

# County Commission Considers Longevity Pay for 911 Dispatchers

By Jean A. Flanagan  
*Moorefield Examiner*

Representing the Hardy County 911 dispatchers, Supervisor Jennifer Whetzel proposed the county commission approve a \$50 “longevity incentive” for each of the 11 full-

time dispatchers annually.

“Research will show you that the lifespan of 911 operators are only a few years, due to the high stress and burnout of this profession,” she said. “We have been having issues with being fully staffed because of these factors, plus the lack of pay that is given to this

profession.”

Whetzel said neighboring counties pay more. “We are lower than Grant and Hampshire,” she said.

Whetzel estimated the cost to the county would be in the neighborhood of \$3,000 per year.

Commission President Harold Michael said he asked an attorney if additional funds could be given to the 911 Center employees without also having to compensate other county employees. “He said we could do it because the dispatchers are a special class,”

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## Hardy County Helpers Help Those Who Can't Help Themselves



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For several years, Jim Oliver, David Mathias and other volunteers in Hardy County worked with Habitat for Humanity to build houses for people who might not otherwise be able to afford them.

“Being affiliated with Habitat for Humanity involved annual dues and a lot of paperwork,” Mathias said. “And we had to build complete houses.”

Oliver and Mathias found the

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## COURTS

### Wimer Pleads Hardy County Guilty to Drug and Firearm Charges Man Sentenced For Fentanyl and Meth Distribution

Timothy Juston Wimer, of Old Fields, has admitted to drug distribution and firearms charges, U.S. Attorney Bill Powell announced.

Wimer, age 35, pled guilty to one count of possession with intent to distribute heroin and one count of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug crime.” Wimer admitted to distributing heroin in January 2019 and admitted to having a .32 caliber pistol in February 2019. The crimes occurred in Hardy and Hampshire counties.

Wimer faces up to 20 years incarceration and a fine of up to \$1,000,000 for heroin charge. He faces at least five years incarceration and a fine of up to \$250,000 for the firearms charge. Under the

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Dennis James Miller, of Moorefield, was sentenced to 108 months (nine years) incarceration for his involvement in a fentanyl and methamphetamine distribution operation, U.S. Attorney Bill Powell announced.

Miller, age 50, pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute fentanyl in August 2019. Miller admitted to distributing more than 64 grams of fentanyl and more than 69 grams of 100 percent pure methamphet-

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## Big Ideas on Display at Ag Innovation Showcase



Photo by Jean Flanagan

Whether it's beekeeping, solar energy, or robotics, the 2019 Ag Innovation Showcase introduced middle and high school students to a variety of career opportunities in the agricultural fields.

Ten schools from seven counties were guests at the Believer's

Victory Center on Thursday, Nov. 21. The event is sponsored annually by Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College.

Joining Eastern were a number of regional partners including Pilgrims Pride, Farm Credit,

Robert C. Byrd Institute of Advanced Manufacturing, Sions Equipment, Potomac Highlands Beekeepers, Vandalia Energy and Mountain View Solar, the West Virginia Department of Education and the West Virginia Department of Agriculture.

## SnowGo

### Division of Highways Prepares for Bad Weather

By Jean A. Flanagan  
*Moorefield Examiner*

While Hardy County has seen only a light flurry of snow so far this year, the Division of Highways has been preparing for the worst of winter weather for some time.

“We start in October,” said Hardy County Assistant Supervisor Dorman Parker. “We mount the snow plows and cinder spreaders and make sure everything is working.”

After the operators are sure everything is in working order, the equipment is removed. It sits ready to be mounted again if there's a forecast for bad weather.

“We start the ‘weather watch’ on Nov. 1,” Parker said. “We have two

guys who watch the weather overnight. If there's any chance of anything falling, we put the equipment back on the trucks.”

Hardy County has 517 miles of roads and the DOH divides them into three categories, primary, secondary and third-level.

“The primary roads are Routes 220, 259, 55, 29 and 10,” Parker said. “Route 10, Rig Road, is a primary road because of the amount of traffic.”

Secondary roads are the remaining county roads. “It doesn't matter if they're gravel or hardtop,” Parker said.

The third-level roads used to be called orphan roads. They were roads originally constructed as sub-

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## Council Approves Vehicle Trade, Special Event Request

By Hannah Heishman  
*Moorefield Examiner*

The Moorefield Town Council meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 19 began with a special event request from Jonathan Wiley, of Ted Shuttlesworth Evangelistic Association.

He requested to use the Town Park from June 28 until July 3, with a few days to set up prior and one day after.

Based out of Fairmont, Wiley explained his organization sets up a tent for one week, and does food give-aways, live music, pizza, and toys for kids.

“We want to be an encouragement and a blessing to the commu-

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## Board of Education Hears Community Development Project Update



Members of the Moorefield High School FCCLA presented an update on the Community Development Project to the BOE. From left, Cheyenne Walters, Trevor Southerly and Janel Riggelman described the progress on the project at Main and Jackson streets.

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A micro-cafe with baked goods and hot and cold beverages, a micro-farmers market with fresh produced grown in the on-site greenhouse and high tunnel and the latest component, a food truck, were described to the Hardy County Board of Education at their meeting Monday, Nov. 18.

The Hardy County Community Development Project has been branded Hardy United and is located at the corner of Main and Jefferson streets in Moorefield. The project is moving forward with the help of the Moorefield Hospitality Services and East Hardy Catering, as well as other partners.

Moorefield High School FCCLA members Cheyenne Walters, Trevor Southerly and Janel Riggelman presented a video and PowerPoint update.

The students traveled to Charleston on Thursday, Nov. 21, to make a presentation to the West Virginia Department of Education in hopes of securing a grant for the food truck, Rollin' Through the South Branch.

The 8 ft. x 20 ft. trailer will feature refrigerator and freezer space, steam tables, food preparation and storage space. It will serve “classic Appalachian comfort food” in the form of food rolls, such as pepperoni and sausage gravy biscuit rolls.

“We are making 200 pepperoni rolls and biscuit rolls to take as samples,” Walters said.

Faculty advisor Mary Catherine Slack said the MHS students were meeting with East Hardy Prostart students to finalize the menu for the presentation.

Career and Technical Education Program Coordinator Brad Simmons said the students involved in the Hardy United have applied

for and received numerous grants to fund their ideas. The food truck idea is an example.

“Continuity is very important, too,” Simmons said. “As seniors graduate, there are students coming up behind them to take over.”

The board thanked the students and wished them continued success.

### Budget Update

Finance Director Veeta Burgess presented an update on the financial status of the school system as of Oct. 31.

“We still have \$580,000 in reserve,” she said. “The problem has been getting reimbursements from the State Auditor's office. We are meeting with the state people to streamline the process.”

Burgess also said the WV Checkbook will be mandatory as of July 1, 2020. The online system al-

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# Give Thanks

For nearly 400 years Thanksgiving has been celebrated as a time to remember our blessings and give thanks for all that we have. Most of us would rather hunt, watch football or plan shopping for Black Friday.

We hope you take time tomorrow to consider all the things we should be thankful for and we have a few suggestions for you.

Be thankful for the men and women in uniform who not only serve in dangerous parts of the world, but who serve to protect you from those dangers.

Be thankful for our freedoms, for beautiful sunsets, for good books, and for good health.

Be thankful for food on the table, a roof over our head and a furnace to keep us warm.

Be thankful for a loving family and good friends. That's what Thanksgiving is all about -- family, food and faith. You gather the family around the table and you give thanks.

But, there are those who are not as lucky as many of us or not as fortunate and who may not have reasons to be thankful.

As part of your Thanksgiving thoughts, you might consider what you can do to spread the reasons to give thanks.

Clean a closet or the attic and donate clothes still good you no longer wear. When you shop, pick up extra cans of food, a bag of rice or noodles, jars of sauce or condiments, and donate them to MAC House. If you get an extra deer, give it to Hunters Helping the Hungry.

Or you can write a check to any of the charitable organizations here in Hardy County that help the less fortunate - the MAC House, the Ministerial Association, the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, various churches and civic organizations, and Community Action with their families who need adopting for holiday season.

That, dear reader, is what Thanksgiving is all about, being thankful for what you have, but also being generous and sharing with those who have less than you.

And while we're being thankful, we want to thank our subscribers and advertisers who make it possible for us to continue bringing the Moorefield Examiner to you.

## West Virginia High School Graduation Rates Reach High Mark

(AP) - The West Virginia Department of Education says high school graduation rates have reached the highest level recorded for the state.

The department says the rates represent the percent of ninth grade students who graduate with a regular diploma in four or five years.

Data from the 2018-2019 school year shows an increase in the four-year rate to 91.4%, up from 90.2%, and an increase in the five-year

rate to 90.7%, up from 90%. There has also been an increase of approximately 10% over five years in the graduation rate among students with disabilities, to 78.8%.

The West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission said 52.6% of students enrolled in higher education institutions last fall, while 41% continued education for advanced credentials, joined the workforce or enrolled in the military after graduation.

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### MY UNBASED OPINION

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN

Late Sunday morning I sat at Big House front window digging around in my mind for a column topic. Cursor was blinking on a blank line. I'd already gone through my list of possibles and nothing jumped out.

Every time road noises broke my train of thought, I'd look up and see another pickup passing. Pickups galore, most headed South toward Wardensville, pulling trailers loaded with ATVs. I didn't have to see their licenses to know most were from Northern Virginia or Eastern Maryland. Deer hunters. Buck season begins tomorrow morning. Pickups gotta deliver their loads, both drivers and four wheelers, to farm homes, hunting camps or cabins. Gotta get there, gotta get set up, gotta get ready for opening day tomorrow morning.

I haven't hunted deer for close to forty years. Just counted up on my fingers. Didn't realize it had been so long. My hunting tapered off and I quit about 1980. By then my children were being born and

I was deep in my land surveying business.

I remember heading back to Moorefield on a Sunday evening, day before season. Wardensville was parked full of vehicles, most displaying camping supplies and blaze orange outerwear. A vehicle pulled out and left a parking space front of the Lutheran church, a short walk from the White Star Restaurant where I could grab a beverage for my trip.

A brand new looking Chevy Blazer was parked at curb front of White Star. I glanced in back window and paused to look more closely at its load. Two hard top gun cases, size and shape said scoped rifles, a small duffel, likely holding ammunition and or other hunting supplies, two paper bags of snacky looking groceries, a full unopened case of Jim Beam bourbon and two cases of Budweiser beer. All I thought about rest of the way home was how much I didn't want to meet driver of that Blazer in the woods next day.

Folks ask me if I'm going to hunt every year. I give them all about the same story, part of which is true. I tell them no. I tell them I used to be a damn good marksman with a rifle. Good enough that if I shot at a deer I'd most likely hit it and then I'd have to clean the darn thing up. I never liked the butchering job, was never real proficient at it, thought that if the hunting was fun, but cleaning was not then why do it in the first place. All that part is true.

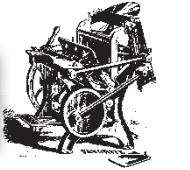
If somebody dug for more, I'd tell them when I was young and Pap was hunting, if he killed one, he'd tell me "start cleaning that up boy and I'll be back to help later." That part isn't true, but it was believable and most folks let me alone about hunting after hearing it.

As my children were growing deer season afforded other advantages. With no school it allowed them time for travel activities. I quit surveying and left the woods I spent so much time in to the hunt-

ers while I played with my family. Advertisers at small businesses went hunting so Phoebe's newspaper work was less demanding also. Those days were good for small Christmas shopping trips to Winchester or Harrisonburg or Cumberland. Family outings we didn't normally have time for. Besides our trips, we had Grandmother's house to visit and a big turkey meal to share for Thanksgiving.

Today when I think back over the years, I believe maybe I've killed more deer with my vehicles than with firearms. Last three were with one or the other of my old Jeeps. Two were almost within sight of my Big House North of Wardensville.

Somebody hit one at my mailbox Friday night a week ago. As I sat at my computer next day I watched a beautiful Bald Eagle swoop in for a meal. He/she was chased away twice by passing cars before I went out with tractor front loader and carted the carcass away. I didn't want to see eagle hit too.



### GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES

#### Fifteen Years Ago December 1, 2004

Another \$15 million was earmarked for Corridor H by Senator Robert Byrd. Corridor H was the largest unfinished Corridor Highway in West Virginia.

Hardy County weekend residents raised \$25,000 for the Mathias-Baker Emergency training center in the new firehouse.

Staff Sergeant Brian A. Heishman was stationed in Fullgah in Iraq. He was a Precision Weapons Technician in the US Marine Corps.

Chris Branson was named Information Systems Technician at Eastern Community College.

Linda Lucille Alsip, 52, Petersburg, died Nov. 17...Carol Rohrbaugh Snyder, 62, Shenandoah Junction, WV, died Nov. 11...Myrtle High Smith, 74, Petersburg, died Nov. 6...Freda Hulver Rudy, 94, Wardensville, died Nov. 20...John Clark Keckley, 85, Baltimore, died Nov. 9...Dennis Joseph Scarford, 91, Yellow Spring, died Nov. 15...Gregory Sloan Branson, 48, Morgan County, died Nov. 22.

