

## County Seeks NRCS Help To Expedite Nutrient Plans

By Jean A. Flanagan  
*Moorefield Examiner*

Hardy County farmers who want to include structures, such as litter sheds or feed lots in their Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans are having to pay more and wait longer for approval. To hopefully expedite the situation the Hardy County Commission approved a letter to Louis Aspey, acting state director of the US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The Hardy County Commission met on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

NRCS provides cost share programs for agriculture producers who submit and follow best practices in Nutrient Management Plans. Some of these best practices include buffers for streams in pastures, careful adherence to litter and other fertilizer applications and pasture rotation.

The problem seems to be when the nutrient management plans include structures, said Commissioner David Workman. Those structures need engineering services, which may not be available locally and may be costly, as much as \$10,000.

While NRCS will provide a 75 percent cost share, Workman said, the farmer is still responsible for the 25 percent, which

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## MPD Receives Triple A's Platinum Award

On Monday, Nov. 11, the Moorefield Police Department was recognized by the American Automobile association for their daily work to keep the roads safe. The Moorefield Police Department received a Platinum Award, the highest award possible for their efforts.

During the period of August 31, 2018 to August 31, 2019, the Moorefield Police Department compiled 1,678 traffic citations, investigated 55 crashes, made 29 DUI related arrests, and worked 140 extra overtime hours in specialized patrols.

With increased patrols and strict traffic enforcement the Moorefield Police Department has reduced the number of crashes occurring over the past few years. Of those reported crashes that have occurred, most were at a lower rate of speed, contributing to fewer injuries.

During the reporting period, the Moorefield Police Department issued 1,678 traffic citations. These numbers do not

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# Commission Ponders Another Ambulance Fee Levy Attempt

By Jean A. Flanagan  
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For the third time, the Hardy County Commission is considering asking voters to approve a levy, which would increase their property taxes to pay for ambulance service.

The first two attempts at passing a levy failed.

The subject of the tax levy came up as part of a continuing discussion on the collection of the Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Ordinance Fee.

A tax levy would add a certain percentage of the assessed value of property - both real and personal property - to individual tax bills to pay for ambulance service. In the past, the percentage has been

around 4 percent.

A tax levy must be approved by 60 percent of the voters and must be renewed every five years.

Commission President Harold Michael has expressed, several times, in open meetings, his support for a tax levy to replace the ambulance fee. It is more fair and most people would pay less, he said at the Nov. 24 meeting.

Michael also acknowledged the probability of passing a levy was very low.

The problem with a levy is education, said Commissioner Dave Workman. In this last election, people didn't know what they were voting for. Some thought they were voting to end the fee altogether. There needs to be an effort to educate the public.

According to state code, elected officials and employees of county government cannot lobby for or against a tax levy. They can provide educational material and facts.

The commissioners have asked for an ethics commission opinion on that, said County Coordinator Rose Helmick.

Helmick said the West Virginia

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## Signs of Winter



Snow blanketed the eastern side of the county last Thursday morning.

Santa Claus made his appearance at Moorefield's annual Christmas lighting celebration, which featured a parade earlier in the day. More pictures from the Christmas festivities can be found on page 4.



## Moorefield Water Service To Be Interrupted

The Town of Moorefield will need to turn off water service to the following locations on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All customers affected by the interruption will be under a Boil Water Notice until 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13, 2019. The Town will post confirmation of the end of the Boil Water Notice on the Facebook page and website.

Locations affected: 500 block of Spring Ave, Lee St. Apartments, 900 block of Lee St., 900 and 1000 blocks of Winchester Ave., Sites Lane and all RDA water customers in Caledonia Heights.

Hardy County PSD customers will not be affected.

A boil water notice means that all tap water used for consumption, such as drinking, cooking, making ice, should be vigorously boiled for at least 2 minutes; however, tap water can still be used for all other purposes such as showering, flushing and laundry.

## Board of Education Signs MOU with Eastern for Dual Credit Classes

By Jean A. Flanagan  
*Moorefield Examiner*

Students at Moorefield High School and East Hardy High School have the opportunity to take college courses at their respective schools during the Spring Semester.

The Hardy County Board of Education voted to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College during the board's Dec. 2 meeting.

Moorefield High School students can take English Composition II, American History II, Introduction to Sociology and Speech Fundamentals. East Hardy High

School students will be offered English Composition II and General Psychology.

These are the classes we offer for dual credit, said Superintendent Sheena VanMeter.

They are certainly a valuable component for our students, said Board Member Jerry Yates.

Yates expressed concern that state budget cuts may impact the cost of community college courses.

VanMeter assured him if there were increases, they would not effect the cost to the school system.

The board also approved a letter of agreement with the E. A. Hawse Continuous Care Center in Baker to use East Hardy High School as

an evacuation site in case of an emergency. EHHS can be used for up to five days, according to the agreement.

### Transportation

Board member Melvin Shook advised the public comment period for changes to State Policy 4336 - the W. Va. School Bus Transportation Regulations, Procedures and Specifications for the Design and Equipment of School Buses had ended.

It says our 4-year old students must be restrained on the buses, he said.

Policy 4336 states that all children under the age of 5 years and

under 40 pounds must be secured in a Child Safety Restraint System. It also states those children must be seated at the front of the bus and the seat directly behind the secured bus seats must be unoccupied.

All students should have seat belts, said board member Dixie Bean.

Facilities manager Steve Williams explained the length of time to release students in the event of a fire is prohibitive to them wearing seat belts.

The compartmentalization of the seats has been effective in crash protection, Williams said.

The board said they would ad-

here to state policy when it becomes effective.

### Other Business

The board approved Student Random Drug Testing Policy JDFA.

The board approved Student Attendance Policy JDJ.

The board approved Hardy County Schools Athletic Contract Policy JGF.

The next meeting of the Hardy County Board of Education will be held on Monday, Dec. 16 beginning at 5 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Central Office, 510 Ashby St. in Moorefield. The public is invited to attend.

## West Virginia Army National Guard Members from Moorefield Deployed

By MetroNews Staff

More than 160 members of the West Virginia Army National Guard were honored Tuesday with a deployment ceremony.

The 157th Military Police Com-

pany, stationed out of Moorefield and the 771st Troop Command Battalion, out of Martinsburg, will be deployed to the Guantanamo Bay detention center in Cuba. This is the unit's first deployment

to support efforts at Guantanamo Bay.

The ceremony was held at the 167th Airlift Wing in Martinsburg.

While this unit is not going to a combat zone, it is going on a com-

plex mission, state Adjutant General James Hoyer said. A mission that's important to this country because they're going to be the line of defense between us and some folks who are not so good people who

wish to do harm to our country.

They will leave for mobilization training at Fort Bliss in Texas in the near future.

The deployment will be for around a year.

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# OPINION

## Us Versus Them

I have politically diverse loved ones, so I get politically diverse stuff on social media. All sides are quick to say, Well, no one said a word when so-and-so did this, or when so-and-so said that.

Justifying a bad decision today by pointing out that someone else did it last year is toddler logic, and that's an insult to toddlers, because toddlers can learn, and have the excuse of zero life experience. This is not how we should run our country, or try to solve international issues.

