



William V. Board

Board Sentenced To Five Consecutive Terms for Sexual Assault

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The victim's mother described her 12-year-old daughter as once a happy kid who made good grades and smiled often. Then, seemingly for no reason, she turned into a fearful, withdrawn child who shaved her head to change her appearance.

Eventually, the reason was discovered and in May 2018, the victim's mother called 911 to report her daughter had been sexually assaulted numerous times by William V. Board, a 30-year-old man.

In December, 2018, Board pleaded guilty to five counts of sexual assault in the third degree. He was originally indicted on 15 counts of sexual assault in the second degree, five counts of sexual abuse in the first degree and 15 counts of sexual assault in the third degree.

The penalty for sexual assault in the third degree is not less than

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Defendant in Three-Year Old Case Sentenced

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Michael L. VanMeter has been on the lam, so to speak, for three years. In 2015, he was indicted on two felony counts - burglary and conspiracy. He entered a guilty plea to the burglary charge in December 2015 and reported for a 60-day evaluation in the Spring of 2016. He was scheduled to be sentenced in June, 2016, but the case was continued. When he didn't appear for his June 17, 2016 hearing, a capias warrant was issued.

I don't know why he wasn't here three years ago, defense attorney Brian Vance said. He's been working full time. His child support has been caught up. He's not been arrested. He's been in this courthouse numerous times. He wasn't aware of the capias.

VanMeter was arrested on the capias warrant on March 10, 2019 in Grant County. The capias warrant allows law enforcement to detain the suspect without probable cause.

Judge C. Carter Williams said he was curious about whether VanMeter understood the terms of his post-conviction bond and asked his

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Wardensville Approves Home Rule Application

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The town of Wardensville came one step closer to Municipal Home Rule on Monday, April 29 when the town council approved the second reading of Ordinance 19-02 Authorization to Submit a Written Home Rule Proposal.

A public hearing was held to introduce the proposal to the public and to garner input. Only one member of the public was present. John Sayers, who helped write the proposal, spoke in favor of the ordinance.

In 2007, the West Virginia Legislature enacted a Home Rule Pilot Program and in 2019, the Home Rule Program was made permanent.

Municipalities that wish to be considered for Home Rule must submit an application to the Home Rule Board. The application must include reasons why current state code pres-

ents barriers to successful governance and the proposed solution under Home Rule.

In Wardensville's case, the application cites three categories to be addressed - taxes, organization and administration:

Impose a 1 percent sales tax and the elimination of certain business and occupation (B&O) tax categories.

Standardize business license categories and fees

Adjust the number of members on the Wardensville Development Authority

Sales Tax

According to the application, state code requires municipalities to enact either a B&O tax or a municipal sales tax. They are mutually exclusive.

The town currently imposes a B&O tax on businesses, but the B&O tax is neither a wholly fair tax on some categories, nor does it provide adequate revenue to support com-

munity needs, the application states.

The proposed solution is to eliminate the B&O tax on some businesses - namely restaurants and retail - and keep it for some businesses - namely banks, insurance and realtors. Those businesses eliminated from paying B&O tax would collect a 1 percent sales tax.

John Sayers said the current B&O tax is collected on the gross amount of goods and services sold within the town limits. He said the B&O tax on something he sells for \$1 would be 1¢. A municipal sales tax, which would be added to the \$1 sale, in addition to the current 6 percent sales tax would be \$1.07.

Collecting this tax on top of the sale would be much easier, Sayers said. Speaking as a restaurant person, this is a tax we can live with.

In December 2016, the Wardensville Council proposed a 1 percent sales tax and was met with fierce opposition from several business

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Photo by Jean Flanagan

Students Warned of Distracted Driving

Students at Moorefield High School witnessed the extrication of three of their classmates from a wrecked vehicle to underscore the dangers of distracted, drunk or drugged driving this prom and graduation season. Only one of the three students survived the crash which involved drunk driving.

First responders from the Moorefield Volunteer Fire Department, Fraley Ambulance Company, Moorefield Police and Hardy County Sheriff's Department participated in the drill.

County Celebrates National Day of Prayer

A group of Hardy County residents gathered on the steps of the County Courthouse to celebrate the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 2. Pastors Jim Yao of the Moorefield Presbyterian Church, Doug Bowers of the Moorefield Church of God, Cheryl George of the Baker United Methodist Church and Harold George of the Open Door Ministry led the group in prayer for the world, the country, our children, teachers, law enforcement, first responders, national, state and local government and our churches.



Photo by Jean Flanagan

Luke Mill's Closing Will Felt Logging Jobs Here

Jim King

Hampshire Review

When the Luke paper mill closes June 30, it will do more than end 130 years of manufacturing history and lay off 675 employees there.

It will also have a devastating effect on dozens of loggers, truckers and landowners in Hampshire County and across the region.

It's just going to trickle down through the economy from start to finish," said Matt Parsons of TimberLand Consulting.

The Division of Forestry lists

more than 2-dozen timber companies in Hampshire County. The number of individuals who are certified loggers runs higher.

And, Parsons reminded: There's a lot of truckers that their income is hauling timber for the actual loggers.

Verso announced Luke's closing Tuesday morning, blaming the move on 4 factors:

A continuing decline in customer demand for the grades of coated freesheet paper produced at the mill;

Rising costs of timber;

• A "significant" influx of im-

ports; and

Rising compliance costs and infrastructure challenges associated with environmental regulation changes.

Luke's closing will reduce Verso's production capacity for coated freesheet generally the grade of paper used in magazines by approximately 450,000 tons a year. The company will still be able to produce approximately 2.7 million tons annually.

It is unfortunate that we had to make the decision to close the Luke Mill, Verso Interim Executive Officer Leslie T. Lederer said

in the press release announcing the action.

He said the mill has struggled with profitability for a number of years,

The decision to close this mill that has been in operation for more than 130 years was an extremely difficult one, and is in no way a reflection on the dedicated men and women who work there, Lederer said. I want to thank each and every member of the Luke team for their hard work and dedicated service to the mill, to Verso and to our customers.

Severance packages will be given to both hourly and salaried

employees, the firm said. But independent contractors like the loggers and truckers are out of luck.

Forester Bill Pownall said the closing hits on a personal level.

We have a lot of friends, he said of the loggers and mill workers. We regulate them over and over and over so we get to know them; they're friends. We know foresters who work for the mill. I'm worried about them.

Parsons said the plant's closing has been on the back of people's minds for a decade.

The mill took wood of all types

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OPINION

Mother's Day

Over a hundred years ago, a woman named Ann Jarvis, who was from Grafton, W.Va., started what is known as Mother s Day.

Mother is a very powerful word in the business world and it is sometimes used more for commercial gain than for honoring those women who brought us into the world.

We thought the commercialization of Mother s Day was fairly recent, but found that even Anna Jarvis, before she died, was horrified that her success at getting recognition for mothers had become one big income maker for business.

One interesting item is that in the past Mother s Day was a time when more greeting cards and phone calls were made than at any other time of the year. However, with email, cell phones, Skype, Facebook, Twitter and all the other social media, that has changed significantly.

Electronics have taken communicating with Mom to a whole new level. But what is important is that sons and daughters and grandchildren are still wishing her Happy Mother s Day albeit by differing methods.

While Mom may be pretty savvy to be able to receive these electronic greetings, never think she doesn't both expect and want them. And cards would really be special.

So please, remember to tell your mother you love her, call her if you don't live nearby, visit her if you do, and just let her know how much she means to you.

This includes more than your birth mother. It means your grandmother, the woman who raised you, the woman who was there when you needed her, and any family member or friend who might have held you when you needed her most. They all deserve to be recognized and thanked on Mothers Day.

So here's to all mothers, past, present and future. May you continue being the mothers we love and respect and may you enjoy your day this Sunday. We wish you a stress-free, relaxed day on May 12.

If your mother is no longer living, it wouldn't be morbid at all to visit the cemetery and spend a little time with her.

May your children wait on you, your grandchildren hug you, and anyone you have considered one of yours be a part of your day.

Here's to crushed dandelions, sticky fingers and memories. Here's to spending time with old photos or films and talking about when your children were young.

That's what we wish for you for Mothers Day along with dinner out and no dishes.

MY UNBASED OPINION

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN



If you get a chance, drive by Big House on Rt. 259 North out of Wardensville on a sunny day soon. Sometime around last week in May, Tommy Rinard will likely cut his Alfalfa crop out front, between house and highway. Decent haying weather and he'll make some of best hay in Capon Valley this year.

For now it's just beautifully green, even height and practically weedless. My Pap loved good alfalfa in that field out front. In one of my favorite pictures of him, he's standing knee deep in a crop of his own with Big House in the background. A bit too far to see his face plainly under the brim of his big straw hat, but I know he was grinning.

Mom liked it too, but she dreaded the future year when Pap would decide alfalfa was wearing thin and he'd have to replant. He'd plow under residue of last crop to loosen soil, cover weeds, and provide green manure nutrients for new planting. He'd plant the field to corn, which soaked up accumulated legume fixed nitrogen and gave him a chance to cultivate

away more nasty weeds. One year of a great, well fed corn crop, then back to alfalfa.

Mom didn't like corn out front. She couldn't see the highway, our mail box or the lane between highway and house. Folks coming to see Pap, the veterinarian suddenly appeared at Big House's door without prior warning. Mom felt less secure in her home when tall corn obliterated her view.

Last shocks of tall corn I remember seeing in Capon Valley stood in that field. Pap was one of last folks around to begin mechanically picking his crop. He liked corn fodder for early season cattle feed. He said cattle needed something to occupy their spare time between eating and cud chewing. Munching leaves off corn stalks soaked up that extra time and energy they might spend sneaking through neighbor's fences or rubbing their butts on sharp corners.

As I write, it strikes me that I'm seventy four years old. If Pap's corn shocks out front were last I remember seeing in Capon Valley, then I'm probably among last of a

generation with actual experience shocking corn and many other old ways of farming.

First corn harvesting machine I worked around was a single row binder. Built to be pulled by horses or mules, but adapted to a tractor's hitch, it was ground powered by its own lug wheeled axle. Binder cut corn stalks and bound them into small bundles with sisal twine. Last binder I worked behind was borrowed from Mr. Pete Rinard, our across-the-river neighbor, father of Tommy Rinard, who has his alfalfa planted in my Big House field today.

Before binders there was hand cutting. Most men used cutters consisting of a steel blade, perhaps nine inches long, riveted at an angle into a two foot wooden handle. Blades were generally blacksmith cut from old wood saws and fixed solidly to handles with rivets. Handles repurposed from whatever hand tools, such as hoes, pitchforks, and axes, the user had broken lately through heavy normal use.

I soon learned not to pick up

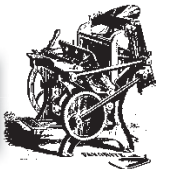
another man's cutter and try to use it. A man's favorite cutter "fit his hand" and was to be left alone for his use only. I've seen men galumph around all day if another man left for the field with wrong cutter. Some folks swore by straight blade machetes, but most thought them a painful trip to the house to get a whacked leg bandaged.

A right handed cutter, swung with his right hand while gathering severed stalks in crook of his left arm. Hand cut corn could be loaded on a wagon kept handy by an experienced horse/mule or a boy, too small to cut, sitting on a tractor. Wagon hauled unshucked corn and fodder to a barn. Alternatively, arm load gathers, left untied, were added to a shock built where corn was cut.

Shocking and shucking are at least full Unbased Opinion by themselves. I'll save them for another weekly reminiscence. Meanwhile I'll enjoy watching Tommy's alfalfa grow.

GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES



Fifteen Years Ago May 12, 2004

Ten young men, the largest group ever in Hardy County, had been selected to attend Boys State. From East Hardy High School: Richard A. Hulver, Isaac E. Godlove III and Kevin D. Leatherman. From Moorefield High School: Jeremy G. Simon, Jonathan D. Funk, William H. Henry, Anthony M. Powell, Ricky L. Bobo, Jr., Matthew Martin, and Thad E. Garrett. Gov. Bob Wise sponsored a newly enacted law to lower the legal blood alcohol level for driving under the influence from 0.10 to 0.08.

Several residents came before the Moorefield Council to complain about the smell and the noise from Pilgrim's Pride.

Mary Payne Grandison, 90, Wardensville, died May 1 the Rev. Ralph Dean Fawley, 83, Sanger-ville, VA, died March 31.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. VanMeter, a daughter, Paige Rae.

Moorefield girls beat Frankfort 7-2 East Hardy boys beat Romney 4-1, Pocahontas County 6-5 and 10-0, New Market 16-5 and lost to Pendleton County 5-0 MHS boys beat Martinsburg 3-2 and Tygarts Valley 12-11 and lost to Hampshire 7-2 East Hardy girls beat Petersburg 8-2 and lost to Pendleton County 16-13.

Thirty Years Ago May 10, 1989

After 18 years, Kay Johnson, who had written Letter From the Farm was bidding farewell to the Examiner and the South Branch Valley.

The Hardy County Tour and Crafts Association adopted the Spinning Wheel logo as its trademark for Heritage Weekend.

Rockingham closed its truck weighing scales to public use.

Farmers approached the County Commission about obtaining scales.

Cletus William Ketterman, 59, died May 4 Forrest Dayton Kimble, 51, Manassas, VA, died May 4 Delia Foltz Miller, 78, Winchester, died May 1 The Rev. Clarence Y. Gilmer, 89, Harrisonburg, died April 29 Daily Augustus Southerly, 65, April 30 Charles Blair See, 66, Lost River, died May 3 Corbett Thurman Strawderman, 69, Mathias, died May 7.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Townsend, a son, James Robert.

Moorefield defeated Tucker County 9-2.

