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AG Issues Opinion on Ambulance Authority Conflict of Interest

By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

The West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey has responded to Hardy County Prosecuting Attorney Lucas See's inquiry as to whether specific members of the Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority Board of Directors constitute a conflict of interest.

See wrote to the AG's office with three questions:

- 1 - Do members of an ambulance authority board have a conflict of interest under West Virginia Code §7-15-15 if they vote to contract with either a for-profit company for which they work or a non-profit entity for which they volunteer?
- 2 - Can a conflict of interest under WV Code §7-15-15 be avoided if the conflicted member recuses himself or herself from the vote?
- 3 - Does the Commission have

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Planning Commission To Urge State To Change Definition of Agri-Tourism

By Lon Anderson
Special to the Examiner

The Hardy County Planning Commission, at its July meeting, decided it would express its strong concerns on the record over the new Agritourism Responsibility Act that's about to take effect.

Their concern is not about what the act does, but about its overly broad definition of Agritourism. County Planner Melissa Scott told the Commission at its meeting on July 10 that "basically any commercial operation in a rural area could be an agritourism business" as this new law defines it.

That poses a potentially big problem, she explained, because that would make those businesses eligible to be taxed at much lower agricultural rates.

The draft comments Scott was proposing to submit to the Department of Agriculture before the July 27 deadline stated in part: "Especially considering the fact that this legislation offers agritourism businesses an exemption from commercial tax classification and building code require-

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As South Fork Road Opens for One Lane of Traffic, a Second Petition is Filed in Court



Photo by Mike Mallow

A concrete barrier holds back the hillside after one lane of traffic was opened on South Fork Road in Milam.

By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

The West Virginia Division of Highways announced on Tuesday, July 24, one lane of South Fork Road - Hardy County Route 7 - would be open for traffic. While it has provided some relief to residents and businesses on the South Fork, it hasn't quelled the legal wrangling regarding the landslide that closed the road for more than a month.

"We're not backing down," said Moorefield attorney J. David

Judy. "I want the judge to monitor the situation and make sure they get both lanes open."

Judy, on behalf of his brother, George and Judy's Poultry Farm, petitioned the court on Thursday, July 19 to issue a writ of mandamus to the WV DOH to open the road.

The case was scheduled to be heard on Tuesday, July 31 at 1:30 p.m.

"It appears that the WVDOH made the conscious decision to leave the South Fork Road closed for over three weeks in total dis-

regard for the economic loss to local businesses, most especially the poultry companies and growers who rely on transportation of feed, supplies and support personnel," Judy said. "The lack of diligence of the Department of Highways also placed communities on both sides of the slide in significant peril of lack of fire and medical coverage. They lost sight of their duty to help the community."

In addition, a separate petition has been filed by a property owner, requesting the court issue

a declaratory judgement and provide injunctive relief.

Mark Kuykendall, through his attorney Jerry D. Moore, contends the WV DOH is seeking illegal and unjustifiable costs from him for the removal of debris from the road.

Kuykendall's petition says the DOH initially requested he sign an agreement to hold DOH harmless for any damage that might occur during the removal of debris and the stabilization of the landslide.

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Residents Warned About Rabid Wildlife

The Hardy County Health Department is alerting residents to be on the lookout for potentially rabid wildlife. With warmer weather, wild animals are moving in and out of their usual habitats, creating a greater risk to people and their pets of contracting and transmitting rabies from an infected animal.

Last week a rabid raccoon was found within Moorefield Town limits. The raccoon came in contact with dogs that were either unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated against rabies, causing these dogs to be quarantined for observation. Residents are reminded that WV State Code requires a rabies vaccination for all dogs and cats over the age of 6 months.

Any warm-blooded animal can carry, and transmit rabies, but most cases are seen in raccoons, skunks, foxes, coyotes, and bats. Any of these species seen acting in an unusual manner could be rabid, and people should avoid contact with these animals.

A change in the expected behavior of the animal is the most consistent sign of rabies. Signs and symptoms can include aggressive behavior, irritability, daytime activity in animals normally active at night, staggering, weakness or paralysis, inability to eat or drink, drooling, convulsions, and frothing at the mouth.

To protect yourself and your family, avoid contact with all wild animals, stay away from strays and other people's pets, keep wild animals out of your home, secure trash and any pet food stored outdoors, never leave pet food out-

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Woof! Moorefield's New Dog Ordinance Explained

On May 1, 2018, the Moorefield Town Council approved an amendment to the city code that provides for the care and treatment of dogs inside the town of Moorefield. Here is a summary of that code, minimizing legal terminology. Please contact the Town Office with questions.

- The ordinance applies to anyone who keeps a dog, has a dog in his or her care, or who allows a dog to stay on or about his or her premises.
- Leashes can be no longer than six feet, and must be suit-

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PSD Moves To Temporary Office Space

By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

Torrential rains on June 1 flooded the Hardy County Public Service District offices on Route 220 South in Moorefield. As a result, tens of thousands of dollars worth of damage was done and the offices have been deemed uninhabitable because of mold.

"This is actually the fourth time we've had water in this building, but never to this extent," said PSD Executive Director Logan Moyers.

The building is located about 30 feet below U.S. 220, at the base of a hill. The rain event dumped more than 4 inches of rain in less than an hour, washing out a nearby drainage culvert and sending water pouring into the office

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Photo by Jean Flanagan

The Hardy County PSD will be in temporary headquarters at the same location.

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National Weather Service

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RAIN
High 81°



Thursday
STORMS
High 85°



Friday
STORMS
High 86°



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MHS Looking for Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Nominations

The Moorefield High School Alumni Association, in cooperation with the MHS National Honor Society/Student Council, is taking applications for the second class of Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame inductees.

Inductees will be honored during the MHS Reunion on Saturday, Sept. 29.

Applications must be received by Aug. 25. Pictures of the nominee will be appreciated.

Applications may be picked up at Moorefield High School, the Hardy County Public Library or at the office of the Moorefield Examiner. They will also be on the MHS Alumni Facebook page.

Criteria for nominees as follows:

Dates:

- Must be a former student or graduate of MHS and out of school for at least ten (10) years;

- Must have excelled in their careers or through community involvement;

- Must be a credit to his/her family and community;

- May be either living or deceased.

Distinguished Community Member Candidates:

- Must have made a positive contribution to the MHS community;

- Must be a credit to his/her family and community;

- May be either living or deceased.

Distinguished Educator Candidates:

- Must have been an administrator, teacher, or coach within the Moorefield school district for a minimum of ten (10) years;

- Must have demonstrated exceptional leadership, character, and achievement during his/her tenure in Moorefield schools;

- May be either living or deceased.

Please email Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame applications to jbarb@k12.wv.us or mail completed applications by August 25 to:

Moorefield High School
Distinguished Achievement Hall of Fame
Attn: Julie Barb
401 North Main Street
Moorefield, WV 2683

West Virginia Hearings Resume On Supreme Court Impeachment

By John Raby

Associated Press

(AP) - The West Virginia Supreme Court's deputy security director says he helped Justice Allen Loughry move a couch and antique desk out of his home at the justice's request.

Jess Gundy testified Thursday before the House Judiciary

Committee, which is investigating whether to recommend impeachment proceedings for Loughry.

Gundy testified Loughry asked him to move the couch and desk to a court warehouse because of media scrutiny. He says moving furniture was not part of his duties and he called the request unusual.

Loughry was suspended over al-

legations he repeatedly lied about using his office for personal gain. He's also charged in a 23-count federal criminal indictment.

The committee heard testimony later from court spokeswoman Jennifer Bundy and was scheduled to hear from security director Arthur Angus and security messenger Paul Mendez.

Panel Clears Three Justices in Ethics Cases ...

(AP) - The West Virginia Judicial Investigation Commission says it has closed ethics investigations involving three state Supreme Court justices without disciplinary action.

The commission issued letters Monday to Justices Robin Jean Davis and Beth Walker and Chief Justice Margaret L. Workman closing all outstanding complaints against

them.

The commission said in a news release that the complaints filed by the Judicial Disciplinary Council alleged the justices violated the Code of Judicial Conduct by using state funds to pay for lunches for themselves, their administrative assistants and court security officers while they were discussing cases

and administrative matters in conference.

But the commission found the lunches made the court more efficient.

The commission investigated allegations against Justice Allen Loughry and filed a 32-count statement of charges against him on June 6.

Suspended Justice Arraigned Again ...

(AP) - A suspended West Virginia Supreme Court justice has pleaded not guilty to a new indictment in federal court.

The State Journal reports Allen Loughry appeared in court Wednesday in Charleston. Loughry is freed on bond.

A June indictment charged Loughry with 16 counts of mail

fraud, two counts of wire fraud, three counts of lying to federal law enforcement and one count of witness tampering. Last week, the grand jury issued a new indictment adding an obstruction of justice charge. Loughry's trial was set for Oct. 2.

Loughry is accused of making personal use of a state vehicle and

credit card and trying to influence an employee's testimony and the federal investigation.

A legislative committee is considering whether to recommend impeachment proceedings against Loughry. He was suspended last month.

NEWS BRIEFS

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Arkansas Community Center at 262 Arkansas Road, near Baker, on Friday, August 10. Donors will be taken from 1:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. Both Power Red and whole Blood will be taken. Power Red donors must have specific eligibility requirements and have type A Neg, B Neg, or O blood. All blood types are needed, especially O negative and O positive.

This year's Appalachian String Band Music Festival, featuring some of the best fiddlers and banjo pickers in the world, is set for Aug. 1-5, 2018. The five-day camping experience in the heart of West Virginia also includes music con-

tests, dancing, arts and crafts and games for the whole family. Camp Washington-Carver serves as the state's mountain cultural arts center. The camp is located in Fayette County next to Babcock State Park, just off Route 60 (Midland Trail) on Route 41 south. For more information about the Appalachian String Band Music Festival or a complete schedule of events, visit the department's website at www.wvculture.org/stringband/index.html or call Camp Washington-Carver at (304) 438-3005.

According to AAA last week, gas prices in West Virginia were \$2.832, the same as the previous week. At \$2.839, the national gas price average dropped nearly five

cents. Gas prices are as much as five cents cheaper on the week across the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast states. Looking at prices compared to a month ago, most states in the region are seeing cheaper pump prices. On the other hand six states are paying more, including West Virginia (+3 cents). Across the state, prices ranged from a low of \$2.775 at Huntington to a high of \$2.896 at Morgantown. Area averages were \$2.943 in Jefferson, \$2.907 in Hampshire, and \$2.845 in Mineral counties. In Hardy County the price of gas was at \$2.83 at Sheetz and \$2.85 at Moorefield BP, Mathias and Wardsville. Baker dropped to \$2.89.