Moorefield lost to Wheeling Central 30-7, in the state semifinals.

#### Thirty Years Ago November 29, 1989

Moorefield's Lady Jackets captured the Regional for a trip to Charleston. The Jackettes defeated East Hardy's Lady Cougars 67-20 for the title.

The Moorefield Post Office was ordered by the Charleston Division Manager to cut hours. The local post office would close at noon on Wednesdays.

West Virginia was cleared by the US Department of Transpor-

tation's Federal Highway Authority for issuing Commercial Drivers' Licenses.

Mr. and Mrs. T. LaMar Sager purchased Heinrich's Ladies Store and renamed it The Carriage Shop.

Dalton D. Dasher, 82, retired Moorefield businessman, died Nov. 25...Frances Powers Woodward, 83, Shodack, NY, died Nov. 9...Noah William Yankee, 80, Criders, VA, died Nov. 23...Sue E. Harper, 89, Biglerville, PA, died Nov. 22.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Shook, Jr., a son, Justin Andrew.

#### Forty-five Years Ago November 27, 1974

The Hardy County Rural Development Authority purchased the Lost River Farm Supply property from Paul Dispanet and E. B. Souder.

The West Virginia Public Service Commission approved rates for General Telephone below the company's request. This followed the U. S. Supreme Court's refusal to hear an appeal. Refunds were to begin in 90 days.

U. S. Senator Jennings Randolph was to dedicate the new Senior Center on Spring Avenue.

Edward Rice, 70, Mt. Savage, MD, died Nov. 19...J. William See, 89, Old Fields, died Nov. 22...Clarance Otto Doyle, 83, Wardensville, died Nov. 16...Carl Brooks Smith, 68, Trough Road, died Nov. 20.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Zirk, a daughter, Melanie Dawn...to Mr. and Mrs. Gene See, a son, Gene III...to Capt. and Mrs. Larry Flinn, a daughter, Stacia Lynn...to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Emerson Bowman, a daughter, Nancy Kaye.

#### Sixty Years Ago

### EXAMINER SAYS

#### Happy Thanksgiving

You know how we all complain about the weather. And, then we complain about those folks who stand in front of a camera and tell us what our weather is supposed to be. For some reason they seldom hit it right and so, we also complain about that. We've been intrigued with the fact that we have satellites flying around in space, electronic gadgets predicting what the weather is going to be, digital this and computer that and lots of bells and whistles supposedly telling us what the temperatures or moisture is going to be. And still don't get it right. We remember back when TV first reared its ugly head in our part of the world and we loved

watching the weather station from over in Owens Ford, MD. It was weather all the time, no drama, no wasted verbiage, just good simple weather news. And frequently it was pretty close to correct. We recently read an article which clarifies a lot of the problems we're having with weather program. Apparently the data available today does not allow for forecasts more than ten days in advance. Tell this to AccuWeather where forecasting is long range - can be 90 days or more - but not verified. In other words, AccuWeather does not go back and tell you how often they were right. We just wish the forecasters would try to get it right two to three days in the future.

#### Happy Thanksgiving

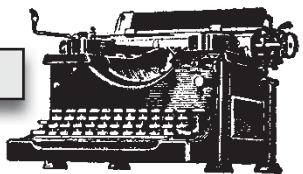
We know lots of people who are geographically challenged. Those who are confused by the rivers in Hardy County which run north (and everyone knows that rivers should run south!) but then have to deal with directions. We tell folks to go up the river south to Petersburg and down the river north to Romney. Our geographically challenged friends get the deer in the headlights look as they try to figure out why you would send them up south or down north. Well, we're less confusing than the headline and cutline writers at the Charleston Gazette-Mail wrote that Capon Bridge is in Hardy County. They were using an article from

the Washington Post about the wonderful burgers at the Farmers Daughter in Capon Bridge. We couldn't find any reference to Hardy County in the story, but someone in Charleston apparently didn't know that Capon Bridge is in Hampshire County, not Hardy County. Now if we can just convince the folks in Wardensville that their Main Street runs north-south and not east-west, we'll be a happy map reader.

#### Happy Thanksgiving

Please be a safe hunter the rest of the season.

#### Happy Thanksgiving





NEWS

Eastern W.Va. Community And Technical College Presents Lunch and Learn

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College presents a Lunch and Learn with storyteller Ilene Evans on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

Evans weaves music, poetry, dance and drama to bring history alive through theater programs, workshops and seminars that inform, education and entertain audiences. She has toured extensively across the US and internationally with her historical and original pieces. In her work, Evans portrays significant women of color who changed the world and offers a suite of spoken word, poetry, song and dance performances, workshops and seminars tailored for national and international audiences.

At Eastern, she will perform her Voices from the Earth (VFTE) Chautauqua program which educates, enlightens and empowers through artistic presentations, community conversations and cultural experiences. The program emphasizes the diversity and history of the Appalachian and Affri-

lachian communities to strengthen and preserve the culture through storytelling.

In “They Call Me Miss Memphis,” Evans provides a historical portrayal of Memphis Tennessee Garrison (1890-1988), a West Virginian Civil Rights activist, first female field secretary of the NAACP, educator and community leader. Garrison was a dedicated servant to the black community of the southern West Virginia Coal fields and became an outspoken advocate of children with disabilities, engineering IEPs and innovative reading strategies. She was a 35 year veteran of the classroom, a Girl Scout leader, recipient of the T.G. Nutter Award, member of President Lyndon B. Johnson’s National Citizens Committee on Community Relations and recipient of the Madame C.J. Walker Award and Governor’s Living Dream Award.

The 60 minute presentation occurs in Room 104b at noon and lunch is provided. Contact Monica

Wilson at (304) 434-8000 ext. 9235 or monica.wilson@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.

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

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is an EOE, ADA, AA institution.

Reese to Lead ‘Friends of The Cacapon River’

Tim Reese of Capon Bridge has been named the new president of the Friends of the Cacapon River, a non-profit watershed group organized to preserve, protect and promote the Cacapon River. Reese was selected by the group’s Board of Directors on October 27, 2019.

Reese was a member of the Friends of the Cacapon River Board and most recently was their Fundraising Chair. He succeeds Rachel D’Agostino who served as president since 2012. Reese has also been active in the “Keep the Cacapon Clean” campaign to encourage compliance with municipal wastewater treatment standards in Capon Bridge.

For more than 40 years, the organization has been the only watershed advocate solely focused on the 81 mile Cacapon River. This river remains one of the cleanest in West Virginia and travels through three counties (Hardy, Hampshire and Morgan) on its way to the Potomac. The river is renowned for its fishing, wildlife and recreational opportunities.

Reese plans on developing a stronger “upstream” organization with active chapters in Wardensville, Capon Bridge and Great Cacapon. Monthly Friends activities will allow river lovers to join together to protect



Photo by Jenn Lockwood  
Tim Reese takes the helm of Friends of the Cacapon River.

the waters and enjoy the company of like-minded outdoor enthusiasts.

For more information, visit cacaponriver.org or contact Tim Reese at info@cacaponriver.org.

Grant County Man Sentenced For Meth Distribution

Jared Judy, of Petersburg, West Virginia, was sentenced today to 48 months incarceration for methamphetamine distribution, U.S. Attorney Bill Powell announced.

Judy, age 30, pled guilty to one count of aiding and abetting possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine in August 2019. Judy admitted to distributing more

than 69 grams of 100 percent pure methamphetamine in May 2019 in Berkeley County.

These charges are the result of investigations supported by the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force under the Attorney General-led Synthetic Opioid Surge /Special Operations Division Project Clean Sweep.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy D. Helman prosecuted the case on behalf of the government. The Potomac Highlands Drug & Violent Crimes Task Force, a HIDTA-funded initiative, West Virginia State Police, and the Charles Town Police Department investigated.

Chief U.S. District Judge Gina M. Groh presided.

Grant County Man Pleads Guilty

Timothy Elliot Wheeler, of Petersburg, West Virginia, has admitted to a firearms violation, U.S. Attorney Bill Powell announced.

Wheeler, age 28, pled guilty to one count of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug crime. Wheeler admitted to having a 9mm pistol during a drug trafficking crime

in March 2019 in Grant County.

Wheeler faces at least five years and up to life incarceration and a fine of up to \$250,000. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed will be based upon the seriousness of the offenses and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen D. Warner is prosecuting the case on behalf of the government. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Grant County Sheriff’s Office investigated.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael John Alois presided.

NEWS BRIEFS

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive near Moorefield on Friday, Dec. 6. The Bloodmobile will be at the Believers Victory Center at 160 Victory Lane off Corridor H from 1:30 until 7 p.m. Both Power Red and whole blood will be taken. Power Red donors must meet specific eligibility requirements and have type A Neg, B Neg or O blood.

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A traditional Christmas celebration featuring quaintly decorated streets, live entertainment, children’s activities and shopping is offered by the Harpers Ferry/Bolivar Olde Tyme Christmas Dec. 6-15. For more information call 304-535-6026 or go online to https://www.nps.gov/hafe/index.htm

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West Virginia lawmakers are to

be in Charleston for committee meetings as a special legislative session gets underway this week. Gov. Jim Justice called lawmakers back for another special session starting Nov. 25. They are to consider bills dealing with tourism tax credits, expunging DUI offenses and the state road fund. This summer, lawmakers reconvened in a special session to focus on education and passed a GOP bill allowing the state’s first charter schools. Democrats and educators have criticized the measure.

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The “Handmade Christmas in Shepherdstown” will take place Nov. 30 and Dec. 14. Twenty different local artists will be at each date, featuring handcrafted holiday gifts. There will be door prizes, goodie bags, food, drinks and

more. For information go online to http://www.craftymoonhandmadegifts.com

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According to AAA last week, the average gas price in West Virginia dropped slightly to \$2.553. Nationally the average price dropped two cents to \$2.595. The Mid-Atlantic and Northeast region is seeing some of the largest savings at the pump. Gas prices range from \$2.30 – \$2.75. At \$2.30 Virginia continued in the list of 10 least expensive states’ average gas prices. Across West Virginia, prices ranged from a low of \$2.529 in Huntington to a high of \$2.622 at Weirton. Area averages were \$2.626 in Jefferson, \$2.659 in Hampshire, and \$2.598 in Mineral counties. Prices across Hardy County continued at \$2.59.

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West Virginia CHIP Announces Maternity Services Coverage

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources announced the West Virginia Children’s Health Insurance Program has added coverage for maternity services. Eligible populations include current WVCHIP members and newly pregnant women over age 19 with incomes between 185% and 300% of the Federal Poverty Level and no other health insurance coverage.

WVCHIP maternity services include medical, pharmacy, dental, vision, behavioral health and prenatal care. The mother is eligible for continued services for 60 days after delivery. The newborn is eligible for services up to one year.

“Maternity services can reduce the risk of pregnancy complications and are important to the health of the mother and baby,” said Jean Kranz, WVCHIP Executive Director. “We encourage residents who believe they may be eligible to apply for coverage.”

Enrollment applications can be submitted online at www.wvinroads.org. Paper applications can

be submitted at DHHR county offices and are available for download at chip.wv.gov. The income eligibility guidelines can be found on the WVCHIP website at https://chip.wv.gov/eligibility/Pages/default.aspx.

For assistance, call the WVCHIP Help Line at 1-877-982-2447 or visit a DHHR county office. Additional information about WVCHIP coverage is available at chip.wv.gov.

Income-Based Plans Available Through The Health Insurance Marketplace

West Virginia residents who are interested in free help to learn how they might enroll or re-enroll in health insurance under the provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) have a free local resource available to them. West Virginia Navigator is a non-profit project that received grant funding from the federal government to help West Virginia residents select a health insurance plan.

Open enrollment for 2020 is available through Dec. 15, 2019. West Virginia residents can call 304-356-5834 now to reserve a telephone appointment.

First Choice Services, working under a cooperative agreement with the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, creat-

ed the program in order to provide information about how the health insurance Marketplace operates. They will discuss plan options and pricing and can help complete enrollments over the phone. This year, they are also offering a telehealth option that will allow applicants to see completion of their enrollment in real time. There is no charge for enrollment assistance.

Jeremy Smith, program director for West Virginia Navigator, says that this service is important because many people are confused by the options and end up choosing the wrong type of plan.

“This time of year, people are bombarded with ads for health insurance,” he said. “Some are legitimate, but some are not. We are

grant-funded, so we have no profit motive, and our only goal is to help people find the best, most affordable plan for them.”

Financial help is available when signing up for health insurance through the Marketplace. Last year, 8 in 10 applicants qualified for financial help in obtaining health care coverage.

For those that are already enrolled in Marketplace health insurance, new plans and prices are available. Those with current Marketplace coverage should pick a new plan or re-enroll in their existing plan by December 15, 2019, to prevent a lapse in coverage.

More information is available at ACANavigator.com.

