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# Lawsuit Filed to Reopen South Fork Road

By Jean A. Flanagan  
*Moorefield Examiner*

Judy's Poultry Farm and George Judy, individually, have filed suit

against the West Virginia Division of Highways, Thomas Smith Secretary of the WV Department of Transportation, J. Lee Thorne, District Engineer for District 5

and Bill Robinette, Hardy County WVDOH Supervisor, requesting they "perform their legal duties to obtain right of entry and to remove the debris from the South Fork

Road and to make travel and passage available..."

The suit was filed on Thursday, July 19 and will be heard by Circuit Judge H. Charles Carl on Tuesday, July 31 at 1:30 p.m.

July 31 at 1:30 p.m.

"It seems the Division of Highways is more interested in fighting financial battles than fixing the road," attorney J. David Judy said.

The law firm of Judy & Judy is representing the plaintiffs in the case.

On June 22 or 23, a landslide occurred on South Fork Road, Hardy County. *Continued on page 8*

## Poultry Growers Meet to Discuss Concerns, Prepare For Meeting With Pilgrim's Executives



By Lon Anderson  
*Moorefield Examiner*

It was a big turnout last Tuesday night, July 10, as about 75 anxious poultry growers poured into the Fellowship Hall of the Church of the Brethren in Moorefield to discuss their concerns about what they view as a deteriorating relationship with Pilgrim's. The meeting was called by local growers Ronnie Miller and Lois Alt to discuss their concerns and seek a consensus on how to proceed.

"We do have good news," announced Ronnie Miller, one of the meeting organizers, as they were getting started. "Pilgrim's executives do want to meet with us," he told the crowd, "but they could not make it tonight. But the week of August 19, three execs will be here to meet with us. It's a positive thing."

"So now we need to have something to present to them," Miller said. And that began a long airing of grievances.

"We don't want to go through another winter like we did last year with the wet floors and the price of fuel," Miller noted. "It effects the whole valley."

Wet floors, according to grower Eric Hedrick, are caused by bad feed which gives chickens diarrhea, which causes major health issues for the birds and, thus, big problems for the farmers.

"Wet floors—it's not right for the birds walking in that mess, and it's not right for the growers," Miller said. "We need healthier birds."

"I just put sawdust down (for wet floors) in July," said grower Tony Alt. "I've never used saw dust in July!"

"We need to make sure they understand that we need dry houses," said local grower and County Commission President JR Keplinger. "I would not want my kids working in a wet house. If you want to work in a sewer, then go down to the PSD (the Public Service Department) and get a job working on sewers."

There was also a great deal of concern about their compensation for the birds they raise.

"I've told them that we needed to be compensated for 3.8-pound birds," Miller said. "We need to grow 4-pound birds—they cut our throats by pushing 3.25-pound birds."

"We need a 2-cent per pound increase starting right now," said grower Mike Weaver.

"I don't need a two-cent raise – just give me good chickens and good feed," another farmer countered.

"If they won't let us raise 4-pound birds, then we need to be compensated based on our square footage. We need to look at a square footage payment system," said Keplinger. "And the ranking system (used in compensating farmers) needs to go."

"They need to guarantee us payment for a 3.8-pound bird," Miller reiterated, "and 14 days downtime (between flocks). Anything under 14 days and you're asking for trouble."

"Two weeks, is the minimum time necessary," Miller explained

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## Fine Feathered Friends



Photo by Jean Flanagan

## Hardy County Celebrates Poultry Week

Poultry Week in Hardy County is a special celebration of the industry that supports the county and feeds the world. Beginning with the Poultry Queen and Teen Queen pageants on Saturday, July 14, through the Muzzleloader Turkey Shoot on Saturday, July 21, the week was filled with activities and events for everyone. The Producers Educational Dinners on Tuesday and Wednesday, featured good information about the industry. The Youth Day BBQ Cookoff on Wednesday, had 17 participants and the Poultry Parade on Thursday, had more than 70 entries. The Hen & Gobbler Golf Classic was well-attended. The President's Dinner on Friday featured good food, good fellowship and music by Raw Country. Thanks to all those who make this year's Poultry Festival a success. For more pictures, see page 1B.

## Speeding Drivers Create Danger Around Town

By Hannah Heishman  
*Moorefield Examiner*

Speed and traffic issues dominated discussion at the Moorefield Town Council's July 3 meeting. Citizens from South Elm Street addressed the Council.

"Why can we not put speed bumps before and after that turn," asked Bill Ours, a resident who also has family members living on Elm Street.

South Elm Street, which begins where Elm crosses Winchester Avenue and continues to Clements Street, is the only street in town with a turn and a 15 mile-per-hour speed limit. There is also parking on both sides of the street.

Ours and Johnny "Eagle" Thompson expressed concern about drivers speeding, particularly in the mornings and afternoons when Pilgrim's is changing shifts and students are moving between home and school.