History Comes Alive As Doug Wood Portrays Gabriel Arthur

Gabriel Arthur is believed to be the first white man to see the Kanawha Valley while traveling with a band of Indians in 1674. He was sent with a partner and others from Fort Henry (present Petersburg, Va.) to explore western lands and trade with the Indians. His partner was killed and Arthur traveled widely with the natives, apparently participating in raids in the Ohio Valley and elsewhere.

During this time, he followed the Big Coal River to its mouth at the Kanawha River. Arthur and the southern Indians with whom he traveled were welcomed at the large Moneton Indian village at present St. Albans before returning to Fort Henry with a load of furs.

Gabriel Arthur will be portrayed by Doug Wood of Hurricane, at the Lost River Artisans Coop-



erative and Museum on Saturday, Aug. 4 from 1-2 p.m. The portrayal is sponsored by the Lost River Educational Foundation and the West Virginia Humanities Council History Alive! Program.

The Lost River Artisans Cooperative is located at 8937 SR 259 in Lost River.

For more info and directions go to www.lostrivercrafts.com.

Election Official Won't Approve Blankenship's Bid for Senate

(AP) - An election official has blocked former coal executive Don Blankenship's bid to run in West Virginia's U.S. Senate race as the Constitution Party's nominee.

News outlets report Secretary of State Mac Warner announced Thursday that he won't approve Blankenship's candidacy application, based on the state's "sore

loser" law. The law prohibits major party primary candidates who lose from switching to a minor party. Blankenship finished third in the Republican primary.

Blankenship's campaign has said it will "vigorously challenge" any denial of his efforts to be on the November ballot with Republican Patrick Morrisey and incumbent

Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin. Blankenship said in a statement Thursday he expects the denial to be overturned.

Blankenship is a former CEO of Massey Energy, which owned a mine where a 2010 explosion killed 29 miners. He spent a year in federal prison for violating safety regulations.

'Roads to Prosperity' Bids Surpasses Estimates

(AP) - West Virginia Division of Highways documents show that bids for the first major "Roads to Prosperity" highways construction project have exceeded estimates by more than \$100 million.

The Charleston Gazette-Mail reports documents opened Wednesday show the low bid for

the Interstate 70 project in Wheeling came in at more than \$270 million. Some bidding surpassed \$300 million.

A project list that was published last year shows the estimated cost for the project that includes the reconstruction or rehabilitation of miles of interstate highway was

\$172.5 million.

Highways spokesman Brent Walker says the I-70 bids raise concerns, adding that officials thought it could be a gauge of how bidding may go for other major projects.

Walker says officials will be analyzing the I-70 project bids over the next week.

From Senator Manchin's Desk

When I was elected to the United States Senate in 2010, my fellow West Virginians entrusted me with a new set of responsibilities. One of the most important of these responsibilities is found in Article Two of the Constitution. The President has the power to nominate and, "by and with the advice and consent of the Senate," appoint Justices to the Supreme Court of the United States. In the eight years I have served West Virginia in this role, I have been called upon three times to carry out this great responsibility, and I have used the same process to review the nominees each time.

It is simply irresponsible for a United States Senator to announce their support or opposition to a Supreme Court nominee nine minutes after the announcement is made. I have been and will continue to do my due diligence to ensure the vote I cast is in the best interest of the people of West Virginia.

When President Trump announced Judge Brett Kavanaugh as his nominee to fill the vacancy left by Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement, I began reviewing his qualifications and previous rulings.

I set up a page on my website for West Virginians to share their thoughts, concerns and questions



By SEN. JOE MANCHIN III

for Judge Kavanaugh. I set up an email address, SCOTUS@manchin.senate.gov for the same purpose. Since setting up the web page and email address, I have received almost 2,000 messages from West Virginians and more than 3,700 West Virginians have called my office to share their opinions about Judge Kavanaugh.

Last week, I hosted a roundtable with a broad group of constituents to discuss Judge Kavanaugh's nomination. I heard from representatives from the Friends of the National Rifle Association, Fairness West Virginia, West Virginians for Life, West Virginia Free, AFL-CIO, West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, American Federation of Teachers, West Virginia Center for Public Policy and others. We had a robust and civil conversation and I'm grateful for everyone who joined me.

I was the first Democratic Senator to schedule a meeting with the Supreme Court nominee. I look forward to meeting with him to discuss his qualifications, his record and his position on protecting West Virginians with pre-existing conditions. I also intend to ask Judge Kavanaugh questions that West Virginians have submitted to me.

In the coming weeks, Judge Kavanaugh will appear before the Senate Judiciary Committee for what is sure to be a thorough hearing. While I do not sit on the Judiciary Committee, I plan to attend the hearing to listen to the questioning from my colleagues and Judge Kavanaugh's answers.

Following his confirmation hearing, I will meet with Judge Kavanaugh a second time to discuss any concerns that arose for me after his hearing. Again, I will ask questions that West Virginians have submitted to me.

At every step of this process, I encourage my fellow West Virginians to share their concerns with me. Send me the questions you'd ask Judge Kavanaugh if you were able to meet with him. Due diligence takes time but it is important to ensure I am casting a vote that is in the best interest of West Virginia.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Stuff-A-Bus

Donations are being collected of school supplies. If you would like to donate any new school supplies, stop by Moorefield Elementary School from July 16 - 31 and Stuff The Bus. Supplies will be distributed to Moorefield Elementary, Moorefield Intermediate and Moorefield Middle schools.

Yard of the Month

The GFWC Moorefield Women's Club is looking for nominations for the May Yard of the Month. Yard of the Month nominations are taken May 1-Oct. 1. Nominations must be in by the

15th of each month. If you see a beautiful yard, make a nomination. Call Billie Jo High 304-538-6169 or Tracey Ratliff 304-490-9002. If no answer leave the name and address of the yard being nominated.

3rd Grade Splash

Moorefield Intermediate School will host Splash Into Third Grade for 3rd grade students and their parents only on Thursday, Aug. 2 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Moorefield Town Pool. Students must be accompanied by an adult. They will receive school supplies and meet their teacher.

Food School

The Hardy County Health Department will host Food School on Monday, Aug. 6 at 9 a.m. at the Health Department, 411 Spring Ave. in Moorefield and at 7 p.m. at East Hardy High School cafeteria. All classes are first-come, first-served. For information call 304-530-6355.

Public Meeting

The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 8, at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the USDA Service Center in Moorefield. A copy of the agenda will be available three

days prior to the meeting and may be obtained at the District office, 500 East Main St., Romney, WV or by calling 304-822-5174. The public is invited to attend.

Community Together

The Wardsville Presbyterian Church in Wardsville will host Community Together on Thursday, Aug. 9 at 6 p.m. Come and bring a friend.

Heritage Weekend

The Heritage Weekend Committee is seeking artisans and crafters to demonstrate their work at the Craft Show during Heritage Weekend. Call Carolyn

Strickler at 304-530-6303 if interested.

Spay and Neuter

Summer's Here. Perfect time to get your cat and dog spayed and neutered. Spay Today is our area's non-profit, reduced-priced spay and neuter program. Choose from many vets throughout the area. At the time of surgery, initial shots and tests can also be obtained at lower rates. Contact Spay Today: <https://spay-today.org> or call 304-728-8330.

Dead Animals

The West Virginia Division of Highways wants to remind the

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

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

Free Classes

Earn your WV High School Equivalency diploma. Prepare for college and careers. Call Hardy County Adult Education at 304-434-8000, Ext. 9234

BUSINESS NEWS

Students Describe FRS Youth Tour As 'Amazing,' 'Awesome Opportunity'

Moorefield High Seniors Marissa Ratliff and Olivia Davis described their experience at the 2018 Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., as an "amazing" and "awesome opportunity."

Ratliff and Davis visited D.C. from June 2-6 as part of the tour, which brought more than 100 students, all sponsored by rural telecommunications companies, to our nation's capital. Hardy paid all expenses for the pair.

The tour is arranged by the Foundation for Rural Service, a non-profit established in 1994 by NTCA - The Rural Broadband Association to support rural telecom companies, consumers and policy-makers with educational information, products and programming. The goal of the Youth Tour is to give rural students the chance to see Washington, D.C., while also learning about the challenges of providing broadband in rural areas. The tour includes visits to Capitol Hill and the Federal Communications Commission.

Because the tour brings together students from all over the country, it's also an opportunity to make new friends and discover what it's like to live in different places in the United States.

Ratliff said the first evening was a little intimidating because she was meeting so many new people.

"We immediately began meeting students from across the United States as soon as we arrived, followed by a group dinner and break-out sessions in our assigned small groups. The meet and greet was a little scary for me to go outside of my comfort zone, yet fun to meet lots of new people and learn their backgrounds," she said.

Rainy weather didn't dampen the students' enthusiasm, as the tour included visits to Arlington National Cemetery, the Smithsonian Museums, the World War II, Vietnam and Korean War Memorials, the Lincoln Monument, the U.S. Capitol, the Library of Congress, the U.S. Supreme Court, the Newseum, Mount Vernon, and the F.D.R. and Martin Luther King Memorials. The students also were able to view the outside of the White House.

Ratliff said she was particularly moved by watching the Changing



(Left to right) Moorefield High Seniors Marissa Ratliff and Olivia Davis stand outside the U.S. Capitol during the 2018 Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour in Washington D.C.

of the Guard at Arlington. She said it was "a ritual that is simply amazing."

As part of the educational sessions, the students heard from FCC Chairman Ajit Pai, where they had the chance to ask questions about what the FCC is doing to support the expansion of broadband in rural America.

"I found it interesting that the security to enter the FCC building was greater than that of the United States Capitol," Marissa said.

The students also learned from one another. FRS leaders had the students break out into six groups, each group discussing a topic or current concern in rural America and how broadband can help with that issue. Marissa talked with other students about substance abuse in rural America, and how broadband can be used to educate parents, caregivers, and others about the signs and symptoms of substance abuse, then provide help numbers or online assistance.

Both Ratliff and Davis said they

will continue the friendships they made.

"I met so many new and different people and made friendships that will last a lifetime," Davis said. "I discovered new things at D.C. even though I have been there a million times."

Ratliff said she'll use broadband to stay in touch with the students she met.

"Thanks to broadband and social media, we will be able to stay in contact and not only share pictures, but also videos of our hometowns, schools, and rural areas in general," she said.

Both students thanked Hardy Telecommunications for the wonderful opportunity.

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

Posh Paws Open in Moorefield



Pictured are Aaron Philbrick, Tracy Sherman representing the Hardy County Chamber, owner Stacie Hunter, Moorefield Mayor Gary Stalnaker and Cherry Hammons.

Posh Paws, located at 712 N. Main St. Suite 106 - Wilson Plaza, is a full-service pet care facility.