If yesterday's President rips the U.S. Constitution, does that mean today's should rip it, too? If today's President is allowed to rip the Constitution because yesterday's did, how can we act when tomorrow's President rips it a little more? How many times do we let a President -- or a Senator, Representative, or Justice -- rip it, or fingerprint over it, or ball it up and toss it out with the leftovers, before it's trashed, shredded and meaningless?

It's easier for those with power to manipulate us if they create an Us versus Them situation. White versus Black. Democrat versus Republican. Middle class versus Poor. Christian versus Muslim. Liberal versus Conservative. Split us even more than two ways, all the better for their control.

Spoiler Alert: None of us win the game of privilege and hate.

It's on us, the voting public -- not the people in office or the lobbyists surrounding them -- to protect the Constitution and what it represents. If we let them behave like toddlers, or allow them to treat us as if we're toddlers, they will. If we stop reacting to -- stop falling for -- infantile behavior, they have no choice but to grow up. Democrat to Republican, Liberal to Conservative, and everything in between, they all need to grow up.

We all want to feel there's some reason we're here; we all want to matter. We want to raise our families, and we want better for them than what we had. Safety, especially for our kids, and justice. We want to be treated fairly. We want help for those who are sick or injured. We worry about bills, we fight about toilet seats, we don't want to get sick, and we're tired. We're supposed to work to live, but instead we live to work. We laugh, love, and hurt. We all bleed red.

And if this discord becomes real war, we are the ones who will bleed. Not them.

Manipulation can work two ways. We can change, force them to change, to run our country instead of providing the major networks news stations with soundbites, talking heads with outrage, and CEOs with ideas for the next decade of reality shows. We can stop reacting to their drama, which only wastes our time and tax-paying dollars, and deflects our attention from what they actually are doing.

They have the money and power to float.

We, the little people, are the ones who drown, and the ocean they create doesn't care how liberal or conservative or similar or different we think we are.

If we stop listening to what they say -- all of them -- and pay attention to what they do, and behave accordingly (not just at the ballot box), then things will change.

It's not about being right or wrong at our level -- or, it shouldn't be. Not when the stakes are the United States of America, and sudden-death interpretation of our Constitution.

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### MY UNBASED OPINION

BY DAVID O. HEISHMAN



In more than twenty five years of writing my Unbased Opinion columns, I must have mentioned my father, Pap at least a thousand times. I do not remember ever writing a column about him. I think I'll try one now.

James Ogden Heishman was born August 10, 1910, fourth child of James Ashby Heishman and Bernice McKeever Heishman. My father never really knew his father. James Ashby died in 1914 following a day of cutting/shocking corn on river bottom land below my Big House, North of Wardensville. Pap was raised on same farm by his mother and maternal grandmother.

Pap didn't talk much about his childhood. He'd mention isolated incidents when reminded, but never offered much without prompting. Most of what I learned about him was from folks who knew him back then.

Railroad from Winchester to Wardensville ran through our farm. Pap commuted weekly on the railroad bus to Handley High School in Winchester. During the week he lived with a veterinarian, helping in the old doctor's practice to pay for part of his keep. Upon graduation, he worked one summer in highway construction helping blast culvert headwalls out of

solid sandstone. Pap decided there had to be an easier way to make a living. With help of his veterinarian friend, he gained entry into University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

Becoming a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM), first job he found was with another older man in New York. One of their clients was Chief Warden at Sing Sing prison, who maintained a kennel of blood hounds. Rest of his life Pap enjoyed opening conversations in polite company with, When I went to Sing Sing

He found work in both West Virginia (WV) state and federal governments, primarily in research. While guiding a project in WV state laboratory in Charleston, WV he worked with a bacteriologist/laboratory technician, Ruth Adele Cook, whom he married. She became my mother.

Mom never liked animals, thought she was marrying a laboratory research man. Surprised her when he accepted the job offered at Reymann Memorial Farm, adjacent to his home farm near Wardensville. Mom lived with and cared for a menagerie of domestic animals rest of their lives together.

Pap didn't play much. Days were spent at state farm and nights he was usually on the road around

east side of the county on veterinary calls. He preferred radio for entertainment because you can't work and watch television at same time". When we finally got tv after most other folks we knew, he'd watch news, weather, Lawrence Welk, Donna Fargo and Porter Wagoner (Dolly Parton).

Most time we spent together was on evening veterinary calls. I was his chief flashlight and tail holder. Through experience I knew where to aim his old eight cell lantern and how to pull a cow's tail out of the way when he needed to work on that end. I'd go with him evenings to state farm when he had to post peeps, post mortem examinations to determine cause of death of chickens on experiment. During all those night travels we'd converse a bit, mostly serious stuff, not much humor.

I do remember a return trip back from Mathias one night we stopped at Mrs. Nora Hishman's store for a Grapette and to see her old talking parrot. We got our sodas, Pap raised one corner of the rug covering parrot's cage and was greeted with Ole sonbitchu. Ole sonbitchu.

Pap wanted me to be a dentist as long back as I can remember. Status, security, income of a professional, by appointment only when

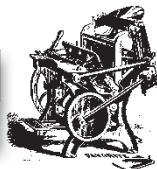
I wanted to work and I could farm on the side. Last time he mentioned it was about two months before he died when I was close to forty years old.

Doc drank his liquor neat and kept his bottle hidden. I'd have to go find it when Mom wanted a couple tablespoons full for her delicious pumpkin pie recipe. In later years after retirement from state farm and dropping his license to practice veterinary medicine, he drank too much.

Only project I remember sharing with him was construction of a rabbit box trap. He took me hunting and trout fishing first couple days of each season until I was old enough to go by myself. Many evenings this time of year after school, I'd race through my farm chores so I could obey his order to Go get me a mess of squirrel (or feesh) for supper this evening, boy.

Pap died July 1984 when he was President of the Board of Directors of Capon Valley Bank, a position about which he was very serious and proud. Mom called me at the Examiner to tell me she'd found him. I told her to call the bank right away and we'd begin whatever else was necessary soon as I could get there.

Pap was a good man, I think.



### GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES

#### Fifteen Years Ago December 15, 2004

An explosion of a corroded pipeline leveled the Mathias garage and injured 5 people, four severely. Phone service was disrupted from Lost City to the Virginia line and from Upper & Lower Cove roads through Lost River State Park. Traffic on Rt. 259 was blocked for 31 hours. A relief fund was established for the victims of the explosion and fire.

The County Commission received a copy of the proposed zoning ordinance and hoped the final hearing would be in February.

Former mayor of Franklin, Alice Branson Hartman, was honored by the WV Solid Waste Authority as Volunteer of the Year.

Wardensville honored its Volunteer Rescue Squad on its 30th anniversary.

Judy Burns Patterson was elected chairman of the Hardy County Tour and Crafts Board.

Isaac Heiskell Smith, 75, Maysville, died Dec. 6. Jeanette Brooks Simms, 86, died Dec. 9. Jonah Robert Hose, 60, died Dec. 9. Warren William Harper, 89, died Dec. 3. Anna Dolly Mowery, 74, Stephens City, VA, died Dec. 5. Virgil M. Mathias, 72, Petersburg, died Dec. 4. Irene Kelly Michael, 87, Petersburg, died Dec. 9.