"Him (sic) and his officers do what they can do," Ours said, expressing appreciation for Town Chief Steve Reckart's efforts to slow traffic.

A previous attempt to reduce speed on South Elm Street involved moving speed signs to increase their visibility. Residents said it helped for a while, but that

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## Exchange Students from Finland Visit Hardy County

By Jean A. Flanagan  
*Moorefield Examiner*

A group of 15 students from Finland visited Hardy County last week as part of the AFS-USA student exchange program.

The students visited the Wardensville Garden Market, Buena Vista Farms, the Moorefield Examiner, the Hardy County Planning Office and Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College. They also toured the Wilkins Organic Chicken Farm, met with the owners of the Guesthouse and had lunch at Trout Pond. During their visit, their focus was on government, history, social issues and business, specifically small business in rural areas.

The program is funded by a Finnish educational group and the U.S. Embassy, which allows 15 Finnish students

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Photo by Jean Flanagan

Exchange students from Finland met with Moorefield Examiner publisher Phoebe Heishman at the Hardy County Public Library.

### WEATHER

Source: National Weather Service

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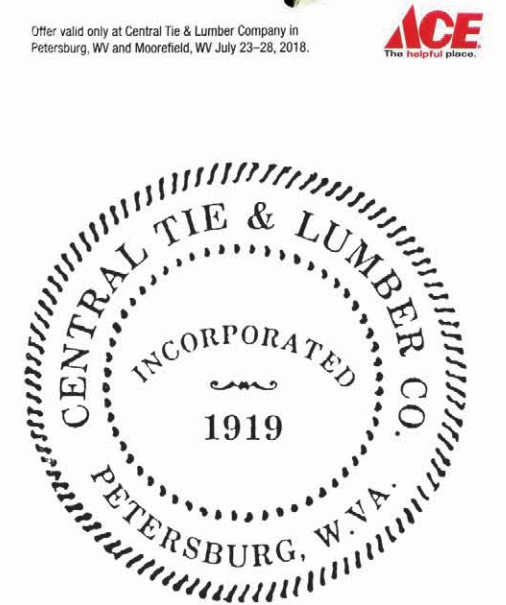
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## New Fiction

*Believe Me* by J. P. Delaney (Reg. Print, Lg. Print, Audio-book) – Clair is a decoy for a firm of lawyers, hired to entrap straying husbands. When the wife of one of Claire's targets is violently murdered, the cops are sure the husband is to blame. Desperate to catch him before he kills again, they enlist Claire to lure him into a confession.

*A Noise Downstairs* by Linwood Barclay – Battling PTSD and depression after accidentally stumbling into a murder scene, a college professor begins writing his novel on a vintage typewriter that

he comes to believe is possessed and somehow linked to the crime he survived.

*Every Time You Go Away* by Beth Harbison – Returning to the beach house where her husband died suddenly years earlier, Willa is overwhelmed by memories and reaches out to her son and friends to reconnect and heal.

*Her Fear* (Amish of Hart County; 4) by Shelley Shepard Gray – An EMT falls for a woman with ties to an Amish community where people are dying similar, suspicious deaths.

*Hangman* by Daniel Cole – Still recovering from the Ragdoll case, Detective Emily Baxter delves into yet another gruesome case when a copycat killer emerges in New York City and must shake off the grief and fear that have paralyzed her to stop the murders.

*Number One Chinese Restaurant* by Lillian Li – The Beijing Duck House in Rockville, Maryland, is not only a beloved go-to setting for hunger pangs and celebrations, it is its own world, inhabited by waiters and kitchen staff who have been

fighting, loving, and aging within its walls for decades. When disaster strikes, this working family's controlled chaos is set loose, forcing each character to confront the conflicts that fast-paced restaurant life has kept at bay.

*A Place for Us* by Fatima Farheen Mirza – A story of family identity and belonging follows an Indian family through the marriage of their daughter, from the parents' arrival in the United States to the return of their estranged son.

*Dead Drift* (Chesapeake Valor; 4) by Dani Pattrey – Private Investigator Kate Maxwell never stopped loving Luke Gallagher after he disappeared. Now he's back, and together they must unravel a twisting thread of secrets, lies, and betrayal while on the brink of a biological disaster that will shake America to its core. Will they and their love survive, or will Luke and Kate become the terrorist's next target?

*River to Redemption* by Ann H. Gabhart – Orphaned in the cholera epidemic in Kentucky's early nineteenth century, Adria Starr

was raised by a slave. Now at nineteen, she must stand up for his freedom—and in the process, find her own.

*The Summer Wives* by Beatriz Williams – Twenty years after being banished from Winthrop Island, Miranda Schuyler returns to find justice for the man she once loved.