Whether your pooch needs a bath, grooming, nails cut, teeth brushed, ears cleaned and

trimmed, Posh Paws can accommodate.

They will also do flea treatment and eliminate matting if necessary. Call first for those services.

The full-service pet care salon is

open Tuesdays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Call 304-530-7297 for information.

Summit to Acquire Peoples Bankshares and Its Subsidiary First Peoples Bank, Inc.

Summit Financial Group, Inc. and Peoples Bankshares, Inc. announce the signing of a definitive merger agreement between Summit and Peoples.

Pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement, Summit will acquire all of the outstanding shares of common stock of Peoples in exchange for cash in the amount of \$47.00 per share or 1.7193 shares of Summit common stock, resulting in an aggregate transaction value of approximately \$25.5 million. Peoples shareholders will have a right to receive cash, Summit's common stock or a combination of cash and Summit common stock, subject to proration to result in approximately 50% cash and 50% stock consideration in the aggregate. Total merger consideration received by Peoples shareholders is subject to an adjustment if Peoples' adjusted shareholders' equity as of the effective date of the merger deviates from the range mutually determined by the parties.

The transaction has been unanimously approved by each company's board of directors and is

expected to close early in 2019, pending regulatory approvals and the approval of Peoples' shareholders. Following consummation of the merger, Peoples' wholly-owned subsidiary First Peoples Bank, Inc. will be consolidated with Summit's bank subsidiary, Summit Community Bank, Inc.

"This transaction represents an exceptional opportunity for Summit to combine with a financially strong and exceptionally well-managed bank possessing a culture and core values similar to ours, as well as the same commitment to build long-term client relationships by providing 'Service Beyond Expectations,'" stated Summit's President and Chief Executive Officer, H. Charles Maddy, III. "Partnering with Peoples not only further expands Summit's community banking footprint in Wyoming and Raleigh Counties of West Virginia, but permits both Peoples' and Summit's clients the added convenience of more banking locations provided by our combined organizations. Our top priority now is to make sure Peoples' clients experi-

ence a smooth transition."

Peoples' President and Chief Executive Officer, Ronald L. Bowling said, "We are extremely pleased to be able to partner with Summit, a company who shares the same long-standing commitment to community banking as Peoples has held for almost 92 years. Our Board of Directors has been through an extensive process to help determine the best opportunities for our shareholders, customers and employees, and we believe Summit is the right partner. In addition to enhanced technology and other banking services that will improve our product offerings, by partnering with Summit, our customers will still see familiar faces and know that we will maintain the relationships that have been built over the years."

Peoples was advised by the investment banking firm of Ambassador Financial Group and the law firm of Jackson Kelly PLLC. Summit was represented by the law firm of Bowles Rice LLP.

State Farm Announces Auto Rate Cut for West Virginia Customers

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, the largest auto insurer in the nation, will cut its rates in West Virginia. As a result, its overall personal auto rate will drop by 2.9%. The total statewide expected impact for State Farm Mutual by this rate decrease in West Virginia will be approximately \$9.1 million.

"The company's current financial strength is allowing us to pass along a rate reduction to our West Virginia customers," said State Farm Senior Vice President Chris Schell. "We continually evaluate how we can best serve our customers and are very pleased to be able to offer this rate decrease in West

Virginia."

Overall changes in premiums for individual motorists will vary depending on the specific details of an individual customer's policy and chosen coverages. The effective date for new and renewal business is August 20, 2018. West Virginia customers with questions can contact their local State Farm agent to discuss their individual situation.

In addition to this rate reduction, State Farm agents are able to review with new and existing customers the many opportunities for additional discounts that may apply to an individual's unique circumstances. A rate decrease combined with discounts offers an ex-

ceptional long-term value to State Farm customers.

The mission of State Farm is to help people manage the risks of everyday life, recover from the unexpected, and realize their dreams. State Farm and its affiliates are the largest providers of auto and home insurance in the United States. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company is the parent of the State Farm family of companies. State Farm is ranked No. 33 on the 2017 Fortune 500 list of largest companies. For more information, please visit <http://www.statefarm.com>.

Mon Power Adds New Employees from Power Systems Institute Training Program

Mon Power, a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp., has hired 22 new line and substation employees from the Power Systems Institute (PSI) training program as part of its ongoing efforts to enhance service reliability for customers in West Virginia.

The new employees include 18 line workers and four new substation electricians who are recent graduates of the company's Power Systems Institute (PSI), a utility training partnership established in 2012 with Pierpont Community & Technical College in Fairmont, W.Va.

"The PSI program continues

to provide a well-trained, highly skilled workforce to meet our needs in West Virginia," said Holly Kauffman, president of FirstEnergy's West Virginia Operations. "The new graduates will work shoulder-to-shoulder with our veteran linemen and substation personnel providing safe, reliable electric service to our customers."

PSI is an award-winning, two-year educational program originally developed by FirstEnergy in 2000 to help prepare the company's next generation of utility line and substation workers.

The PSI curriculum requires two-and-a-half days each week

spent at Pierpont Community & Technical College completing academic course work with the remainder of the week spent at a Mon Power training facility in White Hall, W.Va., focusing on safe work practices and procedures in the electrical environment. Ultimately, students earn an associate of applied science degree in Electric Utility Technology.

Since the program was developed in 2000, FirstEnergy has hired 1,315 line workers and 419 substation personnel who completed PSI programs in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey and West Virginia.

Summit Financial Group Report 2nd Quarter and First Half 2018 Results

Summit Financial Group, Inc. reported record second quarter 2018 net income of \$6.28 million, or \$0.51 per diluted share, compared to \$5.28 million, or \$0.43 per diluted share, for the second quarter of 2017, an increase of 19.0 percent, or 18.6 percent per diluted share.

For the six months ended June 30, 2018, Summit recorded net income of \$13.72 million, or \$1.10 per diluted share, compared with \$3.66 million, or \$0.32 per diluted share, for the comparable 2017 six-month period, representing an increase of 274.7 percent or 243.8 percent per diluted share. The lower earnings in the first half of 2017 were principally attributable to a legal settlement during first quarter 2017 which reduced earnings by \$0.54 per diluted share.

Highlights for Q2 2018 include:

- Loan balances, excluding mortgage warehouse lines of credit, declined \$22.1 million during the quarter, principally due to seasonal reductions in certain significant commercial lines of credit, and are unchanged year-to-date;
- Net interest margin was unchanged at 3.58 percent compared to Q1 2018;
- Efficiency ratio was 55.88 percent compared to 53.84 percent for Q1 2018, due to flat net interest income coupled with marginally

higher operating expenses, principally due to increased personnel costs, resulting from normal merit wage increases;

- Provision for loan losses increased \$250,000 during the quarter principally to provide for an expected loss relative to a single commercial loan secured by residential rental real estate;

- Realized securities gains of \$87,000 in Q2 2018 compared to \$732,000 in the linked quarter;

- Write-downs of foreclosed properties were \$163,000 in Q2 2018 compared to \$257,000 in Q1 2018, while the net gain on sales of foreclosed properties decreased from \$64,000 in Q1 2018 to a net loss of \$58,000 in Q2 2018;

- Announced our entering into a definitive merger agreement to acquire Peoples Bankshares, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiary, First Peoples Bank, Inc., headquartered in Mullens, West Virginia; and

- Forbes Magazine recognized Summit Community Bank as the #1 Best-in-State Bank in West Virginia for 2018. This ranking was based upon the results of surveys conducted by the market research firm Statista of more than 25,000 customers in the U.S. for their opinions on their current and former banking relationships. Banks were rated on customers' overall recommendations and satisfac-

tion, as well as their opinions in regard to each institution's trust, terms and conditions, branch services, digital services and financial advice.

H. Charles Maddy, III, President and Chief Executive Officer of Summit, commented, "Summit achieved record second quarter earnings, despite the challenges of softening loan demand and somewhat higher overhead costs from the important investments we are making both in our people and in our infrastructure to maintain our growth momentum. Further, I am particularly pleased by the opportunities represented by our pending acquisition of Peoples Bankshares, Inc., announced recently and expected to close at beginning of 2019. This deal will serve to combine Summit with a financially strong bank that has a similar culture, core values and guiding principles as ours, and shares the same commitment to build long-term client relationships by providing 'Service Beyond Expectations.'"

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Book Memorials for July 2018

Korea Reborn: A Grateful Nation – given in memory of Guy H. “Pen” Delawder, Sr. by Melanie Wolfe Delawder.

New Fiction

My Kind of Christmas (Christmas) by Janet Dailey – Travis Morgan is not crazy about moving back to Branding Iron, Texas, to run an abandoned ranch he inherited, until he meets the town’s sweetly stubborn mayor, Maggie Delaney.

Home Is Where the Heart Is (Dakota; 3) by Linda Byler – When a plague of grasshoppers destroys their homestead in North Dakota, Hannah and her husband return to Pennsylvania, but tragedy strikes,

leaving Hannah a widow struggling to understand who she is and where she belongs.

Liar, Liar by Lisa Jackson (Reg. Print, Audiobook) – When it appears that someone has faked her absentee mother’s suicide, Remmi teams up with Detective Dani Settler and her childhood crush, Noah, to find the truth about what happened.

The Hope Jar (Prayer Jars; 1) by Wanda Brunstetter – Formerly homeless and hopeless Michelle Taylor, has assumed the identity of a long lost Lapp granddaughter, but as Michelle comes to appreciate her new Amish friends and budding faith, she worries about how to tell the truth without hurting those she loves.

In Shadows by Sharon Sala – Jack McCann has been undercover on his latest case for months, investigating a weapons-smuggling business. With his cover blown, the last thing he hears as a bullet pierces his back is Adam Wu promising to destroy everyone Jack loves. Surviving the bullet, Jack will do anything to keep his wife safe—even if it means hiding in shadows.

A Measure of Darkness by Jona-

than Kellerman (Reg. Print, Lg. Print, Audiobook) – Attending the scene of a mass shooting at a West Oakland party, Alameda County Coroner’s Deputy Clay Edison discovers a mysterious victim and is drawn into a bizarre counterculture world of blurred moralities.

Better Late Than Never (Reverend Curtis Black; 15) by Kimberla Lawson Roby – The horrific childhood of Curtis Black is revealed when his estranged sister falls dangerously ill at the same time his twelve-year-old daughter spirals into wild and rebellious behavior.

Bloody Sunday (Dewey Andreas; 8) by Ben Coes – CIA top special forces operative Dewey Andreas goes undercover in Macau, where he must foil Iran and North Korea’s plot to acquire nuclear and long-range attack capabilities.