Forty-five Years Ago May 8, 1974

Mike Hulver and Donna Funk attended the WV Youth Environmental Conference at Charleston.

Jaycees were told that ambulance service would cease unless requirements of the new Emergency Medical Services bill were met.

The voter registration numbers had reached 5,823.

Mary Frances Wratchford and Wayne W. Shockey, Jr. were married April 13 Judith Ann Jenkins and James L. Snoderly, Jr. were married April 6 Edna S. Cary and John L. Daneri were married May 1.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Renick Williams, a daughter, Mary Elizabeth to Mr. and Mrs. David Crites, a son, David William to Capt. and Mrs. John A. Mathias, twins, a son and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barr, a son, Joshua Andrew.

Moorefield beat Petersburg 8-1 and lost to Franklin 5-4.

Sixty Years Ago May 13, 1959

The Community Club Council was searching for a Teen Canteen location and advocating that a swimming pool be built.

Citizens were to vote on a special levy for the Board of Education. It would, among other things, supplement teacher salaries and provide free textbooks.

Bill's Sport Shop moved from the old Allen building to the McCoy Theater building.

Jay Curtis Layman, 75, Fairmont, died in a drowning accident May 8 Lela Whetzel Heavner, 52, Tannery, died May 5 Blanche Snarr Peters, 75, Rock Oak, died May 5 William Edward Zepp, 77, died May 10 Samuel D. Orndorff, 78, died May 5.

Janet Ellen Hott and Jimmie Allen Peters were married April 11 Mary Roby and William Dayton were married April 25.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sager, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Hupp, a daughter, Sheila Kathryn to Mr. and Mrs. Chester L. Rohrbaugh, a son, Lyle Eugene to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Funkhouser, a son, Matt Wayne Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Wendell Hott, twin sons, John Paul and Junior Brown to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hines, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Evers Simmons, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wratchford, a son.

Seventy-five Years Ago May 10, 1944

An air show was being planned for late May or early June. Proceeds were to go to improving the airfield east of town.

Returns from the Democratic primary for 15 of 16 county precincts were carried.

A quarantine on dogs in the Mathias area was placed on dogs due to rabies. It would be in effect from May until November.

Rebecca Doman, thought to be the youngest recipient in the

county to ever received the Golden Horseshoe pin, along with Betty Lou Birch, Nadine Kerr, and Charles Redman were the county winners. They would not be able to go to Charleston due to war travel restrictions.

The War Department confirmed the death of 2nd Lt. Cletus W. Tusing on Feb. 29 when his plane was shot down the family of Albert Halterman was notified that he had been missing in action since April 27 when his submarine was lost.

Georgiana Hose Sulser, 25, was killed in an automobile accident April 27 Lillie Clark King, 67, Keyser, died May 6 Ida Friddle See, 87, had died at Purgitsville...

John A. Parks, 54, died May 5 in Miami, FL.

Pauline Veach and Eugene Strosnider were married Ruby Poland and Corp. Robert Giffin were married April 26 Born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hunt, a daughter, Cynthia Sue to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Kessel, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Whetzel, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Webster, a daughter.

Ninety Years Ago May 9, 1929

A number of automobile wrecks had been reported. Several cars ran together and were badly wrecked in Reynolds Gap, but no injuries were reported.

Roy Jordan, Wardensville, had purchased a new Ford.

A great number of people had driven to see the ruins of the Long Lick School at Needmore.

Sallie VanMeter Gilkeson, 79, had died at the Meadows. She was survived by two daughters, Misses Martha and Damie Thomas Constable, a veteran of the Civil War, had died at his home near Inkerman.



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Happy Mother's Day

We keep reading about the increase in measles across the country. We keep wondering why in the world a parent would say their children don't need a vaccine to protect that child from a once feared disease. As a result that disease is making a comeback because certain religious sects and some parents think they know more or are smarter than the medical profession. Please make sure your child is protected from measles, diphtheria, mumps, smallpox, whooping cough, polio and all the other childhood diseases which at one time ended lives until science found a cure. Now those diseases are coming back because of anti-vaccination beliefs. We cannot

condone the parents who refuse to vaccinate their children because they are also threatening the lives of very small children who have not yet been vaccinated, teens and adults who have not been vaccinated or whose vaccination did not take. It is unconscionable.

Happy Mother's Day

Seems Gov. Jim Justice may have problems with the party he switched to after being elected as a Democrat. His Republican cohorts don't seem to be real receptive to his moving over to the other side talk about the elephant in the room! Republican executive committees in Kanawha, Mineral, Hancock and Harrison counties voted a "no confidence" for the

governor early last month. A couple other counties were to consider the same move. We can't remember something like this happening in our many years being interested in politics. We have to say we have a lot less interest in politics now than we did during the Kennedy years and after. But perhaps that's because there is no fun in politics any more, nor is there any civility. Elected officials just yell at each other and make no effort to compromise on anything or even try to work out issues. So nothing gets done except make them look really dumb.

Happy Mother's Day

Speaking of Mineral County, have you read about the 100 or so

wells being dug on the property at Frankfort High School? Each will be 550 feet in depth in order to tap into the Geothermal layer of the earth to provide heating and cooling for the school system. At a cost of \$5.95 million it still may cut heating and cooling costs at the school. Mineral is also looking at solar panels for New Creek Primary and Mineral County Technical Center plus more geothermal efforts at Keyser Middle and the Technical Center. Wow! Our neighbors are going high tech with their school systems. Has anyone checked into this for Hardy County? Is it a good or bad way to go? And do we have access to geothermal power? Maybe the folks at Eastern can help.

Wardensville Garden Market Celebrates Earth Day on the Farm



The Carla Hardy CommuniTree Project Provided 100 Trees

Earth Day on the Farm, held Saturday, April 27, was a big success with more than 100 community members of all ages participating in activities to help keep the Cacapon River clean. Volunteers and staff planted, mulched, staked and watered 100 large-canopy trees and also fertilized and mulched 100 trees

from last year's event all in an effort to expand the riparian buffer along the river. In all the farm has planted 200 trees in the last two years along the Cacapon River. Neil Gillies of the Cacapon Institute demonstrated the proper way to plant trees. Several other local conservation groups were

also on hand to assist and offer information about their organizations work, including The Nature Conservancy of WV, Potomac Valley Audubon Society, Cacapon and Lost Rivers Land Trust, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, the Chesapeake Bay Program, WV DEP and the Friends of the Cacapon River.



Home Rule

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people and residents in the community including Sayers. If I sell \$20,000, my B&O tax is \$20, Sayers said in 2016. If there is a 1 percent sales tax, my tax is \$200. This is a very big change for businesses. This is a terrible, terrible tax. It will drive business away. If approved, it will discourage restaurant and retail business in Wardensville. Sayers said his change of heart is because the Wardensville Council in 2016 was not working to eliminate the B&O tax in favor of the sales tax. They left the B&O tax on restaurants and retail, he said. They wanted to add the sales tax without taking away the B&O tax. Another critic in 2016 was Doug Coffman, owner of the Kac-Kappon Restaurant. My B&O tax is \$1,000 to \$1,500, he said in 2016. A sales tax would cost me \$6,000 to \$7,000. What does the business owner get for this? Coffman, who didn't attend Monday's meeting told the Examiner, he still wonders what the benefit would be from a sales tax. My main complaint is that

there should be more benefit," he said. I probably have more confidence in the current administration than I did in 2016, but I'm still the tax collector. According to the Home Rule application, the town would like to use the increase in revenue to reestablish the Wardensville Police Department, provide matching funds for grants and make capital improvements on community properties like the Visitor's Center and the J. Allen Hawkins Park. According to the calculations the net increase in revenue with a sales tax would be in the neighborhood of \$48,000. **Standardize Business Licenses** Currently Wardensville's business license application is six pages in length and includes 47 categories. The fees for an annual business license range from \$1,325 for a private club to \$10 for a foot-peddler. The town would like to consolidate all businesses, with the exception of those involving the sale of alcohol, and establish a universal license fee of \$25. The application acknowledges

the result would be a reduction in revenue from the business license income, but would reduce workload for town employees. Furthermore, the substantial increase in revenue resulting from the proposed business tax restructuring will more than make up the small loss in business license revenue, the application states. According to a calculation included in the application, the town would lose approximately \$1,400 in business license fees. **Adjust Required Number on Wardensville Development Authority Board** Currently, West Virginia Code requires a municipal development authority board to consist of no fewer than 12 nor more than 21 persons. According to the Home Rule application, Wardensville finds it difficult to attract that many dedicated, qualified members to serve on the board. According to Sayers, the WDA has a track record of success with its purchase of See's Motel and its subsequent sale "for a profit" to a private owner who renovated the

historic landmark and operates it today. But with a minimum of 12 on the board, it's difficult to get a quorum to conduct business, he said. The Home Rule application proposes to reduce the number required on the WDA board to no fewer than five nor more than 12 members. A smaller, more dedicated membership will allow the board to act more nimbly and effectively, the application states. The Wardensville Town attorney, John Funkhouser, said it was his opinion that the application meets all the requirements of the WV Code and he has included a letter to that effect to the Home Rule Board. After it's approved, I will help write the ordinance, he said. Also speaking to the council were members of the West Virginia Municipal League. Kudos to Wardensville, said Deputy Executive Director Travis Blosser.

"One size does not fit all when it comes to municipal government," said Legislative and Policy Analyst Susan Economou. Home Rule gives municipalities the ability to make decisions that fit. It's a beautiful tool to solve problems. Wardensville Mayor Betsy Orndoff-Sayers said there were no written comments received with regard to the application. The council approved the Ordinance 19-02 with a roll-call vote.

Board

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one year and not more than five years in prison. Three separate evaluations were done on Board. A 60-day evaluation was completed. A pre-sentencing evaluation specific to sex offenders was completed and the Department of Corrections, Diagnostic Unit filed a report. The results of those reports are confidential and not available to the public. During the sentencing hearing held on Tuesday, April 30, Board apologized to the victim and her family. I didn't mean to harm her or to take advantage, he said. That was not my goal. Things went wrong in my mind. Board's attorney John Treadway acknowledged that apologies seem hollow, but reminded the court that many defendants don't show any remorse for their crimes. None of us can guess what the

victim is going through, he said. Treadway asked the court for mercy and requested Board be permitted to serve his sentences concurrently. He knows he will have to register as a sex offender for the rest of his days, Treadway said. The victim's mother read a four-page prepared statement in which she recounted her daughter's outlook and attitude before, during and after the assault. She refuses to let this event describe her life, she said. Hardy County Prosecuting Attorney Lucas See requested the sentences be served consecutively, which means the sentences are served one after another. "Given the nature of the crime and one of the worst 60-day evaluations I've ever seen, I recommend the sentence be not less than five years and not more than 25 years," he said.

Judge C. Carter Williams thanked the victim's mother for having the courage to speak on her daughter's behalf. Williams ordered Board to serve not less than one year and not more than 5 years for each count of sexual assault in the third degree. He ordered the sentences to be served consecutively. He ordered Board to pay court costs and attorney fees. He gave Board credit for the 360 days he has served since his arrest. In addition, Williams ordered Board to comply with extended supervision for 25 years following the discharge of his sentence. He must register as a sex offender for life. The court believes Mr. Board's sentence is appropriate, Williams said. Had Mr. Board got to trial, he could have gotten much more. I hope there truly is a special place in hell for people like him, the victim's mother said.

NEWS BRIEFS

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Moorefield on Thursday, May 9. Donors will be taken at the Moorefield Church of the Brethren at 115 Clay Street from 12:30 until 6 p.m. Both Power Red and whole blood donations will be taken. Power Red donors must meet specific eligibility requirements and have type A Neg, B Neg or O blood. All blood types are needed. Every 2 seconds a patient in the United States needs a blood transfusion. Blood is perishable and has no substitute. Red blood has a shelf life of only 42 days and must be replenished constantly. Blood and platelets can be used for trauma victims, heart surgery patients, organ transplant recipients, premature babies and pa-

tients being treated for leukemia, cancer or other diseases. ***** Volunteers are needed who are willing to assist in opening and managing emergency shelters when needed in Hardy County. A Red Cross training session will be offered on Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Moorefield Church of the Brethren on Clay Street. Attendees will learn the essentials in sheltering when responding to disasters. To register or for more information contact Evan Workman at 304-725-5015 or email him at evan.workman@redcross.org. ***** According to AAA last week, average gas prices in West Vir-

ginia were up another 4 cents to \$2.805. Nationally the average price rose another penny to \$2.866, the smallest one-week increase in eight weeks. In the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast region Pennsylvania (\$2.98) and Washington, D.C. (\$2.92) inch closer to the \$3/gal mark. Virginia stayed among the least expensive average prices at \$2.60. Across West Virginia, prices ranged from a low of \$2.754 at Charleston to a high of \$2.835 at Beckley. Area averages were \$2.870 in Jefferson, \$2.815 in Hampshire, \$2.780 in Mineral and \$2.822 in Grant counties. Hardy County averaged \$2.876. In Wardensville, Baker and Moorefield a gallon of regular gas cost \$2.89. *****

Hemp Applications Grow in West Virginia

(AP) - West Virginia agriculture officials say the number of farmers planning to grow hemp and the amount of land they propose to use continues to climb. News outlets reports the Agriculture Department announced the increase Tuesday, saying the number of licenses issued to

farmers has increased from 46 last year to 158 this year. The agency says the amount of acreage farmers plan to use for cultivation also saw a steep increase, from 155 acres (63 hectares) last year to 1,532 acres (620 hectares) this year. West Virginia Commissioner of

Agriculture Kent Leonhardt said in a statement that farmers are excited to tap into the new crop. Although state lawmakers took action in 2017 to allow industrial hemp cultivation, the 2018 Federal Farm Bill removed hemp from the list of federally controlled substances.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mobile Office

Staff of Congressman Alex Mooney (R-2WV) will be in Moorefield on Tuesday, May 7, at the Hardy County Courthouse, 204 Washington St. from 11 a.m. until noon and at the Hardy County Senior Center, 409 Spring Ave. from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Anyone having issues with or questions regarding federal agencies should bring any documentation they have to those locations. No appointment is necessary. **Community Together** Community Together will be hosted by the Ivanhoe Presbyterian Church in Lost City on Thursday, May 9 beginning at 6 p.m. Come and bring a friend.