*Marry Me by Sundown* by Johanna Lindsey – In 1880s Montana, American heiress turns to a rugged mountain man to help her locate her father's fortune. Determined to claim what rightfully belongs to her family, she summons up the courage and grit to cope with the hazards and discomforts of an untamed land and the disturbingly masculine stranger who holds her fate in his hands.

*All These Beautiful Strangers* by Elizabeth Kleftho – A young woman haunted by a family tragedy is caught up in a dangerous web of lies and deception involving a secret society.

*The Best of Intentions* (Canadian Crossings; 1) by Susan Anne Mason – In the aftermath of trag-

edy, Grace hopes to reclaim her nephew from the relatives who rejected her sister because of her class. Under an alias, she becomes her nephew's nanny to observe the formidable family up close. Unexpectedly, she begins to fall for the boy's guardian, who is promised to another. Can Grace protect her nephew . . . and her heart?

*Shelved Under Murder* (Blue Ridge Library; 2) by Victoria Gilbert – In Taylorsford, Virginia, during the height of October's leaf-peeping season, library director Amy Webber, and her assistant, Sunny, prepare for the library's yard sale fundraiser—until a dead body stops them in their tracks.

*Poisoned Pages* (Booktown; 12) by Lorna Barrett – Tricia Miles, mystery bookstore owner and amateur sleuth, throws a housewarming cocktail party in her new apartment and has cooked all the food by herself—quite a feat for someone who previously couldn't boil water. Then one of her guests is poisoned and dies. Tricia's left to wonder if her cooking is to blame or if there's something much more

sinister at play.

## New Easy Readers

*Boo Who?* by Ben Clanton – A shy little ghost who's new to the group has trouble fitting in—until his special talent comes to the fore.

*The Wolf Who Didn't Like to Read* (Wolf Who...) by Orienne Lallemand – Wolf devours books, literally. After helping a librarian find some missing books, he learns to like reading.

*Neon Leon* by Jane Clarke – Chameleons are the best at fitting in. But Leon is an exception. Leon is neon! In this book, children can help Leon on his journey to find a place where he can fit in.

*Go to Sleep, Little Creep* by David Quinn – Illustrations and simple, rhyming text reveal the bedtime routine of little monsters and the love they share with their parents.

*Stumpkin* by Lucy Ruth Cummins – A stemless pumpkin yearns to be a Halloween jack-o-lantern. Will anyone give Stumpkin his chance to shine?

## EHHS FBLA Team Shares Award-Winning Presentation with Baker Ruritan Club

West Virginia's 2018 winning FBLA Partnership with Business Project team, represented by East Hardy students Isaiah Fluelling and Cheyenna Miller, recently presented their business partnership project, "Mask Off: Business Partnership Brings Awareness to Mental Health," assisted by their FBLA adviser, Krystal Roberson, to the Baker Ruritan Club during the club's July 5 meeting at the Arkansas Community Building. Project team member Dylan White was not able to attend the meeting.

The group told the club that, during the 2017-18 school year, EHHS's FBLA chapter partnered with a Keyser-based business, Mastering Mental Health, and had tracked results among their peers after East Hardy High School students took part in a multi-week mental-health curriculum. Fluelling, Miller and White were chosen to represent the chapter and present the project at the state FBLA conference and competition.

For the competition, the team developed a Powerpoint slideshow and presentation that included a compilation of the data sets the FBLA students gathered as part of the project. The data indicated the curriculum successfully increased awareness of mental health issues



East Hardy FBLA students Isaiah Fluelling (from left) and Cheyenna Miller, joined by their FBLA adviser Krystal Roberson, share their state award-winning presentation "Mask Off: Business Partnership Brings Awareness to Mental Health," to members of the Baker Ruritan Club on July 5.

and had built connections among the participating students.

After winning the West Virginia competition, the team traveled to Baltimore in June to compete at the national level. The group did not place in the national competition, which included more than 90 competing teams, but Fluelling and Miller said they were able to observe the top teams and learned

from the national competition experience.

Roberson said the business project team partnership provided the EHHS FBLA students an opportunity to learn and practice business skills and utilize common business tools. All told, the team estimated they had invested more than 60 hours of work on the project. Fluelling and Miller also said

that the chapter plans to continue the project next year at the school.

Baker Ruritan Club meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. and rotates meeting locations around the Baker community. For more information about the Baker Ruritan Club, visit the club's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/bakerruritans](http://www.facebook.com/bakerruritans).

## Poultry Growers

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later "to get all of the bacteria and things cleaned out from the previous flock."

Grower Tony Alt also urged that they address "the density (of birds) we're being made to run with and with no down time (in between flocks)."

"Fourteen days—the bankers won't like it," responded another farmer. "If they cut density and expand downtime, I can't make payments."

Another issue, asserted Miller "are the settlement sheets. They should never take money away from us" on the settlement sheets.

Concerning the current payment system, Weaver noted "no matter what you do, one-half of us will get money taken off our balance sheet next week."