Poppy Harmon Investigates (Desert Flowers; 1) by Lee Hollis – Unexpectedly finding herself a penniless widow with no real skills, Poppy Harmon opens the Desert Flowers Detective Agency with her two best friends, Violet and Iris, and takes on a burglary investigation that quickly becomes a dangerous case of murder.

Chariot on the Mountain by Jack Ford – A story based on true events recreates a female slave’s struggle for freedom in the decades before the Civil War as she is freed by her owner, kidnapped by slave catchers and returned to Virginia, and brings criminal charges against her kidnappers.

Cooper’s Charm (Summer Resort; 1) by Lori Foster – Sisters Phoenix and Ridley Rose, both trying to move on from bad experiences, unexpectedly find an opportunity to start over and a brighter future when they take temporary summer jobs at the lakeside resort of Cooper’s Charm.

Rancher’s Dream (Montana Cahills; 6) by B.J. Daniels – Tragedy sent Deidre ‘Drey’ Hunter running from rancher Hawk Cahill and into the arms of a sleek businessman who promised her a new life. But dreams of Manhattan days and cosmopolitan nights shatter when he brings her back to her hometown and vanishes on their wedding night. Only Hawk believes the threats are real and that someone is ready to kill. But is he willing to forgive the past if it means ending her nightmare?

The Quiet Side of Passion (Isabel Dalhousie; 12) by Alexander McCall Smith – Isabel Dalhousie grapples with complex matters of the heart as she tries to juggle her responsibilities to friends, family, and the philosophical community.

The Shortest Way Home by Miriam Parker – Hannah is finally about to have everything she ever wanted. But when, on a romantic weekend trip to Sonoma, Hannah is spontaneously offered a marketing job at a family-run winery and doesn’t immediately refuse, their meticulously planned forever threatens to come crashing down.

White River Burning (Dave Gurney; 6) by John Verdon – Tensions have been running high in White River as it approaches the anniversary of a fatal shooting of a black motorist by a local police officer. The racially polarized city is on edge and in the midst of the turmoil, a White River police officer is shot dead by an unknown sniper. As the town spirals out of control, local authorities approach Dave Gurney to conduct an independent investigation of the shooting. He soon begins to uncover an astonishing structure of deception-

-learning that nothing in White River is what it seems to be.

New Non-Fiction

The Briefing: Politics, the Press, and the President by Sean Spicer – The former White House Press Secretary for Donald Trump presents a behind-the-scenes account of his turbulent seven-month tenure, offering new insights into the headline-grabbing controversies of the administration’s first year.

This is How I Save My Life: From California to India, a True Story of Finding Everything When You Are Willing to Try Anything by Amy B. Scher – Shares the author’s journey from being diagnosed with late-stage Lyme disease to traveling to India for experimental treatment, and learning about the power of self-healing.

Salt Rising Bread: Recipes and Heartfelt Stories of a Nearly Lost Appalachian Tradition by Genevieve Bardwell – The authors, expert bakers and food historians, bring this uniquely American comfort food back from obscurity for a new generation to savor and cherish.

Ambulance Authority Conflict

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authority to replace conflicted board members before the end of their term?

The short answer to the questions are 1) Yes, 2) No and 3) No.

Paramedic Dave Pratt sits on the HCEAA board of directors and is a paid employee of Fraley Ambulance Service. EMTs George Crump and Mary Fishel are officers on the HCEAA board and are volunteers with the Wardensville Volunteer Rescue Squad. Both Fraley Ambulance Service

and Wardensville Rescue Squad are contracted by the HCEAA to provide ambulance service in Hardy County. Both organizations are paid to provide those services.

According to the AG’s opinion, the board member who works for a for-profit company that provides ambulance service does have a conflict of interest.

The board member who volunteers for a non-profit entity providing ambulance does not automatically have a conflict of interest because “its members do not receive any pecuniary benefit from

contracts with the ambulance authority.”

As to the second question - can the conflict be avoided if the member recuses him/herself from the vote - the AG said the statute does not allow that remedy.

“It prohibits a board member from having ‘any interest’ in an organization that is ‘engaged in the business of providing ambulance service or in the manufacture, sale or lease of ambulance equipment or facilities. By its terms, the broad language encompasses all interests...” the opinion said.

As to the third question - can the County Commission remove a conflicted board member - the answer is ‘no.’

According to the opinion, WV Code §7-15-5 provides “the ambulance authority members are appointed for a fixed term and there are no provisions authorizing a county commission to unilaterally remove a board member for cause or otherwise before the end of his term.”

“This creates a conundrum,” See said. “The Attorney General says it is a conflict of interest,

but he also said they (the County Commission) cannot unilaterally remove him.

“My advice would be to let the board member’s term expire and then appoint someone else.”

HCEAA President Paul Lewis said he was only recently made aware of the opinion.

“It’s not ours to deal with,” he said, when asked what the HCEAA board would do. “It’s up to the county commission to ask him to resign.”

Commission President William “JR” Keplinger said he was not

aware the County Prosecuting Attorney received the opinion, but understood the commission could not ask a conflicted member to step down.

“It’s just like any other county position,” Keplinger said. “We can approve them for hire, but we can’t fire them.

“I believe that’s something the board can address. I believe the board can vote them out, if there’s a conflict.”

Planning Commission

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ments, we believe that the definition of agritourism should outline elements that provide a clear distinction from all other commercial operations...Under this current language, nearly all commercial businesses in Hardy County could deem themselves agritourism.”

The consequences for such a broad definition, that statement noted, could result in widespread abuse of the exemptions that “could jeopardize growth in our commercial tax base for the County, and produce public safety hazards from commercial businesses not required to follow the state

building code.”

The Planning Commission had recently written its own definition of Agritourism in its work revisiting County zoning codes to conform to its revised Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Drawing from that work, the Commission’s comments defined Agritourism as a “commercial activity that is initiated in association with a legitimate agricultural operation such as a corn maze, fruit or vegetable market, or wine tasting room located on-site or adjacent to the existing farm operation, that produces the primary product used or promoted in the activity.”

Commission President Lee Lehman said that he thought the way the Commission had defined agritourism “makes a lot of sense,” and Commissioner Charlotte Bowman concurred that the concerns about the definition in the statute were valid, and the Commission agreed to submit its written comments.

Scott, who had recently attended a state flood plain conference, reported that she had learned of federal grants for environmental demolitions that would be applicable to the burnt-out store in Mathias, at the corner of Upper Cove Run Road and State Route 259. The building sits right next to a creek and is very much in the flood plain.

The building has not been demolished because environmental hazards were found and its demolition is expected to cost tens of thousands of dollars. “It’s not quick—it’s FEMA, but we are jumping the hoops to get the grant,” she said, “and the new owners of the property are excited to have a solution that won’t cost them so much.”

Experts at the conference also reported that “some of the sediment deposits they are seeing in this area are the worst they’ve ever seen,” according to Scott. The reasons, she said, were likely the severe storms we’ve experienced combined with the fact that “DEP personnel are not out there with boots on the ground to enforce

standards” in timber cutting.

FEMA staff also told Scott that they are interested in looking at a complete re-mapping of the South Branch and Cacapon watershed, which would result in updated flood plain boundaries. “I told them we were definitely interested and would be supportive,” she said, but noted that “it’s very preliminary.”

On a related topic, she said that the PSD’s (Public Service Department) and Department of Agriculture’s offices were flooded during heavy rains in early June and will probably have to be torn down because there’s so much mold.

Permit activity for June resulted in 26 new building permits worth

an estimated \$1,250,000 worth of construction, Scott said.

In other business, it was reported that the County Commission had renewed the terms of three of the Planning Commissioners whose current terms had expired. Lee Lehman, Tim Wilkins and Charlotte Bowman were all reappointed to new terms.

And, since it was a new fiscal year, the Commission voted to elect its officers, selecting current President Lehman current Vice President Greg Greenwalt to continue in their roles for another year.

“Happy New Year!” declared Lehman, as the Commission ended its meeting.

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South Fork Road

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Kuykendall was further advised, if he did not sign the “hold harmless” agreement, a notice of obstruction would be filed against him and he would be liable for any costs associated with removing the

landslide debris.

On July 20, Kuykendall received a notice of obstruction from DOH.

In the petition, Moore cites WV Code §17-16-2, which states, “It shall be the duty of the owner or occupant of land situated along any state or county-district road

to remove all obstructions within the bounds of the road which have been placed there by himself or with his consent.”

The petition asks the court to declare the DOH cannot assess costs against Kuykendall because he did not “cause, contribute or

consent to the landslide debris being placed onto County Route 7.”

Kuykendall’s petition was scheduled to be heard in Hardy County Circuit Court on Tuesday, July 31 at 2 p.m.

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Dog Ordinance

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able to the dog; the leash or lead must be in the owner's hand, or secured to a permanent fixture on the owner's property.

- Dogs may be confined to a vehicle, a fenced enclosure, or a shelter that you own, or that you have the property owner's permission to use.

- Any dog running loose is 'at large,' and could be impounded; the owner could be fined. If the same dog is impounded several times, or the same owner repeats the same offense, fines will increase and the dog or dogs could be seized.

- All pens and enclosures where dogs are kept should be clean, and should be cleaned and sanitized as often as necessary to control smell and prevent infestation of fleas, ticks, parasites, rodents, and other vermin.

- It is against the law for anyone to keep pens in a way that becomes an annoyance to your neighbors, or that threatens the welfare of the enclosed dog.

- Food, water, shelter, bedding and ventilation must be sufficient for a dog's health. Feed dogs so that only your dogs have access to the food.

- Nuisances: frequent or long, continuous barking or howling;

entering or dumping garbage or waste containers; chasing vehicles; intimidating pedestrians, joggers, or children; any dog that leaves waste or refuse on property other than the owner's.

- If a dog is a nuisance and a complaint is filed, the owner could be held accountable in municipal court. The court can order owners to stop the behaviors, or have the dog impounded. The owner could get the dog back after paying all impoundment costs and fines, and ensuring the behavior does not continue.

- After 30 days, the owner must prove the nuisance no longer occurs. If the judge determines the

owner has not done enough, the owner may have to surrender the dog.

- Cruel treatment is prohibited, including beating, torturing, mutilating, killing, or willfully keeping food or water from any owned or confined animal. Abandoning to die any maimed, sick, infirmed or diseased animal is also against the law.

- Cruel treatment includes subjecting a dog to fighting, and receiving money for the purpose of seizing, detaining, or mistreating a dog.

- Anyone cruelly treating an animal is subject to fines.
- Don't set, or 'sic,' your dog on

people or other animals; you'll get fined.

- There are no breed restrictions. However, you can't keep a dog that's vicious, dangerous, or in the habit of biting or attacking people, even if the dog is muzzled. If a dog is vicious, animal control or police may impound the animal, and possibly put it down humanely, and the owner pays all associated expenses.