Sobriety Checkpoint

Members of the West Virginia State Police will conduct a Sobriety Checkpoint in Hardy County, Thursday, May 9 from 6 p.m. until midnight. The Sobriety Checkpoint will be conducted in Hardy County along U.S. Route 220 near Weimer's Chevrolet in Moorefield. During this weekend, the Governor's Highway Safety Program, in conjunction with the West Virginia State Police, will conduct events and patrols concentrating on the arrest of intoxicated drivers. This message is being published in an effort to remind drivers not to drink and drive. **Annual Meeting** The 2019 Annual Love Memorial Clinic Meeting will be

held Thursday, May 9, at 7 pm, at the Moorefield Volunteer Fire Company Bingo Hall, Jefferson St., Moorefield. The public is welcome to attend. **Yard of the Month** The General Federated Women's Club Moorefield Club Yard of the Month for May nominations are being accepted until May 10. To nominate a Yard, call Billie Jo High 304-538-6169 or Tracey Ratliff 304-490-9002, if no answer leave the name and address of the yard being nominated. **Solar Panel Workshops** The Wardensville Garden Market will host a series of educational Solar Homes workshops through local business MTVSolar. As an added bonus, MTVSolar is partnering with the garden

market. The first two workshops will be held on Saturday, May 11 from 1 - 3 p.m., and Sunday, June 9 from 2 - 4 p.m., with other workshops scheduled throughout the summer. **Last Day to Register** All residents of the Town of Moorefield over the age of 18 and living within the corporate limits of the town and are duly registered and qualified voters are entitled to vote at the election scheduled for Tuesday, June 11. The last day to register to vote in this election is May 21, 2019. **Absentee Ballots** Applications for absentee voting in the Moorefield Municipal Election by mail are being accepted until June 5, 2019. Ballots can be hand delivered until

4:30 p.m. Monday June 10, 2019 or received by mail any time prior to the beginning of the canvass. **Celebrate Older Americans** The Hardy County Senior Center, 409 Spring Ave. in Moorefield, will celebrate Older Americans Month on Friday, May 17 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Representatives from various resource groups will provide information and blood pressure, diabetes and hearing screenings will be available. All are invited. **Shelter Training** Red Cross Shelter Training will be held on Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Moorefield Brethren Church, 115 Clay St., Moorefield. Volunteers are needed

in our communities for in case emergency sheltering is needed. To register contact ARC 304-725-5015, or e-mail evan.workman@redcross.org. **Annual Meeting** The annual meeting of the Mathias Civic Center will be held on Monday, May 20 at 7:00 pm. Agenda items will include election of officers. The public is invited to attend. **MHS Senior Awards** Moorefield High School's Senior Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 23, beginning at 1 p.m. If you plan to present an award or scholarship, please contact Shelley Flaughner at 304-530-6034 ext. 9417.

SCHOOL NEWS

American Public University System Donates WeatherSTEM Meteorology Systems to MES

American Public University System announced the donation of three additional WeatherSTEM systems as part of its continuing mission to serve its local community and enhance learning opportunities for K-12 students in its home panhandle region and adjacent public school districts in West Virginia.

WeatherSTEM, which currently supports more than 400 systems nationwide, recently installed systems at Moorefield Elementary School, as well as North Jefferson Elementary Schools and at St. Mary's High School, the university's seventh, eighth and ninth such donations to-date to West Virginia public schools.

The Web-based platform combines data from weather instruments, agricultural probes, Web cameras and other sensors, aligning with APUS's commitment to create immersive STEM education experiences featuring Big Data and programming, according to APUS Assistant Provost of Academic Partnerships & Outreach and School of Education Dean Dr. Conrad Lotze.

We are committed to providing programs and resources that benefit not only our own online STEM students around the globe, but also those studying right in our own backyard and across our nearby communities," said Lotze. "This benefit is truly valued by our key stakeholders in those communities. A sincere thank-you from our students, superintendent and board members for providing this useful equipment to our community," said Moorefield Principal Wade Armentrout.

The long-standing relationship between APUS, West Virginia Public Schools and other state educational organizations includes several previous APUS donations



MES Principal Wade Armentrout accepts the WeatherSTEM from Dr. Conrad Lotze of American Public University.



of WeatherSTEM systems, in addition to ongoing contributions of school computers and supplies and financial and staff volunteer support for the Education Alliance in Charleston.

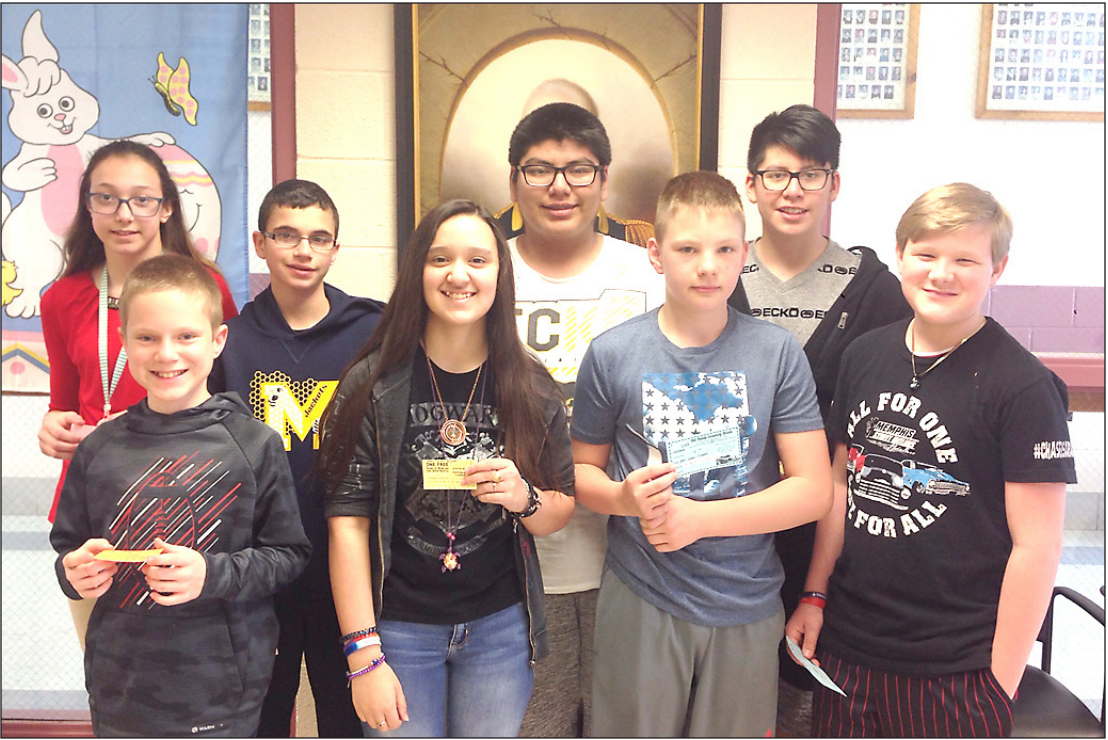
American Public University System, recipient of the Online Learning Consortium's (OLC) Ralph E. Gomory Award for Quality Online Education and five-time recipient

of the OLC's Effective Practice Award, offers more than 200 online degree and certificate programs through American Military University and American Public University.

For further information, visit www.apus.edu.

To link to the MES WeatherSTEM station go to www.hardy.weatherstem.com/moorefield.

MMS Recognizes Perfect Attendance for March



Front Row: Ralph Wojtowicz, Haylee Jones, Joseph Riggelman, Dakota Ashenfelter
Back Row: Sarah Iman, Cameron Newhouse, Marvin Martinez-Cruz, David Martinez-Cruz

Moorefield Middle School had 106 students who had perfect attendance in March. They were each given a token of appreciation for their attendance at school.

Dakota Ashenfelter, Sarah Iman, Haylee Jones, David Martinez-Cruz, Marvin Martinez-Cruz, Cameron Newhouse, Joseph Riggelman, and Ralph Wojtowicz

were lucky enough to have their names drawn for an additional award donated by Kelly Williams and her businesses. They received one of the following awards also: free bowling pass for South Branch Potomac Lanes; free movie pass for South Branch Cinema 6 or free ice cream cone from Sweet Rose Ice Cream or Old Fields Country Store.

These awards will be available each month.

Improving Attendance is a goal of Mrs. Bodkins this year, and the students who have perfect attendance each month, will be recognized and rewarded. Please try to get your child to school each day and help Moorefield Middle School attendance rate improve.

EHEMS Recognized Students Of the Month of March



East Hardy Early Middle School recognized the Students of the Month for March. Citizenship was the character trait.

Front Row: Lilliona Moton, Payton Crawford, Tara Tillotson, Justin Parker, Addison Armentrout, Kenneth Mills, Eli Vandevander and Chloe Steward.

Back Row: Amanda Wilkins with Capon Valley Bank, Assistant Principal Derick Parks and Jesse Thomas with Summit Community Bank.

MIS Announces February Leaders



The February Leaders of the Month are Reilly Weese, Brylee Reel, Emmy Crites. They are pictured with Principal Mrs. Champ and Business Partner Kelly Williams. The South Branch Cinema 6, South Branch Potomac Lanes and the Old Fields Country Store provide movie passes, bowling passes and free ice cream cones to the Students, Teachers, Service Persons and Bus Drivers of the Month. The Hardy County Public Schools appreciate their support.

MES Announces March Leaders



These Moorefield Elementary School students have been selected as Leader of the Month for their grade level.

Kindergarten - Kiersten Molen

Grade 1 - Daniel Whetzel
Grade 2 - Kage Stump

They get to visit Pilgrim's Pride where they receive a small gift. They also receive a Smart 529

water bottle, a Cinema 6 movie ticket, free bowling ticket, Sweet Rose ice cream coupon, and Old Fields Country Store ice cream coupon.

Hardy County Schools Menu For May-June, 2019

Wednesday, May 1 Beef-A-Roni, Peas, Peach Crisp
Thursday, May 2 Hot Dog on roll, Baked Beans, Peas
Friday, May 3 Chicken Nuggets, Dipper, Mac n Cheese, Steamed Broccoli, Mixed Fruit
Monday, May 6 Hoagie, Corn, Peaches
Tuesday, May 7 Hamburger/ Bacon Cheeseburger, Sweet Potato Fries, Spiced Apples
Wednesday, May 8 Hot Turkey Sandwich w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peaches
Thursday, May 9 Calzone,

Beans (variety), Pears
Friday, May 10 Ham & Cheese Croissant, Broccoli Salad, Frozen Fruit Cup
Monday, May 13 Chicken Nuggets, Dipper, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Applesauce
Tuesday, May 14 French Bread Pizza, Honey-Glazed Carrots, Cherry Crisp
Wednesday, May 15 Baked Chicken, Cheesy Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, Oatmeal Muffin Squares
Thursday, May 16 Steak n Cheese Sub, Corn, Pears
Friday, May 17 Chili Con

Carne, Green Beans, Rolls, Spiced Apples
Monday, May 20 through June 4 COOK'S CHOICE
All lunches are served with a fresh fruit and garden bar and a variety of lowfat milk options. Meals are FREE for all children ages 1 to 18.
Menus are subject to change, due to variations in recipes, seasonal product availability, and substitutes provided by food service providers. Please check with your child's school regarding daily meal changes.

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Potomac Highlands Guild

AT THE LIBRARY

New Fiction

Sunset Beach by Mary Kay Andrews Out of a job and down on her luck, Drue Campbell's life doesn't seem to be getting any better when her estranged father, a flamboyant personal injury attorney, shows up at her mother's funeral after a 20-year absence. Worse, he's remarried to Drue's eighth-grade frenemy, Wendy, now his office manager. And they're offering her a job.

The Big Kahuna (Fox and O'Hare; 6) by Janet Evanovich (Reg. Print, Lg. Print) When unlikely partners FBI agent Kate O'Hare and con man Nicholas Fox investigate a missing Silicon Valley billionaire known as the Big Kahuna, they go undercover as a married couple in Paia, Maui, to find the man's son.

Resistance Women by Jennifer Chiaverini Courageous American Mildred Fish Harnack and her circle of women friends wage a clandestine battle against Hitler in Nazi Berlin.

Far and Away (Godmothers; 7) by Fern Michaels With her three extraordinary friends by her

side, Sophie De Luca is ready to confront a terrible wrong that occurred within her new house decades ago.

The Invited by Jennifer McMahon In the woods of Vermont, a husband and wife start building a house from scratch, without knowing, until it's too late, that the house they're building is haunted by the suspicious deaths of three generations of women from the past.

Storm Cursed (Mercy Thompson; 11) by Patricia Briggs Mercy Thompson has opened her garage again and is trying to get back to normal. Of course, now that the Tri-Cities are viewed as neutral ground, all kinds of supernatural beings are heading her way. With her mate Adam Hauptman's firm involved in providing security to a top-secret meeting with the US government and the fae, Mercy is tapped to handle everything else—including reports of a strange witch in town.

