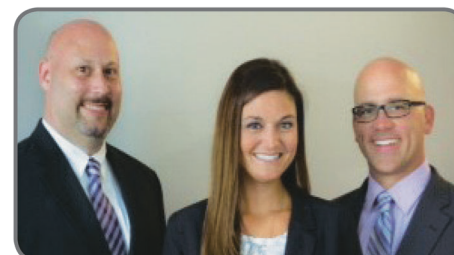
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Tide

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Moorefield pitcher Hanna Carlson tossed a complete game allowing only three hits and had three strikeouts using 85 pitches against the Lady Tide.

Thompson grounded out to Moorefield first baseman Alyssa Vetter for the initial out, then Amber Maloskey bunted with Carlson collecting the ball and the throw eluded Madison McGregor with Maloskey tumbling over her reaching the base for the Lady Tide.

Sherman's Katlyn Jenkins reached base as Carlson stepped past the ball before creating a fielder's choice throw for an attempt at an out at third base, but the toss to Macie Zirk wasn't in time.

A walk given to Cloy Toney loaded the bases for the Lady Tide, but they were stranded on a strikeout to Jocelyn Cooper and a flyout by Chelsea Thompson to Moorefield right fielder Tori Humphries.

McGregor hit a leadoff single into center field starting the second inning, then Remi Hinkle hit into a fielder's choice and advanced on a sacrifice bunt by Vetter before being left aboard on a strikeout to Zirk.

Moorefield left fielder Remi Hinkle caught a deep fly ball a yard from the fence by Sherman's Sydney Ferrell, then McGregor made a diving catch on a line drive by Hess.

Madelynn Toney was hit by a pitch and Thompson reached on an error, but Carlson dialed out of the mess with a strikeout.

The game would remain scoreless, until the sixth inning.

Moorefield's Carmen Ketterman grounded out in the third inning, then Markwood reached base on an error as Sherman shortstop Taylor Elkins overthrew first base.

After another groundout for the second out created by Carlson back to Thompson, Humphries drew a full-count walk and Markwood advanced on a passed ball before taking a timeout to dump a pebble out of her shoe.

The Lady Yellow Jackets failed to score as Riggleman struck out.

McGregor made a stop on her knees fielding a grounder by Jenkins with the throw to Vetter in the bottom of the third inning.

Toney bunted and the ball bounced up hitting her shoulder and was called out, then there was an argument and a discussion by the umpires citing it didn't hit her so she would be safe at first base as Moorefield catcher Alyson Simmons didn't make the throw thinking she had been out.

There was a challenge and the call was changed to an out, then McGregor knocked a grounder down and made the scoop and throw to Vetter for the out.

McGregor drew a walk in the fourth inning for Moorefield, then Hinkle reached base on an error at third base after a disputed check swing on a full-count.

Thompson struck out Vetter looking before the Lady Yellow Jackets loaded the bases on a walk to Zirk.

Moorefield stranded the runners as Ketterman struck out and Markwood grounded out to

Thompson.

Thompson grounded out to Carlson before Ferrell hit a line drive out to Zirk.

Hess singled just past McGregor and was left aboard as Toney grounded out to Markwood with Vetter doing the splits on the catch.

Riggleman singled up the middle with two outs in the fifth inning and was stranded on a flyout.

The Lady Tide had a leadoff single by Thompson just past the dive of McGregor, but Moorefield responded as Markwood caught a pop-up and threw to Vetter for the double play and Humphries caught the final out.

In the top of the sixth inning, Hinkle singled with the ball ricocheting off Thompson to give the Lady Yellow Jackets a baserunner and Vetter executed a bunt reaching base safely as the throw over to second base was late.

Zirk connected for an RBI single with Hinkle sliding home just in time as the throw arrived in the glove of Ferrell.

After a strikeout to Ketterman, Markwood hit into a fielder's choice with Hess bobbling the ball and dropping it on the tag attempt.

Carlson zipped the ball over first base for an RBI single giving Moorefield a 2-nil advantage.

Thompson got out of the jam with a strikeout to Humphries and Riggleman grounded out back to the mound.

