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Three Members of Ambulance Authority Resign

By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

Three members of the Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority resigned at the end of the meeting held Wednesday, Aug. 8. One resigned because of the possibility of a conflict of interest. One resigned because of a definite conflict of interest. One resigned because of indignation.

In June, the West Virginia Attorney General issued an opinion stating any member of an ambulance authority board who works for a for-profit company contracted to provide ambulance service through the Authority has a conflict of interest.

The AG also said a board member who volunteers for non-profit entity contracted to provide ambulance service through the Authority does not necessarily have a con-

flict, but a conflict may exist.

The AG opinion said recusing oneself from votes that may directly impact the company or entity does not remedy the conflict.

The AG also said the County Commission, who is tasked with appointing members to the Authority board, does not have the authority to remove members.

George Crump, vice president of the HCEAA and volunteer with the Wardens-

ville Volunteer Rescue Squad, prepared a letter citing his reasons for resigning and read it at the meeting.

"The Attorney General's opinion was unclear about volunteers serving on the board," he said. "The opinion said they 'may' have a conflict and recusal from voting is not a remedy for the conflict.

"I've been through some legal issues related to ambulance service in the past and I'm not going to do it again. Therefore, I

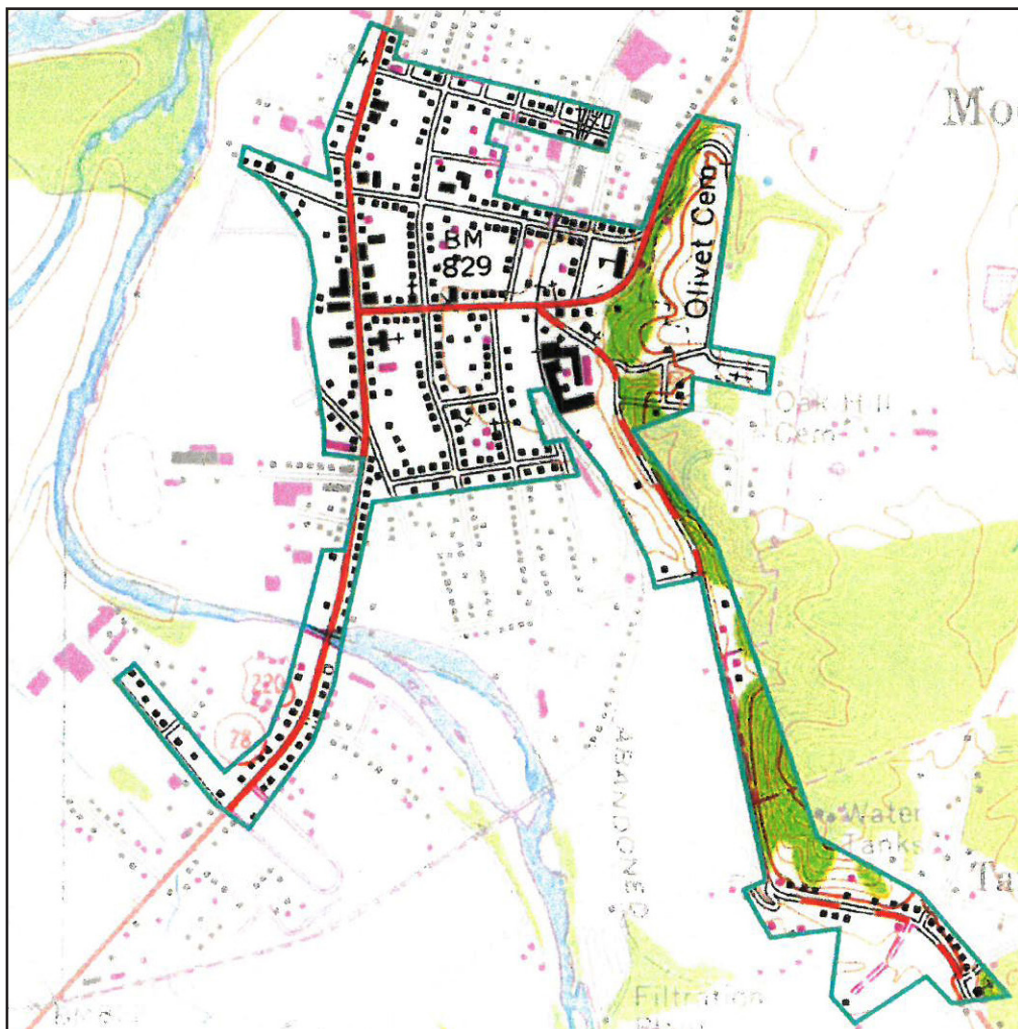
resign my position on the HCEAA board."

David Pratt, member and paramedic with Fraley Ambulance Service, didn't prepare a letter, but said he wasn't told about the conflict of interest opinion and only found out by reading it in the Moorefield Examiner.

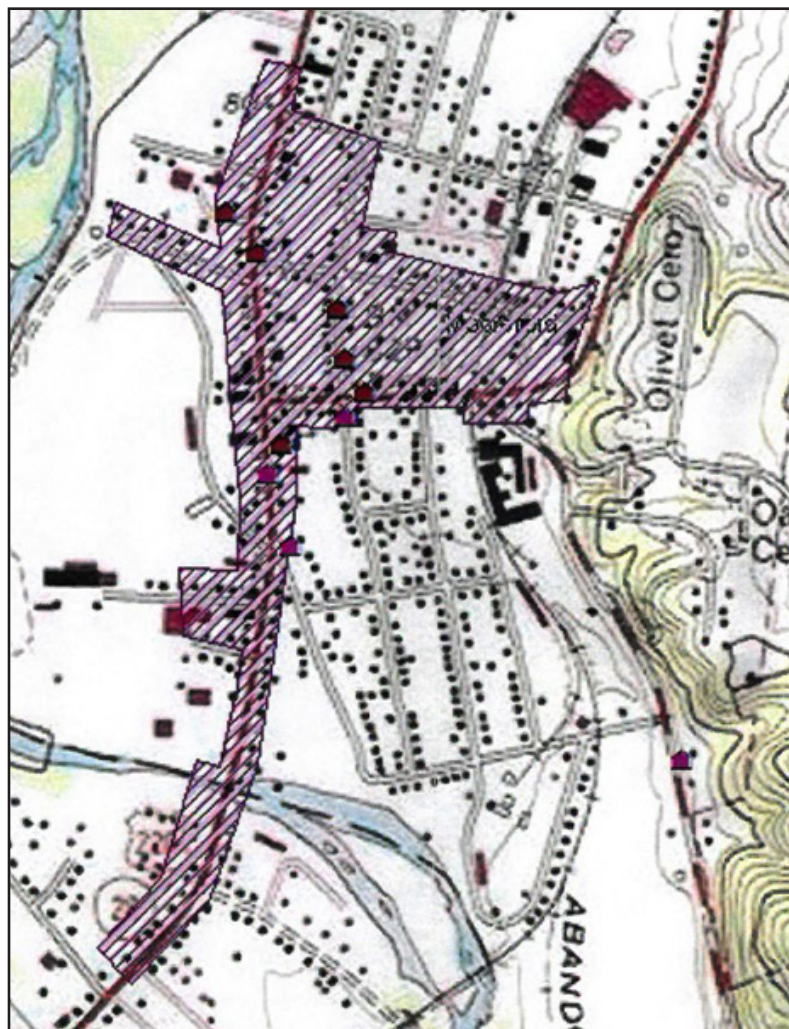
"This is sad," he said. "I've been on this board almost since day-one. I've taken money out of my own pocket to help this

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Moorefield Looks to Expand Historic District



This view shows proposed expansion of the Moorefield Historic District.



This map shows the existing Moorefield Historic District.

By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 21 to discuss expanding the Moorefield Historic District. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Moorefield Town Hall, 204 Winchester Ave.

The meeting is sponsored by the Moorefield Landmarks Commission in conjunction with the town of Moorefield.

"The original historic district as delineated in 1982 was wrong," said Landmarks Commission President Mike Crites. "There were incorrect addresses, misidentified

properties and missed properties. Part of the reason we're doing this is to correct those mistakes."

The areas being considered are contiguous with the current historic district. They include:

The east side of the south end of Main Street across the South Fork River Bridge and Beans Lane

South Ford Road to the town limits of Tannery Road
Olivet Cemetery
Oak Hill Cemetery
Paskell Hill Drive
ChIPLEY Lane to Central Avenue

The first block of South Elm Street

Jefferson Street to Clay Street

"A survey was done as part of the Comprehensive Plan for Moorefield," Crites said, when asked why the expansion was being considered. "Thirty-three percent of the respondents said culture, history and heritage were

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Levy for Ambulance Service to Appear on November Ballot

By Jean A. Flanagan
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Hardy County voters will have the opportunity to decide if ambulance service will be paid with a levy on their tax bill. The Hardy County Commission voted to put the question on the November ballot at their meeting held Tuesday, Aug. 7.

"We're not laying a levy on anybody," Commissioner Harold Michael said. "We are giving the citizens the opportunity to decide."

The levy requires 60 percent of the voters to approve it to pass. It

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Vetter Named Moorefield High School PRO

By Jean A. Flanagan
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When school opens on Friday, Aug. 16, Moorefield High School students and staff will welcome a new face to its halls. Hardy County Sheriff's Deputy Josh Vetter will assume the duties of Prevention Resource Officer at MHS.

"I'm super excited," Vetter said. "I was in Moorefield High School the last two weeks of school and I loved it."

The PRO program is a collaboration

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BOE Accepting Bids for Demolition Of Former Sherman Buildings

By Jean A. Flanagan
Moorefield Examiner

Advertisements have gone out to request proposals for the demolition of the remaining buildings on the former Sherman property. The buildings are located at the intersection of Main and Jefferson streets in Moorefield. Asbestos abatement is currently taking place.