Community News

Correction

In the caption for the picture with the story “Pilgrims Pride Thanks Firefighters for Service,” there were several mistakes. In way of correction: Mark Carr is the Moorefield Volunteer Fire Department President, Doug Mongold is the MVFD Chief, Mike Wratchford is a MVFD Firefighter. The Examiner regrets the error.

Grant Opportunities

The Hardy County Tour & Craft Association is now accepting applications for their 2020 Historical Grants. Please email heritageweekend@hardynet.com for more information and an application. Applications should be mailed to PO Box 1001 Moorefield, WV 26836 by Monday, Dec. 2.

Food School

The Hardy County Health Department will host Food School on Monday, Dec. 2 at 9 a.m. at the Health Department, 411 Spring Ave. and at 7 p.m. at East Hardy High School Cafeteria. Classes are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 304-530-6355 for information.

Public Meeting

The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 5, at 7 pm. The meeting will be held at the Ponderosa Restaurant 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.

Food and Toy Drive

McNeill’s Rangers, SCV Camp 582 will hold its annual Food and Toy Drive on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. adjacent to the Moorefield Subway. Canned goods and non-perishables may be dropped off along with toys and money donations. Proceeds will be turned over to the local ministerial association of Moorefield for distribution. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas!

Santa Is Coming

The annual Moorefield Christmas Parade will be held Saturday, Dec. 7 at 3 p.m., beginning at the intersection of Jackson Avenue and N. Main Street left onto Main Street to the stop

light.

If you would like to be a part of the parade, call 304-530-6142. After the parade, there will be a tree lighting ceremony at the parking lot at the downtown spotlight.

Potomac Lanes

Potomac Lanes will host the Christmas Story Extravaganza on Saturday, Dec. 7 from noon until 2 p.m. Free photos with Santa. Call 304-530-BOWL to register by Dec. 5. Free bowling from noon until 2 p.m. Bring a nonperishable food for the MAC House. All are welcome.

Cram the Cruiser

The Moorefield Police and the Hardy County Sheriff’s Department have joined forces to collect new, unwrapped toys for Toys for

Tots on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. - noon at the Moorefield branch of Capon Valley Bank. Santa will be stopping by for photos and to collect Christmas lists. Toys will also be accepted at the Christmas parade.

Party In the Portal

The Hardy County Portal will be open to the public on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The portal is located behind Moorefield High School next to the concession stand. Share Christmas traditions with the world. Bring a recipe and holiday treat, or just stop by and see Santa Claus. Connections will be made with Lagos, Nigeria from 11 - 12, Berlin, Germany from 12 - 1 p.m. and Kigali, Rwanda from 1 - 2 p.m. The Berlin connection will feature an outdoor Christmas Market. Contact lostriverprojects@hardynet.com for information.

Wool Pool

The Tri-County Wool Pool has been scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 10, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Tri-County Fairgrounds in Petersburg.

There is no market for black wool, lamb wool, or dirty wool, so please do not send it. Please do not bring your wool in feed sacks. All wool received in feed sacks will be paid as reject wool. If you mark your wool bags, do not use paint.

For information, call your local County Extension Office or Tammy Wimer, Wool Pool Secretary/Treasurer, at 304-530-0273.



BUSINESS NEWS

Dr. Megan Webb Joins Eastern WV CTC Faculty

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College has announced the addition of Dr. Megan Webb as the college's Dean of Advancement and Innovation. As Dean of Advancement and Innovation, Webb will provide insight and strategy for fundraising and grant writing for Eastern, Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College Foundation and the Workforce Opportunity Regional Center and Services while cultivating philanthropic resources that will assist in Eastern's priorities for student and community advancement. She will additionally lead and coordinate strategies to support a culture of innovative entrepreneurship and supervise agricultural advancement. Webb is a native of Mineral County and resides in Burlington near her family's Flying W Farms. Her experiences there provided

her with a deep understanding of small business needs and responsibilities, as well as the desire to support local communities. She previously held the position of Beef Production Systems Extension Specialist at the University of Minnesota where she oversaw the research direction of the university's cattle herd and secured over \$100,000 in funding within her first 1.5 years. Growing up, Webb was involved in 4-H and FFA programs that provided the impetus for her desire to pursue a bachelor's degree in Animal Science from Texas A&M University. She then continued her education and holds a Master of Science in Animal Science from Colorado State University and a Ph.D. in Animal Science from South Dakota State University. Within her new role, Webb looks forward to developing institutional



plans and collaborating with partners to support Eastern and the communities of Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, Pendleton and Tucker counties. She is also eager to engage and learn more about the needs of not only Eastern students, but the faculty and communities Eastern serves. She can be reached at [megan.webb@easternwv.edu](mailto:megan.webb@easternwv.edu) or 304.434.8000 ext. 9231.

PVTA Recognizes Employees

Potomac Valley Transit Authority hosted a banquet honoring drivers and staff at the Landes Ruritan Club. In attendance were employees from the five Potomac Highland counties the organization serves: Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Pendleton and Mineral. Year of Service awards, Safe Driving recognition, the "Wheels on the Bus Award," Drivers of the Year and Employee of the Year honors were noted by General Manager Doug Pixler.

"Our drivers of the year are two veteran employees, between them they have driven over 2,000,000 miles, provided 200,000 rides, worked over 7,100 days, have 33 combined years of accident-free driving and will be greatly missed by their riders and all of us at PVTA, we want to wish John Stanton and David Paugh all the best."

Stanton, a 19-year employee working out of the Petersburg facility, helped establish Moorefield READY RIDE! and is known for his generous, giving spirit. "He is always on time, never turns down a route and has a huge heart," said Donnie Wratchford, Operations Manager for PVTA.

Paugh, begins his day in Romney and drives the work route from Cumberland, Md. to Moorefield, W.Va.

Wratchford described Paugh as dedicated and attentive to his riders. "No matter how bad the weather is, David is always prepared, he goes out of his way to make his riders feel comfortable and safe. His work ethic has been outstanding."

PVTA Board President Lee Thompson joined in the presentation of awards and remarked at the success of the organization. "We have been providing great service for over 42 years, I don't think anyone ever imagined how successful this program would be. We have accomplished this as a result of exceptional drivers and staff, and their dedication to the residents in our five counties."

A new award was created this year for the person that "literally keeps things rolling smoothly" on a daily basis, "The Wheels on the Bus" honor went to Petersburg resident Joe Bondiskey. "As the person in charge of the 30,000 Non-Emergency Medical Transports we do annually, Joe makes sure all transports are scheduled, dispatched and paperwork is filed, plus he helps dispatch READY RIDE!, answers the phone and sometimes pitches in to drive when we get really busy," Pixler said.

The Employee of the Year was described as dedicated, trustworthy, organized, considerate, and making safety as his top priority. Jeff Byard, lead mechanic for PVTA is responsible for all service and safety protocols for the 28-vehicle fleet. "Our drivers never have to question if their vehicle is ready to go or if all the inspections are up-to-date. Jeff is meticulous and very thorough. He is also willing to take on additional tasks and even answer the phone when all the lines are ringing," Pixler told the audience.

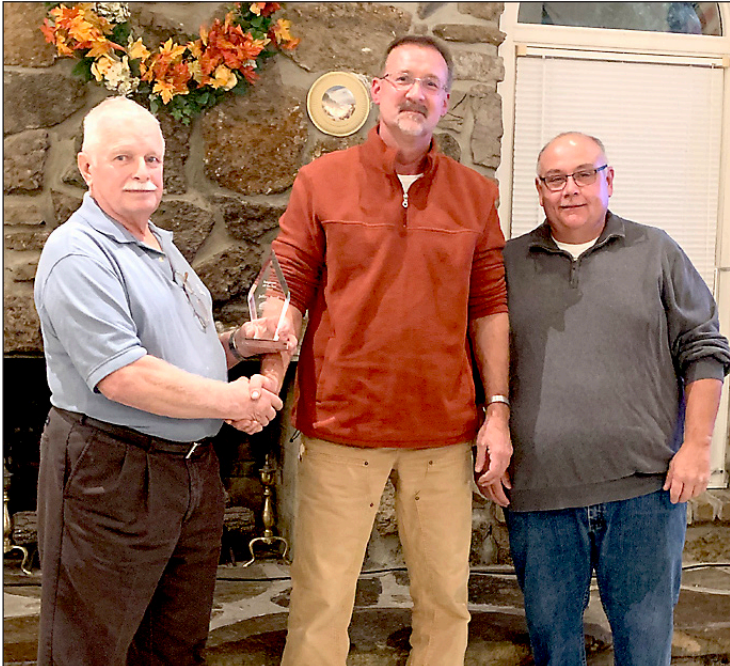
Formed in 1977, Potomac Valley Transit Authority (PVTA) provides deviated fixed route and demand response public transportation services to residents throughout Hampshire, Hardy, Grant, Mineral and Pendleton Counties, and READY RIDE! services in Keyser, Moorefield, Petersburg and Romney. PVTA seeks to improve the quality of life for its riders by offering safe, convenient and affordable public transportation services.



Driver of the Year David Paugh with Lee Thompson and Donnie Wratchford.



Driver of the Year John Stanton with John Pixler.



Employee of the Year Jeff Byard with President Lee Thompson and Donnie Wratchford.



Wheels on Bus Award Joe Bondiskey with John Pixler.

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. Announces Year to Date Results

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. announces results of operations for the year to date 2019. Highlands Bankshares, Inc., the parent company of The Grant County Bank and Capon Valley Bank, posted year to date 2019 earnings of \$2,431,000 or \$1.82 per share of common stock outstanding (EPS), compared to \$2,911,000 or \$2.18 EPS for the same period of 2018. On October 8, 2019, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend to shareholders of \$0.45 per share. The dividend was payable to all shareholders of record as of October 25, 2019 and was paid on or about November 1, 2019. Based upon the current market price and annualizing the

dividends paid to shareholders this quarter, Highlands' current dividend yield is 4.44%. Return on average assets (ROAA) decreased in 2019 to 0.78%, as compared to 0.95% in the same period of 2018. The return on average equity (ROAE) decreased to 6.1% at September 30, 2019, as compared to 7.50% at September 30, 2018. Total assets, as of September 30, 2019, increased \$5,577,000 to \$418,770,000 compared to December 31, 2018. Total liabilities increased \$4,495,000 as of September 30, 2019 to \$364,408,000 compared to December 31, 2018 as a result of deposit growth. Shareholders' Equity at September 30, 2019 was \$54,362,000

or \$40.66 per outstanding share, compared to December 31, 2018 of \$53,280,000 or \$39.85 per outstanding share. John Van Meter, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the holding company, stated, "Again this quarter, the company booked expenses related to foreclosed properties and the provision for loan losses providing us lower year over year net income. Given our strong capital position, we are pleased to return additional value to our loyal shareholders by maintaining the same dividend we paid during the previous 6 quarters. We continue to focus on customer service and work hard at deepening existing relationships and identifying potential new relationships."

Allegheny Bancshares Announces Third Quarter Results

Allegheny Bancshares, Inc., the parent company of Pendleton Community Bank, is pleased to announce third quarter 2019 net income of \$1,057,000 or \$1.27 per share. This represents a 2.03 percent increase from third quarter 2018 income of \$1,036,000 or \$1.24 per share. For the first nine months of 2019, Allegheny had net income of \$2,736,000, which is a decrease from the net income of \$2,977,000 earned the first nine months of 2018 and a decrease in earnings per share of \$.28 to \$.38 for the first 9 months of 2019. Return on Average Assets (ROAA) for the first 9 months was 1.16 percent and the Return on Average Equity (ROAE) was 9.24 percent. This compares to a ROAA of 1.34 percent and a ROAE of 10.63 percent for the same period of 2018. Assets increased 10.35 percent from December 31, 2018 to September 30, 2019 and on that date, totaled \$339,353,000. Shareholders' Equity at the end of the third quarter totaled \$41,300,000. The decrease in earnings resulted from an increase in noninterest expense of \$545,000, which included

\$224,000 nonrecurring merger related expenses, and an increase in provision for loan losses in the amount of \$210,000 over 2018 levels. These increases outpaced a \$529,000 increase in Net Interest Income, and \$167,000 increase in noninterest income. W.A. (Bill) Loving, President and CEO, indicated he was extremely pleased with the 2019 year to date performance. According to Loving, "While we have seen an increase in operating expenses associated with the investment in our Virginia market and the transition of our Wardensville Loan Production Office to a full service facility, our income from operations is growing at an acceptable pace to cover these costs in the long-run and drive higher earnings in the future. Additionally, we completed the merger of Pendleton Community Bank with the Bank of Mt Hope on September 30, 2019 and three new offices opened under Pendleton's banner October 1, 2019; consequently, while the reported 1.16 percent ROAA is down over last year's 1.34 percent, it reflects the one-time charges related to the acquisition and contin-


ued investment in our franchise. We are seeing good results from the collective strategic investments as loans are reflecting a 9.2 percent increase over last year's level and deposits up 4.4 percent resulting in increased net interest income, continuance of a strong net-interest margin, and the basis for the elevated allowance expense over 2018. We remain very optimistic that the investments in our franchise, both from traditional banking channels as well as the ever-changing electronic options, will pay dividends in the future for customers and shareholders alike." Pendleton Community Bank, an independent community bank since 1925, currently has seven full-service financial centers located in the West Virginia communities of Franklin, Moorefield, Marlinton, Petersburg, Beckley, Mount Hope, Oak Hill and two in the Virginia community of Harrisonburg. Pendleton Community Bank also has a Loan Production office in Wardensville, WV that will soon open as a full service facility and a mortgage division of Pendleton Community Bank headquartered in Harrisonburg, VA.