Another grower suggested that more assistance with the cost of fuel would go a long way, indicating that the much higher fuel costs were killing their profits.

The growers' primary concerns, as listed on the agenda, were: chick quality, including uniformity, culls and weight; housing conditions (wetness); Feed, the consistency and constant changes; Downtime, currently insufficient with growers pushed to ready houses for the

next chick placements, and Communication between management and the Grower Council.

"They (Pilgrim's) have lost over 30 houses in the Lost River area and some 120 houses (in the region) in the last two years," Miller noted. "So now they are increasing density (in the chicken houses) to make up for their loss of houses." Increased density also impacts the birds' health and weight.

"Before," Miller continued, "there was no competition, but now there is, and they are listening."

"I think we all need to unite," said Alt. "Otherwise they'll pay no attention. And there has to be a timeline (for Pilgrims to address our concerns)."

That brought shouts of "Yes!" and "Definitely!" A vote was taken and all hands went up in favor of insisting on a time frame for action by Pilgrim's.

Another farmer noted that their demands for action with Pilgrim's "need to have an 'or else' attached. What's the 'or'? Do we shut our doors?" he asked.

"We need to stick together," another farmer asserted. "They'll try to separate us and cut a couple of us off. We can't let them succeed."

A young woman, stood and made an emotional statement, noting that she and her husband got into raising chickens because they love farming and want to grow beautiful birds that they can be proud of, but that this should be a family thing. "We can't work for nothing," she said, and noted that based upon the age of most of the other folks in the room, it didn't look like a lot of their children were interested in following their parents into farming.

Lois Alt, the other organizer of the meeting, suggested that they "create a committee to come up with the points" to discuss with the Pilgrim's executives in August.

The group then turned to selecting the smaller group to work on the talking points and strategies for the August meeting. Appointed to that committee were: Lois Alt; Ronnie Miller; Mike Weaver; Amanda Stotlar; Sheila Cecil; Jason Keplinger and Mitch Moran.

In a follow-up interview, Miller said he was pleased with the meeting. "Our purpose was to get Pilgrim's to sit down and talk to us. It's been many years since any executives have sat down and talked to us. The local reps talk to us, but they have little authority. We need

to have talk between us, rather than threats."

Lois Alt, also in a follow-up discussion said that she "feels for the local management at Pilgrim's — they are trying to keep things on track, but they have people above them..."

"We don't want to see the plant close down. Everybody depends on it," Miller continued. "Now we have other companies wanting to move in—competition is good, but we want to see Pilgrim's work. Right now, they appear to be focused on how many pounds they can run through the plant, not the quality."

In closing the meeting, Miller noted, "One thing we can all agree on: we want to be able to be proud about what we're raising." That theme reverberated through the night, coming from many of those who spoke.

This is the second growers meeting in Hardy County in recent months where growers' difficulties and frustrations were front and center. A similar but smaller meeting was held by the Poultry Growers of Virginias on May 15 in the Mathias-Baker Fire House. Many of the faces, and the concerns, were similar.

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<b>SATURDAY, JULY 28</b>		9 a.m.	4-H/FFA Sheep Showmanship
8 a.m.	Horse Show & Junior Horse Show	2 p.m.	4-H/FFA Goat Showmanship
1 - 5 p.m.	Enter Exhibits Dept. E, F, G, H, I, Art Work & Pageant	4 p.m.	Exhibits Open Main Exhibit Bldg.
6 p.m.	Tri-County Fair Horse Show Speed Games	6 p.m.	Parade
<b>SUNDAY, JULY 29</b>		6 p.m.	Rides to Open
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Check-In Beef, Sheep, Rabbits, Poultry and Goats	9 p.m.	Pig Scramble
4 p.m.	Livestock Exhibitors Meeting/Clinic	9 p.m.	Parade Awards
6 p.m.	Vesper	<b>THURSDAY, AUGUST 2</b>	
7 p.m.	Guy Penrod	10 a.m.	4-H/FFA Market Goat Show
<b>MONDAY, JULY 30</b>		4 p.m.	Exhibits Open Main Exhibit Bldg.
8 - 9:30 a.m.	Check in Feeder Calf	5 p.m.	4-H/FFA Market Steer Show
10 a.m.	Breeding Cattle Show	6 p.m.	Pedal Power Contest (stage)
1 p.m.	4-H/FFA Feeder Calf Show	6 p.m.	Rides to Open
3 p.m.	4-H/FFA Beef Showmanship	7 p.m.	4-H/FFA Market Hog Show
4 p.m.	Exhibits Open Main Exhibit Bldg.	7 p.m.	Demolition Derby - Entry Fee (6 and under Free)
6 p.m.	Rides to Open	<b>FRIDAY, AUGUST 3</b>	
7 p.m.	Pig Scramble	9 a.m.	4-H/FFA Swine Showmanship
7:30 p.m.	Queen Scholarship Pageant (stage)	2 p.m.	4-H/FFA Skill-a-Thon/AG Olympics
<b>TUESDAY, JULY 31</b>		4 p.m.	Exhibits Open Main Exhibit Bldg.
10 a.m.	4-H/FFA Market Lamb Show	5 p.m.	Master Showmanship Competition
1 p.m.	Breeding Sheep Show	6 p.m.	Cow Chip Bingo
4 p.m.	Exhibits Open Main Exhibit Bldg	6 p.m.	Rides to Open
6 p.m.	Muttin Bustin	7:30 p.m.	Lamb/Goat Costume Contest
6 p.m.	Rides to Open	<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 4</b>	
7 p.m.	Pig Scramble	10 a.m.	Pet Show
8 p.m.	Trace Adkins (Concert ticket required)	2 p.m.	Exhibits Open Main Exhibit Bldg.
<b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1</b>		12 p.m.	4-H/FFA Livestock Awards
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# Heritage Weekend to Feature History Alive! And a Special Performance