Cooper singled just past the reach of Vetter with one out, then Thompson singled and there was a collision on the play at second base with Markwood falling and McGregor alertly snatched the ball up and threw home to Simmons making the tag on Cooper's helmet for the out during her slide before reaching the plate.

Carlson ended the inning with a strikeout to Ferrell with the Lady Yellow Jackets holding a 2-0 lead.

McGregor singled in the top of the seventh inning into center field, then Hinkle hit into a fielder's choice and advanced on a sacrifice bunt by Vetter before being left aboard.

McGregor fielded two groundouts around a pop-up caught by Carlson to put the Lady Tide out for the season, 2-0.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, Pill & Pill, PLLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated October 1, 2003, executed by the Borrowers, William A. Newhouse and Stacey L. Newhouse, to Joyce Stewart, the Trustee, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Book 188, at Page 576. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 102 Holly Avenue, Moorefield, WV 26836. Pill & Pill, PLLC was appointed as Substitute Trustee by an APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated February 13, 2018, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 305, at Page 523. The Borrowers defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustee has been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustee will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Hardy County, in Moorefield, West Virginia, on the following date:

June 13, 2018 at 12:02 p.m.
 All that certain lot or parcel of real estate together with all rights, rights-of-way, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, together with dwelling house situate thereon, being known and designated as Lot Number 46 of Hardy County

Rural Development Authority Subdivision, located and situate on Caledonia Hill, approximately 1 mile northeast of the Town of Moorefield, Moorefield District, Hardy County, West Virginia. Said Lot Number 46 is shown and designated on a plat of Hardy County Rural Development Authority Subdivision of record in the Hardy County Clerk's Office in Deed Book No. 127, page 240, to which reference is now made for a more particular description of said lot or parcel of real estate and for any and all pertinent purposes.

LESS, HOWEVER, all that certain parcel designated as being 2.63 square feet lying under a concrete block garage conveyed under Harry T. Shockey, et ux, by Robert W. Wilson, et ux, and an easement across the remainder of that portion of Lot 46 which lies within a five feet of said garage building for repair and maintenance of garage building only by Deed dated November 28, 1983, and of record in said Clerk's Office in Deed Book No. 178, at Page 637, to which document reference shall be made for any and all other pertinent purposes.

Being the same lot or parcel of real estate conveyed unto William A. Newhouse and Stacey L. Newhouse, husband and wife, from Cathy L. Reed (formerly Cathy L. Eye) and Charles T. Reed, her husband, by Deed dated August 22, 2003, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 276, at Page 34. Reference is hereby made to aforesaid deed and other documents therein referred to and same are incorporated herein, by reference, for all proper and pertinent reasons.

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA ON BEHALF OF THE HARDY COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE, PETITIONER, VS. CHRISTIN REID AND MATTHEW GIGLIOTTI, RESPONDENT,

RESPONDENT, Serve on:

Christin Reid
 11 Palms Springs Court
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 Matthew Gigliotti
 355 Dolan Drive
 Augusta, WV 26704
CASE NO: 18-P-24

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR FORFEITURE

The Object of this suit is to seek an Order forfeiting the described property pursuant to the West Virginia Contraband Forfeiture Act (Chapter 60A, Article 7 of the West Virginia Code, as amended).

TO: ANY CLAIMANT OF A RIGHT IN SAID PROPERTY
 2 house trailers, a parcel of land, and any and all personal items located on the property of 1112 South Fork Road, Moorefield, WV 26836.

You have the right to file a claim to the herein described property on or before June 22, 2018, (thirty days after the date of first publication). Any such claim must clearly state the identity of the claimant and an address where legal process can be served upon said claimant.

The Hardy County Drug Task Force is responsible for the seizure of the respondent property.

The seizure took place on March 19, 2018 in Hardy County, West Virginia.

Said property was owned by Christin Reid and Matthew Gigliotti and found with controlled substances.

After the date of filing said claims, an Order of the Court directing forfeiture of the seized said property and vesting ownership of said property in the State shall be sought.

If you fail to make a claim, thereafter an Order, upon proper hearing shall be entered against said property and against your claim for the relief sought in the Petition.