Eastern WV CTC to Host Solar on the Farm Day

Learn more about solar power when Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College hosts Solar on the Farm on Saturday, December 7 at 2 p.m. Held at Eastern's Moorefield campus, 316 Eastern Dr., and co-hosted by Vandalia Energy Services, Mountain View Solar and the US Department of Agriculture Rural Energy for America Program, Solar on the Farm is designed for those interested in solar energy applications, including farm owners, business proprietors and local residents. "While Eastern has a robust wind technology program, we promote education related to various sustainable alternative energy options, including solar power," said Dr. Sarah Cross, Director of Agriculture Innovation. "Due to the rising cost of energy, alternative power sources, including solar and wind, have become more com-

mon throughout the United States. Photovoltaic solar panels have become more affordable over time, and this energy source can pay off for agricultural producers." Mountain View Solar installed panels on local Hardy County poultry producer Ward Malcom's farm nearly 10 years ago. By taking advantage of programs like the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Energy for American Program (REAP) grant, Malcom was able to offset costs associated with purchasing the panels. In addition to a REAP grant, which can be written with assistance from Vandalia Energy Services, those interested in installing solar paneling can take advantage of significant tax incentives provided to those who go green. As part of Solar on the Farm, Malcom will give participants the opportunity to visit and tour his solar farming system after the event s


educational session, which includes information related to solar energy, specifics on the photovoltaic solar panel installation process and details on relevant financial assistance. Although the event is free, RSVPs are encouraged. Contact Sarah Cross, Eastern's Director of Agriculture Innovation at [sarah.cross@easternwv.edu](mailto:sarah.cross@easternwv.edu) or 304-434-8000, extension 9233. 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](http://www.easternwv.edu). Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is an EOE, ADA, AA institution.




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\*Examples of food items:  
Canned soups, canned vegeta-

*Criss Cross* (Alex Cross; 25) by James Patterson (Reg. Print, Lg. Print) In a Virginia penitentiary, Alex Cross and John Sampson witness the execution of a killer they

*Spy* by Danielle Steel (Reg. Print, Lg. Print) – At 18, Alexandra Wickham is presented to King George V and Queen Mary in an exquisite white lace and satin dress

*No Man's Land* (FBI K-9; 4) by Sara Driscoll – For Jennings and

*An Ale of Two Cities* (Literary Pub Mystery; 2) by Sarah Fox – A winter carnival becomes a recipe for disaster when a Shady Creek celebrity gets iced. Pub owner Sadie Coleman finds herself racing to make sure the police don't arrest the wrong suspect.

*The Golden Thread: How Fabric Changed History* by Kassia St. Clair – From colorful 30,000-year-old threads found on the floor of a Georgian cave to the Indian calicoes that sparked the Industrial Revolution, this book weaves an illuminating story of human ingenuity, guiding readers through the technological advancements and cultural customs that would redefine human civilization.

Mathias said a group from Oak

"We hope the homeowner would have a vested interest in our work, either by helping with the labor or paying for some of the materials. Everybody can do something. Maybe it's swinging a hammer or making a sandwich for our lunch, we appreciate any help we can get."

Hardy County Helpers are here to help.

- The board approved Student

### Property Taxes

The owners of the Yellowbud housing development have requested the county change the way it determines their property taxes. Yellowbud provides federally sub-

The Hardy County Commission will meet in regular session on Tuesday, Dec. 3 beginning at 9 a.m. Anyone wishing to be included on the agenda should contact the County Clerk's office at 304-530-0250. The meeting is open to the public.

# Heritage

Hearing Aid Center

## Big Buck CONTEST

**Bring a photo and copy of your tag to any of our locations. The contest will run through Dec. 31, 2019.**

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Winner chosen at judge's discretion based on photo comparisons and tag.

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Jason Kaposy - BS, BC-HIS, Owner

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304-257-5205

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304-538-3464

Rt. 220 Polish Pines Plaza, Keyser  
304-788-0808

392 West Main Street, Romney  
304-822-2406

[www.heritagehearingwv.com](http://www.heritagehearingwv.com)



OBITUARIES

JAMES EDWARD SHIPE

James Edward Shipe, 69, of Mathias, W.Va., died November 17, 2019 at his home.

He was born October 16, 1950 in Harrisonburg and was a son of Alma Dispanet Shipe, of Mathias and the late Woodrow Wilson Shipe, Sr.

James was a superintendent at C.S. Mundy Quarries. Prior to C.S. Mundy, he worked as a heavy equipment operator for English Construction. He was a 1968 graduate of Mathias High School. James enjoyed riding his Harley's,

spending time with family and friends, talking about old times, and loved hunting and fishing.

He was married for 42 years to the former Donna Mae Bowman, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters; Reva Showman and husband Robert, of Mathias, Karrienne Mathias and husband Daniel, of Mathias, one son; James Shipe, Jr., of Mathias, six grandchildren; Makayla Wilkins, Hailey Showman, Chase Mathias, James Brent Shipe, Jayden Jewell, Cam-

den Shipe, two brothers; Timothy Shipe, Woodrow Shipe, Jr., and a sister; Sheila Bland.

Rev. Jonathan Hedrick conducted a funeral service Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Mathias Brethren Church. A private burial followed the church service.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.grandlefuneralhome.com](http://www.grandlefuneralhome.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of the Grandle Funeral Home in Broadway, Va.



CARL ASHBY NEFF

Carl Ashby Neff, age 89 of Bradenton, Fla., died on Tuesday, November 11, 2019 in Bradenton, Fla. Born on May 8, 1930 in Moorefield, W.Va., he was a son of the late John E. Neff and Laura Wilson Neff. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Maude Hyre Neff; one brother; and one half-brother.

Mr. Neff is survived by his

daughter, Carla "Susie" Susan Neff of Bradenton, Fla.; two sons, Carl "Alan" Neff of Stafford, Va., and Ronnie Steven Neff of Woodford, Va.; two sisters, Ruby Raines and Mable Wolf, both of Moorefield, W.Va.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Carl served his country with the US Navy during the Korean War and was a correction officer.

Services will be conducted on Saturday, November 30, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the Elmore Funeral Home with Pastor Danny Sterns officiating. The family will receive friends two hours prior to the service time. Burial will follow at the Olivet Cemetery in Moorefield, W.Va.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Elmore Funeral Home.



ADAM LEE SMITH

Adam Lee Smith, 52, formerly of Keyser, W.Va., died Thursday, November 14, 2019 at the Pine View Nursing and Rehab Center in Harrisville, W.Va..

Born on June 21, 1967 in Keyser, W.Va., he was a son of the late Gotta B. "Peewee" and Mary Ellen

(Ray) Smith.

Surviving are two brothers, Frank Smith of Moorefield, W.Va. and Harry Smith of Keyser; four sisters, Virginia Baker and husband Allen of New Creek, W.Va., Charlotte Kershner of Moorefield, Debbie Stark and husband Tom of

Keyser and Linda Jones and husband Tom of Morgantown, W.Va. and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family members.

Services will be private for the family.

Interment will be in Queen's

Point Cemetery, Keyser.

Condolences and personal reflections to the family may be left after Adam's obituary at [smithfuneralhomes.net](http://smithfuneralhomes.net).

The Smith Funeral Home, Keyser Chapel, is in charge of the arrangements.

AGE IN ACTION

MENU

Dec. 2 - Dec. 6, 2019

Mathias & Wardensville - Home Delivered Only

Moorefield Nutrition Site

Meals served at 12:00-12:30

Mon. Dec. 2--Sloppy Joe on bun, french fries, succotash, applesauce  
Tues. Dec. 3- Chicken nuggets, baked beans, carrots, wheat bread, pears

Wed. Dec. 4- Fish on bun, sweet potato fries, coleslaw, apple crisp

Thurs. Dec. 5- Chicken sandwich w/ lettuce, tomatoes, onions, and mayo, broccoli and cheese

Fri. Dec. 6- Chili soup, grilled cheese sandwich, peaches

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

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

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

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

ACTIVITIES AT MOOREFIELD SENIOR CENTER

Mon., Dec. 2- Puzzles

Tues. Dec. 3- Senior Shopping

1:00

Wed. Dec. 4- Puzzles

Thurs. Dec. 5- Puzzles

Fri. Dec. 6- Puzzles

REMINDERS

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

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

DONATIONS

Those making donations were Lola Crider, Lona Sherman, Ida Staggs, Juanita Martz, Timber Ridge Foundation, Joyce Wolfe, American Woodmark, Moorefield Fire Department 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.

HCCOA receives funding from federal and state entities including WV Bureau of Senior Services and Upper Potomac AAA local government, donations and memorial contributions.

DONATIONS NEEDED

PLEASE READ

Hardy County Committee on Aging is participating in the Ama-

zonSmile program. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is when customer shop at AmazonSmile ([smileamazon.com](http://smileamazon.com)) the AmazonSmile foundation donates 0.5 percent of purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organizations selected by customers. Please remember us as you do your online shopping. AmazonSmile is an easy and convenient way to donate to your local Senior Center. Donations will be used to offset the expenses of our nutrition program. For more information, please call us at 304-530-2256

HCCOA receives funding from federal and state entities including Bureau of Senior services and Upper Potomac AAA, local government and memorial contributions.

WE HAVE ENSURE

Flavors available are chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, and butter pecan. Regular and plus in same flavors. The cost has increased. We will only accept checks for ensure. No cash. Sorry for the inconvenience. Any questions, call the center at 304-530-2256.

ITEMS TO LEND OR GIVE

We have the following items available:

To Lend: Walkers, wheel chairs, bath benches, potty chairs

To Give: Incontinent briefs, hearing aid batteries

MEDICARE

A meeting about Medicare will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Hardy County Senior Center in Moorefield. There will be a speaker from 4 - 5 p.m. and time for questions beginning at 5 p.m. All are welcome. The meeting is sponsored by E. A. Hawse Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Open enrollment runs through Dec. 7 for Part D plans. Call for appointment to check or change your drug plan. 304-530-2256.

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you were in Humana Walmart Drug Plan with premium of \$28.50, it is changing to Walmart Premier with premium of \$59.20. You might want to change to a different lower cost plan that covers your drugs.

HCCOA NEEDS

HOMEMAKER AIDES

Aides provide services in the home of eligible participants. Please call us at 304-530-2256 for more information.

This Week in West Virginia History

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

Nov. 27, 1933: Daniel Boardman Purinton, a faculty member and president of West Virginia University, died. He was an early and strong supporter of co-education.

Nov. 28, 1864: In a local skirmish north of Moorefield, Rosser's Confederate cavalry and McNeill's Rangers rebuffed a raid by Union Col. R. E. Fleming and spared the South Branch Valley from destruction. The battlefields are part of the Middle South Branch Valley rural historic district.

Nov. 29, 1921: The actress Dagmar was born Virginia Ruth Egnor in Logan County. Her acting career took off in 1950 when she was hired to be on NBC's "Broadway Open House," the network's first late-night television show.

Nov. 29, 2001: Writer John Knowles died in Florida. Knowles, born in Fairmont, attained literary fame in 1959 with his first novel, "A Separate Peace."

Nov. 30, 1796: Brooke County was established under an act of the General Assembly of Virginia. The county was formed from part of Ohio County and named in honor of Robert Brooke, governor of Virginia.

Dec. 1, 1797: Journalist and politician John S. Gallaher was born in Martinsburg. He owned or managed several Whig newspapers and was instrumental in establishing the free school system in Virginia. He



Phyllis Smith Curtin

played a prominent role in having early railroads routed through the Eastern Panhandle.

Dec. 2, 1859: John Brown was hanged at Charles Town in Jefferson County. Maj. Thomas J. Jackson, later nicknamed "Stonewall," was among those commanding the Virginia forces standing guard at the execution of the abolitionist who led the raid at Harpers Ferry.

Dec. 2, 1933: The Charles Town Race Track opened shortly after West Virginia legalized racing and parimutuel betting. The Jefferson County complex contained 22 buildings and included 12 stables.

Dec. 3, 1787: James Rumsey demonstrated the steam engine he invented on the Potomac River near Shepherdstown. This was 20 years before Robert Fulton's boat, though the Fulton design was more practical, and it is Fulton who is honored today as the inventor of the steamboat.

Dec. 3, 1871: Statesman Newton Diehl Baker was born in Martinsburg. Appointed by President Woodrow Wilson, Baker served as secretary of war from 1916 to 1921. Baker oversaw U.S. involvement in World War I.

Dec. 3, 1921: Operatic soprano

Phyllis (Smith) Curtin was born in Clarksburg. She made her debut with the New York City Opera in 1953, where she sang both classical and modern repertoire.