Blessing in Disguise by Danielle Steel (Reg. Print, Lg. Print) Loving three different men throughout her lifetime, Isabelle, a single

mother and art consultant, examines the bonds she shares with her three daughters, before an unexpected twist of fate brings a past secret to light.

The Yankee Widow by Linda Lael Miller Protecting her child and farm at the height of the Civil War, a young widow faces difficult choices when she offers shelter to a Union soldier, a Southern rebel, and a pregnant fugitive slave.

Willing to Die (Selena Alvarez/Regan Pescoli; 8) by Lisa Jackson Detectives Regan Pescoli and Selena Alvarez investigate the murders of Regan's sister and her sister's husband who were found dead in separate beds in their beautiful San Francisco home.

The Mother-In-Law by Sally Hepworth A woman's obsessive fears about how much she disappoints her successful, pillar-of-the-community mother-in-law lead to a controversial disinheritance and a suspicious suicide.

The Road Home (Broken Road; 3) by Richard Paul Evans Chicago celebrity and pitchman Charles James, once thought dead, intends to finish his trek from Amarillo

to Santa Monica, despite learning that his ex-wife is now engaged. With the initial reason for his trip in jeopardy, he still has lessons to learn along the way before he discovers—and arrives at—his true destination.

The Guest Book by Sarah Blake In the present day, the third generation of Miltons, a privileged American family, doesn't have enough money to keep their island in Maine. Evie Milton's mother has just died, and as she digs into her mother's and grandparents' history, what she finds is a story as unsettling as it is inescapable, the story that threatens the foundation of the Milton family myth.

The Farm by Joanne Ramos Ensnared within a Hudson Valley retreat where expectant birth mothers are given luxurious accommodations and lucrative rewards to produce perfect babies, a Filipino immigrant is forced to choose between a life-changing payment and the outside world.

The Seven or Eight Deaths of Stella Fortuna by Juliet Grames – Believed cursed in her rugged Italian village, a tough, intelligent teen

protects her younger sister when the family emigrates to America just before World War II, enduring challenges that transform her views about survival and independence.

New Jr Fiction

Brute-Cake (Binder of Doom; 1) by Troy Cummings It has been several months since monsters last plagued the town of Stermont, and frankly Alexander Bopp is bored, and misses his friends. So when his father signs him up for a summer maker program at the library he is happy to go—but soon he starts finding weird old-timey objects, and monster trading cards, and it starts to look like maybe monsters are back in Stermont.

Sam Wu is Not Afraid of Ghosts (Sam Wu is Not Afraid; 1) by Katie Tsang After an embarrassing incident on his school field trip, Sam is determined to prove that he is not afraid of ghosts.

New Easy Readers

Llama Destroys the World by Jonathan Stutzman Eating too

much pie causes Llama to rip his dancing pants, opening a black hole and threatening the entire universe.

The Panda Problem by Deborah Underwood A narrator's story is disrupted by the main character (Panda) who refuses to play the part.

When a Dragon Moves In by Jodi Moore During a trip to the beach, a young boy builds a sandcastle only to find out that a dragon moves in after he does.

If I Was the Sunshine by Julie Fogliano Illustrations and simple, rhyming text explore the nature of connection and relationships.

The Sad Little Fact by Jonah Winter Follow a sad little fact who is locked away for telling the truth. In its underground prison, it meets other facts, all hidden away because they could not lie. Finally, with the help of a few skillful factfinders, the facts are set free.

Lambslide by Ann Patchett A flock of lambs mishears the word lambslide as lambslide and begins a campaign to have one built for them on the farm.

Three-Year Old Case

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clerk to see if VanMeter signed a post conviction bond agreement.

VanMeter said he never received notice to appear in court.

I showed up for court when I got the notice, he said. I showed up in Moundsville for the evaluation.

As it turns out, the 60-day evaluation, three years ago, was favorable.

The evaluation recommended Mr. VanMeter be gainfully employed and that he pay up his child support, Vance said. He's done all that. I'm requesting probation.

Judge Williams acknowledged VanMeter's favorable evaluation and faulted the system for allowing VanMeter to slip through the cracks.

This is a good example of why we have supervised bond, Williams said. Mr. VanMeter wasn't supervised. If systems were in place then, as it is today, we would not be in this situation.

The judge's clerk recovered an order issued by Judge Frye in 2016 carrying magistrate bond over to circuit court, but no terms or conditions were signed by VanMeter.

Prosecuting Attorney Lucas See said he would not have opposed probation three years ago. Who thinks they can commit a crime and not go to court? he asked.

See said, based on the fact that VanMeter is employed and there is \$500 restitution due, he would not oppose probation now. If there's any restitution to be paid, Mr. VanMeter will be the one to pay it, See said.

Williams sentenced VanMeter

to not less than one year and not more than 15 years in prison. He ordered VanMeter to pay restitution, court costs and attorney's fees. VanMeter also owes \$2,700 in court costs and fees from the 2015-16 proceedings.

As to the motion for probation, Williams said. Mr. VanMeter has had three years at large. I will consider a motion for probation after some time. I want you to get back to work, to pay restitution and court costs. But I think you owe us some time.

Julie S. Reel, 18, of Moorefield, was sentenced to not less than two years and not more than 10 years in prison. Her attorney, Josh Orndorff filed a motion for probation and Judge Williams deferred that motion.

Reel pleaded guilty to one count of uttering a counterfeit bill after passing counterfeit \$20 bills to two local merchants.

Reel told the court she has applied to the Stagger's House Women's Recovery Center, but has not heard from them. She also said she had interviewed at Pilgrim's, but had not received an orientation date.

According to her probation officer, Reel was accepted at the Stagger's House, but is 12th in line for an opening. The wait could be about four months. I thought Drug Court would be her best bet," Officer Metheny said.

We decided not to pursue that avenue, Orndorff said. Part of the reason is that she has transportation issues.

Williams said, in order for him

to consider probation, Reel needed to address her drug problem.

I'm ordering her to apply to Drug Court within 30 days, Williams said. I want to see if she's eligible and see if they can address the transportation issues.

The case is continued until Tuesday, June 25. Reel can continue on bond until that time.

The case against Zachery McClellen, 30, of Front Royal, Va. was continued and a capias warrant issued.

McClellen was indicted in February on one count of child neglect causing serious bodily injury and two counts of gross child neglect creating the risk of serious bodily injury. His first pre-trial hearing was scheduled for April 30.

McClellen's attorney Josh Orndorff said he received an email from a family member stating Mr. McClellen had a seizure and was in the hospital.

I replied that I would need verification of that," Orndorff said.

The Circuit Clerk said she also received the same email.

Probation Officer Smith said while McClellen was out on bond, he tested positive for THC, the chemical present in marijuana. McClellen indicated he was taking prescription medication that would have caused a positive THC test, but did not produce the actual prescription.

The Circuit Clerk reminded Judge Williams he had given McClellen 10 days to post bond, but that hadn't been done, either.

Williams continued the case until Thursday, May 16.

PSD

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For \$200,000 more we could have a whole new facility, said PSD Board Member Justin Basye. I think it's a no-brainer.

Would either cause us to raise rates? asked Board Member Rose Helmick.

Both scenarios would be rate-neutral, Moyers said.

A new facility would give us room for future growth and a more attractive location, said PSD Board President Rob Harper.

Following some discussion regarding steel versus wood construction and whether sprinklers would be required, the board voted unanimously to pursue purchasing land and building a new facility.

FY2020 Budget

Moyers presented two Fiscal Year 2020 budgets - one for water and one for sewer - for the board to review and approve.

The water budget entails an increase of \$60,000, which reflects the new building project loan expense and the anticipation of additional customers.

The FY2020 water budget is \$1,480,000.

The sewer budget is virtually the same as FY2019 at \$61,000. The sewer budget reflects the cost of the package sewer plant in Baker.

Baker Water

The PSD continues to wait for the USDA to commit to funding the Baker Water organic material removal system as well as several main line extensions, fire protection and replacement water lines.

They continue to work on underwriting our funding package, Moyers said. We stay in regular communication.

Moyers said the regional USDA office has been understaffed for some time and projects are not moving through the approval process quickly. At last communication, the application had been approved and was in the process of being underwritten.

The PSD has applied for a loan/grant funding package that will fund the \$2 million project.

As soon as the funding is committed, the PSD attorney will file a request to waive the West Virginia Public Service Commission certificate case. If the waiver is approved, the Certificate of Convenience and Need will be issued without waiting the requisite 180 days.

Since this is a rate-neutral project, we feel confident the PSC will approve the waiver, Moyers said.

Hampshire County

Several residents in the Purgitsville community have asked the PSD to help them get public water as their well water is contaminated.

Moyers met with the Hampshire County PSD and discussed providing water to the Durgon community through a resale agreement. Hampshire County would be responsible for the infrastructure - pump stations, storage tanks and distribution lines.

Moyers said he continues to work with the town of Moorefield to update the water purchasing agreement. Currently, the PSD purchases a maximum of 15 million gallons of water per month from Moorefield.

An update of the purchasing agreement would allow the PSD to purchase 25 million gallons per month once Moorefield's new water treatment facility is completed.

Only after a new agreement with Moorefield is in place can the PSD consider selling water to Hampshire County.

The next meeting of the Hardy County Public Service District will be held on Wednesday, June 5 beginning at 4:30 p.m. The meetings are held at the PSD office, 2094 U.S. Route 220 South in Moorefield. The public is invited to attend.

Luke Mill

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and ground it into magazine-grade paper.

If you look at the magazine industry, everything is going digital,

Parsons noted. They're doing it all online so it's been coming for a really long time.

The Luke mill was originally owned by Mead-Westvaco, which sold to New Page earlier this decade.

NewPage in turn was taken over by Verso in 2015.

A year later Verso filed for bankruptcy, but kept the Luke mill operating in the reorganization.



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OBITUARIES

DARWIN EUGENE FITZWATER

Darwin Eugene Fitzwater, age 76, of Moorefield, W.Va., passed away on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Grant Memorial Hospital, Petersburg, W.Va.. Born on May 7, 1942 in Dover Hollow, W.Va., he was the son of the late Noah Melvin Fitzwater and Beulah Cook Fitzwater. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Marlin Wayne Jake Fitzwater. Darwin was the last member of his immediate family.

He is survived by his wife, Roxzanna Mowery Fitzwater of Moorefield, W.Va.; one daughter,

Tina Fitzwater Minor (Tim Redman) of Moorefield, W.Va.; and three grandchildren, Zeta, Trae and Laila.

Darwin retired from Hester Industries and later worked at Walmart of Moorefield, W.Va. for many years. He was a member of Duffey United Methodist Church, a Lifetime member of Moorefield Lions Club, Past President of Rod & Gun Club, and a Former member of Moorefield Volunteer Fire Company 46 all of Moorefield, W.Va.. Darwin enjoyed landscaping and lawn mowing in the local

area.

A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, May 2, 2019 at Elmore Funeral Home, Moorefield, W.Va. with Pastor Russell Webster and Pastor Mike Funkhouser officiating. Burial followed at Olivet Cemetery, Moorefield, W.Va.. Memorial donations may be made to Duffey United Methodist Church, 100 North Elm Street, Moorefield, W.Va. 26836 or Moorefield Church of the Brethren, 115 Clay Street, Moorefield, W.Va. 26836.

Arrangements are under the direction of Elmore Funeral Home.



DEREK RAY SITES

Derek Ray Sites, 44 of Moorefield, West Virginia, was taken by his Lord and Savior on Thursday, May 2nd, 2019. He was born in Petersburg, West Virginia on February 1, 1975. He gave his life to Jesus and was reborn Wednesday, May 1st, 2019. He is survived by his mother Roxanne Barrett, two brothers and their wives, Nathan and Julia Sites of Martinsburg, W.Va., and Jason and Jessica Sites of Ruckersville Va. He

had three children Logan Sites of Romney W.Va., Abbagail Shockeey and husband Brett of Moorefield, W.Va., and Brandon Sites of Rig, W.Va.. He had one grandchild, Konnor Sites and had eight total niece and nephews: Anthony and Joseph, and Nikola, Elijah, Brock, Jericho, Arianna, and Asher. He is also survived by his grandmother Shirley Ebarb, three uncles, Michael, Tony, and Troy and a special friend Candy

Lambert.

There was a viewing and Celebration of Life on Monday, May 6, 2019 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at the Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg, W.Va..

Memorials may be made to the Sites family, c/o Schaeffer Funeral Home, Petersburg, W.Va..

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



JOAN FOGLE WOOD

Joan F. Wood, 86, of Lost River, W.Va. passed away on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at her residence, surrounded by family.

Born on January 27, 1933 in Lost City, W.Va. she was the daughter of the late Carl Fogle and Senia Mathias Fogle.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband, John W. Wood, on March 20, 2007.

She was a member of the Ivanhoe Presbyterian Church. She had worked as a cook for Green Valley Farms, Lost River State Park and The Wood Grill and been Assistant Post-master at Lost River Post Office as well as a caregiver for numerous family members.

Surviving is her son, J. Allen Wood and wife Connie of Lost

River, two granddaughters, Kelly Moran of Fisher, W.Va. and Angela Tavares of Mathias, W.Va., three great-grandchildren, Brent Moran, Curtis Moran and Jessica Tavares and one brother, James F. Fogle of Mathias.

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. at the Ivanhoe Presbyterian Church with Rev. Joel

Thornton officiating. Interment followed in the Laurel Hill Cemetery, Lost City.

Memorials can be made to Hospice Promise Foundation, Grant Memorial Hospice, 100 Hospital Dr., Suite 2, Petersburg, WV 26847.