## Peterson to Portray Nellie Bly



Nellie Bly (1864 - 1922) will be portrayed by JoAnn Peterson of Kingwood in a West Virginia Humanities Council History Alive! program at the McCoy Theater in Moorefield on Saturday September 29 at 10 a.m. The program is being sponsored by the Hardy County Tour & Craft Association as part of the 65th Annual Heritage Weekend.

Nellie Bly was the pen name of Elizabeth Jane Cochrane who became a well-known investigative reporter in the late 1800s, unheard of for a woman at that time. To get a job as a reporter with the "New York World" she succeeded in getting herself committed for 10 days to the infamous lunatic asylum known as Blackwell's Island in New York, with no guarantee of her release. Her subsequent newspaper series on the conditions and treatment of the institutionalized women led to public outrage and improvements in the care for the mentally ill. Using the power of her pen she brought public attention to the plight of women, children, workers, and the poor. In November of 1889 she started a highly publicized race around the world to better the fictional Phineas Fogg of the Jules Verne book, "Around the World in Eighty Days." Traveling alone she made it in a little more than 72 days and was a sensation.

Nellie Bly is one of the many available character presentations offered through the West Virginia Humanities Council's History Alive! program as a means of exploring history by interacting with noteworthy historical figures. These programs provide audiences with the opportunity to question those who have shaped our history. Historical characterization is the vehicle for this program. Humanities scholars have carefully researched the writings, speeches and biographies of the characters they portray and whenever possible, use their original words. The West Virginia Humanities Council is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing educational programs in the humanities for all West Virginians. For over 40 years the Council has been providing educational programs in the humanities across the state.

This program is available to both non-profit and for-profit groups. For more information call the West Virginia Humanities Council at 346-8500 or visit www.wvhumanities.org.

## Peterson to Portray Mary Todd Lincoln



The Hardy County Tour & Craft Association is pleased to announce that JoAnn Peterson of Kingwood, will bring to life Mary Lincoln, wife of President Abraham Lincoln.

This event will be part of the 65th Annual Heritage Weekend and will be hosted by the Inn at Lost River at 2 pm on Saturday Sept. 29.

The Mary Lincoln portrayal is set on April 14, Good Friday in 1865, as Mary Lincoln prepared to attend Ford's Theatre. She had no idea that her life and her nation would be forever changed that very night. What had been one of the happiest days in Mary's life turned into a tragic event that had a far-reaching impact and unforeseen consequences.

During the presentation, you will hear of Mary's courtship and life with Abraham Lincoln, and love for her family and country. Peterson has carefully researched the writings, letters and biographies of the characters she portrays and whenever possible, uses their original words.

The program includes a Q&A with Peterson as the historical figure and then as herself, the re-

searcher.

Of her portrayal of Mary Lincoln, Mick Souter, the Bard of West Virginia Education said, "...her presentation was vivid and artistically compelling. Mrs. Peterson's portrayal is a truly riveting, historically accurate, and biographically insightful experience

that I thoroughly enjoyed."

HCT&CA looks forward to bringing history alive with this riveting performance this Heritage Weekend. For more information on all Heritage Weekend events please visit www.heritageweekend.com

## Lawsuit

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dy County Route 7, causing mud, rocks and trees to block the road. As a result, the road was closed to all public traffic by DOH. Unfortunately, there is no viable detour around the slide.

The lawsuit alleges Judy's Poultry Farm requires delivery of poultry feed and propane and the petitioners have real estate and other business endeavors in both Hardy and Pendleton counties that require use of S. Fork Road on a daily basis.

The lawsuit says on July 18, George Judy was informed the DOH intends to "permanently barricade South Fork Road from public traffic for an indeterminate time..." and that such action creates a threat to public health, safety and welfare.