- If your dog bites another person or attacks another pet, report the bite to animal control or the Moorefield Police. The dog may need checked by a veterinarian, or isolated and confined by the owner. Police and animal control will

evaluate the situation and determine if further action is required.

Any medical expenses incurred by the injured person are the owner's responsibility.

- If your dog makes a mess or poops on property that is not yours, use a plastic bag, pick it up, and throw it away.

- First offenses: no less than \$50 and no more than \$100. Subsequent offenses: not less than \$250 or more than \$500. If the dog is impounded and/or disposed of in a humane manner, the owner is responsible for all associated expenses.

PSD

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building. Computers, files, furniture, carpet, drywall and insulation were saturated.

At the June meeting, the PSD Board of Directors voted to establish a temporary office while deciding what to do on a more permanent basis. Moyers contacted landlords of nearby vacant offices and found them to be price prohibitive. "It is more economical for us to move into a modular building," he said.

The PSD board met on Wednesday, July 11 and Moyers presented an update on the temporary office

building.

Delivery of the 12ft. x 70ft. modular building was taken on Friday, July 6 and work is being done to set it, build a handicap access ramp, install power and water.

"We hope to have phone and internet service by the end of next week," Moyers said. "We hope to move in by the end of July."

Moyers said the PSD was working with others in Hardy County to get reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Administration for damages.

Governor Jim Justice authorized a State of Emergency Declaration and President Trump signed

a federal State of Emergency Declaration on Thursday, July 12.

"We have documented everything and will submit all our expenses for reimbursement," Moyers said.

In terms of a more permanent solution, the PSD is considering demolishing the existing office and rebuilding on a slightly larger footprint.

"We are going to build a retaining wall in front of the building and drainage to divert water to the culvert to prevent this from ever happening again," Moyers said.

Moyers presented a rough sketch of a new headquarters and

said Thrasher Group engineers would develop plans for them. Thrasher is contracted with the PSD to provide engineering services.

Baker Water Project

Moyers said the PSD is still waiting to get approval of funding for the Baker water treatment equipment and several main line extension projects. The PSD has submitted a funding application to the USDA Rural Utilities Service for a grant/loan package for the \$2 million project.

The project includes equipment to reduce disinfection by products

in the Baker water system, add water service to the Ft. Run/Dover Hollow communities and provide fire protection to Trough Road. Water service will also be provided to residents on Killdeer Lane and a main line will be replaced on Trout Run Cutoff.

"We have all the easements, which should encourage the USDA," Moyers said. "When we get a commitment from the USDA on the funding, we can submit an application for a Certificate

of Convenience and Need to the West Virginia Public Service Commission. We hope to get the funding commitment next month and will shoot for bidding before the end of the year. We could begin construction in early 2019."

The next meeting of the Hardy County Public Service District will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 8 at 4 p.m. at the PSD office, 2094 U.S. 220 S. in Moorefield. The public is invited to attend.

Rabies

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doors, confine your animals to your property, and keep your pet's rabies vaccination up-to-date.

Use the following precautions if you animal does come in contact with a suspected Rabid animal, even if your pet is vaccinated.

Do NOT directly handle the pet

for at least two hours after exposure. If you need to handle your dog or cat, wear gloves and wash your hands well afterwards. Contact your veterinarian.

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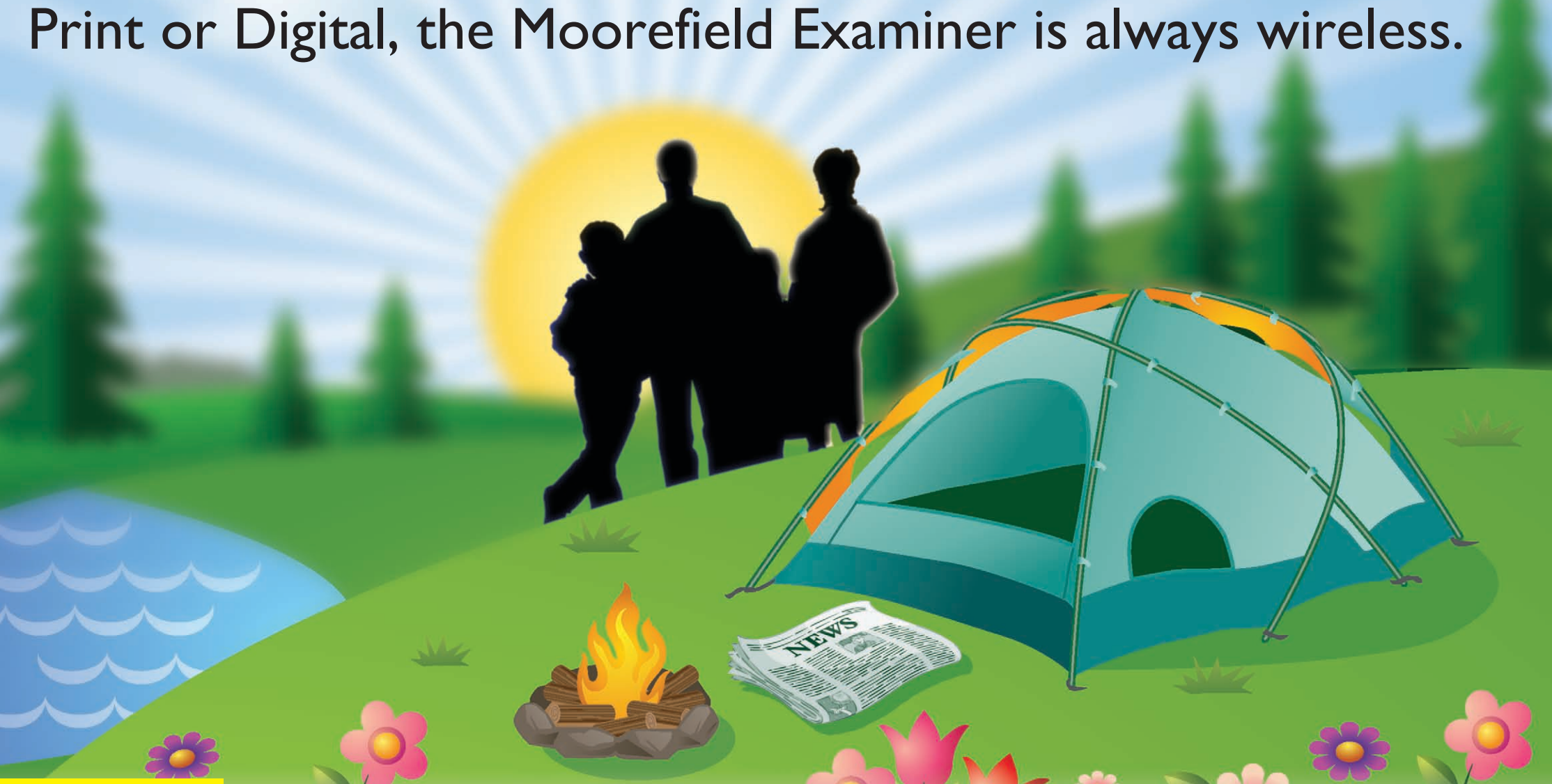
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SOCIAL

Community Foundation Announces Scholarship Recipients

The Hardy County Community Foundation recently awarded several scholarships during local school awards ceremonies held this past May.

Three of those scholarships were made possible through the Kaylee Grace Whetzel Scholarship Fund, the Oscar H. Bean, Bill Clark, Clarence "Hink" Fisher and Tom Hawse II Scholarship Fund, and the East Hardy County Vo-Tech Training Scholarship Fund.

The Kaylee Grace Whetzel Scholarship was established to honor the memory of a happy and spirited little girl who touched the lives of so many in her community. Scholarships made in Kaylee's name honor her caring nature and benefit students wanting to go into a healthcare profession. Kylie Crites was selected to receive a \$1,300 scholarship from the Kaylee Grace Whetzel Scholarship Fund. She will be attending Potomac

State College this fall to begin her pursuit of a degree in nursing.

The Oscar H. Bean, Bill Clark, Clarence "Hink" Fisher and Tom Hawse II Scholarship was established by the Community Foundation's 2011 Spirit of Hardy County, George Hott, and reflects the value that Hott places on education and the high regard he has for the four individuals for whom the fund was named. John Frederick received a \$450 scholarship from the Oscar H. Bean, Bill Clark, Clarence "Hink" Fisher and Tom Hawse II Scholarship Fund. He will be attending West Virginia University and will pursue a degree in sports media.

The East Hardy County Vo-Tech Training Scholarship was established to assist individuals residing in East Hardy County who plan to pursue a degree or certification at a vocational, technical, or trade school. Clayton Strawderman is this year's recipient of a \$500 schol-

arship from this fund and will attend the Hobart Institute of Welding and Technology this fall. He developed an interest in welding while working with his father and has created welded sculptures that have been displayed locally. After finishing the program at Hobart he plans to return to Hardy County to establish a welding business.

"These scholarships are an expression of hope and encouragement for young men and women as they begin a new chapter in their lives," said Pancake. "But they carry something more with them – a connection to the people whom these scholarships honor and represent. People whose dreams and work sought realization in lifting others up – people whose lives were lived beautifully and purposefully – people who were loved dearly."

According to Pancake, the Community Foundation is a mechanism for growing and distributing schol-



Kylie Crites



Clayton Strawderman



John Frederick

arships, and for ensuring that they continue to grow and be distributed every year – forever. "Because of the nature of a community foundation and the unique power of endowment we offer, our donors are assured that their wishes are carried out not just today, but for generations to come," she said.

The Hardy County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Eastern West Virginia Commu-

nity Foundation, was founded in late 2007 to build local, permanent endowment to generate annual charitable grants and scholarships forever. Community foundations number more than 700 across America with 26 in West Virginia and focus entirely on working with

local people to build local assets to meet local needs. To learn more about how you can honor a loved one while creating a lasting legacy that benefits your community forever please call the office at 304-538-3431.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

A Howell game was played on Wednesday, June 13th 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 Steve Kimble and Kevin McDonald, 53; Sandra Evans and Polly Ours, 47 1/2; John Childs and Bill Long, 46; Lucy Kimble and Dorothy Wilson, 44 1/2; and

Eleanor Heishman and Leona Reynolds, 42 1/2.

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If you picked up Farmer's Market Vouchers, be sure to spend them before the end of the summer.

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Community Foundation Makes Awards Through the John and Alvina Chalmers Pappas Memorial Fund

John and Alvina Chalmers Pappas grew up in Pennsylvania and moved to Washington DC during the 30s. John operated a steam engine and Alvina worked in one of the federal cafeterias. Having discovered Wardensville when their son Nick met and married Pam Emswiler, whose father was principal of Wardensville High School, they made the town their home when they retired.