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

AGE IN ACTION

MENU

May 13 - May 17, 2019
Mathias, Moorefield,
Wardensville

Mathias & Wardensville - Home Delivered Only
Moorefield Nutrition Site
Meals served at 12:00-12:30
Mon. May 13- Steak-um, onions and cheese, beets, pineapple
Tues. May 14- Fish sticks, macaroni and cheese, green beans, pea salad, apple
Wed. May 15- Sausage, egg and cheese biscuit, hash brown, yogurt, orange juice

Thurs. May 16- Baked potato w/ chili and cheese, broccoli and cheese, wheat bread, applesauce
Fri. May 17- Pork Loin, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, roll, fruit and yogurt parfait

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

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

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

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

ACTIVITIES AT MOOREFIELD SENIOR CENTER

Mon., May 13-- Puzzles, crafts
Tues., May 14 - Puzzles, Crafts, Senior Shopping 1:00 p.m.
Wed., May 15 - Puzzles, crafts
Thurs., May 16- Puzzles, Crafts
Fri., May 17 - Puzzles, Crafts
Please call about Bingo on Wednesdays.

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

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

REMINDERS

If you want to pick/up carry out a meal at the senior center, call by 9:30 Wardensville area, please call by 9 a.m. for a home delivered meal.

DONATIONS

Those making donations were Lola Crider, Lona Sherman, Ida Staggs, American Woodmark,

Darl Reel, Capon Valley Bank, Moorefield Lions Club and Historical Society, Georgette Riggleman, Girls on the Run, 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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HCCOA receives funding from federal and state entities including Bureau of Senior services and Upper Potomac AAA, local government and memorial contributions.

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This Week in West Virginia History

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

May 8, 1864: Clarence Wayland Watson was born in Fairmont. Watson was a prominent coal baron and served in the U.S. Senate from 1911 to 1913.

May 8, 1998: Senator Jennings Randolph died at the age of 96. He was first elected to Congress in 1932 and served for 40 years.

May 9, 1800: Abolitionist John Brown was born in Torrington, Connecticut. His 1859 raid on Harpers Ferry galvanized the nation, further alienating the North and South.

May 9, 1843: Confederate spy Belle Boyd was born in Martinsburg. On July 4, 1861, Belle shot a Yankee soldier and started her spy career.

May 9, 1863: Confederate raiders arrived at Burning Springs, Wirt County. There they set fire to 150,000 barrels of oil, oil tanks, engines for pumping, engine houses, wagons, and oil-laden boats.

May 10, 1863, Stonewall Jackson died after uttering the words: Let



Confederate spy Belle Boyd

us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees. He is buried in the Stonewall Jackson Cemetery in Lexington, Virginia.

May 10, 1908: The first official observance of Mother's Day was held at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton and simultaneously in Philadelphia. The holiday resulted from a vigorous campaign by Anna Jarvis who wanted to commemorate the spirit of her mother's work as a social activist.

May 10, 1960: John F. Kennedy defeated Hubert Humphrey in the West Virginia primary. It dispelled the widely held belief that being a

Roman Catholic was a crippling handicap for a presidential candidate.

May 11, 1909: Filmmaker Ellis Dungan was born. After years of working in the feature film industry in India, he settled in Wheeling, where he shot documentaries and produced films for the state and the region.

May 11, 1930: Physician John C. Norman, Jr. was born in Charleston. A noted thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon and researcher, he was best known for his work toward creating an artificial heart.

May 12 14, 1921: Bullets peppered down on about a dozen mining areas in the Matewan-Williamson town, and nonunion miners fired back, in what became known as the Battle of the Tug. Three people were shot and killed.

May 13, 1962: Editorial cartoonist Henry Payne was born in Charleston. In 1989, Payne was the first editorial cartoonist in the country to make his work available via computer.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

A Howell game was played on Wednesday, May 1st with 4 tables in play in the South Branch Duplicate Bridge Club held at Colts Restaurant. There were eight pairs playing 28 boards with an average match-point score of 42.

Overall winners were: Lary Gar-

rett and Bruce Leslie, 56 1/2; Eleanor Heishman and Leona Reynolds, 49; Helen Chambers and Sue Halterman, 45 1/2; and Sandra Evans and Bill Fisher, 43 1/2.

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

Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church

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Thank You

The family of Denzil Wilkins wishes to thank everyone for phone calls, cards, food, visits, monetary donations, & flowers. Thanks to Pastor Russell Webster & Pastor Cheryl George for the service. Special thanks to Grant Memorial Hospice & Charlotte Mongold for the care given to Denzil during his illness.

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Hardy County Health & Wellness
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Services to be Provided:
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Lunch Served 12pm - 12:30pm



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June 5, 2019

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Plans for this day trip include a visit to the National Aquarium, a Boat trip to explore the Harbor and plenty of time to eat, shop, and sight-see in Baltimore's number one tourist attraction. Price is \$114 which includes transportation, museum fee, boat ticket and all gratuities. Call immediately to register.

August 13, 2019

THE WV STATE FAIR

Lewisburg, WV

A day at the Fair with half-price admission for Senior Citizens! Bring back the days of your youth and enjoy the sights and sounds of this annual event – now in its 137th year. Plenty to see and do... and plenty of places to rest! Price is \$68 which includes transportation, admission and gratuity.

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Join us to experience West Virginia's only Branson-style dinner theatre. You will enjoy this new facility and the outstanding performance featuring singing, dancing, and good clean kidding around. You will tap your toes, sing along and enjoy the fun – all while having lunch! Price is \$90 and includes lunch, the show, transportation and gratuities. Included free is the fall foliage which should be in full display as we travel Corridor H to Elkins.

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This is a story as old as the ages, but always new and beautiful. This is especially true when the production is done with the "magic" of the Sight and Sound Theatre. The price is \$165, which includes the ticket to the show, lunch at Miller's Restaurant, transportation and gratuities. Miller's is famous for their extensive buffet of tasty Amish dishes – you won't go hungry here!

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This tour includes 10 nights lodging; 8 breakfasts; 2 lunches; 1 dinner theatre; 1 lobster dinner; 6 additional dinners; baggage handling; transportation and gratuities. We will visit National Parks, historic sites, museums and have guided tours of the Green Gables home, the Cabot Trail, Halifax and Yarmouth. We will travel one of the most beautiful and awe-inspiring areas along the Atlantic Ocean, with ferry and high speed ferry trips across the waters linking the areas. Evenings are on your own for exploration or relaxing!! A PASSPORT IS REQUIRED and travel insurance is recommended. Cost per person: double \$2,555; single, \$3,375. \$200 deposit is required, full payment by June 23, 2019. A PASSPORT IS REQUIRED and travel insurance recommended. Call us for travel insurance forms. Visit your local court house for a passport application form. This trip is an outstanding bargain with a fabulous itinerary. Do some "magic" and join us – we have enough folks already registered to make this trip a definite "go."!

September 3 – 6, 2019

OUTER BANKS, NORTH CAROLINA

This beach package has it all – morning sightseeing and shopping, time in the afternoon to enjoy the beach and a different dining experience each evening. Over the course of the three days we will: have an escorted tour of the Currituck Lighthouse, visit the Whitehead Club, the Center for Wildlife Education, the Wright Brothers Memorial and Museum, the Roanoke Island Festival Park and Aquarium and the sand dunes at Jockey Ridge State Park. We also have exploration and shopping time in Manteo, Duck & Nags Head. The package includes three night's accommodation, 3 breakfast, 3 dinners, transportation and admission to all attractions, luggage handling and gratuities. Prices: Single: \$810; Double: \$610; Triple: \$540; Quad: \$535. \$100 deposit is required by June 1, 2019, full payment by August 3, 2019.

To register or obtain more information, call Judy Patterson, 304-538-3066 or Maxine Halterman, 304-530-6202

SOCIAL

Eastern WV CTC Adds Blackwood And Carter to Board of Governors

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College welcomes Dr. Andrew Blackwood and Ms. Sonnee Carter to its Board of Governors.

Blackwood brings extensive leadership, management and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) teaching experience to Eastern. Since 2004, he has served as the executive director of the National Youth Science Foundation (NYSF), a non-profit whose mission is to inspire lifelong engagement and ethical leadership in STEM and related professions. For 12 years he directed NYSF's flagship program, the National Youth Science Camp (NYSCamp).

Blackwood serves as the organization's chief executive officer and has managed nearly \$10 million in state and federal grants. He has developed new, informal STEM programs including the West Virginia Governor's School for Mathematics and Science, West Virginia Youth Science Camp, Youth Science Leadership Institute and Youth Science Discovery Experience. He is currently leading development of the NYSCenter, which will become the permanent home for NYSCamp and other STEM-related education programs.

Prior to joining NYSF in 2005, Blackwood was a tenured professor of mathematics and coordinator of the Regent's Bachelor of Arts program at West Virginia University Institute of Technology for 13 years. He has additionally had adjunct faculty appointments at the University of Charleston and Marshall University. In addition to his service as a member of the Board of Governors of Eastern, Blackwood serves on the boards of the West Virginia Youth Symphony and Heart of the Highlands Trail System in Tucker County. He is an active referee for the United States Rowing Association and serves on the jury for several national championships and Olympic trials events.

He holds a doctoral degree in

education leadership studies from West Virginia University. Blackwood resides in Charleston with his wife, Holly, and has three daughters who attend West Virginia University.

As the daughter of a hardworking family, Sonnee Carter built her career on a dedication to excellence. A lifelong resident of West Virginia, Carter grew up in Onego, where she helped her parents run a community store and post office.

Carter established her nursing career in the emergency department of Grant Memorial Hospital where she was quickly promoted to manager of the emergency and intensive care units before obtaining the role of emergency department manager at Valley Health. She then served as a Valley Health physician representative for more than 15 years.

She brings decades of experience in nursing and healthcare to Eastern's Board of Governors and is eager to leverage that knowledge within the Moorefield community to better serve students and residents through the college and its nursing program.

Carter is a member of the American Association of Physician Liaisons and has served two terms on the Governing Board of the Potomac Highland Guild. She holds an Associate of Science in Nursing and Bachelor of Science degree in Fashion Merchandising from Davis and Elkins College. She resides in Petersburg and enjoys meeting new people and serving her community.

Serving the residents of Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, Pendleton and Tucker counties, and fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is a comprehensive and equal opportunity community and technical college bringing the resources and assets of education that works to the families, communities and employees of the Potomac Highlands.

Beekeepers to Meet

The Potomac Highlands Beekeepers Association (PHBA) will meet on Thursday, May 16th at 7pm, at the Bank of Romney Community Center, 165 E Main Street, Romney, WV (across the street from the Sheetz in Romney). All our meeting are open to the public. If you are interested in learning about beekeeping, are a beginner or are an experienced beekeeper, this is a forum

where you will be able to learn and exchange beekeeping information. This month will feature discussion with a WV apiary inspector who has been invited to the meeting.

For more information please see the club website www.potomachighlandsbeekeepers.weebly.com or the Facebook group page: Potomac Highlands Beekeepers.

WVU Potomac State Wins First Place in Demo Day Expo



West Virginia University Potomac State College recently won first place at the 2nd Annual Demo Day Expo. The event was sponsored by the WVU IdeaHub on the Morgantown campus and featured innovative ideas, new inventions, unique prototypes and business ventures from various colleges and departments throughout the WVU system with an entrepreneurial focus on moving West Virginia forward. Potomac State College

featured its SAGE (Sustainable Agriculture Entrepreneurship) program's new business venture -- Pure Maple Syrup Production. The team featured the process from tapping the College's trees, cooking sap, and bottling syrup to selling their product, as well as making maple candy from 3D printed candy molds. The team was awarded \$1000 to be used toward the business venture. Pictured from left are: WVU Provost Joyce McCon-

nell presenting the award; SAGE Student Kyle Cessna; SAGE Director Corey Armstrong, SAGE Student Kyle Creamer, Multi-Media Specialist David Miller, SAGE Students Dylan Mapp and Hannah Dickson and Business Instructor Amy Weaver, and Psychology Instructor Keri Whitacre. Not pictured, Work Study Student Noah Cline who was instrumental in helping with the mold making process for the candy.

Attorney General Alerts Consumers to Social Security Scam

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey warned consumers of a seemingly relentless effort by con artists to pose as the Social Security Administration and steal personally identifiable information.

The increasingly prevalent scam relies upon unsolicited phone calls and various excuses to steal Social Security numbers and other sensitive information.

Dozens of West Virginia consumers, on average, are reporting similar activity each week, according to the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division. The impersonators often claim the consumer has a compromised Social Security number or a frozen account, which in turn, threatens his or her monthly check.

Scam artists play to one's worst fear," Attorney General Morrissey said. These impersonators thrive

upon consumers who react before they think. That's why it is so important for everyone to take a deep breath, hang up the phone and report the call to authorities. This will protect you from handing over information to the wrong person.

Impostors may also ask consumers to verify personal information, including their Social Security number, to replace a Social Security card, fix an issue with their online account, process a cost-of-living adjustment or rectify benefits that have been underpaid and need adjustment.

The impostors will sometimes even threaten legal action against consumers who do not comply.

Consumers should always verify any information by calling the legitimate Social Security Administration's number and never make payments using wire transfer, gift cards or cash. Most government

agencies and reputable companies will not seek personal information via an unsolicited phone call or email.

Additionally, consumers should be aware of spoofing tactics, in which the phone number appears legitimate, but is not.

Anyone receiving such a call should report the information to the Social Security Administration's Office of the Inspector General. Its fraud hotline can be reached by phone at 1-800-269-0271 or online at <https://oig.ssa.gov/report>.

Those with questions or concerns also can contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-368-8808, the Eastern Panhandle Consumer Protection Office in Martinsburg at 304-267-0239 or visit the office online at www.wvago.gov.