Candace Renee Ratliff and Nathan Russell Webster were married September 4.

Named to the Div. II PVC First Team Offense were: Alex Foltz EH, Marcus Weese MHS, Daniel Barr MHS, Richard Hulver EH and Luke Kesner MHS. To the Div. II PVC First Team Defense were: Reed Williams MHS, Alan Barb MHS, Jacob Hackett EH, Anthony Powell MHS, Alex Foltz EH, and Luke Kesner MHS.

#### Thirty Years Ago December 13, 1989

The Wardensville Business and Merchants Association honored J. Brown Hott, C. J. See, William Byrd, Mildred Bowers and C. J.

Cunningham for their service to the community.

Laura Miller and Jamin Pack had attended the National 4-H Congress in Chicago. There were 26 young people from West Virginia who earned the all expense paid trip.

Residents of Frosty Hollow asked the County Commission to help them obtain a public water supply.

Moorefield's council agreed to allow horses in town during daylight hours.

Esther Heishman Frye, 94, Wardensville, died Dec. 3. Ryan Dahmer Burgoyne, 21-month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burgoyne, died Dec. 2. Robert L. Benham, 48, Rising Sun, MD, died Dec. 9. Thomas Glen Kimble, 65, Petersburg, died Dec. 8. Patricia Shook Marshall, 33, Richmond, VA, died Dec. 4. Robert Lee Sager, 65, had died at Front Royal, VA. Violet Nesselrodt Whetzel, 78, Arthur, died Dec. 5.

#### Forty-five Years Ago December 11, 1974

Hardy Telephone subscribers were to vote on extending toll free service throughout the county. This would benefit residents of the Wardensville area who pay tolls to call anywhere else in the county.

The Rural Development Authority announced that O'Conner and Sons Specialty Manufacturers, producers of fabricated metal products, would be locating in the Lost River Farm Supply building. The plant would employ 30-50 people.

Moorefield gave the contractors notice to proceed on the water project.

Minimum wage was to increase from \$2.00 an hour to \$2.10 on Jan. 1.

Reba Rankin Litten, 72, Rio, died Dec. 5.

Catherine Wentworth Hazard and Daniel Lawrence Wilson were married Aug. 23. Patricia A. Heavner and Walker Huff were married Nov. 22. Sandy Simon

and Ivern S. Heavner were married Nov. 25.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roland Combs, a daughter, Rhonda Mae, to Mr. and Mrs. David Parker, a daughter, Rebecca Dawn.

Moorefield lost to Franklin 45-43 and beat Circleville 73-66.

#### Sixty Years Ago December 16, 1959

The Edinburg Manufacturing Company was to open a pilot plant in Wardensville and employ 20 women starting January. A division of Windsor Knit Company of New York, the plant would manufacture infant wear.

Work on the UHF translators was still being delayed by a report from the Naval installation at Sugar Grove.

Ralph J. Bean told those attending the 37th annual football banquet that it was hoped to have lights for the football field for the following fall.

William Glenn Ayers, 29, Keyser, was killed in a shooting incident Dec. 12. Loren Wright Shoemaker, 25, Purgitsville, died Dec. 10 in an automobile accident.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Truman, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Southerly, a son, John Joseph.

Moorefield defeated Franklin 56-50. Wardensville defeated Berkeley Springs. Mathias defeated Harman and lost to Capon Bridge and Petersburg.

#### Seventy-five Years Ago December 13, 1944

A representative of the War Food Administration was to be in Moorefield to explain Order 119 which restricted the sale of commercial chickens in four area counties.

Moorefield had to stop moving garbage and trash until parts could be found to fix the town's truck.

Moorefield Juniors Dwight Wrathford, Norma Hardy, Jerry Vance, Raymon McDonald, Mary Welton, Wilmer McDonald, Betty

Brill, Gene Smith, Currie Harman, Hattie Jean See, and Harold Sions were performing in The Improper Henry Proper.

Hardy County schools closed when a ten-inch snow blanketed the county.

Pvt. Harry Rinker of Purgitsville was killed in action in France Nov. 23. Frank Skidmore Black, 91, Upper Tract, died Nov. 24. Addison Harper Runion, 94, Springfield, died Dec. 8...the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Heishman of Wardensville had died. John William Miller, 85, Edinburg, died Dec. 6.

Mary Southerly and Warren Zirk were married Dec. 9. Madeline Margaret Billmyer and Glenn Bott were married Dec. 1. Maxine Cobb and Lt. James Hime-Right were married. Verdie Virginia Smith and George William Mongold were married. Permits to wed were issued to Mary Virginia Barb and Thomas Roosevelt Reynolds and to Mildred Maxine Wolfe and John Hampton Marshall.

Born to Sgt. 1/c and Mrs. Marvin Herbaugh, a son.

#### Ninety Years Ago December 11, 1929

The Hardy County Farm Bureau voted to merge with the West Virginia Cooperative Association.

Robert Gamble, who took the civil service examination, had been called to do mail clerk work during the Christmas season. His run would be between Washington and Grafton.

Bertha Sager, Mary Wise and Edith Godlove made the honor roll at Wardensville and had no absences during the second six-week period.

M. A. Bean and the Examiner entertained the football squad with a banquet at Holloway's Restaurant. The squad elected Paul Evans captain for following year and Charlie Wilkins and Woodrow Brill as managers. Gene Gunning had rated the Moorefield team as the second best in the state.



### EXAMINER SAYS

#### Two Weeks

Things are a bit erratic in Michigan. On one day a Catholic priest refused to give communion to a judge who was in a same-sex marriage. That's not too unusual for Catholic priests, but in this case the judge had been a member of the parish her whole life. What's interesting is the stand against same sex marriage in a religion that has been torn apart by priests involved in sex scandals. On the following day, Michigan began allowing recreational marijuana sales. Wonder how the church will handle this?

Till Christmas

#### Are you Ready?

We're always intrigued by the words that are chosen as the word of the year by various word books or sites. Existential was selected by dictionary.com reflecting "months of high-stakes threats and crises,

real and pondered, across the new, the world and throughout 2019. Oxford Dictionaries picked climate emergency noting usage evidence that reflects "ethos, mood or preoccupations of the passing year. We suggest that if you are having difficulty working these words and their definitions into something understandable, that you go to a paper dictionary or online and look them up. As usual for us, when the erudite out there select and define such words, we often have trouble making them work in our less than erudite existence.

Just don't panic

Also, take a deep breath and don't panic. We have discovered that it doesn't do any good to push that panic button, it just adds stress. And this time of year is too precious to waste on stress. So, if all the things on your list (you do have a list, don't you?) don't get done -- if all the presents you wanted to get and wrap don't happen -- if all the cookies you thought you should bake don't get done, we have news for you. Christmas will still come as usual. Christmas will still be enjoyed by all the family. And Christmas will still be Christmas. As we suggested, just take a deep breath.