A copy of said petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office. Entered by the Clerk of Said Courts on this 18th day of May 2018.

Kelly J. Shockey
 Clerk of the Hardy County Circuit Courts
 By Deborah J. Hines, Deputy
 5/23, 5/30 2c

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the authority vested in your undersigned trustee by that certain deed of trust dated the 24th day of June, 2008, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 241, at Page 261, executed by Jeffrey F. Goldsmith and Karen E. Goldsmith, to secure the payment of that certain negotiable promissory note described therein, payable to the order of Capon Valley Bank, a West Virginia Banking Corporation, at its address of PO Box 119, Wardensville, WV 26851 and signed by the said Jeffrey F. Goldsmith and Karen E. Goldsmith as makers, and default having occurred in the payment of said negotiable promissory note secured by the Deed of Trust set forth hereinabove, and the said Capon Valley Bank, as the holder of said note, having notified your undersigned trustee in writing to do so, said trustee, by virtue of that certain document entitled "Appointment of Substitute Trustee," dated May 2, 2018 and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia in Deed of Trust Book 306, at Page 722, will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder, the following described tract or parcel of real estate, at the Courthouse in Moorefield, Hardy County, West Virginia, on

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018 AT 1:00 P.M.

all that certain tract or parcel of real estate containing 2.92 acres, more or less, together with any and all rights, rights-of-way, structures, easements, minerals, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being situate in Capon District, Hardy County, West Virginia and being a part of tract 12 of the Warden Lake Hollow Subdivision. The real estate

is improved with a 2006 Giles DWMH. The real estate subject of this sale notice is more particularly described by that certain Description of Survey and Plat of Survey of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 283, at Pages 58 and 59, respectively. Reference is hereby made to said Description and Plat for any and all pertinent purposes and reference is also made to same for more specific description of this tract or parcel of real estate.

The real estate described herein is identified for 911 purposes as 32 Warden Hollow West Rd., Wardensville, WV 26851. Said real estate is identified in the Office of the Assessor of Hardy County, West Virginia for the 2018 tax year as Parcel 12.1 on Tax Map 233a of Capon District, Hardy County, West Virginia.

And being the same tract or parcel of real estate conveyed unto Jeffrey Goldsmith and Karen E. Goldsmith by Paul V. Otworth, Sr. et ux by that certain Deed dated December 3, 2004 and of record in said Clerk's office in Deed Book 283, at Page 56. Reference is hereby made to the said aforesaid deed for any and all pertinent purposes.

The tract or parcel of real estate being offered for sale herein is being offered for sale, subject to any and all restrictions, reservations, covenants, conditions, easements and rights-of-way, contained in, provided for, or reserved in any and all prior instruments in chain of title. Same shall be incorporated into the Deed of Conveyance to the high bidder or bidders at the sale referenced herein.

The hereinbefore advertised tract or parcel of real estate shall be conveyed unto the highest bidder or bidders by special warranty Deed from your undersigned trustee.

Real estate taxes on the real estate subject of this sale notice shall be paid by the owner or beneficial holder of the negotiable promissory note referred to herein for all those taxes coming due to and through the spring of 2018. The high bidder or bidders shall be responsible for the taxes that become due in the fall of 2018 and henceforth without regard to in whose name they are assessed.

The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying subject real estate to vacate said property.

All costs for Deed preparation and transfer stamps shall be paid by the purchaser. In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens of record against the real estate subject of the sale notice, the United States Government shall have the right to redeem the real estate within 120 days from the date of said sale or a period allowable for said redemption, whichever is longer.

TERMS: A \$10,000 deposit required on day of sale and the balance to be paid in cash at closing. Closing is to occur at the office of your undersigned Trustee at 204 N. Elm Street, across from the Courthouse, in Moorefield, Hardy County, West Virginia, at a date and time to be mutually agreed upon between the Trustee and the high bidder(s), which said date and time shall not exceed twenty (20) days from the date of sale. Failure to close in accordance with the terms herein shall result in the forfeiture of the deposit. Purchaser may elect to pay the entire purchase price on day of sale.