Dec. 3, 1949: WSAZ-TV provided the first telecast of a Marshall College (now University) basketball game. The television station, the 72nd in the nation and the first

in West Virginia, was an affiliate of WSAZ radio station.

e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia is a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council. For more information, contact the West Virginia Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; (304) 346-8500; or visit e-WV at [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

A Howell game was played on Wednesday, Nov. 20, with 3 1/2 tables in play in the South Branch Duplicate Bridge Club held at Colts Restaurant. There were seven pairs playing 28 boards with an average match-point score of 24.

Overall winners were: Sandra Evans and Bill Fisher, 31 1/2; Lary

Garrett and Kevin McDonald, 28 1/2; and John Childs and Buddy Webster, 25.

There will be no Bridge Game, on Wednesday, Nov. 27. The next Bridge Game will be Wednesday, Dec. 4 at Colt's Restaurant, beginning at 7 p.m.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

WVU Raises \$11 Million on Day of Giving

(AP) - West Virginia University raised more than \$11 million on its third annual Day of Giving. The Dominion Post reports that's about \$5 million more than last year.

Mary Esposito is director of Annual Giving for the West Virginia University Foundation. She told the paper the school also exceeded last year's efforts in total number of do-

nations by more than 1,000.

Some of the larger gifts included \$1.3 million from the Hayhurst family to WVU Extension Service. United Bank gave \$1 million to the construction of the new WVU Medicine Children's hospital. Wednesday's Day of Giving also included WVU Health Sciences and regional campuses in Beckley and Keyser.

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Special Thanks

We want to thank everyone for their many acts of kindness following the death of our loved one, John Southerly.



The cards, prayers, and phone calls were comforting to us. Pastor Russell Webster, Pastor Lucy Webster, and Pastor Shawn Champ conducted the beautiful service. Thank you to all who helped in any way with the meal following the funeral.

We also want to thank the staff at Elmore Funeral Home who helped us through this most difficult time. Finally, our sincere thanks to the staff at Cortland Acres Nursing Home for the care they provided to Johnny.

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- Elaine, Elizabeth, Jennifer, Shawn, Allison, and Lindsay

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## Special Thanks

Thanks to all who sent me a card or made a call to me for my **90<sup>th</sup> birthday**. I appreciated all that came to the birthday party. Special thanks to Jean, Angie, Jennifer, and Ashley for having the party for me. Each of you made my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday special.

Elva Combs

## BOY SCOUTS

### Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale

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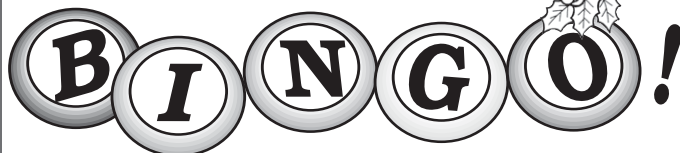
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## Teachers Receive Preparedness Backpacks

Emergency Preparedness Backpacks were given to 278 Hardy County teachers as part of the Hardy County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) September National Emergency Preparedness projects.

"Our hope is that the information in the backpacks will assist the teachers in their family emergency preparedness plans and that the information will also be shared with their students and their families," Fran Welton, Chair of the Hardy County LEPC and CERT said. "There may be emergency situations where families may have to take care of themselves for up to 72 hours, therefore the necessity for being better prepared."

Included in the packets were flyers containing Ready WV recommendations to assist families in being prepared for emergencies. Topics covered were Disaster Preparedness Evaluation and Quiz,

How to Communicate During Disasters, a Family Emergency Plan form, a list of WV County Emergency Management Agencies, Water for Disaster Kits and proper care for personal water bottles, Power Outages, Sanitation and Hygiene in an Emergency and a Family Emergency Plan booklet.

Two other Preparedness topics covered by the LEPC and CERT projects were with window displays in the Hardy County Chamber of Commerce office. The September display included CERT information on the importance of having trained volunteers available to call upon during emergencies and the topics covered in their training. The second display was in October and devoted to Fire Safety with information from the Moorefield Volunteer Fire Department. Practicing family fire drills, making emergency phone calls and the free Red Cross Smoke Alarm project were covered.

For additional information on



Vice Principal, Donna Bodkin receives MMS Teacher's Emergency Preparedness Backpacks from LEPC /CERT Chair, Fran Welton

Family Emergency Preparedness information go to the Hardy Co. Web site, [www.HardyCountyWV](http://www.HardyCountyWV), under the topics FEMA, Community Emergency Response Team

and/or Local Emergency Planning Committee. Additional Safety and Preparedness sites are [www.ReadyWV.gov](http://www.ReadyWV.gov), [www.ARC](http://www.ARC), and [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov).

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Horseshoe's summer season includes nationally-recognized teen

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Summer residential counselors build on prior experience and develop new skills to help teens and children become more productive citizens and always find something more within themselves in the process. Summer positions provide a living allowance, meals, and lodging.

For information, call Horseshoe at (304) 478-2481, e-mail [horsehoe@yla-youthleadership.org](mailto:horsehoe@yla-youthleadership.org) or write Horseshoe Leadership Center at 3309 Horseshoe Run Rd., Parsons, WV 26287-9029.

## WIC Clinic Announces December Schedule

WIC offers nutrition education and healthy foods to pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children under the age of 5. Please phone (304) 538-3382.

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Open Tuesdays and Fridays in December from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with the following exceptions:

Tuesday, Dec. 24 - Closed - Christmas Eve

Tuesday, Dec. 31 - Closed - New Year's Eve  
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Thursday, Dec 12 - Closed - Regional Staff Meeting

Tuesday, Dec 24 - Open 8 a.m. Noon

Wednesday, Dec 25 - Closed - Christmas Day

Tuesday, Dec 31 - Open 8 a.m. Noon

WIC is an Equal Opportunity Provider.

## Hardy Co. Man Sentenced —

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Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy D. Helman is prosecuting the case on behalf of the government. The

Potomac Highlands Drug & Violent Crimes Task Force, a HIDTA-funded initiative, West Virginia State Police, and the Charles Town Police Department investigated. Chief U.S. District Judge Gina M. Groh presided.

These charges are the result of investigations supported by the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force under the Attorney General-led Synthetic Opioid Surge/Special Operations Division Project Clean Sweep.

## GOODNESS SAKES ALIVE

*Judy Jenkins*

is turning **65** on **November 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Happy Birthday from your husband and Billy Bob the cat, your brother and sister, and all their families.**

**WE ALL LOVE YOU!**

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## Letters To Santa And Christmas Memories

It's that time of year already, when thoughts turn to Christmas and the Holiday Season. So, too, for us at the Moorefield Examiner and Hardy County News.

This year, we'd like to expand a bit on our traditional Christmas Supplement. We would still like to include your Letters To Santa and we'll make sure they get to the North Pole as soon as they are published.

But we'd also like to include your Holiday Memories. What are your fond memories of the Holidays? What was your favorite Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanza and why? Did you travel to Grandma's house or did the family gather at yours?

We believe including your Holiday Memories in our Christmas Supplement gives everyone, not just children, an opportunity to participate.

So, please, send us your Letters To Santa as well as your Christmas Memories. We would appreciate it if you would keep them to 500 words or less.

We can't wait to read your memories and share them with others.

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## Thank You!

*I want to thank you all for making my surprise birthday party so special for me. A big Thank You to my special friend Sharon, my sisters Wilma, Debbie and their families. Thank you all for the gifts, cards, food preparations and for just being there. You are all very special to me and very much appreciated.*

Love,  
Jane





Photo by Jean Flanagan

The Hardy County Division of Highways gets a delivery of salt in preparation for bad winter weather.

## Preparing for Bad Weather

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division roads, but not maintained. The state took responsibility for them several years ago. There are more than 15 miles of third-level roads in the county.

The Hardy County DOH has a crew of 35, an increase of four from last year. They also have three new trucks.

Hardy County has a good supply of salt, 500 tons more than last year. They have 1,800 tons in

Moorefield and another 750 tons in Baker. “We also have 10,000 gallons of deicer,” Parker said.

The deicer, a salt brine, helps prevent the snow from sticking to the pavement. There is 5,000 gallons in Moorefield and 5,000 gallons in Baker.

“If they are predicting snow, we try to put the deicer down 24 hours in advance,” Parker said. “It buys us some time to get the trucks out because the snow doesn’t stick right away.”

Of course, all that is dependent on temperature and other weather conditions. If it’s raining, the deicer will just wash off the road surface.

None of these numbers include Corridor H-Route 48/55, which has its own maintenance crew, equipment and supplies.

Parker said he’s heard predictions that the winter will not be a good one. “Whatever it is, we’ll be ready,” he said.

## Wimer Pleads Guilty

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Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed will be based upon the seriousness of

the offenses and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen D. Warner is prosecuting the case on behalf of the government. The

West Virginia State Police investigated.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael John Alois presided.

## Vehicle Trade

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nity,” Wiley said.

Wiley said the event is completely free, and that no offerings are taken. He said they’ll work with as many local churches as possible, “that are willing to work with us.”

The Council expressed some concern regarding the Town’s July 4th celebration, scheduled this year for Saturday, July 4, which is the day Wiley said he would need to finish taking down the tent.

Park Manager Juwana Bridger said she didn’t see a problem, as vendors would be set up elsewhere in the Park, and the Lions Club barbecue event would not need the same space.

The Council unanimously approved Wiley’s request.

The council also unanimously approved police Chief Stephen Riggelman’s request from the November 5 meeting to trade in a Jeep Cherokee for a Dodge Durango.

The Durango will cost the Town \$17,000. The Council also approved the required budget adjustment.

“This is a really good deal,” Riggelman said later, thanking the council for supporting him.

Public Works Director Lucas Gagnon requested the council approve the third monetary draw-down from U.S. Department of Agriculture grant for the water

plant project. This month, the amount is \$345,581. The draw was unanimously approved.

“They’re making progress, but still ramping up,” Gagnon said, referring to Triton Construction, Inc., which has the project contract.

Gagnon said this monetary draw will go towards excavation of the raw water intake; excavation of the clear well; relocation of an existing sewer line; and stockpiling topsoil.

Gagnon also requested expansion for the Town’s Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) services for phones. He requested extending this capability to the Public Service District (PSD), Town Park, and Public Works departments.

# McCoy Grand Theatre Presents ‘A Christmas Story: The Musical’

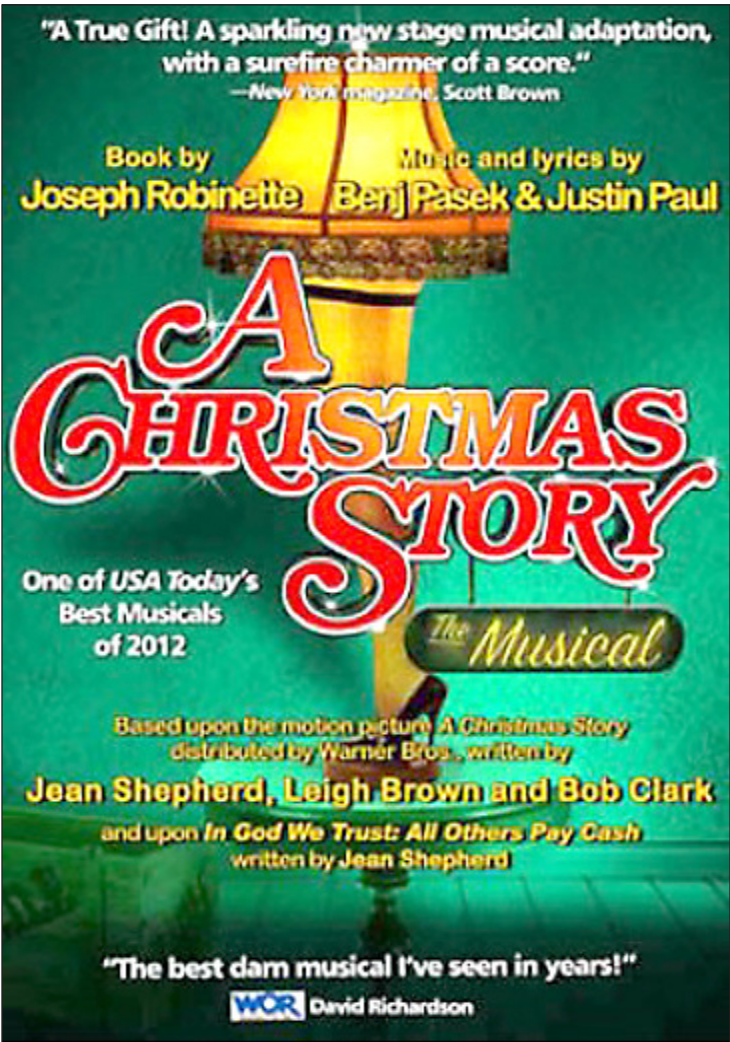
“A Christmas Story: The Musical” follows young Ralphie Parker as he schemes his way toward the holiday gift of his dreams, an official Red Ryder® Carbine-Action 200-Shot Range Model Air Rifle (“You’ll shoot your eye out kid!”). An infamous leg lamp, flashy pink bunny pajamas, a raving department store Santa, and a triple-dog-dare to lick a freezing flagpole are just a few of the distractions that stand between Ralphie and his Christmas wish.