# News

## LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Editor  
In 1962, during the Cuban missile Crisis, President Kennedy contacted Charles de Gaulle, President of France, to tell him that we had caught the Russians build-

ing missile launch sites in Cuba. He asked de Gaulle if he wanted him to send him copies of the pictures. de Gaulle's response was that wouldn't be necessary. If the President of the United States said

it was true, then it was true.  
Can you imagine such a response from a world leader to the present incumbent in such circumstances. Thank you,  
Jim Oliver

## Memphis Tennessee Garrison Visits Eastern WV Community College

By Jean A. Flanagan  
Moorefield Examiner

Memphis Tennessee Garrison grew up in the coalfields of southern West Virginia. Her father, who was born into slavery, was a mine boss in Gary in McDowell County in the early 1900s.

Ilene Evans brought Garrison to life on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College's Lunch and Learn. Performing in the Chautauqua storytelling style, Evans painted a picture of Garrison's early life, her motivation to teach children and her subsequent involvement in the first NAACP Chapter in West Virginia.

Garrison graduated from Bluefield State College in 1939 and taught school for 35 years, focusing on special needs children. At the same time, she worked for U.S. Steel and Coke Company in Gary, where she helped mitigate disputes between workers and helped black miners and their families.

Teach every child something, she said. You can't teach some children everything, but you can teach every child something.

Garrison went on to become a champion of civil rights and social justice. She fought for better education for African Americans and was recognized for her leadership and dedication.

The They Call Me Miss Memphis presentation Lunch and



Ilene Evans portrayed Memphis Tennessee Garrison at Eastern WV CTC last week.

Learn was funded with a Diversity of Equity grant from the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission and the West Virginia Community and Technical College System.

## EWVCTC Foundation Now Available For Contributions on AmazonSmile

Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College Foundation is now eligible for charitable donations on AmazonSmile. You can support the College while doing your holiday shopping and throughout the year.

To contribute to EWVCTC Foundation using AmazonSmile, visit this special website

smile.amazon.com/ch/55-0773642 and select Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College Foundation as your charitable organization of choice. Shoppers can bookmark this site to use in the future, so a contribution is made with each purchase. Only

purchases made through smile.amazon.com will be part of the contribution program.

This is great opportunity for our friends and alumni to support the College and Foundation, commented Charles Chip Bolyard, Director of Institutional and Student Advancement at EWVCTC.

The AmazonSmile site has the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as the regular site, including Prime Member Benefits. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the Foundation will receive a donation of 0.5 percent of the price

of eligible purchases.

EWVCTC Foundation exists to support student needs, faculty development and capital improvement projects. It provides financial assistance that helps make college possible and opens doors for career training. The Foundation hosts events and opportunities for donors to support the mission of the organization, and AmazonSmile is another ongoing opportunity for anyone to participate.

To learn more about the Foundation, visit easternwvctcfoundation.org or contact Bolyard at 304-434-8000 or charles.bolyard@easternwv.edu.

## NEWS BRIEFS

Hunting and fishing licenses for next year have gone on sale in West Virginia. The sale that started Dec. 1 was earlier than normal to allow for holiday gift purchases and early renewals. According to the Governor's office anyone buying a sportsman or junior sportsman license before Jan. 1 will automatically be entered to win a free lifetime license or a vacation to a West Virginia state park. For more information go to www.wvdnr.gov/giveaway

American consumers spent \$19.6 billion at independent retailers and restaurants on Small Business Saturday, according to data released December 3 by American Express and the National Federation of Independent Businesses. Data shows shoppers from coast to coast made a significant impact at small businesses during the 10th annual Small Business Saturday, held November 30, 2019.

According to AAA last week, the average gas price in West Virginia was at \$2.552. Nationally the average price was at \$2.596. Following a busy holiday long weekend that saw 49 million Americans traveling on roadways, gas prices across the country saw minimal

fluctuation, with most states seeing decreases on the week. States in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast region carry some of the largest year-over-year gas price savings. At \$2.31 Virginia continued in the list of 10 least expensive states for average gas prices. Across West Virginia, prices ranged from a low of \$2.458 in Parkersburg to a high of \$2.618 at Weirton. Area averages were \$2.635 in Jefferson, \$2.694 in Hampshire, and \$2.583 in Mineral counties. Prices in Hardy County were at \$2.59 in Moorefield and \$2.69 in Mathias and Baker.

## Moorefield Police Busy With Christmas and Criminal Activity

By Hannah Heishman  
Moorefield Examiner

The Moorefield Police Department recovered a stolen vehicle, responded to 154 calls in November, made seven felony arrests and 50 misdemeanor arrests, and wrote 313 traffic citations and warnings.

They received AAA's Community Traffic Safety Platinum Award, which is the highest award AAA presents, for traffic enforcement in 2019.

They assisted with Moorefield's Christmas parade and events, and partnered with Capon Valley Bank for the Cram the Cruiser event on Dec. 7.

The department has also partnered with Toys for Tots, with three locations to drop off toys: the Town Office; the MPD lobby; and Capon Valley Bank.

Chief Stephen Riggelman told the council that two officers currently in the W.Va. State Police Academy will both graduate on December 13, and invited council members to attend.

Riggelman also briefed the council that he'd been contacted by Weimer Automotive. A Dodge Charger the department had on order with a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant was cancelled by Dodge.

Riggelman said the wait for a new Charger could be four months, or more than a year. Riggelman ordered a 2020 Dodge Durango, which will be \$1000 less than the Charger would've cost the Town.

That means the MPD will receive two Dodge Durangos, including one approved at the last council meeting. One goes to the department's detective, and one will be a patrol vehicle.

The Council discussed demolition bids for the property 222 Spring Avenue, which will become additional space for the Town Park.

Two bids were received, one for \$9400.00 and one for \$11,500.00. The contract went to the lowest bidder.

Public Utility Director Lucas Gagnon said the plan is to build the lot up to even with the Park, which will make it a bit higher than Spring Avenue.

Gagnon said Park employees were installing new exercise equipment, and aerated most of the Park's grounds. Public Works installed five frost-free water hydrants to replace ones that were leaking.

A contractor approved at the last meeting has started trimming trees.

He's doing a really good job, Gagnon said.

Water crews removed a hydrant

on South Elm Street that was on a 4 line, and will replace it with one on a 10 line. They also replaced the bottoms of meters around Town that had broken during cold weather.

Sewer personnel replaced a manhole cover near Winchester Avenue on South Elm Street with a solid lid that has no holes; previously, citizens reported cockroaches coming onto the street from that location.

Street crews zipped up the roads on Mountain View Road and Wade Road to prepare them for paving. They checked snowplows and cinder beds, and pulled shrubs from around the Town Office's parking lot that were struck by a car.

Gagnon also asked the council to consider replacing the Town's Vactor truck, which helps vacuum out sewer lines. The truck is from 1997, and in poor condition. The Town got it used 15 years ago.

Gagnon found a used 2014 unit on a government website for about \$70,000, with 5500 hours on it.

He also said, in an emergency, the Town could also rent Keyser's truck for \$300 per hour.

The issue was tabled for a future meeting.

The council approved paying their bills, and also approved providing a ham or turkey to Town employees for Christmas.