Prospective bidders are invited to contact your undersigned trustee or Capon Valley Bank, prior to the day of sale with regard to any and all questions that might arise.

Jack H. Walters, Trustee
 Walters & Heishman, PLLC
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At a regularly scheduled Board Meeting held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, the Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., Board of Directors:

* Resolved that the Company institute an \$8 increase in its Fiber-to-the-Home package pricing in its ILEC and CLEC tariff filing, and;

* Resolved that the Company acknowledges it has not increased its Fiber-to-the-Home prices since launching the service in July, 2013, and that these price increases are being implemented for two important reasons:

* To help offset lost revenues as a result of the continuing and cumulative impact of the FCC's Budget Control Mechanism (BCM) on the amount of eligible Universal Service Fund - High Cost Loop Support that the Company receives. As a result of the BCM, the Company has not received over \$1 million in USF-HCL over the last 4 years that it was eligible for.

* To help reduce the impact on quickly increasing video content/programming retransmission fees requested by the video programmers and content rights owners, and;

* Resolved that in order to add some value to the customer for these increases, that the Company increase its Internet download and upload speeds associated with each Fiber-to-the-Home package as it recognizes the continuous demand for increased Internet speeds and of Internet usage, and;

* Resolved that the effective date of the Fiber-to-the-Home package pricing increases shall be August 1, 2018, and;

* Resolved that the effective date of the Internet speeds associated with each Fiber-to-the-Home package shall be August 1, 2018, and;

* Resolved that the Company proceed with all necessary notifications, filings, and tariffs in accordance with the rules of the

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- **PATIENT ACCESS CLERK**, Part-time, various hours - day/evening shift; with every other weekend required. High school diploma or GED required. Must possess the ability to type 35 words per minute. Good decision making skills. Professional and responsible with great work ethic. Ability to multitask in a fast paced environment and work as part of a team, also required. Must have keen attention to detail, ability to maintain and balance cash drawer, ask patients for co-pay's and deductibles at time of visit. Apply by 6/4/18.
- **RN**, full-time, for Special Care Unit, night shift. Current West Virginia RN license required. ACLS, PALS and TNCC certification recommended. SCU/ER experience preferred. Must be capable of multitasking and have critical thinking skills. Apply by 6/29/18.
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Center Stage Dancers Light Up the Stage

Delighting the crowd at Moorefield High School on April 21, 2018, a troupe of 60-plus dancers ranging in ages from 3 to teen, donned beautiful costumes and performed challenging and charming

routines. With a recital theme titled "Dancing Day & Night," the Center Stage Dancers' presentation served as a final student recital for their 2017-2018 recreational dance program.

Meeting weekly from August through April as a joint venture with the Hardy County Wellness Center and Eastern WV Community & Technical College's Community Education Program, Center Stage

Dance offers recreational dance (ballet, jazz, lyrical, and creative movement) in a social setting. Congratulations to the Center Stage Dancers for another wonderfully rewarding year.



Baby Dolls - Front row: Rylee Keplinger, Darah See, Harper Mathias, Zoey Lee
Middle row: Ava Sherman, Ella Riggleman, Kate Cumberland
Back row: Kiersten Molen, Jayla Bierkamp



Dazzlers: Front row: Cora Caldwell, Gabby Goldizen, Ella Poling, Jenna Ludwig, Lelia Brafford, Harper Hunt, Ally Landes, Danika Vetter, Delanie Wolfe
Back row: Tabitha Goldizen, Chloe Champ, Lillie Taylor, Summer Twigg, Lilly Crites



The Entertainers:
Front row: Karli Crites, Sydney Lancaster, Kate Combs, Danica Wolfe, Reece Sites
Middle row: Kinsley Crites, Bailey Livesay, Hannah Griffith, Caitlin Walters
Back row: Kadence Martin, Rylee Branson, Emily Weaver