Hardy County Schools Superintendent Sheena VanMeter provided this information to the Hardy County Board of Education at their regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 6.

The former Sherman property, adjacent to Moorefield High School, is owned by the Hardy County Rural Development Authority and is being purchased by the BOE. Once the buildings are de-

molished, the plan is to construct a greenhouse and high tunnel to augment the Agricultural Education program at MHS in conjunction with the Agricultural Education programs at East Hardy High School and Moorefield Middle School. The space will also be used as a community marketplace and farmer's market.

Bids for the demolition will be opened on Wednesday, Aug. 22 at 11 a.m. at the Central Office, 510 Ashby St. in Moorefield. The bid opening is open to the public.

School Board Meetings

The board approved Policy BDA School Board Meetings, which changed the meeting time of the

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Moorefield Council Extends School Speed Zone on Main Street

By Hannah Heishman
Moorefield Examiner

The Moorefield Town Council met August 7 at the Town Hall. The meeting basically began with the police report, when scheduled visitors did not attend and council members expressed no concerns with the building inspector's report.

Police Chief Steve Reckart reported that his officers responded to 148 calls in July. He's still shorthanded, with an officer on leave, another deployed, and two very new officers just out of the academy.

Reckart said some new cameras have been placed around Moorefield, and that the station now has good visibility on most of Town. He also briefed the extended school zone on Main Street: The sign on the north end of the zone will be placed between where Good Times and

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Thursday
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High 89°



Friday
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High 86°



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CVB August Report:

Cultivate WV and Barn Quilts Engage Community



Taking a tour of Moorefield with WV HUB representative, Amanda Workman (back row left), Michele Moure-Reeves, Dr. Charles Terrell, Ethan Serr (front row left), Sara Volkmann, Doug Boswell and Mike Crites.

Well, the long, lazy, crazy days of summer have been anything but lazy and maybe still crazy, though definitely not long enough! So much has been going on and is upcoming:

Moorefield is to be heartily congratulated on being selected as one of only two towns in WV to participate in WV Community Development Hub's Cultivate WV program. Over the next two years, support will be provided by coaches from the program to assist in the revitalization process for our county seat. Community participation is critical to the success of this program, so please participate and lend your support to this important endeavor.

Inspired by the barn quilts on the Williams' barn in Old Fields, the Hardy County Barn Quilt Trail has begun the preparation of its first barn quilts. They were given initial support by both the HC Tour & Craft Association and the HC Community Foundation. The grants provided have helped the HCBQT to purchase materials including paint, board and equipment. HCCVB also supported HCBQT by awarding three matching grants to create quilts for Eastern Community & Technical College, Guesthouse Lost River and the Wardensville Garden Market. The hand-painted barn quilts are expected to be completed and installed for September's Heritage Weekend festivities. This will be

only the beginning of what is anticipated to be an interesting new cultural tourism activity throughout Hardy County and, ultimately, linking to a Potomac Highlands and statewide trail.

On August 16, at 6:30 pm, the Lost River Education Foundation, sponsor of the Hardy County Barn Quilt Trail, will host an open house at the old Barr's Market in Wardensville (across from the Pendleton Bank building) to show off their recent efforts. The Wardensville Garden Market is providing temporary work space in Barr's Market in support of the HC Barn Quilt project. Completed entirely by volunteers, some of the new barn quilts, in varying stages of completion, will be available for you to see.

"We've been planning and painting and have lots of news to share about where we are now and where we're going," said Claudia Tidwell, President of LREF. So, bring along a friend and think about where you would like to see a barn quilt on your property.

There are a couple of new businesses getting ready to open soon (or maybe later - you know how construction can proceed) in Hardy County. The Shannon's, Mike and Jill, are opening a 5-bedroom inn and an on-site pub in Wardensville and Jeffery Bosserman will be opening a 50's style diner in Moorefield. I love it when we can add to the places residents can

spend some time, but additional tourism assets really make me happy.

As a part of an advertising promotion with USA Today earlier this summer, HCCVB is receiving two WVU vs Kansas football tickets (10/6/2018). Before the end of August, we are going to post the tickets on Facebook and then announce the winner in mid-September. Our Facebook page is Hardy County Convention and Visitors Bureau (@VisitHardy). You will need to like our page, comment "Go Mountaineers" and share the page in order to be eligible to receive the tickets.

The upcoming Tourism Advertising Program grant deadline is September 1, 2018 for printing rack cards or brochures, or for advertising your tourism related event taking place between October 1 and December 31, 2018. This matching grant program is an ongoing effort by HCCVB to support tourism related businesses and events and to help the tourism industry grow in our county. The guidelines and applications are available on the Industry Info page of our website (www.visithardyv.com). If you have any questions or need help with the application, email visithardy@gmail.com or call (304) 879-8700.

Michele Moure-Reeves,
Executive Director
Hardy County
Convention and Visitors Bureau

Watercolor Exhibit Opens at Eastern's Eagle's Nest Gallery

The West Virginia Watercolor Society will host an exhibit of their members' works through Friday, Oct. 26 at Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College's Eagle's Nest Gallery.

An Artists Reception will be held on Friday, Aug. 17 beginning at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

More than two dozen works will be on display and visitors will have an opportunity to vote for their favorite.

"We will have two People's Choice Awards," said WVWS member and Wardensville artist Kristen Colebank. "Capon Valley Bank and Hardy Telecommunications are sponsors of the \$250 first prize and \$150 runner-up. Visitors will have until Oct. 5 to vote for their favorite."

The exhibit is open during college business hours which are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and some evenings, depending on class schedule.

There is no charge to view the exhibit.

The West Virginia Watercolor Society, a statewide arts organization, was chartered in 1984 and its membership hails from all areas of West Virginia. Learn more about WVWS at www.wvwatercolorssociety.org.

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College, located at 316 Eastern Drive, Moorefield, is a comprehensive and equal op-



Linda Elmer, exhibit coordinator with the West Virginia Watercolor Society and local artist Kristen Colebank prepare for the exhibit at Eastern's Eagle's Nest.

Photo by Jean Flanagan

portunity community and technical college that makes educational resources accessible to the families, communities, and employers of the

Potomac Highlands. Eastern is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Learn more about Eastern at www.easternwv.edu.

Eastern Sponsors Tourism Summit

With a focus on sustainably building tourism-centered industries, the Potomac Highlands Regional Tourism Initiative with sponsoring partner Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College will hold its second annual Tourism Summit on Tuesday, Aug. 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the National Youth Science Center, 94 Riverstone Drive in Davis.

Through partnerships with the local community, the Potomac Highlands Regional Tourism Initiative hopes to organically grow local industries, including outdoor recreation, arts and culture, food and beverage, history and heritage and agritourism.

The interactive Tourism Summit will begin with representatives from the West Virginia Tourism Office facilitating an open discussion on the state of the tourism industry in the Potomac Highlands Region, and follows with presentations by the Appalachian Forest Heritage Area, Civil War Trails, Mountain Arts District, Mountain

Music Trail, West Virginia Extension Service Monogahela National Forest Getaways and Potomac Highlands Regional Outdoor Adventure Recreation (ROAR). Each presentation will conclude with a table discussion where participants will share ideas on developing a creative economy that drives entrepreneurship and job creation by capitalizing on the region's cultural, natural and human assets.

By highlighting the strengths already existing within the region, the Tourism Summit hopes to improve tourism within the region but develop and create new opportunities for local businesses.

"The locals know their landscape, history and products better than anyone, so we're working with them to package their business and knowledge in a manner that invites investment to the region from outside," said Ethan Serr, an AmeriCorps volunteer working as the Tourism Coordinator for the Potomac Highlands Regional Tour-

ism Initiative through EWWCTC. "The key point is that we're not changing the economy to match what outsiders would want, we're strengthening what's already here and promoting it so that others want to share in it."

The effects of last year's Tourism Summit are already being seen. As a result of the event, EWWCTC began offering a tourism-focused social media course and will participate in a restaurant apprenticeship program.

The 2018 Tourism Summit is free and open to anyone interested in or impacted by tourism. Lunch will be provided, but an RSVP is required. RSVP to ethan.serr@easternwv.edu.

For more information about Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College's financial aid opportunities, programs of study, workforce training and community education and events, call toll free 877-982-2322; or check the College's website: www.easternwv.edu.

NEWS BRIEFS

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive near Moorefield on Wednesday, August 22. The Bloodmobile will be at Walmart at 11 Harness Road, north of Moorefield. Donors will be taken from 10:30 a.m. until 3:30 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.

The National Capital Area West Virginia University Alumni Chapter reminds alumni and friends that the annual Crab Feast will be held Friday, August 25, at Fort Hunt Park in Alexandria, VA from 1 until 6 p.m. Basic information is online at <http://www.wvualumni.org/events/crab-feast/>.

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History announces that the proposed Annual Work Program for the 2018-2019 Historic Preservation Program is now available for review and comment. The work program describes the activities and programs the State Historic Preservation Office will undertake to assist communities and residents in preserving the physical evidence of our history. The plan also can be reviewed and accessed on the Division's web page at <http://www.wvculture.org/shpo/work/index.html>. The deadline for public comment is August 31, 2018.

Agriculture Commissioner Kent Leonhardt recently commended the FFA program in West Virginia. FFA participation has reached an all-time high with FFA chapters in 68 high schools and 10 middle

schools. The total FFA membership in the state is 5,360.