## West Virginia Commissioner Of Agriculture Testifies to Congress on CWD Research

On Wednesday, Dec. 4, West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt testified before the U.S. Senate's Committee on Environment and Public Works as the key expert witness on the current status of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), as well as the captive cervid industry. The U.S. Senate is exploring potential legislation to establish a Chronic Wasting Disease Task Force to further study the issue.

Bringing various partners together to study how prion-based diseases affect domesticated livestock can only be beneficial to U.S. Agriculture. Understanding how these diseases migrate will further help us contain and cure the diseases, said Commissioner Leonhardt. This is not just an issue isolated to cervids but to all livestock. We hope Congress will take this

matter seriously.

Commissioner Leonhardt had five minutes to present a brief overview to the Committee on Environment and Public followed by an additional five minutes for questions. Commissioner Leonhardt and the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) submitted a full report to the committee as part of the testimony. During his allotted time, Commissioner Leonhardt asked Congress to put forth a coordinated effort to tackle prion research for all domesticated livestock.

The WVDA and the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources have done a great job taking the necessary precautions to contain the spread of CWD in our state. Despite our efforts, we still understand very little about the disease. It is time we put more resources to-



towards a solution, Leonhardt said.

Chronic Wasting Disease was first found in West Virginia in 2005. Currently, seven counties (Grant, Mineral, Hardy, Hampshire, Morgan, Berkeley and Jefferson) are under a CWD Containment Area. The disease has not been found in any captive cervid operations.

## China Lifts Ban on US Poultry

By Paul Wiseman  
AP Economics Writer

(AP) - China is reopening its market to U.S. poultry, ending a five-year ban.

China had blocked U.S. poultry imports after an outbreak of avian influenza in December 2014, closing off a market that bought more

than \$500 million worth of American chicken, turkey and other poultry products in 2013.

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer said Thursday that the U.S. welcomes the decision and predicted that U.S. poultry exports to China could surpass \$1 billion a year.

The Chinese market looks es-

pecially promising for U.S. poultry producers because an outbreak of African swine fever has devastated a competing protein in China: pork.

Shares in major U.S. chicken processors, Sanderson Farms, Tyson Foods and Pilgrim's Pride climbed to new highs for the year Thursday.

# Community News

### Flu Shots

The Hardy County Health Department, 411 Spring Ave. in Moorefield has adult and children's flu shots. They are available Wednesdays from 8 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Bring insurance/Medicare card. Call 304-530-6355 for information.

### Meeting Cancelled

The Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority will not meet as scheduled in December. The next meeting of the HCEAA will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Baker location. The public is invited to attend.

### Wool Pool

The Tri County Wool Pool has been scheduled for Tuesday,

Dec. 10, from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm 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 or put it in the bags with clear wool. 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, please do not use paint as this goes through the bag into the wool also making it reject.

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

### HCARSE Meets

The Hardy County Association of Retired School Employees will meet on Tuesday, Dec.

10 at 10:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Ponderosa Restaurant in Moorefield. All retired of school employees are welcome to attend.

### Mobile Office

Attorney General Patrick Morrissey announced a representative from his office will meet one-on-one with Eastern Panhandle residents in December to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions. Richard Dennis, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host the event on Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Hardy County Commission on Aging, 409 Spring St. in Moorefield.

Please bring any documenta-

tion you have regarding the issue.

### Community Together

The Assembly of God Church in Mathias will host Community Together on Thursday, Dec. 12 beginning at 6 p.m. They will tell the Christmas story. Come and bring a friend.

### Mobile Office

Members of Congressman Mooney's staff will be in Wardensville on Tuesday, Dec. 17, from 1 - 2 p.m. to meet with constituents who may be having problems with a federal agency. They will be at the Wardensville Town Hall, 25 Warrior Way. They ask that constituents bring copies of documentation related to their issues.

### Free Classes

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

### Spay and Neuter

Christmas time -- Get the cat and dog spayed or neutered. Spay Today is our area's non-profit, reduced priced spay and neuter program. The office is in Charles Town, W.Va. Many participating vets over a wide area. Gift certificates available -- buy now, use later! Spay Today: <https://spay-today.org> or 304-728-8330.

### Community Lunches

Community Luncheon is served each Wednesday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Duffey United Methodist Church.

Community Luncheon is served each Wednesday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Mathias Community Center.

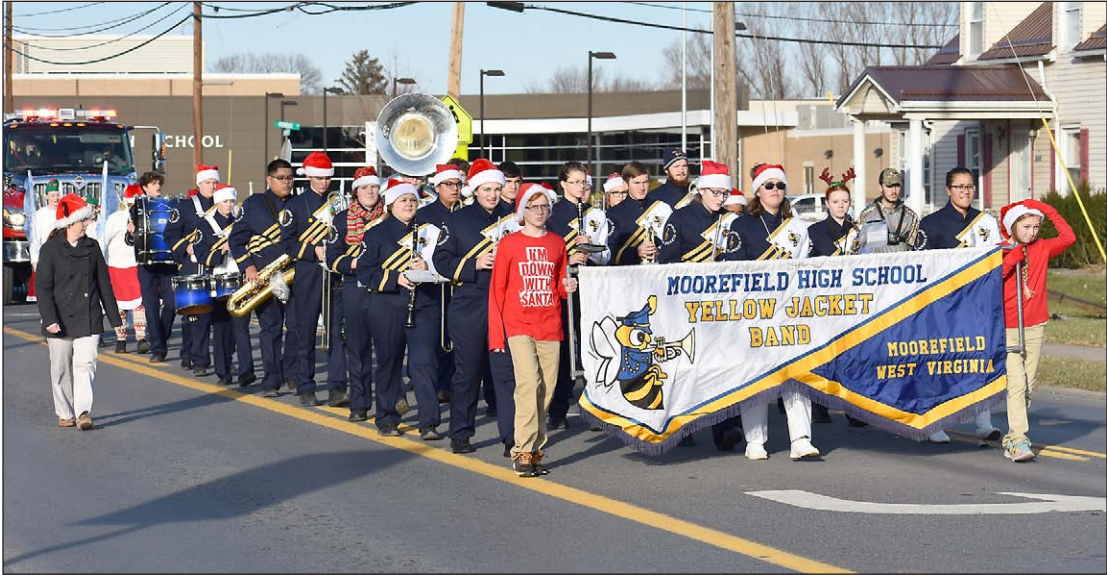
Meals are provided by community churches and everyone is welcome.

### Smoke Alarms Available

Red Cross Sound the Alarm free smoke alarms will be available in Hardy County throughout 2019. To register for smoke alarms call the Hardy County 911 office, 304-530-0291. Please give you name, address, phone number and the number of floors in your home. Your local fire company will call you to set up an appointment to install the smoke alarms.



# Christmas



# Tree



# Carols



# Santa Claus



The Moorefield Christmas Parade was sponsored by the Town of Moorefield.

The Moorefield Christmas Tree Lighting and Celebration was sponsored by the Moorefield Lions Club and the Hardy County Historical Society.

Thanks to all the volunteers who made the day a joyous one.

Photos by Jean Flanagan





AT THE LIBRARY

Christmas Open House @ the Library

Please join us at the Hardy County Public Library for our Christmas Open House on Thursday, December 12th. Light refreshments will be served from 10am until 5pm and hors d'oeuvres from 6pm until 8pm. Everyone is welcome!