Overflowing with delightful songs and extravagant production numbers, “A Christmas Story: The Musical,” has proudly taken its place as a perennial holiday classic for the whole family!

Show Dates are as follows:  
Friday, Nov. 29 at 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 30 at 2 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m.  
Sunday, Dec. 1 at 2 p.m.  
Friday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m.  
Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the door 30 minutes before the performances begin. Tickets purchased at the door can be purchased with cash or check, only.

Tickets may also be purchased in advance at South Branch Inn, Hardy Co. Public Library, and Colts Restaurant or online; eventbrite.com.



She said it costs \$3,000 just to rent a lift, if Park personnel do the work.

“So, for \$250, you’re freeing us up,” she said.

The council approved the bid. Bridger told the council that she has two employees who would like to learn to weld. Other Public Works personnel have helped as needed to this point.

The course is available in Petersburg for \$1,200 per person, and in Hampshire County for \$2,195 per person.

Because the training would go towards their work, the employees are requesting partial or full reimbursement.

When asked how often the skill

was required, Bridger said lately, the Park had several projects that required welding.

“Not all the time,” she said. “But it would be a good skill to have,” finished council member Mary Jo Johnston. Bridger agreed.

The council tabled the trade schools discussion until the next meeting, as the courses don’t start until January.

The next meeting of the Moorefield Town Council will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

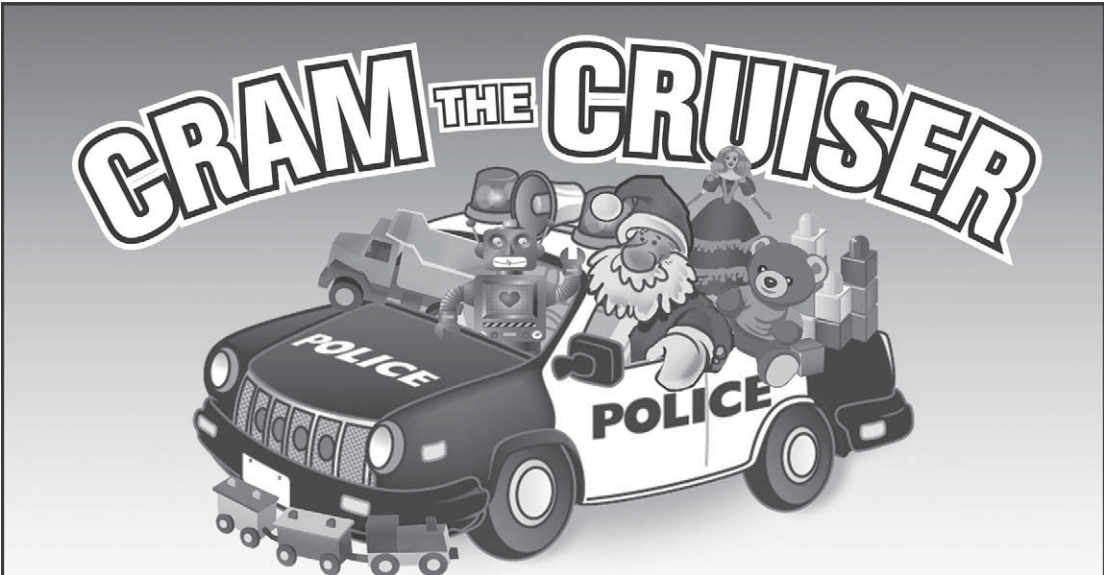
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# Slippery When Wet

## Blunders Costly As Bulldogs Pick Off East Hardy In State Quarterfinals



East Hardy quarterback Christian Dove avoided a tackle attempt by Doddridge County's Austin Kelley in the Class A state quarterfinal held in West Union last Saturday afternoon. [Below] East Hardy's Andrew Tharp made a catch at midfield against the Bulldogs.



By Carl Holcomb  
*Moorefield Examiner*

Slippery When Wet signs were displayed all around Cline Stansberry Stadium in West Union last Saturday with pouring rain and chilly temperatures wreaking havoc of ten combined turnovers as No. 1 Doddridge County took advantage of the blunders for a 21-6 victory over the No. 8 Cougars in the Class A state football quarterfinals.

East Hardy (8-4) lost two fumbles and threw five interceptions, while the Bulldogs (12-0) fumbled thrice away (five fumbles for both teams).

"That team is good, but we had an eight point lead and we were playing great defense with the elements and everything. That's what we do and getting the two touchdowns was big. I can't tell you how excited we are, we are in the final four and we were there last year and we got that taste," Doddridge County coach Bobby Burnside remarked.

I think a lot of people at the beginning of this year were looking at last year's team and all that we lost and all year long we said this is a new group and we don't want to talk about last year and here we are facing a very good team. Whenever you don't capitalize on some of those opportunities and leave a team hanging around, they are one play away from making it a tied ball game. We were good on our extra points and getting it to two touchdowns did help us and our defense. [Fumbles] That's not how we have been winning games. Our defense creating turnovers, we needed that because we turned the ball over. The most important play is the next play. We made some crucial mistakes, but had to just go to the next play. All of our turnovers were in the first half. The conditions were challenging from the snap to the quarterback to the running back, but we were able to overcome them. We were able to get some momentum and that momentum carried us. East Hardy is a good team and I think they will be really good next year and I told the coach that our kids have their respect.

The Cougars came ready to play scoring on the opening drive of the game, but the Bulldogs bite and the elements took its toll throughout

the game.

Doddridge County struggled in the first quarter on offense with a punt, turnover on downs and a fumble before unleashing a gnarly attack to kick off the second quarter with two touchdowns in a minute and change to grab the lead for good.

The Cougars started at their own 30-yard line and Alex Miller was stopped for no gain, then East Hardy went to the air on second down with a pass from quarterback Christian Dove to Brayden Ritchie for seven yards and Dove moved the chains on a five yard run.

After an encroachment penalty put East Hardy at the 46-yard line, the Cougars pulled a magic trick out of the hat with earlier season quarterback Cole Pust getting the ball and throwing to Andrew Tharp for a 36-yard completion into the red zone at the 18-yard line.

An errant pass and a three-yard run by Miller was followed by a false start backing the Cougars to the 20-yard line.

Dove connected with Dawson Price leaping along the side of the end zone for a 20-yard touchdown strike in double coverage at the 8:53 mark, but Hinton Shifflett missed the ball on the extra point attempt creating a fumble recovered by the Bulldogs as East Hardy held the initial 6-nil edge.

Doddridge County's return was to the 31-yard line to start the possession, then Hunter America garnered his first three rushing yards out of a game-high 196 yards on 31 carries with a tackle by East Hardy's Austin Alt.

The Bulldogs had one pass fall incomplete and the next was batted down by East Hardy's Adam Baker leading to a punt.

The Cougars went three and out as Miller notched one yard prior to two errant passes with one tipped by Doddridge County's Austin Kelley resulting in the punt.

The punt by Brayden Ritchie nearly went off the hands of the returner and was picked up and taken into the end zone by Tharp, but it was ruled down at the 10-yard line.

America slipped away from a tackle attempt and was chased out of bounds by Alt, who was called for a block in the back and the Bulldogs were given a first down

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THE OLD MASTER

By JAY FISHER

After the Kansas State upset, there was hope that WVU could end up qualifying for a bowl. It would be difficult, needing wins against a Top 25 Oklahoma State team, and then on the road against a TCU team fighting for its own bowl bid. Realizing that WVU hadn't been able to really string together back-to-back solid games yet this season, having three in a row would be a tall ask.

Sadly, the bowl dreams ended on Saturday, with a loss to Oklahoma State. The game was a fitting summary of the season. The defense played well overall, but did have problems making plays at key times. The offense showed flashes, but couldn't run the ball and left points on the board. And the final result was close but not enough.

WVU did hold Oklahoma State to a season low 20 points. They held Chuba Howard to basically a season low in rushing yards for a full game. BUT, they forgot about him as a receiver, and when Howard would slip out of the backfield, he was woefully uncovered. He nearly doubled his reception total, and more than doubled his season receiving yards total (7 catches, 88



yards). So he still had nearly 200 yards from scrimmage.

Next up, is TCU. The Horned Frogs played Oklahoma tough, and appeared to be on the short end of a couple questionable Big 12 ref decisions. But they just missed, in a 28-24 loss. They were badly out-gained, and kept close thanks to a pick-six and a 3-0 edge in turnovers. Quarterback Max Duggan was not effective throwing the ball, but he did rush well against the Sooners. That could give WVU some fits. Also troubling, TCU was able to contain Oklahoma's passing game. The Sooners racked up plenty of yards on the ground, but that is something WVU will not be

able to duplicate.

I think this will be a low scoring game. I don't think the Mountaineers will be able to generate much offense against TCU, but I'm not sure the Frogs can pile on the points themselves. This type of game can end up being decided by a big special teams play, or turnovers. It's about time WVU gets some luck of their own. WVU, 17-14.

The basketball team had its first couple of games related to the Cancun Classic. They hosted Northern Colorado and Boston University. Against Northern Colorado, they streaked out to an early lead, but went cold on offense in the second half to blow that lead. They regrouped and pulled away for an eight point win, but it wasn't pretty. Against BU, they couldn't shoot from three at all (just 2/18), but did everything else well, and blew out the Terries, 69-44.

They played Northern Iowa last night, and if they win, they play at 8:30 tonight (if they lose, it is a 6:00 start). The opponent will depend on the result of the South Carolina-Wichita State game. They do return home this Sunday for a 2:00

tip against Rhode Island.

Notes: Kickoff time for the TCU game was changed slightly. It will kick at 4:15 on Friday, and is still on ESPN. The soccer teams both had disappointing regular seasons, both driven by injuries and inexperience. But both managed great runs in the post season. Perhaps fittingly, those Cinderella runs both ended on Sunday, with the men falling to Marshall in the second round (after routing Butler in the first round), and the women lost to Washington State in the Sweet 16. Congrats to both on their post season successes. The swimming teams hosted the first WVU Invitational at their new pool. (A bit of a test run to help prep for the Big 12 Championships in February). They did well, and freshman Hunter Armstrong and junior David Dixon both set new WVU records. Dixon's was in the 200 fly, with a time that would have earned him All-America honors last year. Armstrong set his in the 200 free, and he also turned in plenty of other strong swims. Overall, it was a very successful meet for the teams. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

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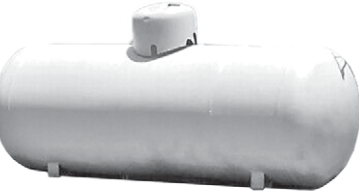
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SPORTS

East Hardy Football

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the East Hardy 49-yard line.

America gained 13 yards pulling away from defenders before being brought down by a pride of Cougars including Alt, Pustl and Noah Miller.

Shifflett and Ritchie stopped the Bulldogs Reese Burnside for no gain and America added one yard with a stop by Alt and Mason Miller before two incompletions created a turnover on downs as the last pass was caught out of bounds down the sideline by America.

Dove rushed for 13 yards and it was called back on a Cougars holding penalty, then Dove made another keeper for eight yards.

Tharp caught a 11-yard pass into Doddridge County territory at the 48-yard line, then Dove's next pass was intercepted by Hunter Jenkins, his first of three interceptions on the day with a 25-yard return coinciding with a Bulldogs penalty as the rain started to fall.

Doddridge County started at the 33-yard line and America had the ball stripped away for a fumble recovery by Alt and the Cougars regained possession at the Doddridge County 41-yard line.

An eight yard run was made by Dove and Miller added three yards for a first down at the 30-yard line.

After an errant pass, Tharp caught a pass for two yards and Alt rushed for three yards.

Ritchie made what appeared to be a diving catch on fourth down, but it was ruled incomplete for a turnover on downs as the Bulldogs took over at the 25-yard line.

A short gain of four yards by Dylan Knight and a false start ended the first quarter for Doddridge County.

Two plays into the second quarter, Doddridge County quarterback Noah Bumgardner tossed a screen pass to Griffin Devericks, who eluded a tackle near the Cougars sideline and dashed 71 yard for a touchdown at the 11:10 mark and the extra point kick by D.J. Devinney put the Bulldogs ahead 7-6.

Both teams were playing in the same conditions, so I won't make any excuses in terms of that. Obviously, the rain does affect the spread offense more than it hurts the ground and pound. We had a clash of two styles of offense and it made it interesting and with that being said, they gifted us the ball a couple times and we could have taken better advantage of that and one time they did take better advantage," East Hardy coach Devon Orndorff commented.

Doddridge County is the best team in the state and they had a good game plan coming in and hats off to them, they came in and executed a little bit better than we did. I think that's always true [offen-

sive within striking distance] with our type of offense and the weapons we have and the good thing is they aren't going anywhere, we are bringing all of them back next year. We're explosive now and we're only going to get more explosive on offense as we grow with a running quarterback. Good things will happen as we do the right things. Brayden Ritchie has the best hands on the team and that has been apparent since day one. We play East Hardy defense and that is a really good running back over there and a really good offensive line, but we bottled him up for the most part with the exception of a couple explosive plays and he's good at that. Hats off to them for executing the game plan, but our defensive effort was there and we just have to capitalize on the turnovers.