According to AAA last week, gas prices in West Virginia held steady at \$2.86. At \$2.863, the national gas price stayed about the same. Gasoline demand last week was near an all-time record high according to the Energy Information Administration (EIA). The boost in demand and drop in inventory have driven the national gas price average to the most expensive gas price seen in August since 2014. Across the state, prices ranged from a low of \$2.816 at Wheeling to a high of \$2.909 at Morgantown. Area averages were \$2.948 in Jefferson, \$2.896 in Hampshire, and \$2.826 in Mineral counties. Regular gas in Hardy County was consistent at \$2.899.

Gas Utility Bills Expected to Drop Slightly

(AP) - The West Virginia Public Service Commission says gas utility bills are expected to drop slightly as customers turn on their heat.

The agency said in a news release Friday that natural gas utilities serving almost all of the state have asked to lower the purchased

gas portion of their rates by almost 4 percent to almost 6 percent.

The price of natural gas is determined by competitive markets, but the PSC examines the gas purchasing practices of gas utilities and ensures the utility did all it could to obtain a reliable supply at the low-

est market price.

Gas utilities are permitted by law to recover the cost of purchasing natural gas. Customer gas rates are adjusted annually to account for the gas cost in a Purchased Gas Adjustment proceeding before the PSC.

INTERCEPTED LETTER

Hardy County Commissioners
Dear Commissioners:
I herby resign from the Hardy County Emergency Ambulance

Authority, effective at 3:30 p.m. August 8, 2018.

If it be the pleasure of the HCEAA board, I am willing to

continue as medical director for Company 3.

Sincerely,
Carmen R. Rexrode, M.D.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Yard of the Month

The GFWC Moorefield Women's Club is looking for nominations for the 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.

Consumer Protection

Kanette Petry, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the Attorney General's office, will host a mobile office to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions on Tuesday, Aug. 14 from noon to 1 p.m. at Hardy County Commission on Aging, 409 Spring Ave. in Moorefield.

The event open to the public; reservations are not required. For more information, contact Kanette Petry at 304-539-6999.

PHARC Meets

The Potomac Highlands Ama-

teur Radio Club holds its monthly meeting on Thursday of Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Hardy County RRT building in Moorefield, WV. Anyone interested in the radio hobby are welcome. More information @ www.pharc.org.

Retired School Employees

The Hardy County Association of Retired School Employees will meet Tuesday, Aug. 21, at Baker Park for their annual picnic at 5 p.m. Hot dogs and paper products will be provided. Bring

a covered dish and come to have fun. Any and all retired school employees are invited to attend.

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 304-530-6306 if interested.

Free Classes

Earn your WV High School Equivalency diploma. Prepare for college and careers. Call Har-

dy County Adult Education at 304-434-8000, Ext. 9234.

Spay and Neuter

Now is the perfect time! The 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.

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.

Moorefield Middle School FFA Members Bring Home Awards From State Convention

Maddy Clayton, Moorefield Middle FFA Reporter, helped lead the way for the Moorefield Middle FFA Chapter in winning first place in 2 different contests at the West Virginia FFA State Convention held at Cedar Lakes July 11-14, 2018.

The Moorefield Middle FFA Chapter's Quiz Bowl Team won first place at the West Virginia FFA State Quiz Bowl contest. The FFA Quiz Bowl has two parts. The first part is a 50 question test. The second part of the contest is a head to head competition between two four member teams. Just like "Family Feud" on TV, each contestant has a buzzer in front of him or her and when the moderator asks the question, you buzz in if you know the answer. The contest has 25 questions. Whichever team has the highest score wins. This year four teams competed. On Wednesday, all teams took the written test and from the written test each team was seated based on their test score. Moorefield Middle scored the highest on the written test and played East Hardy Middle FFA in the first

round of the contest and won the match. Wildwood Middle played East Preston Middle and Wildwood Middle won the match. Wildwood would play Moorefield in the state championship game on Thursday. Moorefield Middle beat Wildwood Middle by the score of 180-10. Maddy Clayton was the star of Moorefield Middle's team by buzzing in first and getting 17 of the 25 questions correct. The team members were Maddy Clayton, Veronica VanMeter, Matthew Delawder and Kooper Riggleman.

The WV FFA has a State Scrapbook contest for Middle School FFA Chapters and Moorefield Middle's Scrapbook won the State contest. Maddy Clayton, MMS FFA Reporter, is responsible for the design and completion of the chapter scrapbook and did a wonderful job.

Dylan Bergdoll placed 2nd in the thirteenth annual State FFA Middle School Compact Tractor. This contest has three areas. A 25 question written test, 25 parts to identify, and a driving course using a lawn mower. Chandler Hartman also

participated in the State contest, but did not place in the top three.

The MMS FFA officer team placed third in the tenth annual Middle School Opening and Closing Ceremony contest. This contest is designed to develop agricultural leadership by providing for middle school members participation in public speaking activities and stimulating interest in leadership and citizenship. Each team will perform the opening and closing statement as per the Official FFA Manual. Three judges score each chapter on the delivery, according to the score sheet provided. A six member officer team is allowed to participate. Moorefield Middle team members were Kooper Riggleman, Veronica VanMeter, Maddy Clayton, Dean Keplinger, Haley Kuykendall and Melody Yokum.

The West Virginia 90th Annual State FFA Convention was held July 11-14, 2018 at Cedar Lakes, WV. The Moorefield Middle FFA Chapter took nine members: Maddy Clayton, Matthew Delawder, Dean Keplinger, Haley Kuykendall, Zeta



"Quiz Bowl" winning team (L to R) Veronica VanMeter, Maddy Clayton, Kooper Riggleman and Matthew Delawder.

Minor, Kooper Riggleman, Rhett Thompson, Veronica VanMeter and Melody Yokum. Chaperoning the trip was Mr. Harper and Ms. Susie Ratcliff. The bus driver was Mr. Daniel Leatherman.



Maddy Clayton receiving the State Scrapbook winning plaque from State FFA Secretary Lindsey Knotts.



The Moorefield Middle FFA delegation (L to R): Veronica VanMeter, Maddy Clayton, Dean Keplinger, Melody Yokum, Kooper Riggleman, Matthew Delawder, Haley Kuykendall, Rhett Thompson and Zeta Minor.

Resignations

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ambulance authority.

"If that's what the Attorney General said, then so be it. But this has been a smear campaign against me from the beginning. No one else was brought up as a conflict.

"I am resigning my position on the Ambulance Authority Board and also as Training Officer for the county."

Patty Shoemaker, recently appointed to the board, said she was resigning as well.

"We just lost so much," she said. "It doesn't seem fair. Both of you guys have given so much, it's totally unfair. I resign my position on the Ambulance Authority board."

At the moment, the HCEAA Board consists of 11 members appointed by the Hardy County Commission for staggered three-year terms.

Mary Fishel, a member of the Wardsville Volunteer Rescue Squad and Secretary to the Board, was not present at the meeting. It is unclear whether she will resign or not.

Carmen Rexrode, MD, retains a seat on the board and is the HCEAA Medical Director. Since she is paid directly by the HCEAA, she will most likely resign her board position, but will remain as medical director. Dr. Rexrode was not present at the meeting.

According to WV Code §7-15-5, the board shall have not less than five and no more than 15 members.

Receivable Management System Trout Pond resident Colin McKie presented information about an accounting system he developed specifically for the HCEAA.

McKie said the system will provide a method of billing, monitoring and collecting ambulance fees.

According to McKie, the HCEAA has not collected \$75,000 from its 2016 billings and \$170,000 from its 2017 billings. His proposal would provide a three-tiered method of collection referred to as "Friendly, Firm and Legal."

"First, we'll offer to set up a payment plan," McKie said. "If that doesn't work, we'll send them notices and advertise their names in the newspaper. That's what you do for people who don't pay their taxes.

"If that doesn't work, we actually take them to court."

McKie noted the WV Attorney General issued an opinion on July 18 that county commissions have the authority to bring civil action to collect fees, whereas "the ambu-

lance authority lacks freestanding authority to bring civil action."

"I checked with Prosecuting Attorney Lucas See and the Magistrate Office and they can handle about 10 cases per month," McKie said.

The cost for the system is \$20,000 for initial setup and \$3,000 per month for the first 12 months of operation. "After the initial setup and we get the system operational, I believe we can reduce that per month cost to \$2,500," McKie said.

Other costs would include court filing fees, postcards and postage for past due accounts and mileage for McKie.

"We're not getting anything from the collection agency we hired," HCEAA President Paul Lewis said.

The July 18 AG's opinion called into question the legality of payments to a collection agency from fees collected.

"Plus, we have been trying to get bills out for this year for three weeks," Lewis said.

Billing for the Fiscal Year 2019 was to go out July 15. Lewis said Global Scientific, who processes the bills for HCEAA is backlogged.

"How can we afford \$20,000 plus \$3,000 a month, plus mileage and postage?" Fran Stickley asked.

"There is \$250,000 outstanding," Lewis said. "If we collect half that, we're ahead."

Denny Shoemaker asked where the people who will operate the system are located.

"Some people who work for the company are Americans in the Philippines," KcKie said.

"I'd like to see Americans in West Virginia get paid for doing this," Shoemaker said.

Board member Doug Coffman asked how much was billed in 2016 and 2017.

Lewis said approximately \$800,000 was billed in 2017 and \$400,000 in 2016 because it was for six months.

Lewis said the rate of collection has been 75 percent in 2016 and about 70 percent in 2017.

"If we can collect \$180,000 and the system costs \$70,000, that's money in the bank," said Bill Mooney. "If you put the system in place, you'll have better collections going forward."

Several board members asked to see specific numbers regarding current costs and amounts still outstanding collections, so the issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Calls for Service

Lewis reported Fraley Ambulance had 106 calls for service, HCEAA had 42 calls and Wardsville had 15 calls.

Fraley later disputed the number saying they logged 115 calls and 109 patient contacts, which resulted in 91 transports.