The petition alleges the DOH has failed to obtain a right of entry and to proceed with eminent domain that may be required to remove the debris and open the road. "An unreasonable amount of time has now passed during which the WVDOH and the respondents named herein have failed to take appropriate and mandated action

required under WV Code §54-2-1," the petition maintains.

Others have complained about the inconvenience and threat to public health and safety with South Fork Road inaccessible. At a recent meeting of the Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority, Dr. Carmen Rexrode said she waited two hours for an ambulance when a patient in her office needed additional medical attention.

The lawsuit says, "everyone in the communities north and south of the slide are suffering from lack of action by the respondents..."

"If you live in Pendleton County and work in Moorefield, it takes more than an hour to get to work every day," one South Fork resident said.

Other residents and businesses have complained their suppliers and customers have been impacted.

The lawsuit also indicates the petitioners have the means to correct and remove the landslide and requests "the bureaucrats either go to work or get out of our way."

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# Speeding

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speed is back up. "We're asking for a little help before something tragic happens," Ours said. He said there at least 14 children live on or very near South Elm, and that many ride bicycles and play in yards.

There are two primary concerns with speed bumps: First is the money it required to place them;

second, is the impact on road maintenance, particularly in the winter when roads need cleared. Snow plows are damaged, or cannot effectively clear the street.

There are already speed bumps in the Town Park, and drivers still drive fast enough to create 'donuts.'

"We have people coming from all over Town for (speeding)," said

council member Carol Zuber. "We can't put speed bumps on every street."

Reckart acknowledged the difficulties in slowing down drivers.

"I work the school zone every morning," Reckart said. "I've slowed it down some, but I write tickets every morning."

"We could do a concerted effort

and write tickets," he continued, "but most will be locals."

"If it's me, write me a ticket," Ours said. "If it's my kids, write 'em a ticket."

The Council discussed using neon speed signs with flashing lights on both ends of the street, to emphasize the speed limit.

"Some more appropriate signs would help, for a start," Reckart

said. Reckart also noted his current lack of police officers doesn't help. One officer is just out of the police academy, and another finishes in July. A third is deployed with the West Virginia Army National Guard. Current officers are working 12-hour shifts.

## Poultry Week

J.R. Keplinger addressed the Council next, representing the Poultry Association, to request approval for a Lawn Party at the Town Park after the Poultry Parade.

"We thought this was organized, and about a month ago we found out it wasn't," Keplinger said.

He confirmed there will be a Poultry Parade on July 19. The requested Lawn Party would include games, food, and possibly music, but no rides.

"We didn't know (Poultry Week) was moved a week until a month ago," City Clerk Rick Freeman said.

"We actually deliberately checked," regarding any requests to use the Park, "out of worry over Poultry Week," agreed council member Scott Fawley.

"It used to be, the Poultry Festival was a big thing," said Mayor Gary Stalnaker. "It would go forever."

"The big thing is getting someone to do it, to do the work."

"The Poultry Festival has become stale, but it's a state-recognized festival," Keplinger said. "People don't talk. We found that out with the Poultry Association and the Fire Department."

## Police Report

Reckart reported that the Moorefield Police Department received 162 calls in June.

He also addressed speeding, and writing speeding citations: "I really didn't want to lay into local citizenry, but I can," he said.

"We are absolutely growing at an incredible rate, and that creates these problems."

Reckart referred to traffic after events, such as leaving the Park after fireworks, as well as the fact that police presence on Main Street sends increased traffic down back streets.

Reckart noted that the Town needs more police to effectively keep speed down, then wondered aloud if there was room in the budget. "We do if we write more tickets," he said in response.

## Other Business

- The Council approved a budget adjustment, required to adjust final ending balances after planning from March. The new fiscal year began on July 1.

- "I'm happy to report I under-budgeted the general fund by \$5,000," Freeman said.

- The Council approved several event requests, including the Poultry Association's Lawn Party on July 19, and a free outdoor family movie on August 11. They also approved the Poultry Parade, and plan to participate.

- Council members approved a resolution appointing the City Recorder to sign Council-approved documents when the Mayor is otherwise unable to do so.

- They also approved acquiring cyber security insurance for \$1,500, with a terrorism insurance rider for about \$30. "We might never use it, but it's good to have it," Fawley said.

- Council member Roger Pratt was again appointed to the Moorefield Hardy County Waste Water Authority, and Carol Zuber was appointed to represent the Council on the Hardy County Chamber of Commerce.

The next meeting is Aug. 7 at 7 pm at the Town Hall. The public is invited to attend.



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Allison Daniel being from Oak Flat in Pendleton County. We are pleased to have these students in our community and being part of their education experience with the ultimate goal to recruit some of these students to return to the community to practice.