Christmas Craft and Santa Visit @ the Library

The library will be hosting a Christmas craft for kids on December 14th from 9:30am until 11:30am. We'll be making Christmas tree ornaments and adults are welcome to join in and make their own ornament right alongside the kids. So stop in for some crafting fun, a cup of hot chocolate, and a visit with Santa!

Food (and Other Stuff) for Fines Drive

Beginning December 2nd and continuing until December 31st, library patrons can lower—or completely erase—their library LATE

FEES by donating non-perishable food items or personal hygiene products to the library's Food (and Other Stuff) for Fines Drive. For each non-perishable food item or personal hygiene product donated, we will waive \$1 of eligible fines from your account.

Outstanding library items must be returned and donations brought to the library circulation desk before any fines can be forgiven.

All donations will go to a local food pantry within Hardy County.

\*The expiration date on food items must be at least 1 year (e.g. if today is December 1st, 2019, food donations must be date-stamped December 1st, 2020 at minimum)

\*Examples of food items: Canned soups, canned vegetables, canned fruits, juices, dried or canned beans, hot or cold cereals, canned meats, rice or pasta, peanut butter and other spreads, jellies, etc.

\*Examples of personal hygiene products: toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, mouthwash, deodorant, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, feminine hygiene products,

diapers, baby wipes, etc.

\*Items of more value will warrant a greater reduction in late fees. The amount waived will be left to the discretion of staff at the time of the donation.

Wipe out those overdue fines by donating items that will help restock our local food pantries and lend a helping hand to someone in need.

New Fiction

*The Rise of Magicks* (Chronicles of the One; 3) by Nora Roberts Fallon works to free Purity Warrior victims and create and strengthen mixed communities while raising an army and preparing to face a powerful nemesis at the place where the Doom began.

*Trace of Evil* (Natalie Lockhart; 1) by Alice Blanchard In a small New York town, rookie detective Natalie Lockhart, left scarred by her sister's unsolved murder years ago, is faced with uncovering the whereabouts of nine missing transients and the murder of a beloved school teacher.

*Genesis* by Robin Cook (Reg.

Print, Audiobook) When the body of a social worker, seven weeks pregnant with her first child, shows up on Chief New York City Medical Examiner Laurie Montgomery's autopsy table, she turns to the controversial technique of using genealogic DNA databases to track down the truth.

*Beating about the Bush* (Agatha Raisin; 30) by M.C. Beaton

When private detective Agatha Raisin comes across a severed leg in a roadside hedge, it looks like she is about to become involved in a particularly gruesome murder. Looks, however, can be deceiving, as Agatha discovers when she is employed to investigate a case of industrial espionage at a factory where nothing is quite what it seems.

*A Time for Murder* (Murder, She Wrote; 50) by Jessica Fletcher Two timelines converge as Jessica Fletcher returns to high school to investigate the murder of an old colleague.

*How the Dead Speak* (Tony Hill and Carol Jordan; 11) by Val McDermid Tony Hill, behind bars

for murder, and Carol Jordan, looking into suspected miscarriages of justice, reunite after a mysterious skeleton turns up on the grounds of an old orphanage.

*Mumbo Gumbo Murder* (Scrapbooking Mystery; 16) by Laura Childs The shocking murder of an antique dealer strikes a sour note during Jazz Fest, sending Carmela Bertrand and her best friend on the hunt for a killer.

*Blood of Elves* (Witcher; 1) by Andrzej Sapkowski Into a tumultuous time is born a child for whom the witches of the world have been waiting. Ciri, the granddaughter of Queen Calanthe, the Lioness of Cintra, has strange powers and a strange destiny, for prophecy names her the Flame, one with the power to change the world: for good, or for evil.

New Non-Fiction

*Before and After: The Incredible Real-Life Stories of Orphans Who Survived the Tennessee Children's Home Society* by Judy Christie and Lisa Wingate In a culmination of art meeting life, long-silent victims

of a tragically corrupt adoption system return to Memphis with Wingate and Christie to reclaim their stories at a Tennessee Children's Home Society reunion—with extraordinary results.

*Black Huntingdon: An Appalachian Story* by Cicero M. Fain III

Fain explores the experiences of black migrants and residents in Huntington, West Virginia, during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

New Easy Readers

*The Invisible Leash* by Patrice Karst Emily tries to comfort her best friend, Zack, whose dog Jojo recently died, by telling him about the Invisible Leash that connects each owner to his or her deceased pet.

*The Cool Bean* by Jory John Everyone knows the cool beans. They're soooooo cool. And then there's the uncool has-bean... Always on the sidelines, one bean unsuccessfully tries everything he can to fit in with the crowd—until one day the cool beans show him how it's done.

Nutrient Plans

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can be significant."

In addition, the engineering requirements are increasing the time it takes for the approval process to be completed.

We understand the WVDA (West Virginia Department of Agriculture) is doing well with the nutrient management planning side of the plan, but that engineering services are not available either through NRCS or WVDA to satisfy the requirements to complete the Comprehensive Plan required, the letter stated. Producers are therefore having to seek engineering services elsewhere that are in some cases very costly even with the cost share arrangements available.

Possibly a grant to WVDA to employ an engineer for this purpose may help to move the process along at a faster pace and offer cost savings in other ways.

The letter reiterates that West Virginia is ahead of the federally established Total Maximum Daily Load requirements for 2025 and West Virginia already has 90,000 acres under nutrient management plans.

TMDLs identify the maximum amount of pollutants allowed to be released into a watershed.

A copy of the letter was to be sent to West Virginia Commis-

sioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt, US Senators Joe Manchin and Shelly Moore Capito and US Congressmen Alex Mooney and David McKinley.

OEM/911

Director of the Office of Emergency Management and the 911 Center Paul Lewis presented his report for the month of November.

Lewis presented a resolution for the commissioners to sign. The resolution will classify 911 Dispatchers as First Responders.

The commissioners approved the resolution at the Nov. 24 meeting.

The commission also approved longevity pay for 911 dispatchers. Full time dispatchers will receive \$50 per year for every year of service to the county. The longevity pay will be effective July 1, 2020.

The equipment has been received for the new phone system, Lewis said. The work will be done probably after the first of the year."

Lewis talked with two cell phone providers about the possibility of constructing a communications tower on the Route 259-South corridor.

I talked with US Cellular and AT&T, he said.

Lewis also reported a lightning strike damaged the master clock at

the 911 Center. It will be sent back to the manufacturer for repairs. The cost will be approximately \$300.

There will be a tabletop regional exercise on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at the 911 Center. More than 100 responders in eight counties will participate.

There were a total of 717 calls for service in November. This compares to 645 calls in October. The calls for November included:

Law Enforcement\*

Moorefield Police Department had 338 calls for service.

Hardy County Sheriff's Department had 199 calls for service.

West Virginia State Police had 35 calls for service.

West Virginia DNR Police had 21 calls for service.

\*includes traffic stops

EMS

Fralely Ambulance Service had 88 calls for service.

Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority had 65 calls for service.