HCEAA Director Derek Alt said of the 42 calls, there were 29 transports, one body removal and six signed refusals. Alt also said Fraley assisted on one call and HCEAA assisted Fraley on one call.

Wardsville reported 12 calls for service, seven transports and four signed refusals.

Signed refusals could include patient contacts during traffic accidents where the ambulance was dispatched but no one was seriously injured.

Public Comment

Mathias resident John Buckley asked if it were possible to have an Advisory Committee, consist-

ing of people with EMS knowledge, who could advise the board on decisions regarding equipment, procedures, etc. Lewis said it was possible.

Fran Stickley said she had been looking at voter registration numbers and determined the majority of people lived on the west side of the county, but were only getting a third of the money collected from the ambulance fee.

"People on this side of the mountain are not happy," she said. "I'm going to make sure people know about this because I don't have anything better to do."

Warren Kessel threatened legal action against the County Commission.

"The commissioners should get ready," he said. "There'll be some action coming from the courts."

The next meeting of the Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 19 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the HCEAA building in Baker. The public is invited to attend.

HARDY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN
Annual Democratic Rally & Picnic
August 17, 2018 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
At Brighton Park
Local Speakers are
Isaac Sponaugle, David Workman, Kelly Shockey, and William Bean

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2018 Volunteer Hardy EVENTS

August 18	Moorefield Lions Club Chicken BBQ	10:00 a.m. until sold out Moorefield Town Park Cost: \$4 per half chicken Proceeds benefit the Club's charitable programs
August 25	EHHS National Honor Society Bake Sale	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Capon Valley Bank - Baker Cost: Varies Proceeds benefit the Hardy County Community Impact Fund
August 26	Baker Ruritan Prize Bingo	2:00 p.m. East Hardy High School 20 games for \$20 Must be 18 years old Proceeds benefit the Baker Ruritan Scholarship Fund
September 1	Wardsville Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner	4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. War Memorial Building Cost: Goodwill offering Proceeds benefit the Wardsville Community Library
September 30	Lost River Educational Foundation & LRAAC Raffle	Drawing for six items made by local artisans. Tickets available NOW at the Co-op during business hours (Fridays 12 - 5; Sat. and Sun. 10 - 5). Drawing on September 30th. Tickets: 1/\$1, 6/\$5, 13/\$10. Proceeds Benefit the Hardy County Community Impact Fund

All or a portion of the proceeds from these Volunteer Hardy fundraisers benefit the Hardy County Community Impact Fund, which in turn benefits a wide variety of charitable organizations and causes in Hardy County. Volunteer Hardy is a program of the Hardy County Community Foundation. For more information follow our Facebook page or call 304.538.3431.

MHS Alumni All School Reunion, Dinner & Dance September 29
TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE
 Moorefield High School Auxiliary Gym
 Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.
 Meal at 6:30 p.m.
 Dance from 8 - 10 p.m.
 Cost of the Dinner & Dance is \$25 per person
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New Fiction

Texas Ranger by James Patterson (Reg. Print, Lg. Print) – Dedicated Texas Ranger Rory Yates is wrongly implicated in the murder of his ex-wife and finds his skills pushed to the limit in his effort to discover the real killer and prove his own innocence.

Fear (Rosato & DiNunzio; 6) by Lisa Scottoline (Reg. Print, Audiobook) – When nemesis Nick Machiavelli targets her family with frivolous legal claims and slander that escalate to an unthinkable tragedy, Mary DiNunzio discovers her own unsettling capacity for dark retaliation.

Abandoned (Max Revere; 5) by Allison Brennan – Investigative reporter Max Revere has cracked many cases, but the one investigation she's never attempted is the mystery of her abandonment by her own mother. When her mother's car is found, Max drops everything to finally seek the truth.

Through the Autumn Air (Every Amish Season; 3) by Kelly Irvin – As they set out to care for a strang-

er, two widowed people in the autumn of their lives find themselves often working together. Drawn to each other, can they put the past behind them and trust in the hope that comes with each new season?

The Breakers (Sharon McCone; 34) by Marcia Muller – The disappearance of a young recovering addict in southwest San Francisco leads private investigator Sharon McCone to the site of a Prohibition-era nightclub, where she discovers a ghastly chamber of horrors.

Called to Protect (Blue Justice; 2) by Lynette Eason (Reg. Print, Lg. Print) – Chloe St. John and her K-9 German shepherd partner Hank are asked to be part of a task force assembled to bring down a ring of human traffickers.

Serpentine (Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter; 26) by Laurell K. Hamilton – While visiting Florida for her friend and fellow U.S. marshal Edward's wedding, Micah uncovers a horrific new form of lycanthropy and Anita faces a strange power unlike any she's ever en-

countered.

Four Funerals and Maybe a Wedding (Royal Spyness; 12) by Rhys Bowen – In the days leading up to her wedding to Darcy O'Mara, Lady Georgiana Rannoch takes on the responsibilities of a grand estate, but proving she can run a household just may be the death of her.

The Masterpiece by Fiona Davis – Against the backdrop of Grand Central Terminal in New York City, two very different women, fifty years apart, strive to make their mark on a world set against them.

Tiffany Blues by M. J. Rose – During the Jazz Age, a young painter must confront her traumatic past while spending the summer at a prestigious artists colony run by Louis Comfort Tiffany of Tiffany & Co. fame.

The Secret of the Irish Castle (Deverill Chronicles; 3) by Santa Montefiore – Leaving America for Dublin, Martha falls impossibly in love with a man from her birth mother's community, while Bridie struggles with her new husband's

wandering eye, and Kitty reevaluates a past love.

New Non-Fiction

Death of a Nation: Plantation Politics and the Making of the Democratic Party by Dinesh D'Souza (Reg. Print, Audiobook) – Challenges views that American society is built on racist policies, outlining controversial arguments that the nation's progressive agendas are actually destroying its history, culture, and constitutional order.

Homeplace: A Southern Town, a Country Legend, and the Last Days of a Mountaintop Honky-Tonk by John Langan – Langan presents an intimate account of social change, country music, and a vanishing way of life as the Shenandoah town of Winchester, Virginia, collides with the twenty-first century.

Unshakable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God by Max Lucado – Lucado offers encouraging, practical advice for overcoming difficult circumstances and creating a better future, focusing on twelve of God's prom-

ises and how considering them can help one meet challenges, find security, and make wise decisions.

Scarface and the Untouchables: Al Capone, Eliot Ness, and the Battle for Chicago by Max Allan Collins – A dual biography of notorious gangster Al Capone and Prohibition agent Eliot Ness explores the violence and corruption of 1930s Chicago and the history-shaping raids and arrests made by the legendary Untouchables.

Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History by Keith O'Brien – High adventure and high ideals merge when a corps of intrepid female aviators battle to take part in the hugely popular air shows of the 1920s and 1930s. Ultimately, one of our heroines would win a race that earned her the right to be called America's best pilot.

New Easy Readers

Trevor by Jim Averbeck – Trevor is lonely and looking for a friend. He stretches his wings the width of his boring cage and notices the tree

outside stretching its branch. And on the end of that branch? Perhaps a new friend—but one that's quiet and obviously very shy. Trevor knows just how to make him feel comfortable.

Mixed: A Colorful Story by Arree Chung – Each believing that their hue is the best, the three primary colors live in separate parts of the city until Yellow and Blue meet, fall in love, and decide to mix.

Fox and the Jumping Contest (Fox) by Corey R. Tabor – As he and his animal friends prepare to compete in a jumping contest, Fox, who is a less-than-ideal jumper, schemes to win.

Fox and the Bike Ride (Fox) by Corey R. Tabor – Fox is not excited for the annual bike ride and secretly schemes to make the trip more exciting.

Don't Eat That! by Drew Shenneman – Gertie is trying to earn a merit badge when she encounters a hungry bear with no idea what he should eat, but helping him is harder than her guidebook makes it seem.

Sherman Property

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board from 6 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The board also released the schedule of meetings for the 2018-19 school year.

The board will meet the first and third Monday of every month with the following exceptions:

•The board will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 4 because of the Labor

Day holiday.

•The board will meet Monday, November 26 because the office will be closed during the Thanksgiving Break

•The board will meet Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019 because of the President's Day holiday.

•The board will meet on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 to lay the levy

as required by state code.

"When the board meets at individual schools, I would like to see the meetings start later," Board member Jerry Yates said. "It's difficult for the working public to get here by 5 p.m."

Board President Nancy Hahn said the schedule can be modified at any time as long as the public is

given proper notification.

Bus Purchase

Facilities Manager Steve Williams presented several options for the purchase of new school buses. The board normally purchases two new buses per year to maintain the fleet.

However, with budget con-

straints, they didn't purchase any last year and only purchased one bus the year prior.

Williams presented information on a 77-passenger gas, a 77-passenger diesel and an 89-passenger diesel bus. "The gas buses are a pilot program throughout the state this year," he said.

While diesel buses are more expensive to maintain and the fuel is more expensive, they tend to last longer and are more reliable, Williams said. "Some neighboring counties are going to try the gasoline to see if they are less maintenance," he said.

Hardy County has purchased Blue Bird buses for the past five years, Williams said. "They are consistent with maintenance and parts."

Board member Dixie Bean asked why Williams was considering an 89-passenger bus.

"If we have increased enrollment, we will need one," he replied. "We don't need one yet, but I wanted you to have the option."

The board approved the purchase of two 77-passenger Blue Bird school buses.

Funding for the purchase of school buses is part of the state funding formula. Williams said he currently has \$214,000 available for the purchase.

Other Business

•The board approved Policy

IDK Graduation Requirements.

•The board approved Policy ABD Central Office Schedule. It reflects the times the Central Office is open when school is in session and during summer break.

•The board approved Policy JDFFA Student Random Drug Testing.