WIC Clinics Announce May Schedule

WIC offers nutrition education and healthy foods to pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children under the age of 5. Please phone 304-

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Hardy County WIC Clinic
Wilson Plaza (First Floor)
712 North Main Street Suite 105
Moorefield WV 26836

Open Tuesdays and Fridays in May from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

WIC is an Equal Opportunity Provider.

Higher Education Panel Picks New Interim Leader

The leader of West Virginia's community and technical college system will also head the panel that oversees the state's four-year colleges and universities.

Media outlets report that the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission picked Sarah Armstrong Tucker for a one-year stint as interim chancellor during a meeting Friday. She will also retain her position as chancellor of the West Virginia Community and Technical College System.

Tucker replaces Carolyn Long, who announced in March that she would be resigning from the interim chancellor job. Long is returning to her former job as president of the West Virginia University Institute of Technology.

Long was named interim chancellor in July, shortly after Gov. Jim Justice formed his Blue Ribbon Commission on Four-Year Higher Education.

A Special Thank You

MHS FCCLA gifted Allen Ruddle who recently had a liver transplant, Miles Ruddle who has colon cancer and the Ruddle family with a monetary donation to help with expenses.

We would like to extend our thanks and sincere gratitude to FCCLA members, Mrs. Slack, Mrs. Ayers, Mr. McGregor and a special thank you to the students at MHS for your contribution. We will always remember your generosity and kindness.

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May 8, 2019

Section B

OCTAGONE

Lady Jackets Mark Eighth Consecutive Section Title Run Stinging Feline Foes

By Carl Holcomb
 Moorefield Examiner

Moorefield claimed the eighth consecutive Class A Region II Section 2 Softball Championship with three victories over felines starting with a 20-1 win over the Lady Mountain Lions, then ousted the Lady Cougars 11-3 and a 6-1 to buzz away with the title.

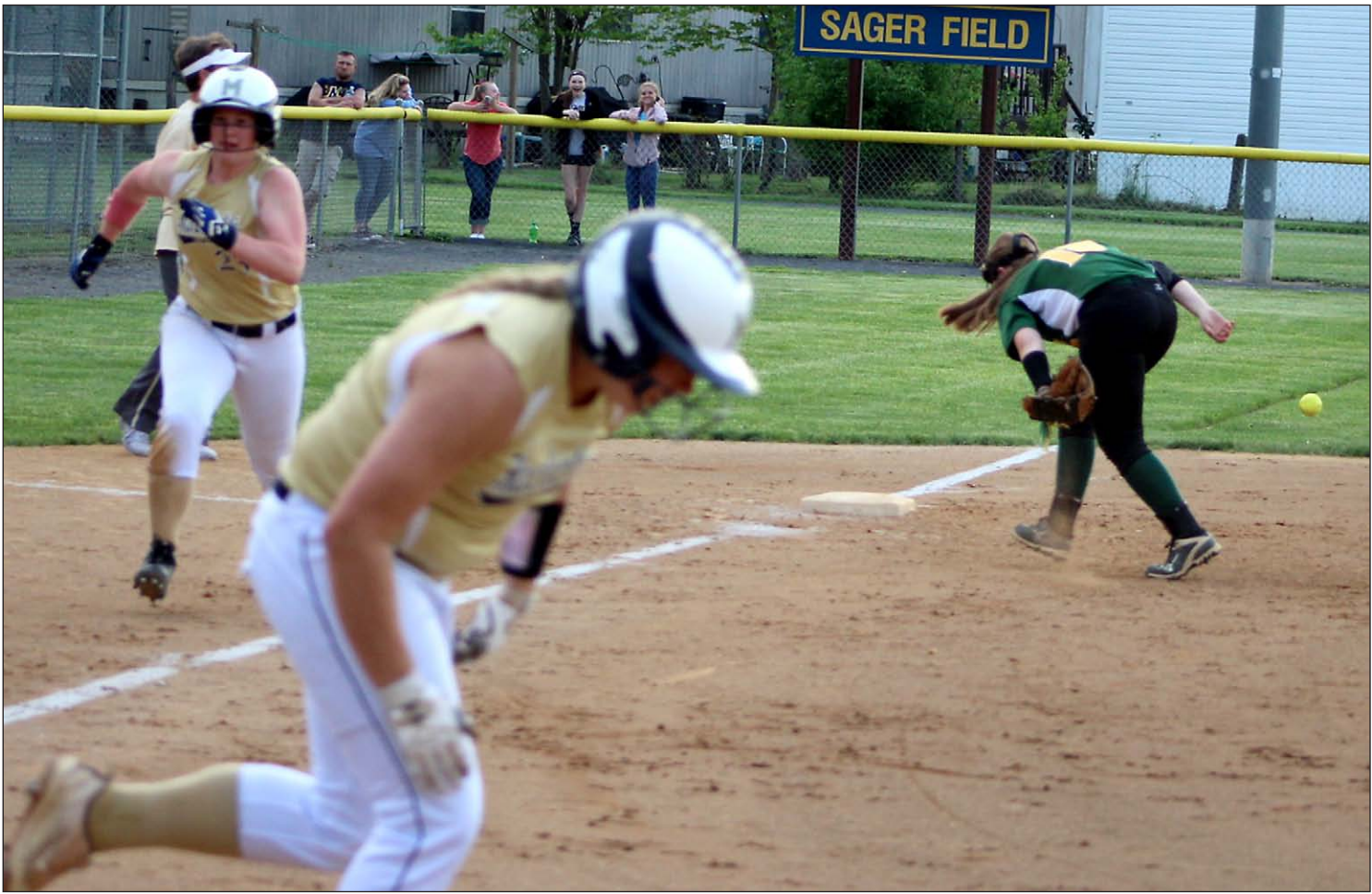
The opening round of the section playoffs featured an 11-run first inning for the Lady Jackets during a 20-1 victory over Tucker County.

Moorefield's Remi Hinkle delivered a three-RBI double and scored on a wild pitch to spark the momentum in the first inning.

Alyssa Vetter, Madison McGregor and Hinkle added RBI singles to that score, Tori Humphries made a triple, plus Gracie O'Neill plated two runs on an error and Rebekah Markwood created an inside-the-park two-run home run for the 11-1 advantage.

"We have been hitting very well and our pitching has hit their spots. It is always good when you can beat East Hardy. Our goal is to be back in the state tournament," Moorefield coach Tammie Ayers remarked.

Moorefield defeated East Hardy



Moorefield's Lindsey Rinker sends teammate Tori Humphries home on a grounder past East Hardy third baseman Rebecca Whetzel during the Class A Region II Section 2 Softball tournament at Sager Field.

Photo by Carl Holcomb

on Tuesday night by a score of 11-3 with Lauren Arbaugh pitching.

Arbaugh issued a full-count walk to East Hardy leadoff batter Madison Strawderman before throwing three consecutive strikeouts to Mackenzie Blair, Erin Riggle and Rebecca Whetzel.

The Lady Yellow Jackets started with a single by Rebekah Markwood off East Hardy pitcher Perry Whetzel, then Markwood stole around to third base.

East Hardy right fielder Madison Heishman made a diving catch on a fly ball from Alyson Simmons and Markwood tagged up to go home for the first run.

Moorefield's Tori Humphries doubled down the left field line, then Remi Hinkle made an RBI groundout to extend the lead, 2-nil.

Whetzel caught a pop-up in foul territory by Madison McGregor for the last out of the frame.

The Lady Cougars went down in order as Chelsea Keller flew out on a chased ball caught by Markwood in shallow center field, then Arbaugh struck out Yates and Heishman popped out to Humphries at second base.

Moorefield's Lindsey Rinker was given a walk, then stole second base.

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Hardy County Garners Eight Gold Medals At PVC Track Meet



Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield senior Hope Aristidou leads the pack for a gold medal finish in the 100 meter high hurdles at the Potomac Valley Conference Track Championship in Elkins on Wednesday.

By Carl Holcomb
 Moorefield Examiner

East Hardy and Moorefield Track teams had a sweet reward combining for eight gold medals at the Potomac Valley Conference Track Championship despite the team sweep by the Mountain Lions

in Elkins, but the icing on the cake was Lady Yellow Jackets coach Vivian Carr being honored as the PVC Coach of the Year.

Coach Carr was shocked and very pleased to have been recognized with the award.

"It's a nice surprise. A lot of work went into getting this honor.

This symbolized all the hard work my girls put into each track meet. They are the ones who made this happen. I thought I had to coach for 15 years before winning this award. I am happy for my girls, especially Taylor Harvey in the 100 meter dash and excited for Hope Aristidou winning back-to-back

PVC titles. We can't stop now," Moorefield Girls Track coach Vivian Carr remarked.

Coach Carr and members of her team celebrated with a selfie after the track meet concluded and the teams were loading the buses.

The Lady Yellow Jackets shined at the PVC Track Championship

with three gold medals and finished in second place overall with 90 points.

Tucker County Girls won the PVC Track Team Championship with 205 points and East Hardy took third place with 66 points, followed by Pendleton County (56), Tygarts Valley (51), Union (32) and

Paw Paw (11).

There was a delay in the running events due to a malfunction with the finish line camera system, so the volunteers did hand timing for the PVC Meet.

Moorefield's Taylor Harvey won the 100 meter dash in a time

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Lady Cougars Prance Past Pendleton

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

The Lady Wildcats clawed into the Den for a 4-0 lead in the first inning, but East Hardy pounced back prancing to a 14-6 victory in the first round of the Class A Region II Section 2 Softball playoffs last Monday.

“The girls have had a real good mentality in the box, so they are pretty confident in their hitting which helped when they were down early. They came in and made the hits to take the lead. We are hitting clear through our lineup and I’m happy they have the confidence now,” East Hardy coach Ashley Dove commented.

Pendleton County leadoff batter Riley Rodgers smacked the ball into right field off East Hardy pitcher Perry Whetzel and the ball ricocheted off the glove of Emily Moyers.

Rodgers advanced on a sacrifice bunt by Leah Loudermilk, then Cassidy Mullens gave the Lady Wildcats a 1-nil edge on an RBI single dribbling into left field.

Pendleton County’s Mariah Huffman doubled into center field to put runners in scoring position, then groundout to East Hardy shortstop Madison Strawderman kept the runners in check.

Reyenne Colaw smashed a three-run home run over the left field fence to put the Lady Wildcats up 4-0.

In the bottom of the first inning, the Lady Cougars responded with three runs.

Strawderman was issued a walk by Pendleton County pitcher Mariah Huffman, then Mackenzie Blair executed a bunt single down the third base line.

East Hardy’s Erin Riggle crushed a two-run producing double into left field cutting the deficit in half, 4-2 and dashed to third base on the throw home.

Rebecca Whetzel hit an RBI sacrifice fly plating Riggle with the Lady Wildcats clinging to the 4-3 lead.

The Lady Cougars tried to keep the momentum going as Chelsea Keller and Jessica Smith singled, then Keller was thrown out at second base on the play.

Emily Yates reached base on an error and the Lady Cougars failed to score again in the frame as Victoria Ames struck out.

East Hardy pitcher Erin Riggle issued a walk to Pendleton County’s Tiffany Perry to start the second inning, then struck out Kalee Woodward before Rodgers took a free pass and the inning ended on a double play by Strawderman.

Perry Whetzel drew a walk for the Lady Cougars and advanced on a groundout by Strawderman.

Blair reached base on an error at third base putting runners on the corners.

Riggle smacked a two-run double into left field giving East Hardy a 5-4 advantage.

East Hardy’s Rebecca Whetzel sent a sharp grounder into center field for a single and Riggle beat the throw home for a 6-4 lead.

Smith singled after a pop-out by Keller, then Yates reached base on an error before they were stranded on a flyout from Ames at second base.

Pendleton County rallied to tie the game at 6-all in the third inning as two walks and a hit by pitch loaded the bases, then the Lady Cougars brought Madison Heishman in to pitch issuing a free pass for one run.

Strawderman made a diving catch and almost made a double play, but the ball ricocheted away on a collision at second base as the error allowed another run to score tying the game before a groundout ended the side.

Strawderman singled with one out, then Blair garnered an RBI double into left field as the Lady Cougars regained the lead, 7-6.

Riggle was issued a walk by Huffman, then Rebecca Whetzel singled into left field to load the bases.

Keller knocked the ball deep into right field which was missed allowing two runs to score, 9-6.

Smith crushed a three-run home run for the Lady Cougars, but only her run was waived off for unsportsmanlike conduct after stopping halfway down the third base line for a celebratory dance with the coach’s permission and was ejected for the premature celebration as her teammates waited at home plate.