Dancing Divas:
Front row: Harmony Thorn, Blair Weese, Chloe Herron, Gracie Simmons, Abby Griffith
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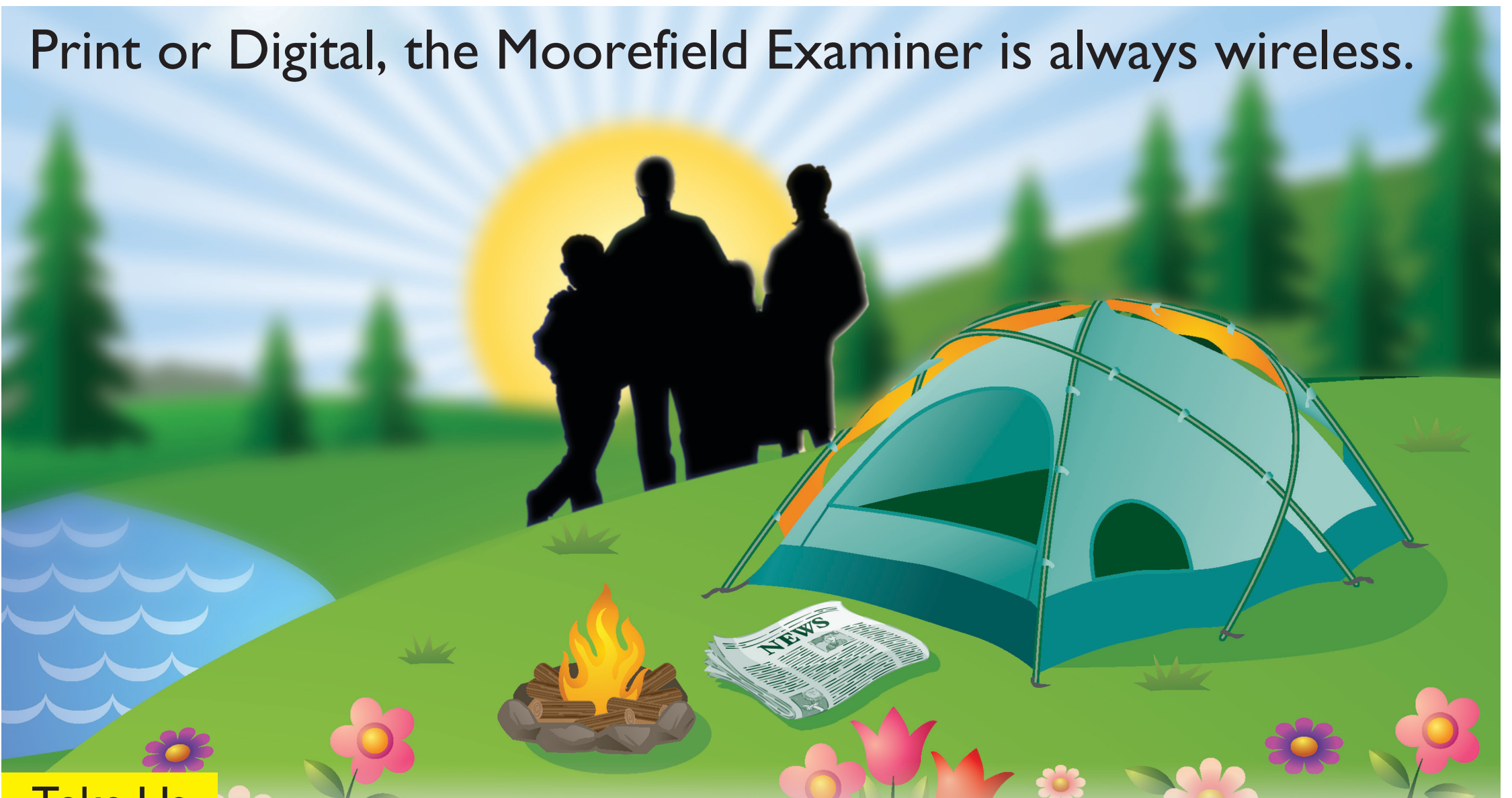


Showstoppers:
Front row: Rylen Sites, Sterling Kump, Amber Riggleman, Grace Mallow
Middle row: Rebecca Rao, Marissa Simmons, Allie Biser
Back row: Makenzie Keplinger, Hailey Biser, Stori Ketterman, Madalynn Clayton



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