•The board approved the sale of three surplus school buses.

•The board approved a Memorandum of Agreement between Hardy County Schools and Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College

•The board approved a Contract for Early Entrance Students with Eastern WV Community and Technical College.

•The board approved policy GCBA Critical Needs/Shortage - Substitute Teachers for first reading. The policy allows retired teachers to work as substitutes without jeopardizing their retirement benefits.

•The board approved 55 students to transfer into Hardy County Schools, 14 students to transfer out of Hardy County Schools and 14 to transfer within Hardy County Schools.

The next meeting of the Hardy County Board of Education will be held on Monday, Aug. 20 beginning at 5 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Central Office, 510 Ashby St. in Moorefield. The public is invited to attend.

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Letters to the Editor

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ply provided. In doing so it gave us a chance to minister to many people that we may not have had the chance to do so otherwise. Even to this very day we are still receiving amazing testimonies of souls saved and lives touched. Without your compassionate effort, this could not have happened. We are looking forward to our next event and hope that we could call on your business/church again. Once more, thank you for your heart for the community. We pray for our businesses and churches daily and wish God bless you in all things and in all ways.

In Christ Service,
Pastor RC Coyle

Dear Editor,
While many seniors struggle to survive, our state has repeatedly cut taxes on billion dollar out of state corporations. Meanwhile,

WV legislators insist on continuing to tax senior citizens' earned Social Security benefits.

West Virginia is one of only thirteen states that taxes Social Security. Ten of those states have partial tax exemptions for Social Security, which means that WV is among only three states (WV, MN & ND) that have no state-level exemptions for Social Security.

If WV joins the other 47 states who have moved to help their seniors, the 320,000 senior West Virginians who rely on Social Security are estimated to save tens of millions of dollars each year.

Most of what our seniors save in taxes will be spent in their home communities, supporting our local economies.

On the other hand, corporate tax breaks (along with massive corporate profits) generally go out of state and don't help our communities.

Our senior citizens, most of whom are on fixed incomes, are facing increasing pressures due to severe problems facing our state. Many don't have their adult children nearby to help them because so many working adults have to move out of state for better job opportunities. Some retirees have also taken on raising their grandchildren because of our addiction epidemic.

Seniors, and all our people, deserve to have their needs put above the profits of billion dollar corporations.

Why is our legislature putting corporate tax cuts over helping our seniors retain their dignity and independence?

It's time for West Virginia to fully exempt Social Security benefits from state income taxes.

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OBITUARIES

NELLIE MAE OURS LEATHERMAN

Nellie Mae Ours Leatherman, age 99, of Old Fields, W.Va., passed away on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at her residence. Born on August 16, 1918 at Valley View Farm in Fisher, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late Alston Clyde Ours and Sarah Elizabeth Judy Ours. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by one son, Albert Leatherman, one daughter, Rebecca Leatherman and her husband, George T. "Bud" Leatherman whom she married on December 6, 1940. Two brothers, Clyde Ours, Jr. and George Judy Ours and one sister, Catherine Ours Evans also preceded her in death. Mrs. Leatherman was the last member of her immediate family.

She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth "Betty" Bosley and hus-

band Jim of Old Fields, W.Va.; her son, George Taylor Leatherman, III and wife Miriam of Old Fields, W.Va.; seven grandchildren: Julie Bosley Mead, Jody Bosley Morgan, Gretchen Riley Cremann, Albert R. Leatherman, II, Jason Paul Riley, Sarah Elizabeth Leatherman and Eva Katherine Leatherman Hurley; nine great-grandchildren.

Nellie attended Riverside School and graduated from Moorefield High School, Class of 1934. She graduated from Shepherd College and received her Master's Degree and Administrative Certificate from West Virginia University. Nellie taught school in Hardy County for 44 years and retired as Assistant Principal of Moorefield Elementary School.

Nellie was a member of Tri Sig-

ma Sorority in Shepherd College and later a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Teachers Society. She was also a member of South Branch Valley D.A.R. and Colonial Dames XVII Century, a member at large of New England Women, a 50-year member and Past Matron of Moorefield Chapter Order of Eastern Star, a life member of W.Va. Retired Teachers Association, a life long member of the Presbyterian Church and past member of the Ladies Bible Class.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at the Moorefield Presbyterian Church, Moorefield, W.Va. with Pastor Harold Tongun officiating. Burial followed at Olivet Cemetery, Moorefield, W.Va.

Memorial Donations may be



made to the Albert R. Leatherman, II Scholarship Fund, c/o Moorefield Presbyterian Church, 109 South Main Street, Moorefield, WV 26836. This benefits a graduating senior of Moorefield High School.

Arrangements are under the direction of Elmore Funeral Home.

JUDITH ANN FITZWATER

Judith Ann Fitzwater, age 77, of Moorefield, W.Va., passed away on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at Winchester Medical Center, Winchester, VA. Born on April 13, 1941 in Moorefield, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late Harold Marsten Bean and Viola Boswell Bean. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by a brother, Harold "Bunky" Bean and a sister, Donna Andrick.

She is survived by her husband Harold Fitzwater; one son, Richard "Rick" Wayne Fitzwater of

Moorefield, W.Va.; three grandchildren: Casey and wife Priscilla Fitzwater, Lubbock, Tex., Chelsea Fitzwater, and Cody Fitzwater, both of Hydeman, Pa.; one great-grandchild, Capri; and one sister, Gwendolyn Keefer of El Paso, Tex.

Judith graduated from Moorefield High School in 1959. She was a life-long member of Duffey Memorial United Methodist Church in Moorefield, W.Va., a member of the Valley View Golf Club and was a retired sales clerk, having worked for Judy's Drugstore and the Val-

ley View Golf Course.

A funeral service was held at Elmore Funeral Home in Moorefield, W.Va. on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. with Pastor Danny Sterns officiating. Burial followed at Olivet Cemetery, Moorefield, W.Va. Memorial Donations may be made to Duffey Memorial United Methodist Church, 100 North Elm Street, Moorefield, W.Va. 26836.

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Wed. Aug. 22 - Chili dog, french fries, coleslaw, orange

Thurs. Aug. 23 - Steak-um, w/cheese, peppers, onions, California blend, pudding, apricots

Fri. Aug. 24 - Hamburger gravy over home fries, lima beans, tomato bread, applesauce

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ACTIVITIES AT MOOREFIELD SENIOR CENTER

Mon., Aug. 20 - Puzzles, crafts, Tues., Aug.-21 - Puzzles, Crafts, Senior Shopping 1:00

Wed., Aug. 22 - Puzzles, Crafts, Thurs., Aug. 23 - Puzzles, Crafts

Fri., Aug.24 - Puzzles, Crafts, Bible Study, 11:15

Please call about Bingo on Wednesdays, except last Wednesday. Last Wednesday of the month with snacks by Grant Memorial Hospice/Bobbie Wolfe.

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

REMINDERS

If you want to pick-up carry out a meal at the senior center, call by 9:30. Wardensville area, please call by 9:00 for a home delivered meal.

Farmer's Market began June 1. Need monthly income, birthday and address. If you need someone to pick up your vouchers or to shop with them, we need a proxy authorization or a signed note from the person receiving the vouchers.

DONATIONS

Those making donations were Lola Crider, Lona Sherman, Ida

Staggs, Patty and Harold Michael, Food Lion and the Moorefield Examiner. We would like to thank each and everyone for your donations, they are greatly appreciated. Have a safe and happy week.

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Group Lifestyle Balance Program Being Offered

Grant Memorial Hospital is pleased to announce the next offering of the Group Lifestyle Balance Program. A free program guided by a trained lifestyle coach, groups of participants are learning the skills they need to make lasting changes such as losing a modest amount of weight, being more physically active, and managing stress. The program is a 12 month program where they meet weekly

for 12 weeks, then twice a month for 3 months and once a month for 6 months. The program is available to Grant, Hardy and Pendleton County residents.

Participants learn how to eat healthy, add physical activity to their routine, manage stress, stay motivated, and solve problems that can get in the way of healthy changes. The program's group setting provides a supportive envi-

ronment with people who are facing similar challenges and trying to make the same changes. Together participants celebrate their successes and find ways to overcome obstacles.

"Working with this program for the past few years, I have found small changes make a big difference, every week we work on something new and I have seen great results with my classes" stated Beth

Stutler, Registered Dietitian and Group Lifestyle Balance Coach at Grant Memorial Hospital.

The program will begin on August 20. Each session will be held on Mondays from 5pm-6pm in the Training Room at Grant Memorial Hospital. Contact Beth Stutler at 304-257-1026 ext 2471 to learn more about the program.

Fall Quilt Retreat Scheduled

Fall is coming and it is time to make plans to attend Camp Horseshoe's Fall Quilt Retreat near St. George in Tucker County, W.Va. - September 11 - 15, 2018. It will be the perfect place to spend quality time with your sewing machine and quilting friends both new and old. Come enjoy Horseshoe's relaxed atmosphere, take advantage of this time to start a new project or catch up on those projects you have started and just haven't found time to complete.

"Quilters will have an oppor-

tunity to choose a new project as follows: Simple Layer Cake Quilt, Rhonda Braham, (Independence, W.Va.); Purse, Rhonda Larson, (Rawlings, Md.); Cat City Quilt, Mary Smith (Parsons, W.Va.); Tall Trim a Tree, Debra Davis, (Victor, W.Va.); and mystery project also; there will be Demos by experienced quilters during the quilting event and some surprises along the way," said Mary Smith, facilitator.

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ing experience. You will be completely spoiled as we sew, eat and sleep. The fellowship and friendships formed will last a lifetime and you can take home a finished keepsake.