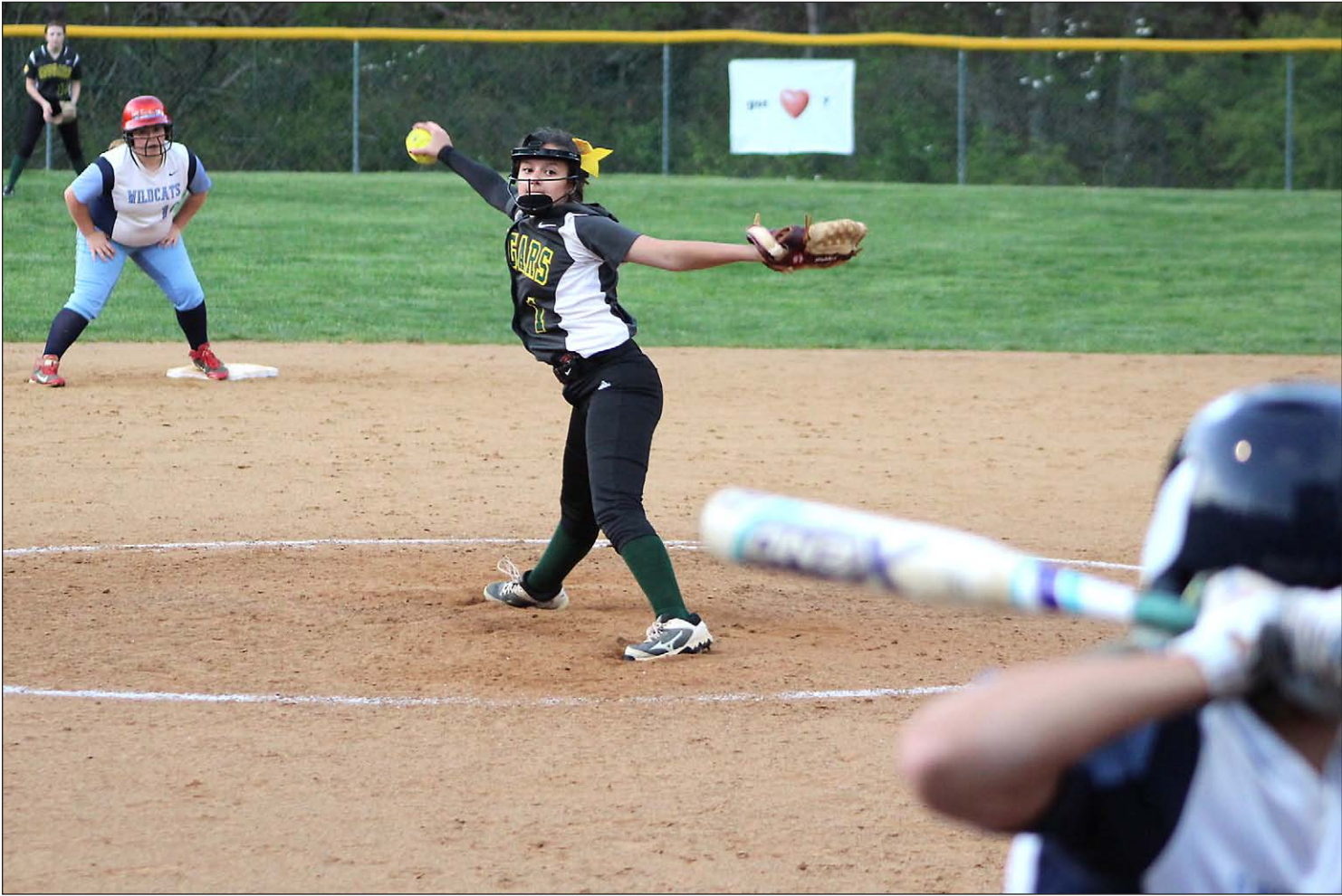
Smith was suspended for the final two games of the postseason for the celebration, but the score was now at 11-6 for East Hardy.

Loudermilk reached base on an error to start the fourth inning for the Lady Wildcats and Mullens singled into left field.

Huffman flew out to Perry Whetzel in left field, then Hartman drew a walk to load the bases.

Colaw bunted into a double play as East Hardy catcher Victoria Ames and first baseman Sierra Dispanet completed the outs.

Ames and Perry Whetzel were given walks in the bottom of the fourth inning, then Strawderman ripped a two-RBI double into left field giving the Lady Cougars a 13-6 advantage.



East Hardy pitcher Madison Heishman winds up to throw a strike against the Lady Wildcats in the Region II Section 2 Softball playoffs in Baker last Monday.



East Hardy’s Madison Strawderman steals third base just ahead of the tag attempt of Pendleton County’s Leah Loudermilk during the Region II Section 2 Softball playoffs in Baker.

Strawderman stole third base and scored on an RBI single by Rebecca Whetzel for the final score of 14-6.

Pendleton County managed one baserunner in the fifth inning on a walk, but two groundouts and a pop-out ended the mercy rule

game, 14-6.

East Hardy (9-9) went on to lose to Moorefield 11-3, then eliminated the Lady Wildcats 7-6 before

bowing out for the season to the

Lady Yellow Jackets in the section championship 6-1.

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Long Volleys To State As Yellow Jackets Buzz Around Region II Tennis Tournament



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Moorefield Girls Tennis No. 1 seed Cara Jo Long returns a volley against Parkersburg Catholic in the Region II Tournament semifinals in Clarksburg. Long qualified for the state tournament.

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

Scorching sunshine and torrential downpours couldn't keep the ducks from quacking or the Yellow Jackets from buzzing around the courts as Moorefield senior Cara Jo Long punched her ticket to the state tournament during the Class AA-A Region II Tennis Tournament played at Clarksburg, Bridgeport and Morgantown.

Moorefield Girls Tennis team started competition on Wednesday at the Deegan and Hinkle Lakes Park in Bridgeport, while the Moorefield Boys Tennis team commenced at Robert C. Byrd High School in Clarksburg.

A severe storm came through on Friday night rendering the courts unplayable causing a change of venue for the remaining doubles matches to Ridgeview Racquet Club in Morgantown on Saturday.

Every singles player had one match to begin the tournament on Wednesday before partnering for doubles games on Thursday, no this wasn't speed dating and Friday completed the singles matches.

Moorefield No. 1 Girls Singles senior Cara Jo Long began her quest to reach Charleston with a first round 8-0 shutout over Lewis County's Burnside.

Long's double partner and No. 2 Singles senior player Haley Gallahan provided the Lady Yellow Jackets with another victory by a score of 8-1 over Grafton's Weber.

Moorefield No. 3 Girls Singles senior Kim Miller bowed out in the opening round 8-4 in a tough battle against Elkins' Tani.

Moorefield No. 4 Girls Singles junior Taylor Lyons lost in the first round to Parkersburg Catholic's Campbell 8-3.

On the Moorefield Boys side for the opening day of the Region II Tennis Tournament, No. 1 seed sophomore Atikilt Tamiru edged Liberty's McCoy 8-6.

Moorefield No. 2 Boys Singles junior Daury Sanchez defeated Bridgeport's Reneau 8-4.

Moorefield No. 3 Boys Singles junior T.J. Sadowski beat Braxton County's Perkins 8-2.

The Yellow Jackets No. 4 Boys Singles junior Jonathan Smith had a bye in the first round, then beat Liberty's Dozer 8-4.

It was the doubles turn on Thursday afternoon with the girls at the lake and the boys at R.C. Byrd.

The wildlife were there cheering as ducks and turtles swam in the lake next to the courts with the calls from the ducks sounding across the nets.

Another distraction for the girls players was the noise from airplanes flying above the courts to which one parent wished the fight

Miller was back serving after breaking Lincoln's turn and kept the momentum going with Hinger knocking down shots at the net for a 3-2 lead.

Lincoln had some errant shots, but regrouped with some slams at the net.

Hinger made several good plays at the net, but Lincoln kept the pressure on with serves and returns.

Lincoln found a rhythm and took a 6-3 lead as the coach implored them to not lay down and just fight.

The Cougars made this strides and hits to commandeer the 8-3 victory, despite a valiant effort by Miller and Hinger.

Moorefield No. 1 Girls Doubles Long and Gallahan utilized solid serves and big returns to take an early advantage and staved off a rally for an 8-6 victory over Trinity Christian's Seitz and Baker

There were some first serves into the net by Long before making adjustments for a better serve. Gallahan took the serving duties later in the set and helped to create some points.

Long made a big leap at the net to send a volley bouncing off the court for points.

The Lady Warriors fought back with a steady approach and both teams were going back and forth as Long kept the back line clear, then Gallahan pitched in with a couple of hits at the net.

Gallhan made a great save and it turned into a non-returnable shot impressing the cheering squad quietly making an uproar.

As in golf, the gallery had to remain quiet for most of the match.

Long had good returns at the net to maintain the lead and Gallahan kept the serves going.

One long shot bounced up to the top of the fence surrounding the court as Gallahan pointed skyward signaling it was out which looked like a Jedi mind trick making the ball spin in the air.

Gallahan served to the right spot as the match ended with Trinity Christian sending the ball out of play, 8-6.

Moorefield No. 1 Boys Doubles partners of Atikilt Tamiru and Daury Sanchez won their first match 8-3 against Liberty, while No. 2 Boys Doubles senior Nick Simpson and Jonathan Smith plus No. 3 Boys Doubles T.J. Sadowski and senior Joseph Wilkins had byes for the first round of competition.

"They played their hearts out today. I could not have been more proud at how gracefully they won and lost. They were competitive to the last point. I am especially proud of Cara Jo making it to the state tournament," Moorefield Tennis coach Traci Eskridge Alley commented.

An overnight rain storm drenched the six courts at Robert C. Byrd, but the personnel there did a good job drying the courts with a short delay to open Thursday's singles matches on four of the courts.

There was a staggered start due to the times finished, but at one point the Yellow Jackets had three boys singles players on the courts at one time.

Moorefield Boys No. 2 seed Daury Sanchez was the first one on the court for the Yellow Jackets and battled hard before falling to Parkersburg Catholic's Vierheller 8-4 in the quarterfinals.

Sanchez served the initial time and the ball was returned out of bounds.

Both sides made errors sending

the ball out of play before one volley from Sanchez hit the net.

Sanchez charged the net and made to successful slams and the returns by Vierheller went out.

Another shot went out of play by the Crusader, "who shouted are you sure?"

Sanchez had some good backhanded returns and a great leap a the net slamming the ball down, then a softer touch catching Vierheller off-guard.

Vierheller had some volleys returned into the net, then Sanchez picked up the intensity at the net.

Parkersburg Catholic matched the surge of energy returning wit for wit en route to the 8-4 win.

Tamiru was the next one to step out on the courts in the No. 1 singles match facing Grafton's Brazilian in the quarterfinals and wasn't able to advance during an 8-1 loss to the Bearcat.

Grafton had good opening serves and Tamiru made nice returns as the battle went back and forth with Brazilier hitting the net a couple of times in the early part of the match.

Tamiru looked like a professional timing forehand and backhand volleys and the leap forward to hit the ball made the Yellow Jackets flight plan better.

Both players returned shots out of play as it was difficult to find a Circadian rhythm to the hits.

Grafton took an early lead and maintained the pressure with swift serves and volleys to secure an 8-1 win.

Tamiru countered as much as possible, but some volleys weren't in the cards for a return.

Smith joined on the court as the trio went to work making the volleys and serves showing what the Yellow Jackets were made of there in Clarksburg.

The sun was beating down on the players, but Smith remained cool hydrating and hustling back and forth before being clipped 8-4 by Bridgeport's Randolph in the semifinals.

Randolph had some early serves sail out of bounds, then Smith made some nice lobs on returns forcing Randolph to use his long legs to chase down the hits.

Smith got in a groove serving and had a nice leaping return at the net, but Bridgeport was ready to meet the challenge grabbing an early 3-2 lead.

Smith made one strong hit slicing down to the corner of the court which sent Randolph barreling into the fence.

Randolph had some serves returned into then net, then Smith changed his trajectory for a better outcome.

Smith charged the net one time and Randolph lifted the ball for a lob to the back line and Smith dashed underneath with an overhead shot that just collided with the top of the net.

There were close volleys back and forth as the score favored Bridgeport 4-3.

Smith made some swift returns cross-court which were returned out of play.

Smith looked to deliver accurate serves and Randolph had some returns spin out of bounds.

Despite the tremendous hustle, Smith wasn't able to advance to the championship during the 8-4 loss

to Randolph.

During a break in the action, Sadowski made a new sport combining tennis and lacrosse called latennise joining some Lewis County players on the practice field which had a goal.

Since all the courts were drying up and the pace was good putting the tournament ahead of schedule, the director had the girls come to Robert C. Byrd to finish the singles semifinals, championships and consolation rounds.

The sun was getting intense, but Moorefield's Haley Gallahan was prepared with sunscreen lotion offering it to those turning into lobsters.

Gallahan lost to Philip Barbour's Payne by a score of 8-2 in the singles quarterfinals earlier in the morning.

Moorefield No. 3 Girls Doubles partners of Lyons and Ratliff competed in the quarterfinals edging Liberty's Scotchie and Johnson to advance to the semifinals on Saturday.

They had to win the title in order to advance to the state championship but Bridgeport stood in the way in the semifinals.

Moorefield's Cara Jo Long edged Bridgeport's Ebert over at the Deegen and Hinkle lake 9-7 which involved coaches coming to assist as line judges.

Long came over to the high school for the semifinal round and lost to Parkersburg Catholic's Marie Discini 8-0, who was the eventual Region II champion.

Early in the match, Long's racquet strings broke and she preferred not to use her backup and her doubles partner Gallahan offered her backup racquet to use.

Despite some serves hitting the net and errant shots, Discini was more consistent overall.

Long started to hit better with the new racquet as shots went further on the court and sometimes a little too strong.

Long qualified for the state tournament being in the semifinal round, but still played for the third place spot and faced Liberty's Cain.

Cain jumped out early, but Long put together a rally with a pair of points at a time with solid hits and serves before Cain closed the set with an 8-5 victory.

There was a break in the action as noise from a neighboring court was too distracting with both Long and Cain making the decision together to wait for calmer playing conditions.

Long and Gallahan's doubles match had to wait for Saturday as the storm started to roll into town, plus Long's energy level wasn't too high after a long day of matches in the heat.

The severe storms wreaked havoc on the courts with puddles forcing the doubles competition for boys and girls to be relocated to Morgantown.

Parkersburg Catholic No. 1 Girls Doubles shutout Moorefield's Long and Gallahan 8-nil in the morning session, so the Lady Yellow Jackets had an early exit to prepare for prom night back home.

The entire team finished before 2:00, so everyone was back in time for the prom.