Mr. Pappas created the John and Alvina Chalmers Pappas Memorial Scholastic Award in memory of his wife in 1988, and it was subsequently moved to the Hardy County Community Foundation for continued stewardship in 2011.

Mr. Pappas was known in the Wardensville community for carrying change with him and giving each child he ran into a shiny new dime. Today and forever, through this fund, he is providing two \$200 achievement awards to 8th graders at East Hardy Early Middle School who have written winning essays in

the subjects of history and science, and a \$500 scholarship award to a graduating senior.

This year achievement awards were presented to Sula Johnson for her essay on the role of women in World War II and to Jenna Lilly for her essay on mental illness.

Leanna Bayse, a 2018 graduate of East Hardy High School, received a Pappas Scholarship. In addition to having an extraordinary academic record, Ms. Bayse was heavily involved in school sports and held multiple leadership positions within both school and community organizations. She will pursue a secondary education degree at Shepherd University with hopes of coming back to Hardy County to teach and to continue her involvement in community activities.

The John and Alvina Chalmers Pappas Memorial Fund is one of 18 endowed funds held by the Hardy County Community Foundation. Each fund represents the charitable interests of the do-



Leanna Bayse

nors who established them, and will continue to award grants and scholarships to charitable organizations and individuals...forever. To learn more about how you can honor a loved one while creating a lasting legacy that benefits your community forever please call the office at 304-538-3431.

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West Virginia FFA Leaders Announce Record Membership

West Virginia FFA leadership announced that membership reached an all-time high during the 2017-18 school year at their annual convention at Cedar Lakes Convention Center. With 5,360 members in 77 local chapters, 2017-18 membership surpassed the previous membership record set in 1963. Members of the 1962-63 state FFA officer team were in attendance to congratulate 2017-18 members for their achievement.

"The growing numbers of young people attracted to FFA is inspiring for our state," said West Virginia Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Steven Paine. "Membership cultivates leadership, supports personal and academic growth, and supports the diversity and new opportunities in the industry of agriculture. The students, advisors and mentors who make FFA such a success should truly be proud of

their achievement."

The FFA program first began in West Virginia in 1929, 12 years after Agricultural Education was introduced into West Virginia Schools. The organization is an intra-curricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership. West Virginia FFA welcomes members with an interest in agriculture as well those with career goals as teachers, doctors, scientists, business owners and more.

"Growing participation in what FFA has to offer is not only beneficial to the students who participate, but also has the potential to have a substantial positive impact on West Virginia's economy," said Associate Superintendent over the Division of CTE & Governor's Economic Initiatives, Dr. Kathy D'Antoni. "West Virginia FFA is attracting students from all walks

of life who have a passion for groundbreaking, hands-on learning and student leadership."

"Agriculture education is the fastest growing Career Technical Education program in the state," said Jason Hughes, West Virginia's FFA Advisor. "The growing FFA membership is a testament to the exceptional quality of educators teaching and advising students to meet future industry needs."

The West Virginia FFA gathers members from all over the state to celebrate accomplishments and find inspiration for the next year with keynote speakers and workshops during its convention. This year's convention is being held July 11-14, 2018, and includes an address by Bryce Cluff, the Western Regional National FFA Vice President.

World Breastfeeding Week Is Aug. 1-7

World Breastfeeding Week is August 1 - 7, and gives those that support breastfeeding an opportunity to promote and encourage women to breastfeed and celebrate with women that are currently breastfeeding.

The WV Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Program statewide will focus on the importance of breastfeeding by providing encouragement and support for their mothers and families.

The benefits of breastfeeding for infants include decreased rates

of obesity, allergies, ear infections and SIDS as well as increasing IQ scores. Moms can benefit too, by losing pregnancy weight faster since breastfeeding burns extra calories, lowers the risk of cancer, and other diseases.

WIC staff encourages all new mothers to exclusively breastfeed for 6 months and continue to breastfeed for at least one year or longer to receive all the benefits associated with breastfeeding.

Mothers continue to receive WIC benefits while breastfeeding and

this includes healthy foods, nutrition education and breastfeeding support.

Mothers and mothers-to-be are encouraged to stop by the Moorefield WIC office for a special promotional item. Contact the office at 304-538-3382 or grantwic@wv.gov if you have further questions about breastfeeding or want to make an appointment for services.

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Cross Items Off Your Back-to-School List With These Tips

By Courtney Jespersen
NerdWallet

Once upon a time, kids went to school with a backpack, a lunch pail and a pencil. Now, school supply lists seem a mile long, and parents anticipate a stack of receipts a mile high.

Before you start back-to-school shopping for your elementary or high school student, find ways to cut down on the number of supplies you have to buy. Here's how.

Keep The List In Your Hands

In 2017, some 65 percent of back-to-school shoppers said half or more of their purchases are a direct result of their children's influence, according to a National Retail Federation survey.

Bringing your children to the store when you shop could lead to more items in your shopping cart and more pressure to buy specific products.

To avoid this, get your children involved in the process ahead of time. Have them browse store ads at home and point out things they like before you shop, recommends Deborah Meyer, a certified financial planner and owner of WorthyNest financial firm in Missouri.

When it comes time to hit the stores, leave the kids at home. That way, you can decide what to buy and what to leave on the shelf.

"So if you find something that's \$5 less ... put that in the basket instead of going for that more expensive item," Meyer says.

Or, Let Your Kids Help Out

If you'd rather take your kids with you, teach them about budgeting and prioritization, recom-

mends Jill Fopiano, CEO and president of O'Brien Wealth Partners LLC in Boston.

"They should get what they really need, of course, but maybe also one or two things that they really want," Fopiano says. "And perhaps they put some of their allowance money toward that."

In fact, in recent years, students are contributing more of their own money toward back-to-school purchases, according to Katherine Cullen, director of retail and consumer insights at the National Retail Federation.

Cross Out Things You Don't Need

Some items can be skipped altogether, or at least avoided for a while. Say no to excessive items, Fopiano says.

"That 100-box of crayons may seem pretty tempting, but in reality, the novelty will wear off pretty quickly. So stick to the basics and really just the essential items."

Follow the supply list from your child's teacher. And even then, exercise discretion. Over the years, more items have been added to school supply lists, like electronics. To counter the extra cost, remove, reduce or swap out some items.

For example, just because the list calls for large quantities doesn't mean you need them all right away. "They certainly don't need 48 pencils the first day," Fopiano says. "Even the biggest pencil-breaker or chewer doesn't need 48 the first day."

Remember, you have room within categories as well. A digital planner app could substitute for a paperbound planner. A quality backpack can get the job done, even if it's not the exact pattern or

character your child wants. "I don't know of a single school that's like, 'OK, you must have this specific backpack,'" Meyer says.

Gradually Check Items Off Your List

For those things you do have to buy, don't feel compelled to purchase everything at once. In recent years, shoppers have extended the back-to-school shopping season, according to Cullen.

"What we've seen is that more people are starting their shopping two months before classes start," she says. "And one of the primary reasons they are doing that is to stretch out their budgets and capture deals all season long."

There are deals throughout the summer. For instance, Amazon has hosted a Prime Day sale in July, and other retailers offer deals at the same time. Some states offer tax-free weekends in late July and early August, when consumers can purchase some back-to-school items without paying sales tax.

Another money-saving strategy? Subscribe to monthly supply deliveries during the school year. Cullen says retailers like Target and Amazon offer a discount when you sign up for recurring deliveries of items like office supplies. You can opt into a regular shipment of computer paper, for instance.

With these tips, that school supply list - and your credit card bill - will be shorter.

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West Virginia First Responders To Get Free Hepatitis A Vaccine

(AP) - Uninsured and underinsured first responders in West Virginia will be able to access free hepatitis A vaccines.

The Exponent Telegram reports that the new West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services' Center for Threat Prepared-

ness will provide the free vaccines amid the state's recent outbreak.

Kavin Richardson of the Harrison-Clarksburg Health Department says first responders often come into contact with people at a higher risk for contracting the disease, like drug users.

The virus is primarily spread through consumption of food or water contaminated with the feces of an infected person.

Not all counties have determined the date the vaccines will be available.

W.Va. Jobless Rate Dips in June

(AP) - West Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has dropped slightly to 5.3 percent in June.

WorkForce West Virginia says the number of unemployed state residents fell by 300 during the month to 42,000. Total unemployment was up 3,200 over the year.

Job gains included 600 in professional and business services, 200 in mining and logging and 100 in financial activities.

Employment losses included 7,300 in government due entirely to the removal of election workers following the May primary. Other job losses were 700 in construction,

700 in education and health services, 500 in manufacturing, and 200 in trade, transportation and utilities.

Nationally, the unemployment rate rose two-tenths of a percentage point to 4 percent in June.

CDC Said Backyard Chickens Are Spreading Salmonella to People

By Kaitlyn Alanis
The Wichita Eagle

(AP) - If you're really loving your backyard chickens and all those fresh eggs, you might be giving your flock a little bit of extra attention - and some snuggles and kisses.

Well, you had better stop, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is warning.

You might be putting yourself at risk for a salmonella infection, the department said, and you wouldn't be alone.

There is currently a multistate outbreak of salmonella infections linked to people touching backyard poultry, the CDC said on Monday.

As of July 13, 212 people in 44 states had been infected with the outbreak strains of salmonella, the department said in an outbreak advisory. The illnesses all began between Feb. 15 and June 21 of this year.

Of those infected, 34 people have been hospitalized and 26 percent are children younger than 5

years old. No deaths have been reported, the CDC said.

North Carolina, Wisconsin, Louisiana, Florida, Minnesota and Michigan have all had at least 10 people who were infected. Many of the other states with multiple people affected are in the Midwest and Southern regions, including Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri and Iowa, The Wichita Eagle reported.

Of those sick, 72 percent of people told the CDC that they had contact with chicks or ducklings in the week before their illnesses started.

The CDC saw a record-high number of illnesses linked to backyard poultry in 2017 - 1,120 people in 48 states were infected as of Oct. 19, 2017. One person died.

"As raising backyard flocks becomes more popular, more people are having contact with chickens and ducks - and may not know about the risk of Salmonella infection," the CDC said in last year's outbreak summary.

The investigation of the 2018

outbreak is ongoing, but the CDC has advised to "always wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water" after handling or being near poultry and their equipment - even if you didn't touch the birds. The agency also said to not let children under 5 to handle or touch chicks, ducklings and other live poultry without supervision.

"Children younger than 5 years of age are more likely to get sick from exposure to germs like salmonella."

Do not let live poultry in the house or where you keep food and drinks, the CDC said. The agency also advised to change shoes after taking care of your backyard flock.

"Don't snuggle, kiss, or touch your mouth to live baby poultry."