East Hardy started at its own 32-yard line and Miller fumbled the ball with Doddridge County's Austin Kelley making the recovery.

A pass into the end zone with East Hardy's Dawson Price jumping up in the face of the receiver as the ball was coming and both fell to the ground creating a pass interference call to place the Bulldogs at the 17-yard line.

Doddridge County took advantage of the red zone opportunity as America plowed over two Cougars and was finally brought down by Tharp at the two-yard line before punching it the rest of the way to pay dirt on the next carry and the extra point created a 14-6 advantage at the 10:05 mark.

Ritchie made a leaping catch stretching for the ball on a 22-yard reception for East Hardy to move the chains at the Bulldogs 41-yard line.

Jenkins made an interception two plays later for Doddridge County and returned the ball 31 yards.

That kid is an all-state safety for us. He is at ten interceptions now. He covers the field and makes tackles," Coach Burnside noted.

The Bulldogs would cough up the ball in the rain as America lost grip of the ball and Dove made the recovery for East Hardy at the 17-yard line.

A procedure penalty and a sack by Knight led to a Cougars punt, but America fumbled the ball again and Ritchie snatched up the ball at the Bulldogs 30-yard line.

An offensive pass interference was assessed, then Dove connected with Ritchie for 23 yards just outside of the red zone at the 22-yard line.

Facing third down and short, the Cougars fumbled and Kelley recovered the ball for Doddridge County.

The Bulldogs failed to get a first down and punted with the Cougars taking over at the 44-yard line with

under four minutes left in the first half.

Dove made an eight yard run into Doddridge County territory, then Miller added four yards for an East Hardy first down.

The drive stalled with two incompletions sandwiching a one yard gain by Dove yielding a punt.

Devericks gained 17 yards to end the first half with the Bulldogs leading 14-6 at the break.

The East Hardy Marching Band had a performance at halftime adorned in ponchos and entire crowd enjoyed the show.

Doddridge County started the second half at the 48-yard line and America gained a first down on two carries to reach the Cougars 37-yard line before the drive stalled and two incomplete passes led to a punt.

The Cougars began at the 34-yard line and Dove's arm was hit hard during an incomplete pass.

Miller added five yards and the next pass sailed beyond the intended target setting up a punt rolling to the 18-yard line.

A personal foul on the Bulldogs during a carry by America pushed the ball back to the 10-yard line, then America added five yard.

East Hardy blitzed on third down forcing an incomplete pass and Doddridge County punted.

Dove returned the ball to the Bulldogs 32-yard line, but the good field position was flipped upside down as Kelley made an interception for Doddridge County taking the ball near midfield.

America used a stiff arm on second down going around the outside and was forced out of bounds on the 14-yard run to the Cougars

37-yard line.

After a holding call, Bumgardner made a lateral pass to Brady Zellny, who cut back inside and was dropped for a loss by East Hardy's Casey Sine.

An illegal shift was declined, then Devericks caught a wide open pass and was slammed to the ground with a stinger by Dove at the 23-yard line, but the play was negated on a penalty.

There was a fumble on a lateral pass play and the Bulldogs lost about three more yards before punting, with four minutes to go in the third quarter.

East Hardy had five receivers spread out, then Dove made a keeper for five yards to reach the 21-yard line, then there was a block in the back penalty during a carry by Miller placing the ball at the 14-yard line.

Miller spun away from a tackle before being tripped up by Devericks on an eight yard run, then Dove added three yards to reach the 25-yard line prior to a rugby style punt by Ritchie.

Doddridge County took over at the 41-yard line after the rolling punt, then America made two carries to reach the 46-yard line with tips by Alt, Baker, Shifflett and Dayton Miller.

Devericks made a first down catch of nine yard to the Cougars 45-yard line where Tharp and Price made the stop to close the quarter.

Alt and Ritchie made tackles on America as the Bulldogs reached the 41-yard line.

Devericks looked open, but Dove raced over to knock the ball down forcing a punt into the end

zone.

East Hardy brought in freshman Mason Miller at quarterback and a high snap sailed over Miller, who made the recovery as Doddridge County's Connor Cunningham swooped in for the tackle at the six yard line.

Miller pitched to Tharp going out of bounds on a two-yard gain, then Miller passed to Tharp for three yards before a punt with pressure coming from Knight forcing a high and short kick.

The Bulldogs setup shop at the East Hardy 30-yard line and America plowed over Tharp en route to the end zone for a touchdown at the 8:01 mark as Doddridge County extended the lead to 21-6 with the kick.

East Hardy began the ensuing possession at the 34-yard line and Mason Miller passed to Ritchie, who was wide open for a 33-yard reception to the Bulldogs 33-yard line.

Miller was chased out of bounds and a late low hit occurred moving the Cougars just inside the red zone.

Pustl made a catch for seven yards to the 12-yard line, then a bad snap was kicked backwards by Miller and recovered by Baker at the 31-yard line.

After suffering that loss in yardage, Miller's pass was intercepted by Doddridge County's Jared Jones bobbling the ball going to the ground at the 14-yard line.

The ball was jarred loose on a one-yard carry by America during a pride of Cougars tackle, but deemed forced out by the ground contact.

America added eight yards with

a stop by Shifflett, then the Bulldogs moved the chains on a third down keeper by Bumgardner with Shifflett and Push making the tackle.

A few more carries took time off the clock before the Bulldogs punted with three minutes remaining.

There was a deflection on the pass by Mason Miller and Doddridge County's Hunter Jenkins made his third interception and tenth of the season returning the ball 24 yards into the red zone.

A penalty plus stops by Shifflett and Tharp led to a turnover on downs with under a minute to play at the Cougars own 20-yard line.

After an errant pass, East Hardy's Alex Miller rushed for five yards, then Mason Miller slipped away from a tackle for a nine yard keeper and a first down at the 34-yard line, then then final play was an incomplete pass.

Dove was 6-of-20 for 85 passing yards with one TD and three INTs plus 51 rushing yards against the Bulldogs.

Alt led the Cougars with 140 tackles and six forced fumbles, followed by Tharp with 139 tackles.

Dove was 53-of-114 for 1,144 passing yards with 14 TDs and nine INTs.

Alex Miller had 173 carries for 892 yards with nine TDs.

Tharp had 35 catches for 641 yards and five TDs.

Doddridge County advances to the state semifinal round hosting Williamstown this weekend, while the Cougars made the season ending water-logged trip back home to hibernate for next year.

Honorees React to Class A Potomac Valley Conference Football Accolades

Class A Potomac Valley Conference Coach of the Year: Devon Orndorff, East Hardy

East Hardy coach Devon Orndorff had one of the biggest turnarounds in the PVC going from two wins in his first season at the helm to having eight wins and an appearance in the state quarterfinals this year.

It's a testimony to my coaching staff, not just me. I love my staff right now. I'm surrounded by great coaches that care about our program as much as I do," East Hardy coach Devon Orndorff remarked.

Class A Potomac Valley Conference Offensive Player of the Year: Matthew Jenkins,

Moorefield

Moorefield junior running back Matthew Jenkins finished the year with 1,241 rushing yards on 190 carries and 12 TDs in addition to 289 receiving yards and two TDs.

"It was really good, but there is still room for improvement. I wouldn't have got it if it wasn't for our line. Most people don't see them. They just see me, but in all reality they're the ones that do the dirty work, I just run," Moorefield junior Matthew Jenkins stated.

Jenkins accounted for the only touchdown the Yellow Jackets (6-5) scored in the first round playoff loss to Pendleton County.

[Playoff appearance] It was exciting. We could've done ten times better than what we did. It just wasn't our night. Next year we have another good chance to go as

well," Jenkins added.

The Yellow Jackets were back in the playoffs after a three-year hiatus led by Jenkins and teammates diligently working hard to reach success and have determination for next season after an early first round exit.

Leeroy is a great player. He put in a lot of time and effort leading up to the season and in the season as well. He is a special player and we look forward to his continued progress within the program," Moorefield coach Matthew Altobello said.

Class A Potomac Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year: Austin Alt, East Hardy

East Hardy senior linebacker

Austin Alt led the Cougars with 140 total tackles including 65 solo tackles, six forced fumbles, an interception and a defensive touchdown.

It means everything to me. It's a great accomplishment. I love it and it's what I have been here for. My mindset was to win every game and do my role, have good technique and be there for every tackle. It is very special to be here in the playoffs and this is where the success meets the ground," East Hardy senior Austin Alt noted.

Alt helped East Hardy reach the state quarterfinals this season with a record of 8-4.

He's the heart and soul of our defense and he has an immense amount of pride in what he does. He lives for the 'Snake Pit'," Coach Orndorff commented.

2019 West Virginia Class A All-State Volleyball Announced

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Gracie Lowers, Parkersburg Catholic, SR  
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SECOND TEAM

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Faith Brooks, Greater Beckley Christian, SO  
Erin Riggle, East Hardy, JR  
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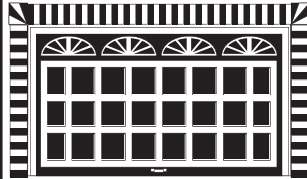


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Final Disposition of Delinquent Real Property Tax Year: 2018			
Person Charged With Taxes Sold to Individual	Description	Purchaser	Amount
<b>CAPON</b>			
BATTLE JOS R & BEVERLY E	LOT 21 SEC 3 MASSEY	HARDY COUNTY HOLDINGS	281.73
BIGGIO CHARLES P JR &	TRACT 2 4.008 AC	HARDY COUNTY HOLDINGS	1,982.40
BIGGIO CHARLES P JR &	TRACT 3 4.028 AC	HARDY COUNTY HOLDINGS	781.54
CONRAD STACY J	GAY	HARDY COUNTY HOLDINGS	1,831.09
DARE PATRICIA L (LIFE)	LOT 3 2.476 AC	HARDY COUNTY HOLDINGS	2,677.63
FRITZ ROLAND L & DOROTHY L	LOT 11 7.33 AC SEC 1	HARDY COUNTY HOLDINGS	308.43
FRITZ RONALD E	LOT 8 8.42 AC SEC 1	HARDY COUNTY HOLDINGS	357.94
FRITZ RONALD E	LOT 7 7.79 AC SEC 1	HARDY COUNTY HOLDINGS	197.78
GRAY GEORGE F JR & GEORGEANNE	LOT 18 5.08 AC MT VIEW SD	HARDY COUNTY HOLDINGS	368.92
GRIFFITH LLOYD M & VICKY D	LOT 36	HARDY COUNTY HOLDINGS	286.80
HARPER RIDGE HUNT CLUB INC	FR J BRADSON HEISHMAN	HARDY COUNTY HOLDINGS	4,859.35
LAMBRECHT BETTY 3/4 &	4.1 AC BAKER	HARDY COUNTY HOLDINGS	1,738.83
MCFARLAND MICHAEL S	LOT 119 HELTZEL	HARDY COUNTY HOLDINGS	143.87
MCFARLAND MICHAEL S	LOT 10 SEC 2	HARDY COUNTY HOLDINGS	208.23
MORGAN WENDELL LEWIS 1/2;	4.3 AC LOT 35	HARDY COUNTY HOLDINGS	316.20
WILLS RHONDA E	LOT 11 .59 AC VVHDF	NATHAN WALTERS	484.59
WILLS RHONDA E	LOT 12 .68 AC WARDEN AC S-D	NATHAN WALTERS	5,952.60
<b>LOST RIVER</b>			
DISPANET KENNETH WAYNE	1.99 AC	HARDY COUNTY HOLDINGS	113.12
DISPANET KENNETH WAYNE	.50 AC & RENTAL HOUSE	HARDY COUNTY HOLDINGS	420.97
HARTMAN BETH R &	LOT 21 3.16 AC WEBSTER	PURNELL ENTERPRISES	783.08
HARVEY MARVIN E & NONA L	.87 AC	HARVEY STOVER	209.25
HAYSE LYNN B	TROUT POND 2.29 AC LOT A-35	HARDY COUNTY HOLDINGS	691.05
LEWIS HOMER A 2/3 &	5.01 AC PLEASANT VALLEY	NATHAN WALTERS	5,936.68
NELSON WILLIAM A & MARIE R	LOT 4 B BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE	NATHAN WALTERS	1,247.21
SMITH BILLY G SR	2.68 AC SURVEY SURFACE & MIN	HARDY COUNTY HOLDINGS	753.75
<b>MOOREFIELD</b>			
BOWEN SUSAN KAY	LOT 47 5.884 AC MACKENZIE	PHILIP D WAUGH	2,045.36
BROWN REVA M	22.45 AC LOT 4 SEC 1 ASHTON	RUSSELL RATLIFF JR	7,628.03

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LOT 38 2.51 AC SEC 2  
2.41 AC HIMES  
LOT B 45.78 AC  
LOT 30 5.21 AC COMBS  
LOT 29 5.43 AC  
21.23 AC LOT 312 ASHTON WOODS  
  
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PT LOTS 27 & 28  
  
TRACT 1 1.17 AC  
1.73 AC GANOE  
1.86 HOWARDS LICK RD  
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22.60 AC LOT 255 ASHTON WOODS  
20.38 AC LOT 256 ASHTON WOODS  
689.40 AC SURFACE WILLIAMS  
58.09 AC TRACT 2

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I, Beth R. Chiles, sheriff (or deputy sheriff or collector) of the county of Hardy, do swear that the above list contains a true account of all the tax liens on real estate within my county returned delinquent for nonpayment of taxes thereon for the year (or years) 2018, which were sold by me or which were suspended from sale or redeemed before sale or certified to the Auditor, and that I am not now, nor have I at any time been, directly or indirectly interested in the purchase of any such tax liens.