Lyons and Ratliff's good luck at the Region II Tennis Tournament

came to an end losing 8-3 against Bridgeport's Duvall and Stear.

Moorefield No. 3 Boys Doubles Sadowski and Wilkins proved to be too much for Grafton's Kittle and Poole during an 8-1 quarterfinal victory at Ridgeview.

Moorefield No. 2 Boys Doubles senior Nick Simpson and junior Jonathan Smith had an intense battle against Lincoln's Fleece and Defazio rallying from being down 7-4 to tie the match before Lincoln got the breaks in the tiebreaker for a 9-8 (8-6) win over the Yellow Jackets.

Simpson had a mixed amount of success with the jump serve during the match, having to go for a second serve occasionally which didn't have the same finesse.

Smith did a good job moving around the court to make returns and had some good serves during the match.

Both players created exciting plays at the net and showed great charisma battling to the very last point.

Lincoln had one slam at the end of the tiebreaker that was hit back into the net as an exclamation point on the win.

Simpson and Smith showed good sportsmanship embracing the Lincoln players after the match.

In the No. 1 Boys Doubles quarterfinals, Moorefield's Daury Sanchez and Atikilt Tamiru battled against Elkins Carr and Corley.

The Tigers pounced early and often to win the match 8-5 with emphatic returns and swift serves bolstering the enthusiasm and energy as they celebrated points.

Tamiru matched some of the intensity leaping forward to send volleys flying back over the net.

Sanchez and Tamiru had good deliveries on serves and maintained pace with Elkins as much as possible.

One strategy the Yellow Jackets had against the power hitting from Elkins was to both be at the back line covering the high ricochets which worked to some degree.

Moorefield's last match of the Region II Tennis Tournament was the No. 3 Boys Doubles semifinal match for Sadowski and Wilkins against Parkersburg Catholic's Lang and Shaw.

The Yellow Jackets supporters were in for a treat as this match went into a tiebreaker, but the Crusaders prevailed 9-8 (7-4).

Sadowski and Wilkins were consistent on the serves and communicated for volleys.

Sadowski did a good job charging the net scooping up the low shots and Wilkins covered the back line very well.

The net play was quite impressive for both sides of the net and the Yellow Jackets kept buzzing to rally from a small deficit to commander the momentum charging to the tiebreaker.

Moorefield Tennis showed the intensity and poise throughout the competition proving the opportunities for next season's success is growing strong and Long will finish her career in Charleston this week.

"I am very excited to go to Charleston. It isn't very often our small town of Moorefield sends a player to the state tournament, so I am proud to represent us," Moorefield Tennis No. 1 Singles senior Cara Jo Long stated.

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of 13.07, Hope Aristidou took top honors in the 100 meter hurdles at 16.55 and the Lady Yellow Jackets secured the top spot in the shuttle hurdles with Sydney Gribble, Morgan Armentrout, Allyson Lofton and Aristidou finishing in 1:12.72.

East Hardy Girls Track took top honors in several events as Emili Flynn won the 200 meter dash in a time of 27.57 just ahead of Harvey at 27.91.

Flynn was the first leg of gold medal 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams for the Lady Cougars.

Flynn joined Holly Snyder, Emma Lutz and SierraMarie Miller winning the 4x100 relay in a time of 54.62.

The same quartet won the 4x200 relay in a time of 1:55.24.

Flynn helped the 4x400 relay team finish in second place along with Lutz, Carly Hershberger and Miller at 4:44.15, just one second behind Tucker County.

"I am proud of my girls. The relay teams had great times and won two races," East Hardy Girls Track coach Monica Orndorff remarked.

A few highlights for the Lady Cougars in the field events: Lutz was third in the shot put at 26'7.75",

Jaden Fleshman took fourth in the discus at 72'6" and Miller was tied for third in the high jump at 4'4".

Union freshman Bridgette Knapp won the high jump at 5'0" and long jump at 15'9".

Moorefield's Rachel Hesse made a personal best mark in the discus for second place with a throw of 77'5" and Alexis Barb was fourth in the shot put at 24'4.5"

Tucker County Boys Track won by a landslide with 254 points, followed by Tygarts Valley with 96 points, East Hardy finished in third place with 74 points, Moorefield garnered fourth place with 55 points, followed by Pendleton County (36) and Paw Paw (19).

The East Hardy Boys Track had three potential times breaking the school record, but the PVC Track Meet used hand timing and not electronic measuring due to a malfunction which meant the times wouldn't count officially as a record.

East Hardy's Aden Funkhouser took top honors in the 100 meter dash at 11.10 and placed second in the 200 meter dash at 23.13 with both times being among the fastest in school history with hand timing.

Nathan Phillips had the other

top school finish in the 800 meter run for the Cougars with a first place time of 2:09.64.

"We had some impressive times today, but they won't count towards the school record being hand timed. We have more work to do preparing for the regional meet," East Hardy Boys Track coach Devon Orndorff said.

Moorefield's Matthew Wright took fourth place in the same race in a time of 2:17.59.

East Hardy's Aaron Fishel garnered third place in the 400 meter run with a time of 57.52.

Moorefield Boys 4x100 relay team of Matthew Wright, Jackson Weese, Dylan Strawderman and Paxton Coby finished in second place with a time of 48.89, while the Yellow Jackets 4x200 and 4x800 grabbed the bronze medal.

East Hardy Boys 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams took fourth place overall with Sky Spell, Tyler Harmon, Noah Lang and Aaron Fishel.

East Hardy's Bryce Tharp returned from an injury to take second place in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles at 42.69 and third in the 110 high hurdles at 16.46.

All four boys teams finished

in over one minute in the shuttle hurdles with Tucker County taking the top honors at 1:01.07, followed by Tygarts Valley at 1:03.18, East Hardy was third at 1:04.09 and Moorefield rounded out the field with 1:10.44.

Tucker County's Zane Myers set a school record in the shot put with a gold medal throw of 49'6" and had a personal best discus distance of 124'4".

Moorefield's Seth Wilson finished as a silver medalist in the shot put with a distance of 41'0.5".

Riley Hedrick was fourth in the discus for the Yellow Jackets at 108'5".

East Hardy's Bryce Tharp took third overall in the high jump with a clearance height of 5'6".

"I am proud of my boys, they keep working hard and improving each week. They are making personal records at every meet. I hope we can send a lot to Charleston," Moorefield Boys coach Linda Wright noted.

Moorefield and East Hardy compete in the Region II Track Meet this Thursday in Lewis County for a shot at the state tournament.

Complete results can be found at www.runwv.com.



Photo by Carl Holcomb

East Hardy's Jaden Fleshman prepares to throw the discus for fourth place at the Potomac Valley Conference Track Meet in Elkins.



Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield's Seth Wilson launches the shot put for a second place finish at the Potomac Valley Conference Track Meet in Elkins.

THE OLD MASTER

By Jay Fisher

WVU golf had made the NCAA tournament exactly once: in 1947. When the program started playing again in 2015, making the tournament seemed a long way away. The Mountaineers just wanted to be sort of competitive. They weren't early, which was no surprise. In year two, they showed some promise, but there were some team chemistry issues, and Coach Sean Covich had to trim his roster. That helped, along with improvement by existing players and new talent coming in. They finished last year ranked in the Top 100 for the first time. This year was year four. The roster included two four-year seniors (from Australia and Canada) who have grown to become Mountaineers.

And last week, WVU – now a Top 50 team-- made the NCAA tournament. WVU will be an eight-seed in the Louisville regional, which is led by Oklahoma State. It will be from May 13-15 (Monday-Wednesday), and the top 5 teams in the region will advance to the Nationals (along with top scorers from non-qualifying teams). Are they expected to advance? Not really, but golf is a funny game. WVU could make the top five, especially if some of the higher seeds have an off weekend. Regardless of how things go in Louisville, this



has been a very successful season, and they are ahead of schedule.

The baseball team had a big series against TCU. WVU finally lost a series. Nick Lodolo outdueled Alek Manoah on Friday, and the Horned Frogs routed the Mountaineers on Saturday. It looked like it could be a TCU sweep, but WVU scored three runs in the bottom of the ninth to take the last game, 6-5. It was a much needed win for the Mountaineers, who really wanted to avoid a sweep. They are still 21 in the RPI, and close out their Big 12 schedule this weekend at Kansas State.

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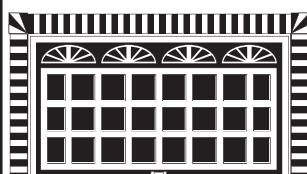
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STATEWIDE EXAMINATION FOR MINE INSPECTORS

Accepting Exam Applications
for Electrical and Safety instructors

The West Virginia Board of Coal Mine Health and Safety
is accepting exam applications for electrical and
safety instructor positions.

Applicants must have a minimum of five years of experience
in the position for which they plan to test.

Exam applications are available online
at wvminesafety.org/BCMHS
or at the Coal Board office.

Completed applications must be mailed to the address below
and received by 4 p.m. Friday, June 7, 2019.

WV Board of Coal Mine Health & Safety
106 B Dee Drive, Charleston, WV 25333
ATTN: Electrical and Safety Inspectors Exam

Testing will be administered June 23 and 24, 2019,
at the Days Inn & Suites, 350 Days Dr., Sutton, WV 26601.

Sunday, June 23 at 6:30 p.m. - maps class for safety instructors
Monday, June 24 at 8:00 a.m. - safety and electrical exam

For additional information, contact the Coal Board office at 304-993-4594.

HELP WANTED

The Moorefield/Hardy County Wastewater Authority is accepting
applications for the following full-time position. Applications for
this position are available at the Town Office.

206 Winchester Avenue
Moorefield, WV 26836

8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. each weekday.

Applications will be accepted until 4:30 P.M. on
Friday, May 10, 2019. The Moorefield/Hardy County
Wastewater Authority is an equal opportunity
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Class II Wastewater Operator – The successful applicant must
possess a current West Virginia Class II wastewater license and will
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PUBLIC MEETING ON DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE REGION 8 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

131 PROVIDENCE LANE

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The Region 8 Planning and Development Council will hold public meetings for the purpose of receiving comments on the FY 2020 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update on May 6, 2:30 p.m. at Keyser City Hall, 111 North Davis Street, Keyser, West Virginia and May 10, 1:00 p.m., at the Region 8 Planning and Development Office, 131 Providence Lane, Petersburg, West Virginia. The public is urged to attend these meetings and comment on the draft update. The Update reviews the region's economic condition and outlines needed projects. The Update is used by the West Virginia Development Office to prepare a statewide investment package. It is presented to the U.S. Economic Development Administration as the Region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

The importance of the regional planning process makes public participation extremely important. The Update is available for review at local libraries and/or can be obtained at <http://www.regioneight.org>.

Written comments on this document should be mailed to the Region 8 Planning and Development Council, 131 Providence Lane, Petersburg, WV 26847 or e-mailed to mail@regioneight.org by 4:00 p.m. on June 30, 2019.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has scheduled a public hearing on June 18, 2019, at 10:30 am to discuss the Draft Fiscal Year 2020 Intended Use Plan for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program (CWSRF). A part of the Intended Use Plan is the Fiscal Year 2020 Priority List. The hearing will take place at the DEP headquarters in Charleston in the Dolly Sods Conference Room (Room #1125). A copy of the draft Fiscal Year 2020 Intended Use Plan is available, and may be requested by calling, writing or sending an email request to the address below. The plan can also be viewed on DEP's web site.

Contact
Kathryn Emery
WV Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water & Waste Management
Clean Water State Revolving Fund
601 57th Street, SE
Charleston, WV 25304
(304) 926-0499 Ext. 1596
Kathryn.D.Emery@wv.gov

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: THE CHANGE OF NAME OF

M.S.-A.W. TO M. S. -A. S.

Circuit Court Case Number: 19-P-17

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

OF CHANGE OF NAME:

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of June, 2019 at the hour of 9:00 am, or as soon thereafter as this matter may by hears, Brandy Spencer will apply by petition to the circuit court of Hardy County, WV at the Courthouse thereof in the city if Moorefield for the entry of an Order by said court changing the name from M.S.-A.W. to M.S. -A. S.

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

Given under my hand this 1 day of May,

2019,

Kelly Shockey

by: Mary Brennsakag

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State of West Virginia

County of Hardy, ss:

Notice of Administration / to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for pro-

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

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

Publication Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2019
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180 DEER TRAIL ROAD
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ESTATE NUMBER: 1785
ESTATE NAME: JOHN ALAN
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on
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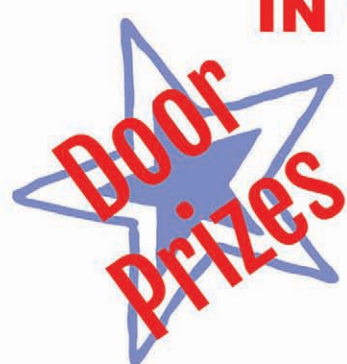
CNA's - Starting at \$12/hr
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HARDY COUNTY EMS ADVISORY BOARD



INVITES YOU TO HELP HONOR THE HEROS OF HARDY COUNTY IN THE 1ST ANNUAL HARDY COUNTY FIRST RESPONDER'S DAY

IN CELEBRATION OF EMS WEEK



**MAY 18, 2019
11AM-3PM**



MOOREFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

THE EVENT WILL INCLUDE DEMONSTRATIONS AND/OR MATERIALS
FROM ALL HARDY COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICES, FIRE
DEPARTMENTS, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENICES, HARDY COUNTY 911,
CERT AND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD.
FREE FOOD AND DRINKS



TOURS OF THE HARDY COUNTY 911 CENTER AND A DISPLAY
OF MILITARY VEHICLES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE
NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY LOCATED ON FREEDOM WAY OFF
OF RT. 48



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