Salmonella is a bacteria that can cause diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps, the CDC said. Each year in the U.S., about 1.2 million people are infected and 450 die from salmonella. Food is the source of about 1 million salmonella illnesses and 380 deaths each year.

West Virginia's Elk Herd Adds New Calves

(AP) - West Virginia's elk project leader says it appears 10 to 15 elk calves were born between late May and mid-June in the state.


Randy Kelley, elk project leader for the Division of Natural Resources, tells The Herald-Dispatch the exact number isn't yet known.


DNR officials knew from blood tests that 24 of the cow elk imported this year from Kentucky and Arizona were pregnant. They anticipated at least some of the 12 cows stocked in December 2016 would be pregnant, too. However, stresses of captivity apparently cost some of this year's imports their calves. Two calves born in captivity also died.

If all pregnant cows had borne the calves they were carrying, West Virginia's elk herd would have grown to more than 100. Kelley's new estimate is in the 90s.

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Kingwood Rallies To Edge Moorefield In Area Tournament Opener



Photo by Carl Holcomb
Kingwood Post 56's Dillon Williams kicks up dirt on a score, while avoiding the tag by Moorefield Post 64 catcher Lane Ours.

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

Moorefield Post 64 fumbled away an early lead as Kingwood Post 56 rallied for a 5-3 victory at George Hott Field during the American Legion Baseball Area 4 Tournament opener on Thursday.

"It started when Isaac [Van Meter] started getting sore. My plan was to go as far as I could with him," Moorefield Post 64 skipper Ritchie Baldwin remarked.

"Jake [Mauzy] came in and pitched well. Errors kill you. You've got to know what you are doing. If you don't, they are going to capitalize and they did. I didn't think we hit well. Their pitcher kept us off-balance all night. He did a great job, but we didn't do a great job adapting to what he was giving us. Regroup and come out here again and try to get the W. I want to play two games on Saturday. We'll see what happens."

Kingwood Post 56 pitcher Andrew Kerzak initiated the game with a strikeout to Moorefield Post 64 leadoff batter Chase Ault.

Brett Tharp connected for a single up the middle for Moorefield Post 64 and was held in check by Kerzak sending him diving back twice during Blake Watts at-bat, then stranded as Watts popped out

and Jake Ours struck out.

The outfield defense helped Moorefield Post 64 pitcher Isaac Van Meter celebrate his birthday with three consecutive catches in the bottom of the first inning with Watts snatching the ball twice and Ours tracking down a line drive.

In the top of the second inning, Moorefield Post 64's Hayden Baldwin crushed a double near the center field fence and advanced to third base on a flyout by Austin Whetzel.

Van Meter garnered an RBI sacrifice fly into right field for a 1-nil lead before being left aboard on a strikeout to Lane Ours.

Kingwood Post 56's Austin Forbes sliced a single into left field, then Tucker Livengood bunted the ball into the air and it was caught by Van Meter.

Watts made a diving save for a catch to keep Forbes at first base, but Kingwood Post 56 managed to tie the game as Ethan Stewart singled into center field with the ball eluding Ours giving Forbes time to race home and Tharp took the cutoff firing to Ault denying a double to end the frame.

Kerzak tossed a strikeout to Moorefield Post 64's Garrett Haggerty to begin the third inning before issuing a walk to Ault.

Tharp singled into left center field as the momentum continued with Watts and Jake Ours smacking

back-to-back RBI singles for a 3-1 advantage with the latter hopping past a sliding attempt in left field.

Baldwin hit into a fielder's choice as Kingwood Post 56 shortstop Corey Pyles made a leaping throw from second base which sailed high into first baseman Ethan Haskiell's glove with Baldwin safely arriving ducking underneath.

Whetzel sent the ball into a fielder's choice with the tag applied to Baldwin for the last out of the side.

Kingwood Post 56's James McCrosky connected for a leadoff single, then was caught stealing by Moorefield Post 64 catcher Lane Ours with the throw to Ault making the tag.

Van Meter pitched a strikeout to Byron Brandt before beaming Kerzak and Whetzel closed the inning fielding a grounder.

Moorefield Post 64 (6-15) looked to keep the bats going in the fourth inning as Van Meter singled into right field, then Lane Ours executed a sacrifice bunt before Kerzak slammed the door with two strikeouts.

Baldwin and Tharp caught pop-up hits and Jake Ours collected the last out to prevent any Kingwood Post 56 runners.

Moving to the fifth inning, Tharp unleashed a deep fly ball into right center field and Livengood

chased it down crashing to the ground.

Watts reached base on a dropped third strike with the throw over to first base eluding Haskiell, but Jake Ours and Baldwin flew out in left field as the score remained at 3-1.

Whetzel went to his knees trying to scoop up a grounder by Williams and it took a wicked hop into right field.

Haggerty and Ours made catches in the outfield, then Kingwood Post 56's Byron Brandt delivered a two-out rally RBI single to shortstop Tharp with Whetzel making the jump for the catch and not coming down in time and the throw to home plate with Lane Ours spinning around to make a tag a fraction too late as the deficit was cut to 3-2 with Williams sliding and a groundout ended the inning.

Whetzel drew a walk and advanced to second base on a pickoff error, then Van Meter hit a line drive out and the double play attempt went awry as the ball was dropped while Whetzel dove back.

A groundout by Lane Ours and a flyout by Haggerty negated a potential run.

Moorefield Post 64 relief pitcher Jakob Mauzy stepped to the mound in the bottom of the sixth inning and Haskiell connected on a full-count pitch for a single in center field.

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Rinker, Fair Participate In Run for Roses Basketball Tourney

Moorefield High School Girls Basketball players Lindsey Rinker and Giana Fair played with the Virginia Stars team in the TFN's Run 4 Roses Classic in Louisville, Kentucky in early July. There were 9,000 players and 900 teams at this tournament participating on 81 courts with 600 college coaches in attendance.



Photo by Amy Kile

Moorefield Forced to Forfeit Tournament After Player's Status Questioned

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

Having a player cross state lines to play in Moorefield was deemed an illegal border crossing, so Moorefield Post 64 had to forfeit their involvement in the American Legion Area 4 Tournament despite having a 5-0 lead over Kingwood Post 56 in the elimination round before the championship on Saturday.

"We came out smoking, but a rules infraction cost us the game. We followed all the necessary channels. The state chairman told me he was legal, that's who you have to get approval from," Moorefield Post 64 skipper Ritchie Baldwin commented.

"This year he came and played all year and now he is going back on his word. Since he was in the pitching spot, he had to throw a pitch and once he did he would be illegal. We had to forfeit due to a rules violation."

Moorefield Post 64 second-year starter Fisher Wheeler, a graduate of Fort Defiance High School in Verona, Virginia was in the lineup to pitch against Kingwood Post 56, but a question was raised by the opponent regarding the legality of his status to play.

Wheeler resides with his grandmother and works in Hardy County during the summer which was part of the requirement to be able

to play on the baseball team here and all the proper paperwork and release order was fulfilled last year and this year was supposed to have the same grace as the approval by the state chairman was made during the Hillbilly Hardball Classic in Elkins last season.

After the complaint by Kingwood Post 56 and concern from Romney Post 91 coaches, the chairman reversed the decision which ended the season prematurely for Moorefield Post 64.

The elimination game started off with a huge spark as Moorefield Post 64 leadoff batter Brett Tharp launched a triple in right field off Kingwood Post 56 pitcher Corey Pyles.

Isaac Van Meter kept the momentum rolling with a deep fly ball in left field which was missed by Kingwood Post 56's Austin Forbes at the fence sending Tharp home creating a double and a 1-nil edge for Moorefield Post 64.

Moorefield Post 64's Blake Watts singled to right field to put runners on the corners, then Hayden Baldwin connected for an RBI single in left field and stole second base.

The bats were still smoking as Moorefield Post 64's Jake Ours ripped a two-run producing double into center field for a 4-0 advantage with no outs.

Moorefield Post 64's Austin Whetzel garnered an RBI single

into center field to extend the lead to 5-nil.

Pyles was replaced on the mound by James McCrosky, but the Kingwood Post 56 reliever allowed a walk to Moorefield Post 64's Chase Ault and Garrett Haggerty loaded bases on an error as the throw from Ethan Stewart was dropped by first baseman Ethan Haskiell.

Pyles got out of the jam as Lane Ours popped out, then Tharp and Van Meter struck out.

As Moorefield Post 64 took the field, catcher Lane Ours was behind the plate kneeling without his headgear as starting pitcher Fisher Wheeler was still next to the dug-out tossing the ball.

Moorefield Post 64 skipper Ritchie Baldwin was talking to the umpires and the Kingwood Post 56 manager Jeff Pyles expressed the issue of Wheeler being on the roster.

After a lengthy discussion and phone calls to the state chairman, it was determined Wheeler was required to make one pitch which would be ruled illegal due to the rules infraction causing a forfeit.

No pitcher could be switched for Wheeler, since he was already listed as the starting pitcher for the game.

There was no other foreseeable option for Coach Baldwin other than taking the forfeit and that was

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THE OLD MASTER

By Jay Fisher

The calendar now reads August – in this month, we will see the start of multiple college sports, including football. And, the college football season will be underway as well (August 30 will be the first Division 1 games). WVU men's and women's soccer will begin their seasons, but the football team will wait until September 1st to kickoff its season.

There is a great deal of anticipation to the football team this year. I'll start a preview of the 2018 football season this week with a general overview, with spe-

cific unit previews in the following weeks, and my overall prediction, leading up to a look at the season opener against Tennessee. So strap yourselves in, this could be a heckuva ride this fall.

What happened last year: The 7-6 record barely scratches the surface of what "might have been" in 2017. In the first 10 games, WVU was 7-3, but easily could have been 9-1. They lost by one score to Virginia Tech and TCU (both 31-24), despite outgaining their opponents by over 100 yards. They were 3-0 in other one-score

games but were only really out-gained by Texas Tech. Then Will Grier got hurt early against Texas, and the offense imploded. The defense couldn't step up enough to help, and WVU ended on a three game losing streak.