## VFW Post 9606 Auxiliary Receives State Awards

Denny-Moyers-Pratt VFW 9606 Auxiliary received a plaque at the recent State Convention at Camp Dawson, for “VFW Auxiliary of the Year.” President Ellen Harwood accepted the award on behalf of the Auxiliary.

It was then announced that she was “Outstanding Auxiliary President” for the State.

The awards were presented to her by VFW State Auxiliary President, Pam King.

The VFW Post and Auxiliary also received a plaque for ordering the most buddy poppies in their division.

The Auxiliary received 1st place award and \$100 for Membership, 1st place award and \$30 for Americanism program, and \$25 for “Healthy Auxiliary” Award. Donna Bodkins and Ellen Harwood were on the state committee for credentials.

Members representing VFW Post 9606 and Auxiliary at the state convention were: out-going Commander Dennis Evans, in-coming Commander Tim Sions, Quar-



Pictured are VFW Post 9606 Auxiliary President Ellen Harwood and VFW State Auxiliary President Pam King.

termaster Kris Jenkins, out-going Auxiliary President Ellen Harwood, in-coming Auxiliary Presi-

dent Vickie Jones, Secretary/Treasurer Donna Bodkins, and Sr. Vice President Mandy Whetzel.

## Delawder Earns American FFA Degree at National Conference

Each year, the National FFA Organization honors FFA members who show the utmost dedication to the organization through their desire to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

JoBeth Delawder, a member of the Moorefield FFA chapter, was among the 4,071 American FFA Degree recipients at the 90th National FFA Convention & Expo, Oct. 25-28, in Indianapolis. JoBeth is a recent graduate of WVU Davis College of Agriculture and the WVU Honors College, majoring in Agribusiness Management, with minors in Agricultural and Natural Resources Law and Political Science. She is the daughter of Joseph and Melanie Delawder of Old Fields.

The American FFA Degree is bestowed upon a select group—less than 1% of its members, of students in recognition of their years of academic and professional excellence.

Delawder credited Cody Dent, Moorefield High School FFA Advisor, with helping her earn the award.

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Sat. July 28, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
At Arkansaw Community Building in Baker, WV  
Crafters, Vendors, Yard Sale Items  
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**Peru School Reunion**  
at the Peru Community Center  
**Sunday, July 29**  
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Lunch will be served at 1 p.m.  
Please bring a covered dish and drink.  
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August 25  
at the Petersburg Fire Department  
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**LIONS CLUB BARBECUE & SILENT AUCTION**  
Habitat for Humanity is having a silent auction from 10AM to 2PM in conjunction with the Lions Club BBQ on July 28<sup>th</sup> at the town park.

**Duffey AWANA and Youth Registration and Pool Party**  
August 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Moorefield Town Pool  
Snacks & Water Provided  
All children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Duffey AWANA/Youth meet on Tuesdays from 6:30-8 p.m., starting Sept. 11. Ages 3-12th grade.  
Duffey United Methodist Church  
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Moorefield VFW Post 9606  
**Hamburger & Hot Dog Sale**  
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11:00 A.M. until?  
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To raise funds for State VFW Programs

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Section B

July 25, 2018

# HARDY COUNTY LIFE

Carl will be off island time soon, and we can get back to bringing you all the best local sports coverage.



## POULTRY WEEK TAKES FLIGHT

Photos by Jean Flanagan & Clara Kight



Poultry Queen's Court: Tamiya Miller, 2nd Runner Up Teen Queen; Sydney Riggelman, 1st Runner Up Teen Queen; Brooklyn Rohrbaugh, Teen Queen; Morgan Branson, Poultry Queen; Carmen Ketterman, 1st Runner Up Queen and Taylor Aldridge, 2nd Runner Up Queen.







# Local Bowler Completes Legendary Feat at Potomac Lanes



Jeremy "Hot Rod" Funkhouser receives his prestigious 800 Series ring from West Virginia Tri County Association President, Bob Hammons. The South Branch Potomac Lanes Monday Night Mixed League is a member of the WV Tri County Association. Also pictured is South Branch Potomac Lanes Manager, Penny Sites.

## THE OLD MASTER

By JAY FISHER

College classes are less than a month away. Football season is barely over a month. And pre-season hype is in full swing. The Big 12 held their media days this past week, when each team has its coach and several key players take their turns being interviewed. As usual, there was nothing new really disclosed in the press conferences, but the preseason media polls were released. This year, I got a chance for the first time to submit a ballot. Here are the results, along with where I differed.

In the all-important team race, WVU was picked second behind Oklahoma. TCU was third, with Texas fourth and Oklahoma State fifth. Kansas State was sixth, then Iowa State, Texas Tech, Baylor, and Kansas.