Come join in! For a brochure contact Mary Smith at 304-478-2899 or on the web at <http://www.yla-youthleadership.org/HeritageArts.html> for all the information & color photos of classes being offered. Registration Deadline is August 24, 2018

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DUPLICATE BRIDGE

A Howell game was played on Wednesday, August 8th, with 4 1/2 tables in play in the South Branch Duplicate Bridge Club held at Colts Restaurant. There were nine pairs playing 27 boards with an av-

erage match-point score of 36.

Overall winners were Lucy Kimble and Dorothy Wilson, 44; Sandra Evans and Polly Ours, 42; Marion Marshall and Susan Newman, 40; John Childs and Bill Long, 39;

and Joe Fisher and Leona Reynolds, 36 1/2.

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

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SOCIAL

Wardensville Garden Market Announces Scholarships

To reward and encourage their paid Farm Assistants to attend college, train for a trade, or participate in career exploration internships, the Wardensville Garden Market just announced that it has doubled its scholarship program open to all farm employees. A total of \$20,000 in scholarships will be awarded over two rounds in 2018.

In the just-completed first round, the Wardensville Garden Market awarded a total of seven scholarships equaling \$11,500. Five staff received \$2,000 scholarships each: Logan Link, Natalie Spaid, Abigail Wilson, Ciera Riggleman Bonilla, and Chris Cullers. And two high school aged students received smaller scholarships for career exploration: Emma Lutz and Jeffrey Goldsmith.

"Thanks to the generosity of the Jonathan D. Lewis Foundation and our local community of shoppers and supporters, we continue to expand all of our programs, including job creation, classes, on the job training, enrichment activities,

and scholarships," said Director of Education Vicki Johnson.

The Wardensville Garden Market is a 100-acre nonprofit, certified naturally-grown farm that has created nearly 70 new jobs since its inception in 2016, with the major-



ity of those jobs held by local high school youth and young adults. All purchases made at the market and bakery are 100 percent reinvested back into the program to hire and inspire local youth, including providing these scholarships.

Hardy County Schools School Menu for August, 2018

Friday, Aug. 17 - Chicken Patty Sandwich, Mixed Veggies, Fruit

Monday, Aug. 20 - Steak 'n Cheese Sub, Steamed Spinach, Fruit Cocktail

Tuesday, Aug 21 - Chicken BBQ Drumsticks, Beans, Soft Pretzel, Frozen Fruit Cup

Wednesday, Aug 22 - Lasagna, Cauliflower, Breadstick, Fruit

Thursday, Aug. 23 - Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Roll, Applesauce

Friday, Aug. 24 - School-Made Pizza, Sunbelievable, Peaches

Monday, Aug. 27 - Chicken Nuggets, Steamed Broccoli, Mixed Fruit

Tuesday, Aug 28 - Calzone, Marinara Dipping-Sauce, Mixed Veggies, Frozen Fruit Cup

Wednesday, Aug. 29 - Chili Con Carne, Green Beans, Roll, Apple-sauce

Thursday, Aug. 30 - Orange-Glazed Chicken, Rice, Carrots, Pears

Friday, Aug. 31 - Beef Taco, Salsa, Corn, Pineapple

Although we strive to provide the most accurate information, menus are subject to change. Nutritional content may vary due to variations in recipes, products and seasonal availability, as well as substitutions from food service vendors. Visit www.hardycafe.com for nutritional information.

Middle/high schools may have additional items on the menu due to additional calorie requirements.

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Day Care Provider Food Reimbursement Available

Community Enrichment Network, Inc. announces their sponsorship of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The CACFP is a federally funded program that provides reimbursements to day care providers serving nutritious meals and snacks to eligible children in their care. All family child care home providers licensed through the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources are eligible to participate. If you have questions about the program or would like to enroll as a CACFP participant, please contact Amanda at (304) 790-2201.

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New Scholarship Focused on STEM Education Makes First Awards

The Hardy County Community Foundation Bob and Betty Wilson Family Scholarship Fund is the community foundation's newest scholarship fund and seeks to support students in their pursuit of higher education in a STEM related field. This fund awarded two \$1,000 scholarships this year.

The fund was established by Deanna Wilson and J Cavanagh. Deanna Wilson grew up in Moorefield and attended college in West Virginia, graduating with a Masters in Public Administration from West Virginia University. James "J." Cavanagh grew up in New York City, and attended Villanova University graduating with a degree in Business Administration with post-graduate work at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

"Our parents always stressed the life-long benefits of learning and encouraged us to attend college to expand our horizons. This paid off and we experienced successful careers in Public Service and in the private sector. We now look forward to paying it forward."

The Bob and Betty Wilson Family Scholarship Fund is focused

on Hardy County graduating seniors who plan to attend college and pursue a degree in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) discipline.

"We created the scholarship to assist deserving local students in obtaining a college education. We hope the recipients will pay it forward and return to the local schools to discuss their college experience and encourage other local students to attend college and pursue degrees in the STEM fields."

J has been visiting Moorefield since 1990 and has always been impressed with the sense of community that he has experienced during his visits. He and Deanna wanted to give back to the community and honor her parents, Bob and Betty Wilson. They had been contemplating establishing a scholarship but weren't sure where to start. Fortunately, they found out about the Hardy County Community Foundation through Yvonne Williams who set up a meeting with Amy Pancake. "The process was well designed and efficient—with Amy's help, it could not have been easier," they said.

Foundation director, Amy Pan-

cake, says the heart of the foundation's scholarship process is the donor. "When a donor decides a scholarship is the way they want to make a difference in the community, we commit our work throughout the entire process to honoring their wishes for the type of student they want to help. Those wishes may include recognizing students involved in specific activities, such as church participation, or students who are pursuing a certain vocation. Each scholarship is different and each one is set up to last forever," she said.

Deanna and J want to encourage young people to attend college to broaden their horizons and hopefully return to the community and share their experiences. They were very impressed with the recent recipients of the scholarship and look forward to their continued success.

Emma Baker and Brittany Cullers are the first two recipients of a scholarship from this fund.

Emma is an East Hardy High School graduate who will be attending Marshall University to pursue a Health Sciences degree, with the ultimate goal of becoming an occupa-



Brittany Cullers



Emma Baker

tional therapist.

Brittany graduated from Moorefield High school and will be studying Forensic and Investigative Science this fall at West Virginia University with plans to become a Forensic Biologist.

In addition Deanna and J have also established the Deanna Wilson and J Cavanagh STEM Grant program to provide funding to students in grades 4 through 10 to

SBA Accepting Small Business Week Awards Nominations

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"This is a great opportunity to recognize those small businesses that have contributed significantly to their local communities, developed creative products or made advances with innovative technologies," SBA Administrator Linda McMahon said. "A National Small Business Week award is one of the nation's highest honors for small business achievement. I encourage you to visit our dedicated website www.sba.gov/nsbw to download forms, criteria and guidelines for submitting a nomination. I look forward to your nomination and wish you the best of luck."

All nominations must be submitted no later than 3 p.m. EST, Jan. 9, 2019. All nomination packages must be hand delivered or mailed to the nearest SBA Office. Email submissions of SBA Awards forms will not be accepted as they contain personally identifiable information (PII). For contact information and other District Office information visit online at www.sba.gov/wv.

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Altitude Climbs Championship Peak in WV Wild Tournament

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

The Altitude 12U Softball team ascended to the championship title capping off an undefeated showing with a 7-3 victory over Broadway Thunder in the WV Wild Memorial Softball Tournament this past weekend.

Players from Hardy County, Grant County and Tucker County comprised the Altitude with the championship winning pitcher Sam Colaw hailing from Grant County, who tossed a complete game with seven strikeouts on Sunday night for the crown.

"I'm very proud of these girls, they worked really hard in

this tournament going undefeated. We played good defense and the pitching was good," Altitude manager Tyrone Haines noted.

Colaw started the title contest striking out Broadway Thunder leadoff batter Keely Spencer.

After a line drive by Jacklyn Williams was caught, Savannah Fox singled for the Broadway Thunder.

Broadway Thunder struck the scoreboard with a lightning hit by Maggie Osborn creating an RBI double, but was thrown out at third base on the play trying for a triple.

Altitude leadoff batter Serinity King grounded out off Broadway Thunder pitcher MaKenna Hardy to begin the bottom of the first inning.

Rachel Felton connected for a single up the middle and stole second base, then Kate Simmons grounded out.

Altitude's Shaleigh Darlington was hit by a pitch placing runners on the corners, then Felton came home to tie the game during a pickoff attempt at second base.

A strikeout from Hardy to Altitude's Carlee Haines ended the inning with the championship locked at one run apiece.

Altitude first baseman Kate Simmons snatched a line drive, then caught a pop-up as one coach shouted to her to make it a triple play of solo outs.

After a walk was issued to Hardy, Colaw closed the side with a

strikeout to Iris Kline.

Colaw grounded out before Autumn Russel ripped a single into left field and courtesy runner Addy Hicks came to first base.

Altitude's Marissa Ward smacked a hard grounder to the shortstop bobbling the ball for an RBI single to take a 2-1 lead.

Tory Pratt knocked the ball off the pitcher's glove and safely jumped aboard the bases.

King delivered an RBI single to extend the advantage, then Felton drew a walk and stole second base before a passed ball created another run.

Simmons put the Altitude up 5-1 with an RBI single as the ball

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Photo by Carl Holcomb

Altitude shortstop Carlee Haines reaches for the ball as Broadway Thunder's Savannah Fox slides to second base in championship game

Moorefield Golf Marks Season Opener Match With Victory

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

The Yellow Jackets Golf team swarmed through Valley View Golf Club with focus and determination to open the season with a victory last Thursday.

Moorefield secured the win with a team score of 184 led by low-medalist Ean Carr with a card of 40, followed by Tucker County with 190 points and Pendleton County finished with a 227 overall.