What went well: Usually, the offense while Will Grier was healthy. The passing game was prolific. Gary Jennings and Ka'Rau White were both 1000 yard receivers. David Sills had 980 with 18 touchdowns. If Grier doesn't get hurt, the Mountaineers almost certain-

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NOTICES

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YARD SALE

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 DOWNSIZING LARGE YARD

Sale. Merrill and Tammy May have moved home to Hardy county therefore decided to down size to a smaller home. The yard sale will be held at her mothers (Annabelle Keller) residence on River Road, first house on the left. 185 River Road at Fisher on August 1st-4th from 8am-???. Lots of items for sale: Pfaltzcraft (York town pattern), dishes, pictures, typewriters, other dishes and more, just too much to mention. Come and see. Cancelled if rain. **8/4**

2 FAMILY YARD SALE, August 3-5. Furniture, microwaves, dorm refrig, vintage lego set 500 pieces. 1900 kerosene RR lantern, old mandolin, guitar, more antiques, wif games, This is a big one. 4148 Mill Gap Road. (Trout Pond). Not responsible for accidents. Pat Snyder. **8/4**

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4 FAMILY YARD SALE: 185 Valley View Road (near golf course). August 10th and 11th from 8am-? Toys, tools, household items, curtains, clothes and much more. Something for everyone. **8/8**

YARD SALE. 110 Dogwood Street. Friday, August 3 and Saturday, August 4th. **8/4**

REUNIONS

HELMICK AND WHETZEL FAMILY REUNION: It's time again for another fun-filled family reunion. We will be getting together with relatives and friends. Date: Saturday, August 4, 2018. Time: 1:00 pm. Location: Moorefield Volunteer Fire Company Bingo Hall, 225 Jefferson Street, Moorefield, WV. Bring a covered dish and join the fun. **8/4**

ANNUAL BARR REUNION: Sunday, August 5, lunch at 1pm. Shelter # 5, Petersburg Town Park. Bring a covered dish, everyone welcome! **8/4**

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Grant Memorial Hospital (GMH) is seeking proposals from qualified contractors to provide commercial HVAC services. If interested in submitting a bid, The Request for Proposal (RFP) can be obtained by contacting Brad Mauzy, Environmental Services Director at 304-703-1657. All RFPs must be picked up in person at the Engineering Department of Grant Memorial Hospital located at 117 Hospital Drive, Petersburg, WV.

The RFP establishes requirements a bidder must meet in order to be eligible for consideration as well as information to be included in the Contractor's bid response. The selection of the successful Contractor will be made on GMH's evaluation and determination of the relative ability of each Bidder to deliver quality service in a cost-effective manner.

GMH reserves the right to reject any and all bids or amend the scope of the project. All bidders must be duly licensed. 8/1 1c

PUBLIC NOTICE Proposed Amendments to the WV Constitution to be on the November 6, 2018, General Election Ballot.

Title of Amendment: "Amendment No. 1: No Constitutional right to abortion Amendment"

Summary of Purpose: "To amend the West Virginia Constitution to clarify that nothing in the Constitution of West Virginia secures or protects a right to abortion or requires the funding of abortion."

Title of Amendment: "Amendment No. 2: Judicial Budget Oversight Amendment"

Summary of Purpose: "Providing that the total general revenue appropriations to the judiciary may be reduced in the budget bill, and setting forth the required procedures to be followed by the Legislature to enact any decrease in the total general revenue appropriations to the judiciary to an amount that is less than 85 percent of the amount of the total general revenue appropriations to the judiciary in the most recently enacted budget, providing that when requested by the Legislature, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals must appear and be heard and answer inquiries relative any budget bill; and conforming language relating to the introduction of the budget and matters that may be taken up during extended sessions to more recent amendments to the constitution." 8/1 1c

Notice to Request for Bids Cleaning Services Eastern WV Community and Technical College

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is currently accepting bids for cleaning of the Main Campus building in Moorefield, WV. All bids must be submitted in an envelope addressed to Eastern WV Community and Technical College, 316 Eastern Drive, Moorefield, WV 26836. Send to the attention of Michael O'Leary/Cleaning Service Bids.

Bids must be submitted by July 31, 2018 at 10:00 AM. All bidders are required to do a walk through. For more information contact Michael O'Leary at 304-434-8000 or michael.o_learny@easternwv.edu 7/18, 7/25, 8/1 3c

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned, Nancy R. Schwebel, Arietta S. Miller, James S. Ours, Esther A. Runions, Randy A. Ours, Mary Barb, Betty Ours, Linda M. Sherman, Delmas W. Ours, Larry E. Ours, Michael W. Ours, Carol R. Ours and Roscoe E. Ours, Heirs of the Estate of Robert L. Ours, and pursuant to Order of the Circuit Court of Hardy County in that certain case styled Roscoe E. Ours, et al v. Mary Barb, et al, Case Number 17-C-35, we will offer at public auction to the highest bidder the hereinafter described real estate that is located in Moorefield District, Hardy County, West Virginia on:

Saturday, August 4, 2018, At 11:00 a.m.

At the front door of the Hardy County Courthouse, Moorefield, WV

REAL ESTATE: ONE:

All that certain tract or parcel of real estate containing 2.11 acres, more or less, together with any and all rights, rights of way, structures, minerals, easements, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being situate in the area known as "The Flats" on Mountain View Road about two miles of U.S. Route 220/1 in Moorefield District, Hardy County, West Virginia.

And being the same tract or parcel of real estate conveyed unto Robert L. Ours, by that certain deed dated July 30, 2010 and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia in Deed book 315 Page 84. Reference is also made to a Plat of Survey for Roger E. Ours and Betty E. Ours, dated June 16, 1973 and of record in the Clerk's Office in Deed Book 132 at Page 601. The above described property is assessed for taxation purposes upon the Land Books of Hardy County in Moorefield District, for the year 2017 in Tax Map 124 Parcel 0006-0002.

TWO:

All that certain tract or parcel of real estate containing 25.0871 acres, more or less together with any and all rights, rights of way, easements, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being situate in Moorefield District, Hardy County, West Virginia, and being more particularly bounded and described in accordance with a metes and bounds description of same prepared by Charles W. W. Stultz, Licensed Land Surveyor No. 531, which said metes and bounds description is made reference to for all pertinent purposes and of record in the Hardy County Clerk's Office in Deed Book 171 at

Page 107. And being the same real estate conveyed unto Robert L. Ours by Lester J. Barbe and Eleanor A. Barbe, his wife by that certain deed dated April 8, 1982 and of record in the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County in Deed Book 171 at Page 104. The above described property is assessed for taxation purposes upon the Land Books of Hardy County in Moorefield District, for the year 2017 in Tax Map 124 Parcel 0012-0002.

THREE:

All that certain tract or parcel of real estate situate in Moorefield District, Hardy County, West Virginia, containing 23.723 acres, more or less, together with any improvements thereon and rights and interest thereunto belonging, and being more particularly described as "Tract C" on that certain "Plat of Survey of the Division of Robert Lee Ours and Larry Eugene Ours Property" of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia.

And being the same real estate conveyed unto Robert L. Ours by Larry Eugene Ours and Annette R. Ours by that certain deed dated March 30, 1990 and of record in the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County in Deed Book 208 at Page 713.

The above described property is assessed for taxation purposes upon the Land Books of Hardy County in Moorefield District, for the year 2017 in Tax Map 124 Parcel 0006-0000.

FOUR:

All that certain tract or parcel of real estate containing 55.500 acres, more or less according to a survey prepared by Rickie C. Davy, Professional Surveyor, WV License No. 535. Reference is hereby made to a master plat prepared by the said Rickie C. Davy, bearing No. D13-025, "Plat of Survey and Division of 302.894 total acres," which plat is recorded in Map Book _____ in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, wherein the real estate conveyed is more particularly described by metes and bounds and designated as "Robert L. Ours, Tract No. 5, 55.500 Acres with Spring."

And being the same real estate conveyed unto Robert L. Ours by Robert L. Ours, James S. Ours, Randy A. Ours, Delmas W. Ours and Amy E. Hines by that certain Partition Deed dated April 1, 2014 and of record in the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County in Deed Book 333a Page 401.

The real estate herein conveyed is also subject to any rights or easements which may affect same and which are of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office, and it is expressly understood and agreed between the parties hereto that the Grantees of the partition deed shall take title subject to the "NOTES" lettered A through J, as set forth in detail upon the master plat of survey for said real estate, and specifically, to the reservation of a 22 foot wide non-exclusive right-of-way over an existing roadbed for purposes of ingress and egress over Tract Nos. 4,3,2 and ending at Tract 1, for the benefit of the owners of Tract Nos 1,2, 3, and 4, their respective heirs, successors and assigns. There is expressly excepted and reserved a 22 foot wide non-exclusive

right-of-way over an existing roadbed in part for ingress and egress over Tract 4 ending at Tract 5 for the benefit of the owners of Tract Nos. 4 and 5, their respective heirs, successors and assigns. Reference is hereby specifically made to said surveyor "NOTES" set forth upon the master plat and same is now incorporated herein by reference for any and all pertinent purposes, and shall be considered as if they are textually set forth herein.

The above described property is assessed for taxation purposes upon the Land Books of Hardy County in Moorefield District, for the year 2017 in Tax Map 124 Parcel 0004-0001.

FIVE:

All that certain tract or parcel of real estate, situate in Moorefield District, Hardy County, West Virginia, together with all rights, privileges, improvements, rights-of-way and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any way appertaining, containing 1.54 acres, more or less, and being more particularly described according to a description and plat of survey prepared by Tony L. Whetzel, PS #1852, dated February 13, 2009, titled "Description of Survey for Michael W. And Tammy Ours" and "Plat of Survey for Michael W. And Tammy Ours," attached hereto and made a part of for any and all pertinent purposes and specifically for a more particular description of real estate conveyed herein.

And being the same tract or parcel of real estate which was conveyed unto Robert L. Ours by Deed dated March 11, 2009 and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia in Deed Book 307 at Page 623.

The above described property is assessed for taxation purposes upon the Land Books of Hardy County in Moorefield District, for the year 2017 in Tax Map 124 Parcel 0008-0005.

The Real Estate will be offered separately and then as a whole.

TERMS OF SALE: The high bidder is responsible for cost of Deed preparation, transfer stamps and real estate taxes for tax year 2018 and must tender a deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) cash or approved check on day of sale and the balance to be delivered at closing and the sale of said real estate is contingent upon the approval by the Circuit Court Judge of Hardy County, West Virginia.

The real estate can be inspected by contacting Delmas Ours at 304-257-3375 or James Ours at 304-257-6658, for more information as to the real estate. 7/18, 7/25, 8/1 3c

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Moorefield Zoning Appeals Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 6, 2018, at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Room of Inskeep Hall to hear the following request for a variance to the Moorefield Zoning Ordinance Section 20.16.11: Jeff Davidson - request for a variance to install a eight-foot tall fence on both side yards on his property at 206 Sions Street. A variance is needed to code section 20.16.11 for fence height on side yard. Current ordinance allows a four-foot fence on side yard.

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LABORER - The successful applicant will assist in the operation and maintenance of the Regional Wastewater Plant on a part-time or seasonal basis. Hours will be limited to 1,000 per year without benefits; however, full-time employment is a possibility in the future. Applicants must possess a high school diploma or GED equivalent and a valid WV driver's license.

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Application deadline is August 10, 2018. HHC is an EOE.

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