11/27, 12/4 2c

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS HARDY COUNTY EMERGENCY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY C/O OEM 157 FREEDOM WAY MOOREFIELD, WV 26836

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Outside Bid Envelop must be sealed and contain the word "Motor and Transmission Bid". Mail/ deliver bid to be received by noon, December 10, 2019 to the attention of Paul Lewis, 157 Freedom Way, Moorefield WV 26836. The Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority expressly reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

11/13, 11/27 2c

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Notice of Trustee's Sale is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Trustee, William H. Bean, by that certain Deed of Trust dated May 22, 2002, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Trust Book No. 172, at Page 121, executed by the Borrowers, David B. Bradley and Sandra J. Bradley, to William H. Bean and Oscar M. Bean, Trustees, to secure a Promissory Note unto Summit Community Bank, the beneficial owner. The Borrowers have defaulted under the terms of the Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, and Trustee has been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the Washington Street entrance to the Hardy County Courthouse in Moorefield, West Virginia, on

Friday, December 6, 2019, at 12:00 Noon the following described real estate situate in Moorefield District, Hardy County, West Virginia, with a physical address of 404 Big Oak Drive, Moorefield, WV 26836:

All that certain tract or parcel of real es-

tate, together with all rights, rights-of-ways, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, being located and situate near Cunningham Lane in Moorefield District, Hardy County, West Virginia, and designated as Tract No. 6 of Big Oaks Subdivision, containing 5.012 acres, more or less, on a Plat of Survey of Big Oaks Subdivision of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Plat Book No. 2, at Page 41, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds description incorporated in that certain Deed from Paul V. Williams and Margaret Z. Williams, et als, to Gordon B. Hefner and Barbara J. Hefner dated December 31, 1977, and of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book No. 148, at Page 268, to which reference is now made for a more particular description of said real estate and for any and all other pertinent purposes.

Being the same tract or parcel of real estate conveyed unto David B. Bradley and Sandra J. Bradley, his wife, from Donald K. Mongold and Ollie M. Mongold, his wife, by Deed dated August 1, 1997, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 244, at Page 99. The real estate is identified for tax assessment purposes in the Hardy County Assessor's Office on Tax Map 265, as Parcel 004.1.

The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easement, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or affecting the subject property. The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property.

The Trustee reserves the right to continue the sale from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee. The Beneficiary and/or Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserves the right to submit a bid for the property offered at such sale. Any excess monies obtained from said sale will be applied toward inferior liens in order of their priority.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent (10%) deposit, in cash or approved check, must be tendered on date of sale, with the balance to be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of sale. The Purchaser shall be responsible for all costs associated with the transfer of real estate, including deed preparation, transfer stamps

and any real estate taxes and ambulance fees. All announcements made on the day of sale take precedence over any printed material.

For more information concerning the real estate, contact Tina Martin, Summit Community Bank, at (304) 530-0522. WILLIAM H. BEAN, Trustee for Summit Community Bank, 116 Washington Street, Moorefield, WV 26836 Phone: (304) 530-6198

11/13, 11/20, 11/27 3c

## TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated August 12, 2016, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 296, at Page 525, Charles H. Rohrbaugh did convey unto Paul A. Knapp, Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill & Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Hardy County Courthouse, in Moorefield, West Virginia, on

December 5, 2019, at 1:15 PM

The following described real estate, with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Moorefield District, Hardy County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain lot or parcel of land, with the improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto belonging, located and situate on

the west side of U.S. Route No. 220 at Old Fields in Moorefield District, Hardy County, West Virginia, and described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at the South East corner of Paige Welton's property and the 50 ft. Right of way line of Route 220 on the West side, thence from said corner running S. 9° 00' West 210 ft. to an iron post, thence running N. 53° 00' W. 71 ft. to an iron post, thence running N. 30° 00' West 162 ft. to an iron post, thence running N. 21° 00' W. 175 ft. to an iron post, thence running N. 34° 00' E. 41 ft. to an iron post, thence running S. 36° 00' E. 271 feet to a fence post or the beginning point, containing 0.9758 acres, more or less.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 5361 U.S. 220 N., Old Fields, WV 26845.

AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Charles H. Rohrbaugh and Janet W. Rohrbaugh, by Deed dated October 30, 1972, from Ralph W. Haines, Executor of the Estate of Mamie McNeil Williams, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 130, at Page 412. The said Janet W. Rohrbaugh passed away from this life on December 15, 2000 and pursuant to the survivorship provisions of the aforementioned Deed, title vested in Charles H. Rohrbaugh.

The above-described property will be sold subject to any covenants, restrictions, easements, leases and conditions of record, and subject to any unpaid real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a cash deposit with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

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11/20, 11/27, 12/4 3c

## LEAGUE

11/14/2019

TEAM STANDINGS: Strike Force 42 – 10, Builders Center 34 – 18, Vetter's Mini Mart 28 – 24, Country Cars & Trucks 27 – 25, Petersburg Oil Company 26 – 26, Pepsi Cola 25 – 27, Golden Lanes 18 – 34;

HIGH GAME (SCRATCH): Clint Vandevander 233, Larry Ware 224, Roger Earle 213, Gary Leatherman 209, Jon Hedrick 208; (HANDICAP): Clint Vandevander 252, Donald Burgess 248, Jon Hedrick 241, Larry Ware 236, Bill Kenyon 231;

HIGH SERIES (SCRATCH): Clint Vandevander 612, Roger Earle 597, Gary Leatherman 591, Troy McGreevy 574, Bill Kenyon 556, Larry Ware 556; (HANDICAP): Clint Vandevander 669, Logan Willis 649, Roger Earle 645, Jon Hedrick 641, Bill Kenyon 640;

HIGH AVERAGE: Andrew Kesner 192.27, Gary Leatherman 191.13, Tony Robinson 190.40, Terry Wratchford 186.67, Larry Walp 185.85;

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### SOUTH BRANCH POTOMAC LANES MONDAY MIXED 11/18/19

HIGH GAME SCRATCH: Tony Robinson 249; Cohan Kesner 234; Tony Stutts 232; Rosie Sampsell 193; Penny Sites 187; Patricia Vetter 180; Sharon Champ 180. HIGH SERIES SCRATCH: Tony Stutts 639; Cohan Kesner 636; Philip Crews 633; Penny Sites 520; Patricia Vetter 221; Rosie Sampsell 478. HIGH GAME HANDICAP: Chris Kesner 260; Tony Robinson 249; Clint Vandevander 239; Rosie Sampsell 230; Patricia Vetter 221; Brenda Clark 216. HIGH SERIES HANDICAP: Chris Kesner 734; Tony Stutts 639; Cohan Kesner 636; Brenda Clark 615; Penny Sites 604; Frances Sherman 598.

### SOUTH BRANCH POTOMAC LANES SATURDAY YOUTH LEAGUE 11/16/19

HIGH GAME SCRATCH: Ben Thompson 168; Peyton Vetter 164; Ethan Kesner 163; Benelli Bennett 139; Lily Eye 119; Penny Kesner 103. HIGH SERIES SCRATCH: Ethan Kesner 436; Ben Thompson 421; Peyton Vetter 362; Benelli Bennett 331; Lily Eye 295; Penny Kesner 266. HIGH GAME HANDICAP: Peyton Vetter 232; Ethan Kesner 219; Mason Redman 217; Benelli Bennett 209; Lily Eye 203; Hannah Foltz 198. HIGH SERIES HANDICAP: Mason Redman 623; Ethan Kesner 604; Peyton Vetter 566; Lily Eye 547; Benelli Bennett 541; Hannah Foltz 534.

### ODD COUPLES MIXED LEAGUE 11/12/2019

TEAM STANDINGS: Vetter's Guns & Ammo 42 – 18, Terminators 37 – 23, Strike Force 36 – 24, Misfits 33 – 27, Pepsi Kids 33 – 27, WELD 31 – 29, Livin on a Spare 26.5 – 33.5, The Wild Bunch 25 – 35, Yokum's 19 – 41, Traitors 17.5 – 42.5;

HIGH GAME MEN (SCRATCH): Bill Kenyon 235, Clayton Laub 217, Randy Thorne

216; (HANDICAP): Bill Kenyon 268,

Randy Thorne 244, Clayton Laub 243;

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HEALTH

FAMILY FEATURES

Fitting in time to exercise and eat sensible meals can be impractical, if not impossible, when the demands of daily life get in the way. If busy days limit your ability to live as healthy of a lifestyle as you desire, take charge by squeezing in fitness and smart snacking when and where you can.

**Sneak in some exercise.** Even on days you can't make it to the gym, you can find ways to get your body moving. Forego the closest parking spaces and get in a little cardio with a walk into the office or while running errands. Skip the elevator and use the stairs. Swap out your traditional desk chair for a standing desk or a balance ball that lets you get in a little core exercise. Make a point to write down your fitness resolutions and stick to them.

**Choose smart snacks on the go.** There are plenty of snack foods available that prove you don't have to choose between great taste and great for you – even when a busy schedule threatens to get in the way. For example, when you need a quick, healthy snack, make a clean choice like Stryve Beef Biltong, a meat snack with a few simple ingredients that is high in protein. Air-dried to retain as much of the protein and flavor as possible with no sugar or preservatives, biltong is just beef and spices. It also contains no MSG, nitrates, gluten or other artificial ingredients. Biltong also works in popular high-protein, low-carb eating plans like keto and paleo.

**Drink more water.** Staying hydrated is essential for good health, and since you can carry water with you nearly any place you go, it takes virtually no extra time at all. Proper hydration helps keep skin supple and your body systems functioning properly. Water also helps you feel full; in fact, people often mistake the body's natural craving for more water as hunger. Keep a bottle of water at your desk and refill it often. If you have trouble guzzling at least 64 ounces a day, set reminders on your phone or computer to keep you on track.

**Make meal prepping more fun.** If planning an entire week of meals seems like a chore, make it more entertaining by sharing the duty with a friend or incorporating the whole family. Having meals and snacks ready to go for the week ahead makes it less tempting to grab quicker, less healthy options when a busy day sneaks up on you.

**Carve out mental health time.** It may seem counter-intuitive but forcing yourself to grab a few minutes of down time can actually make you more productive. Turn off or mute your devices and take a break. You might use the time to collect your scattered thoughts into an efficient to-do list or simply meditate to give your brain a break before you head to bed so you can wake up refreshed for another day.

Find more ideas for living a healthier on-the-go lifestyle at [stryve.com](http://stryve.com).

# Make Time for Better Health on Busy Days



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## Beef Done Better

### What is biltong?

Biltong is a centuries-old process of drying and preserving meat that originated in South Africa. It's thinly sliced, seasoned beef that has been air-dried at room temperature, typically for 14 days. A good-for-you snack alternative to traditional jerky, Stryve beef biltong is 100% all natural. It has no artificial ingredients, colors or preservatives and is free from nitrates, gluten and MSG.

### How is biltong made?

**Step 1: Season.** Lean slabs of top round beef are washed with vinegar and dry rubbed with a medley of simple seasonings.

**Step 2: Dry.** Seasoned beef is hung to air-dry for up to two weeks in a humidity-controlled room.

**Step 3: Slice.** Slabs are sliced against the grain into ultra-thin, extra-tender pieces.



# Why Vaping is Not Quitting Smoking

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Ending a tobacco addiction can be tough. While many smokers may think that e-cigarettes are a quit-smoking product, the American Lung Association is reminding people that e-cigarettes are a to-

bacco product and that switching to vaping is not the same as quitting.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not found any e-cigarette to be safe and effective in helping smokers quit. In one study, only 10.1 percent of the smokers

who used e-cigarettes quit smoking after six months, while 26.6 percent of smokers who did not use e-cigarettes quit. Another study found 80 percent of the smokers given e-cigarettes did not quit, but switched, and instead became addicted to e-cigarettes, which

produce a number of dangerous chemicals including acetaldehyde, acrolein, and formaldehyde, causing irreversible lung damage, lung diseases -- and even death.

Advocates say that it's critically important that the FDA crack down on these false claims, but

in the meantime, those seeking to quit smoking should talk to their healthcare providers about developing a quit plan. To learn more about the American Lung Association's Freedom From Smoking Plus program, visit [lung.org/stop-smoking](http://lung.org/stop-smoking).

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