"Really excited, we've got a great group. A great mix of experienced players and new players," Moorefield Golf coach Wade Armentrout stated.

"I've been really impressed how they've absorbed everything we've been working on. They are very coachable. Now that we had a match, we will see a lot of improvement.

They will be more relaxed next time. I think our putting was really good today. We will be working on our tee shots."

Carr, a senior, landed drives smoothly on the fairway and finished with precision putting on the greens including five holes tallying for par to garner his personal career best for a season opener, although the scores have been lower later on.

Moorefield senior Zach Arbaugh was a state tournament representative last season and showed how preparation and focusing on his swing throughout the course would bring the second best score of the day at 42 strokes.

Arbaugh shot one birdie coming at hole number four and two holes completed at par at two and nine to counter a handful of bogeys.

Thomas Williams shook the sand out of his shoes on the ninth hole which was a double par outing for the

novice junior golfer, but his mental game was strong in forgetting about what just happened and made more consistent deliveries to be among the top four for the Yellow Jackets with a score of 56 including a par at hole number two.

Moorefield junior Trace Miller helped the team total with a card of 48.

There were cicadas making noise during putts on the sixth hole, but it was tuned out with intense dedication to finding the hole.

Another familiar face on the course was sophomore Hayden Baldwin, who finished the day with a card of 60 with a couple holes needing double the swings.

Moorefield sophomore Tori Humphries skipped volleyball this season to try golfing for the first time and finished with a score of 65 with one par.

The Yellow Jackets had five fresh-

men competing at Valley View led by Ryan McGregor with a card of 58, followed by Karson Reed with a 61, Jordan Ketterman carded a 64, Will Barb shot a 65 and Amber Riggleman rounded out the scoring with a 68.

The Mountain Lions were led by Easton Snyder and Myles Paugh with a card of 45, followed by Holden Young at 47, while there was a three way tie at 53 with one of the scores taken to complete the scoring (Nate Dearborn, Harper Russell, John Anderson).

Pendleton County was guided by Leah Loudermilk with a score of 51, followed by Marcus sites at 53, Marshall Harper at 61 and Elijah Butler rounded out the total with a 62.

Moorefield has a talented group of golfers gaining the experience to become top notch competitors with consistent practice this season.



Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield's Hayden Baldwin chips the ball to the green.

WHR Power Rallies to Shock Sting in WV Wild Tournament

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

The Moorefield Sting 16U jumped out to an early lead, but the WHR Power 18U rallied to secure a 5-3 victory in the semifinals of the WV Wild Memorial Softball Tournament in Petersburg on Sunday afternoon.

Starting the tournament, the Moorefield Sting defeated the Wildcats 10-1 on Saturday morning, then lost a nail-biter to WHR Power 7-6 before heavy downpour ended the game against Broadway Heat in the first inning with a deficit of 3-nil which set up the double elimination final contest with the winner reaching the championship from the loser's bracket.

"We made mistakes. We didn't play good defense. We should have made the routine plays. Our girls fought hard against older teams," Moorefield Sting coach Sheldon Arbaugh commented.

A remarkable diving catch by Moorefield Sting left fielder Gracie O'Neill denied the WHR Power leadoff batter from reaching the base.

Moorefield Sting starting pitcher Emily Kuykendall limited the WHR Power to a single in the opening frame with help from the defense as right fielder Tori Humphries tracked down a fly ball and Kuykendall fielded a grounder for the last out with the throw to first baseman Hanna Carlson.

The base path was empty in the bottom half of the first inning as the Moorefield Sting went down in order as Humphries flew out, Anna Riggleman lined out and

Hinkle grounded out.

The WHR Power garnered two base runners in the second inning on a pair of singles with one out, but a fielder's choice and a line drive caught by O'Neill prevented an opportunity to score.

Carlson drew a walk for the Moorefield Sting's first base runner in the bottom of the second inning, then Alyson Simmons singled into center field and Haley Biser singled into right field to load the bases.

Moorefield Sting third baseman Madison McGregor connected for an RBI single in left field for a 1-nil edge.

Kuykendall plated Simmons with the help of an error in right field to extend the lead to 2-0 and Biser safely slid into third base.

O'Neill garnered a single with a hard grounder to third base, but the throw home caught Biser.

Lauren Arbaugh hit into a fielder's choice with McGregor out at home plate, then Humphries grounded out as Moorefield Sting failed to capitalize on the bases.

The WHR Power rallied for three runs in the third inning with the help of two errors and three singles for a 3-2 edge.

Moorefield Sting catcher Alyson Simmons attempted to catch a pass and apply a tag in front of home plate, but the impact jarred the ball loose with the runner stretching to the plate.

Hinkle singled in the third inning, but was stranded on groundouts.

Carlson came in to pitch for the Moorefield Sting in the fourth in-

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Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield Sting 16U third baseman Madison McGregor slides home against WHR Power in the WV Wild Memorial Softball Tournament.



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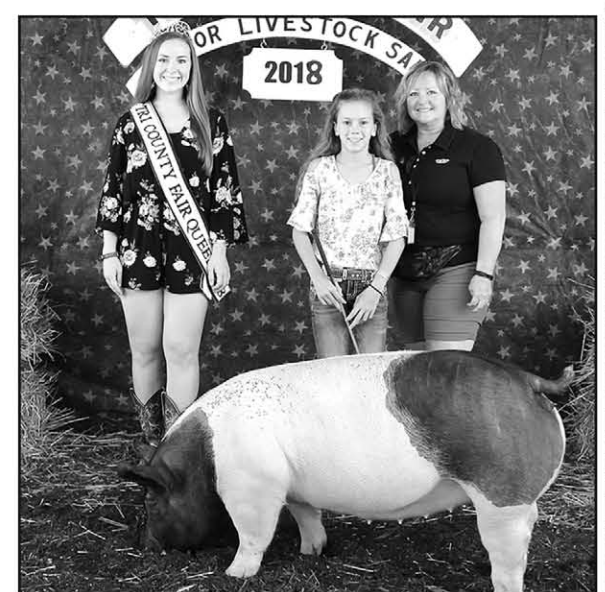
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Altitude 12U team won the WV Wild Memorial Softball Tournament Championship at the Moorefield Town Park on Sunday night. Altitude team members are: Serinity King, Rachel Felton, Kate Simmons, Shaleigh Darlington, Carlee Haines, Sammie Colaw, Autumn Russel, Marissa Ward, McKenna Crites, Tory Pratt, Katie Hicks, Addy Hicks, Ava Shaffer, Breanna Gooden and Jenna Combs.

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eluded the grasp of the Broadway Thunder shortstop and a flyout by Darlington finished the frame.

Broadway Thunder went to work loading the bases in the top of the third inning as Shana Dove was given a walk, then Kiki Delawder singled into left field and Spencer placed down a bunt and there wasn't enough time to make a play as Colaw and Darlington collided fielding it.

Broadway Thunder came up empty as Felton caught a pop-

up and Colaw pitched two more strikeouts for the Altitude to prevent a score.

It was three up and three down for the Altitude in the bottom of the third inning on three groundouts by Haines, Colaw and Russel.

In the fourth inning, Colaw collected a grounder by Laura Rao for an out before issuing a walk to Kyla Delawder.

Hardy hit into a fielder's choice and Kline popped out to retire the side.

Crites, Ward and Pratt each grounded out as the score re-

mained at 5-1.

The Broadway Thunder went down in order during the top of the fifth inning on a strikeout, flyout and groundout.

King sliced a single to spark some momentum for the Altitude and moved around to third base on errant pitches before coming home as the ball ricocheted away from the catcher for a 6-1 advantage.

Simmons was tagged out on a grounder to first base, then Darlington crushed a double and courtesy runner Addy Hicks was left on base on a groundout by Haines.

In the top of the sixth inning, Broadway Thunder's Jacklyn Williams had a shot grabbed on a leap by Altitude third baseman Darlington.

Fox singled to Darlington and the pass was bobbled at first base in the dirt.

Osborn plated a run on an error and safely reached second base as the Broadway Thunder cut the deficit to 6-2.

Colaw fielded a groundout before Broadway Thunder scored another run on a passed ball to make it 6-3, then Colaw closed the inning

with a strikeout.

After a groundout by Colaw, Russel reached base on an error.

Crites hit a shallow fly ball which was tracked down in right field.

Ward connected for an RBI single to give the Altitude a 7-3 lead, then Pratt launched the ball into left field and it was caught over-head on the run.

After a pop-out, Broadway Thunder's Iris Kline took first base on an error in the seventh inning.

The Altitude denied a scoring opportunity sealing the championship with a strikeout and ground-

out.

Every member of both teams received medals and there was a trophy given to each team.

The teams gathered together in a circle after the game and hugged each other, then lined up on the baselines for the trophy ceremony cheering for one another before having a joint championship game photo as the sportsmanship for these athletes was paramount.

THE OLD MASTER

By JAY FISHER

Last year, the defense was overall subpar. There were a few games where the defense actually bailed out the offense (Kansas State and Iowa State come to mind), but most of the season was a case of the offense hoping they would score enough points.

This year, despite multiple losses at all three levels (line, linebackers, backs), there is some room

for optimism. There were several young contributors on the defense, and while the inexperience definitely showed at times, the talent also showed.