Wardensville Volunteer Rescue Squad had 22 calls for service.

Capon Springs Volunteer Rescue Squad assisted with 4 calls.

Fire

Moorefield Volunteer Fire De-

partment had 32 calls for service.

Mathias/Baker Volunteer Fire Department had 20 calls for service.

Capon Valley Volunteer Fire Department had 12 calls for service.

Ambulance Authority

Derek Alt reported there was some minor flooding at the Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority facility. Contractors installing a fiber optic line crushed a drain pipe, which caused the flooding. The repairs have been made.

Alt reported the contract for the lease of space to E. A. Hawse Medical Center as well as the contract for ambulance service from Fraley Ambulance Service were both signed. The contract with the Wardensville Volunteer Rescue Squad was still in negotiations.

Alt requested a \$65,000 draw from the Hardy County Emergency Ordinance Fee. The commission approved the request.

LEPC/CERT

Fran Welton, chair of the Hardy County Local Emergency Preparedness Committee and the Community Emergency Response Team, reported the CERT training was held with two students. We've been asked to work with

Grant County to do training in the Spring, she said.

Welton asked the commissioners to provide liability insurance for CERT volunteers.

It's something we need to do, Michael said.

Welton is working with various agencies to fund the purchase of harnesses for the grain bin rescue equipment. Two years ago, the county received some equipment and training to extricate individuals trapped in a grain bin. That equipment is housed at the Capon Valley Volunteer Fire Department.

The entrances to the new buildings in the Robert C. Bryd Industrial park are not safe, Welton said. The driveways are straight out to Industrial Park Road and they are not wide enough.

Michael said the buildings are owned by a private entity, but the county will request the problem be addressed.

Hardy County Rural Development Authority Director Mallie Combs said the entrances were approved by the West Virginia Division of Highways, but she will contact the property owner.

Other Business

The payroll register for Nov. 1 - 15 was \$87,538.44.

The payroll register for Nov. 16 - 30 was \$71,795.49.

The regional jail bill for October was \$47,671.

The county's contribution to the Farmland Preservation Board for November was \$6,332.70.

The commission acknowledged receipt of the 2017 audit.

The commission approved 16 holidays for courthouse employees for 2020. They include a 1/2 day for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

The commission approved the courthouse hours of public business to be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Fran Welton said those hours made it difficult for working people to conduct business at the courthouse. Commissioner Michael said they might consider staggered hours next year.

The commission approved a resolution entitled Voting System Security Policy. The policy outlines the security measures taken to limit access to voting equipment when not in use.

The next meeting of the Hardy County Commission will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 7 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 meetings are open to the public.

Ambulance Levy

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Association of Counties would be able to provide educational materials regarding a levy. There would be no county tax dollars spent, Michael said.

Mathias resident John Buckley spoke out vehemently against another levy on the ballot.

It has been put forth two times before and it failed, he said. So, you're saying to the public, you didn't get it right the first two times. Here's your third chance to get it right. That's totally unfair.

Education and facts can come from both sides. The facts you present can be for or against.

Michael said they would wait to hear from the Ethics Commission.

Fee Collection

Currently, the HCEAA uses a computer system separate from the county's to bill and collect the fees. Both HCEAA Executive Director Derek Alt and Lewis have administrative authority.

Commissioner Michael has lobbied for collection of the fee to be done in the courthouse. He has argued since collection of the fee is the responsibility of the county commission, the billing and collection should be done in the courthouse.

I'm concerned about having an accounting system outside the county, Michael said. It is being managed by a third party. The sheriff, who has the responsibility of collecting revenue, has no control.

To be clear, the courthouse accounting, including finance, assessment, tax billing and tax collection systems are also on a third-party system, managed by Global Science and Technology. Various elected officials in county government have administrative access to the system.

The current discussion began when 2019 Emergency Ambulance

Fee bills were fraught with mistakes and inaccuracies. To make a bad situation worse, the customer service telephone number on the bills was answered by a call center in the Philippines.

The mistakes have been corrected and calls for questions are now being answered by HCEAA employees.

Michael insists someone from the county should be available at all times to respond to citizens' questions and problems. If we're charging a fee, we should have someone available to respond to questions and issues, he said.

Currently, HCEAA employees are working at the 911 Center and the HCEAA facility in Baker.

Commissioner Workman said he was not in favor of any additional work being assigned to the County Coordinator, nor paying any additional cost.

My main concern is that if we bring it back, it will end up in Rose's lap, he said. I want her to focus on grants.

We've already paid for this system. We will have to pay to transfer it back.

Matt Ferrier from Global Science and Technology told the commissioners it would take about a month to merge the two systems and would cost somewhere in the four-figures.

The assessor's system is good but not for the ambulance authority, he said.

Michael said he was adamantly opposed to purchasing the separate system in the first place.

I see we have three options, Michael said. One, the county takes over the whole process, both billing and collecting the past due accounts.

Two, we process the payments

here and leave collecting the past due accounts with the HCEAA.

Three, we leave it as it is.

If we transfer it to the county, what will that look like? Alt asked.

No one has yet determined how that would happen or who would actually administer the system, or answer questions from the public.

Currently, ambulance fees are being collected in the Sheriff's Department Tax Office. Questions and problems are being handled by the employees of the HCEAA. Arrangements for past due accounts to go to Magistrate Court have been finalized. Civil action will begin after the first of the year.

If you're looking to put the ambulance fee on the ballot again, you should wait to see the outcome of that, Lewis said.

No action was taken.

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OBITUARIES

Doris Lee (Keplinger) George, age 71, of Moorefield, W.Va. passed away on Monday, December 2, 2019 at her home.

Doris was born March 1,1948 in Petersburg, W.Va. and was a daughter of the late Virgil Ray Keplinger and Alice Louvine (Lily) Keplinger. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Winfred Milton Wimp George and a granddaughter Jurnee Elizabeth Cullers.

Doris is survived by two daughters, Jackie E. Cullers of Moorefield, W.Va. and Jodi George and friend Chris Ketterman of Moore-

field, W.Va.; Eight grandchildren, Jade, Jevon, Dominic, Hunter, Brookelyn, Jackson, Jakeline and Jenerose; four great grandchildren, Araya, Ashtynn, Ezrah and Estel; one sister, Naomi Pearl Keplinger of Burlington, W.Va.; one brother, Raymond Keplinger of Moorefield, W.Va. and numerous nieces and nephews.

Doris graduated from Petersburg High School in 1966 and retired in 2004 from Rockingham Poultry in Moorefield, W.Va.. She was a member of Oak Dale Christian Church. Doris and her late husband had a ministry of blessing folks by sending cheerful cards at

their time of need. She enjoyed visits from her family and friends.

Funeral service were held Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg with the Rev. Lynn Rohrbaugh and Pastor Wade Armentrout officiating. Burial was in Newhouse Cemetery, Rig, W.Va..

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the family, c/o Jackie E. Cullers, 1730 Rig Road, Moorefield, W.Va. 26836.

Online condolences www.schaefferfuneralhome.com.



CECIL DOLAN MONGOLD

Cecil Dolan Mongold, 84, of Rockingham, died December 3, 2019 at Life Care Center of New Market, Va.