On my ballot, I had the same top three, but had Oklahoma State fourth, Iowa State fifth, and Texas sixth, which was my big deviation from the final poll. I like WVU, but the Mountaineers haven't been competitive with the Sooners for the past three years. Even with losing several key players to the NFL, Oklahoma is still the most talented team in the Big 12. WVU and TCU are close, but their head-to-head game is in Morgantown, so I gave WVU the nod for second. I'm higher on Okie State. I think they will be able to plug a decent QB into their system, and they return nine starters on defense. I'm also



others. I could obviously be wrong, but Tom Herman's squad may be a year away.

For the preseason All-Conference team, my ballot was pretty close to the final result.

On offense, Will Grier, David Sills, and Yodny Cajuste all made the team as QB, WR, and OL. The other players were running backs David Montgomery (ISU), Rodney Anderson (OK), and Justice Hill (OSU). The other receivers were Marquise Brown (OK) and Denzel Mims (Baylor). The tight end was Oklahoma's Grant Calcaterra. The other linemen were Dalton Risner (KSU), Bobby Evans (OK), Ben Powers (OK), and Marcus Keyes (OSU).

My ballot had just two differences: Gary Jennings of WVU at receiver (over Mims), and Dru Samia of Oklahoma (over Keyes).

On defense, David Long was the only Mountaineer on the preseason team and my ballot. He was joined at linebacker by Joe Dineen (KU) and Dakota Allen (TT). The

defensive backs are Brian Peavy (ISU), Kendall Adams (KSU), Kris Boyd (Texas) Jah'Shawn Johnson (TT) and Justus Parker (TT).

My ballot had three differences, one at each position. On DL I had Texas Tech's Eli Howard (over Hager), at LB I picked Willie Harvey of ISU (over Allen), and at DB, Oklahoma's Parnell Motley was my choice (over Adams).

For the specialists, Oklahoma's Austin Seibert is both the kicker and the punter, while TCU's Kavontae Turpin is the returner. I had Turpin, but went with the OSU duo of punter Zach Sinor and kicker Matt Ammendola.

Notes: One topic of discussion at Media Days was the new red-shirt rule. It allows players to participate in up to four games and still be redshirted. Dana Holgorsen likes the new rule; he has had some instances where a freshman had to burn a redshirt because of injuries at their position (Darrien Howard and Martell Pettaway are two recent examples)...This means you might see a few more true freshman playing some this fall...Next week, I'll start previewing the football team. There is a ton of potential on offense, but the defense is full of question marks.

In bowling, a 300 Game is perfection. So, what's better than being perfect? Ask any serious bowler and they will tell you accomplishing an 800 Series is the Holy Grail of the sport. An 800 Series is when a total of 800 points is accumulated in three consecutive games. The feat is so rare, it is actually more likely you will be struck by lightning than bowl an 800 Series.

During Monday Night Mixed League at South Branch Potomac Lanes lightning did strike and the man tossing the thunderbolts was Hardy County's own, Jeremy Funkhouser. When wielding his trusty sixteen pound, Motiv Para-

normal bowling ball, Funkhouser, known affectionately to friends as "Hot Rod", is no stranger to great accomplishments.

Just last season, Hot Rod rolled only the fifth 300 Game in South Branch Potomac Lanes sixteen-year history. However, not one to rest on his laurels, he created his legacy by becoming the first person to ever achieve an 800 Series within South Branch Potomac Lanes.

Hot Rod started his night by rolling a score of 266 and followed it with another 266 in his second game. He knew he was bowling extremely well and took the time to calculate his score, computing he would need a 268 in his final game to achieve an 800 Series.

He started the final game with six straight strikes before adversity reared its ugly head and handed him two consecutive subpar frames.

Funkhouser admits he briefly let

his nerves get the best of him, but was able to quickly regain his composure.

With just two frames remaining he would now need to finish with four consecutive strikes. Hot Rod says he had just two words running through his mind, "I need to Strike Out."

Three balls later he was true to form and collected 3 more strikes. To this point, Funkhouser had put on quite a show for his fellow bowlers, however, anything short of a strike with his final ball would land Hot Rod in the category of just another "almost 800 Series."

Hot Rod says he had to take a few moments to compose himself before delivering his final ball because his hands were shaking so badly.

As his final ball left his hand a roar of support erupted from his fellow leaguers and muffled only by the sound of crashing pins at the

end of lane.

When the smoke cleared Jeremy "Hot Rod" Funkhouser became the most famous bowler in South Branch Potomac Lanes history. He secured his 800 Series!

For his historical feat, he was presented an exclusive 800 Series ring from the United States Bowling Congress and his name and illustrious accomplishment will be added to the South Branch Potomac Lanes Wall of Fame.

When asked why he thinks he has been able to achieve so much success on a bowling lane, Hot Rod smiles and proudly shares his motto, "Strike for show and spare for dough!"

Hot Rod has earned the title of the 'King of the Lanes,' but will proudly take on all challengers when league bowling reconvenes in August. For information or to join a league call (304) 530-BOWL.

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