Starting on the line, WVU lost two key players to transfer, but appear to have upgraded with two incoming transfers. Gone are Lamont McDougale and Adam Shuler. In are Kenny Bigelow and

former 5-star recruit from USC, and Jabril Robinson from Clemson. Bigelow was slowed by multiple injuries, and is hopeful for a fresh (and healthy) final year, while Robinson saw a Clemson d-line with four starters projected to be drafted in the first two rounds, and decided to head out in search of more playing time. In addition, Dante Stills is apparently living up

to his billing as an impact freshman. His brother Darius is back for his sophomore year, and he looks improved after a very good freshman campaign. Ezekial Rose was WVU's best lineman last year, and he returns, along with Reese Donahue, who has added weight, which should help keep him from wearing down. There could be additional depth from players like Jeffrey Pooler, Brenton Thrift, and James Gmitter. This has the potential to be WVU's deepest line in years, which will be important towards the end of the season, when the Mountaineers have some of their toughest games.

At linebacker, there seems to be some quality, but the depth is scary. David Long was WVU's best player on defense last year, and he is back to wreak havoc on opposing offenses. Dylan Tonkery gained starting experience last year as a freshman, and has gained weight and is expected to start in the middle. The other linebacking spot is up for grabs, but Charlie Benton seems to be getting the most preseason praise. Quondarius Qualls and Brendan Ferns were expected to play a good bit, but both were injured and will miss most of the year. There is a new rule that allows players to play in any four games without losing a redshirt, so it is hoped that those two can play in November. In the meantime, depth could be provided by the likes of Exree Loe, Adam Hensley, Josh Chandler, and Zach Sandwisch. Another player making noise in preseason is former walk-on Shea Campbell. The Morgantown High product earned a schol-



arship and has drawn comparisons to Justin Arndt.

The defensive backfield is an intriguing mix of veterans and young talent. Toyous Avery and Dravon Askew-Henry are fifth-year seniors and will man the two strong safety positions. Askew-Henry moved from free safety to strong last year, and it seemed a better fit for him after a knee injury cost him a season a couple years ago. The free safety could be Kenny Robinson, who had two interception returns for TDs last year as a freshman. There are plenty of young and talented backups, including Kwantell Raines, Jovanni Steward, EJ Brown, Osman Kamara, and Deamonte Lindsay.

At corner, the depth chart is much more fluid, but with the passing attacks in the Big 12, many will play regardless. Hakeem Bailey is a senior, but the JC transfer is in just his second year. Last year he impressed during fall camp, but during games was plagued with inconsistency. He is back and the coaches (and Bailey) are saying the right things. They are hoping for a second-year improvement, much like other JC corners in recent WVU history such as Rasul Douglas. The other starters might be Josh Norwood. The former Ohio State Buckeye could play a variety of positions, but he has seen many reps at corner. Others in the mix include Derrek Pitts (who had a solid freshman season last year), Jake Long, Keith Washington and Sean Mahone.

Overall, I don't expect this to make anyone's short list as all-time great WVU defenses. There is potential in the future, but they do seem to be at least a season away. They need to play better, and that starts with the defensive line. If they can clog up running lanes, and let the linebackers and safeties run free, and generate any kind of pass rush, that will help the rest of the defense. One caveat on the pass rush: I do think that WVU will never be able to generate a consistent pass rush when they rush only three. So they will need help from and additional pass rusher - but the three linemen need to produce when given a chance. The linebacker depth worries me, a lot, and the performance level of defensive

backs is still a concern. But a better pass rush will help mask those deficiencies, so again, the line is all-important. Also, as I said before, the defense would be helped immensely if the offense does a better job of staying on the field. The good news is that I believe the biggest improvement will be along the defensive line, and that gives me hope.

Offensively, WVU was pretty good last year, but this year they should be even better than that. After all, seven starters return, including the bulk of last year's production. There is a potential Heisman Trophy candidate at quarterback, and multiple All-America candidates elsewhere.

Here's the thing, though: not only should the offense get better, it needs to get better. The conventional wisdom is that WVU will have a high powered offense, and a mediocre defense. But there are some things that the offense needs to improve upon, that will help the defense.

I'm going to unload many interesting stats about drives last year, and these apply only to the nine games before Will Grier got hurt.

The Mountaineers were explosive last year: almost half their scoring drives were less than 2 minutes. About 30% were under a minute. But for all that explosiveness, they lacked efficiency. In this case, efficiency translates to being able to sustain drives. Approximately a quarter (25%) of the offensive drives were 3-and-out (or worse). About the same number of drives ended in less than a minute of game time. Many were touch-downs, but not all. Over half the drives were under two minutes in duration. That doesn't give a good defense much rest, and when the defense is average at best, it can be very difficult.

The season stats bear out these observations. The Mountaineers were near the bottom in third down conversions, and also in turnovers allowed. These will both need to improve in 2018.

Was it play selection? WVU ran the ball over 55% of the time in 2015 and 2016, but dipped to below 48% (99th in the nation) last year. Part of it was Jake Spavital's play calling. Part of it was having a talented passer. And some of it was an inconsistent run game.

This was an issue in losses, and even in wins. Remember the Iowa State, Kansas State, and Baylor games were closer than they should have been because WVU couldn't move the ball late to run the clock and clinch the win. They didn't score in the fourth quarter against Baylor, and the entire second half in the other two games.

Most of the line is back. Yodny

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That Football Thing Is Happening Again...



Gridiron Testing For Hardy County Proves More Studying Needed

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

What it takes to pass the test of the season started with a pop quiz last Saturday as Moorefield and East Hardy football teams put their knowledge of assignments together on the field.

The Yellow Jackets squared off against Tygart's Valley and the defense was solid in stopping two consecutive series by the Bulldogs with an interception returned for a touchdown by Caden Kimble and big time tackles by Ben Pyles shutting down the outside attack. Tygart's Valley fumbled on a lateral and the ball was recovered by Moorefield's Matthew Jenkins.

Offensively, Moorefield marched down to the 10-yard line with a solid run game by Javen Fawley and Coleman Mongold.

Fawley turned for the end zone before securing a catch and the Yellow Jackets started over going the opposite direction.

Moorefield quarterback Brent Moran rolled out of the pocket

and made a pass to Kimble under pressure.

Pyles made a catch for about 20 yards and Fawley carried the ball for a first down, then the Bulldogs recorded a sack.

After a timeout and securing a spot in the red zone, Moorefield's Matt Wright made a touchdown catch.

"Proud of the effort today by our guys. Have some things to clean up and fix, but a lot of bright spots throughout today's scrimmage. Got keep pushing to move from good to great," Moorefield Football coach Matt Altobello remarked.

East Hardy was up to the challenge against Strasburg, but there were times the Rams managed to elude the defense and the Cougars needed ankle tackles by Cole Pust and Austin Alt to prevent big attacks.

Aden Funkhouser, wide receiver turned quarterback, dialed in touchdown calls during red zone attacks with Adam Larson and Chance Dove capping off the

drives.

Funkhouser executed a shuttle pass which was part of drills from the first day of practice when the defense came close being able to find Jeffrey Mills, who dashed to the outside locating Andrew Tharp for a touchdown pass.

The pride of Cougars made defensive stops in the goal line package.

East Hardy's Adam Baker, Ryan Rogers and Logan Whetzel were quick to the ball.

"At times, I was pleased. Overall though, we must improve. The red zone offense and defense were a highlight of the day, but we struggled with our offensive assignments just in general," East Hardy Football coach Devon Orndorff stated.

Moorefield and East Hardy will continue to study the playbook before being tested again with scrimmages this weekend.

The Yellow Jackets travel to Strasburg on Friday and East Hardy visits Riverheads on Saturday.



Shorty's Garage Wins Hampshire Heat 10U Tournament In Romney

Shorty's Garage, a newly formed 10U baseball team with players from Moorefield, Petersburg and Pendleton County won the Hampshire Heat 10U Tournament Championship this past weekend in Romney. Shorty's Garage team members are: Coach Martin Kimble, Sponsor Derek Flinn, Manager Brent Metheny, Kaleb Kuhn, Trevor Baldwin, Colton Taylor, Garrett Van Meter, Shawn Reed, Chase Owens, Payton Metheny, Oliver Crites, Izaiah Donovan, Caleb Flinn, Blake Snyder.

Sting

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ning and notched two strikeouts and induced a groundout to McGregor.

Biser and Kuykendall went down swinging around a groundout by McGregor as the Moorefield Sting couldn't jump aboard the bases.

The WHR Power added an RBI single in the fifth inning for a 5-2 lead.

Due to earlier rain delays, the time limit was a factor as the game reached the 60-minute mark with

the Moorefield Sting at the plate. O'Neill reached base on an error at shortstop then advanced on a sacrifice bunt by Arbaugh.

After a flyout by Humphries, Riggleman kept the rally hopes alive with a single into center field.

Hinkle smashed an RBI single into center field to slice the deficit to 5-3, but the game ended on a line drive shot by Carlson caught at first base.

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Threeppeat! Moorefield Examiner Advertising Staff Wins General Excellence for Third Consecutive Year

Department Also Brings Home 13 Additional Awards

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By Clara Kight & Mike Mallow

WEST LIFE

MOUNTAINEERS PUT ON A SHOW

by Carl Holcomb

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- 1st Place** | Newspaper Design – Moorefield Examiner Staff
 - 1st Place** | Cartoon, Drawing or Graphic for Sunless Seven Minutes – Mike Mallow & Clara Kight
 - 2nd Place** | Best Cartoon or Graphic for “Recycling” Cartoon – Mike Mallow
 - 3rd Place** | Sports Pages –Mike Mallow & Carl Holcomb
 - 3rd Place** | Best Cartoon or Graphic for “Where’s the Outrage” Cartoon – Dixie Twiddy

- ### Editorial
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 - 2nd Place** | Government Reporting for Sheriff Defends Increase in Budget Requests – Jean Flanagan
 - 2nd Place** | Business, Economic or Labor Reporting for New Biz Launchpad Conference Draws National Experts in Biochar – Jean Flanagan
 - 3rd Place** | General Excellence – Moorefield Examiner Staff

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“Recycling” by Mike Mallow

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