He was born June 24, 1935 at Fort Seybert, W.Va. and was a son to the late James Arley and Cora Alice Sites Mongold.

Cecil owned and operated Mongold Excavating. He was a veteran of the Korean War.

On September 20, 1964 he married the former Addie Mae Reese, who preceded him in death on De-

cember 5, 2014.

Surviving is a son; Cecil D. C.J. Mongold, Jr., of Staunton, two stepsons; Wayne Eye and wife Doris, of Clover Hill, Phillip Eye and wife Sharon, of Mt. Crawford, Va., numerous step grandchildren, nieces, and nephews, and four special nieces; Wilma Elliott, Janet Barnes, Sherry Mongold, Vickie O Brien.

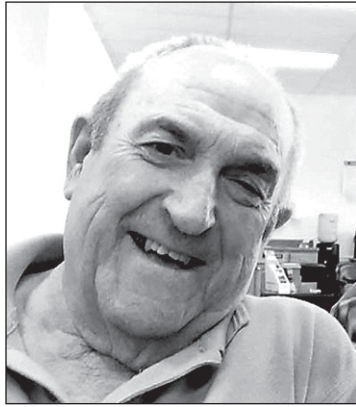
He was preceded in death by six siblings; Budge Mongold, Calvin Mongold, Victor Mongold, Gold-

ie Jackson, Ray Mongold, Pauline Nelson.

Mark Reese conducted a funeral service Friday, December 13, at 11 a.m. at the Grandle Funeral Home in Broadway. Burial followed at Clover Hill Cemetery.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.grandlefuneralhome.com.

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



EARL SIMMONS

Earl Simmons, age 81 of Front Royal, Va., passed away Friday December 6, 2019 at his residence surrounded by family. Born on January 10, 1938 in Harrisonburg, Va., he was a son of the late Ammon Simmons and Lottie Mae Mongold Southerly. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Stewart Cullers and Junior Cullers and a sister, Mabel Zirk.

Earl was a graduate of Moorefield High School class of 1957 and attended WVU, was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Vietnam War and retired from Lockheed Martin.

Surviving is his loving wife of 56 years, Alice Lee Vance Simmons; two daughters, Tina R. (Happy) Anderson of Front Royal, Va. and Rebecca S. (Andrew) Snider of Myrtle Beach, S.C. and his beautiful granddaughter, Hannah R. Anderson.

Funeral Services will be conducted 1:00 PM Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel, 107 Washington Street with Pastors Happy Anderson and Sherry Waddell officiants. Interment will follow with Military Graveside Rites accorded by the US Army and the Moorefield Veteran's Honor Guard at Olivet Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. Wednesday until time of services at 1:00 PM.

Memorials may be directed to Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 W. Cork St, #405, Winchester, VA 22601. Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on Earl's Tribute Wall at www.fraleyfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Fraley Funeral Home.

ROBERT 'BOB' WOLFE

Robert Lee Bob Wolfe, age 79 of Moorefield, W.Va., passed away Wednesday afternoon, December 4, 2019 at the Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, Va.. Born on October 8, 1940 in Grant Town, W.Va., he was a son of the late Brady Orville Wolfe and Fay Belle Branson Wolfe. Bob had retired from Euclid Manufacturing, builders of heavy duty construction equipment. He enjoyed old cars, especially working on them. He also enjoyed riding his four-wheeler and hunting, anytime outdoors. His family was everything to him and he cared for those when in need. Occasionally he needed them when his web surfing required the payment of an item he wanted but not always needed.

Surviving is his wife of 48 years, Marion Gail Miller Wolfe; two sons,

Donald L. (Susan) Wolfe of Winchester, Va. and Brady M. (Marsha) Wolfe of Moorefield, W.Va.; three grandchildren, Chelsea, Brian and Johnathan; five great-grandchildren and two sisters, Helen Wolfe of Lyndhurst, Ohio and Bonnie Haight of Kirtland, Ohio.

Funeral Services were conducted 1:00 p.m. Monday, December 9, 2019 at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel, 107 Washington Street with Pastor Harold George officiant. Interment followed at Walnut Grove Gardens, Route 55 East of Moorefield.

Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on Bob's Tribute Wall at www.fraleyfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Fraley Funeral Home.

MARY LEE OURS BURCH

Mary Lee Ours Burch, age 95 of Apex, N.C., formerly of Moorefield, W.Va. and Milford, Del., passed away on October 3, 2019 in Apex. Born on July 21, 1924 in Moorefield, W.Va., she was a daughter of the late Elmer Ours and Hattie Getz Ours. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Courtney Burch in March of 1987; five brothers; and one sister. Surviving are several nieces and nephews. Ms. Burch was the last surviving member of her immediate family.

Mary worked as a retail clothier at Coffman-Fisher in Milford, Del. Ms. Burch was also a member of the Milford Methodist Church in Milford.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, December 13, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the Asbury United Methodist Church Cemetery in Bean Settlement, W.Va. with Pastor Carlin Ours officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Elmore Funeral Home.

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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.

Dec. 11, 1905: Pare Lorentz, known as "FDR's filmmaker," was born in Clarksburg. In 1933, Lorentz created The Roosevelt Year: 1933, a pictorial review of FDR's first year in the White House.

Dec. 12, 1953: Chuck Yeager set a speed record by flying two-and-a-half times the speed of sound in a Bell X-1A. Yeager, who grew up in Hamlin, had broken the sound barrier six years earlier on Oct. 14, 1947.

Dec. 13, 1861: The Battle of Allegheny Mountain, one of the bloodiest conflicts of the Civil War's first year, took place in Pocahontas County.

Dec. 13, 1926: Wheeling radio station WWVA-AM began broadcasting. The 50-watt station operated from the basement of John Stroebel's house for most of its first year. Stroebel was a physics teacher and wireless pioneer.

Dec. 15, 1879: Roman Catholic Bishop John Joseph Swint was born in Pickens. He was responsible for the building of many religious institutions in the Diocese of Wheeling (now the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston).

Dec. 15, 1967: The Silver Bridge at Point Pleasant collapsed, killing 46 people. The Silver Bridge was built by the American Bridge Company of Pittsburgh and opened to traffic on May 19, 1928. The accident led to the passage of legislation for a national bridge inspection and safety program.

Dec. 15, 1972: An explosion at a Weirton Steel coke plant on Browns Island killed 19 men and injured 10 others. It was the worst industrial accident in Weirton's history.

Dec. 16, 1893: Alexander Martin died at the age of 71 in Greencastle, Indiana. Martin was the first president of the Agricultural College of West Virginia, which was renamed West Virginia University at his recommendation in 1868.

Dec. 17, 1957: The J. L. Stifel & Sons calico plant at Wheeling closed. For most of its history Stifel & Sons produced indigo-dyed prints and drills for clothing manufacturers. At its peak, the plant produced 3.5 million yards of cloth per month.

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DUPLICATE BRIDGE

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

Overall winners were: Sandra Evans and Bill Fisher, 52; Larry Garrett and Bruce Leslie, 50 1/2; and Lucy Kimble and Dorothy Wilson; 42.

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## S O C I A L

### Funk Wins Peace Poster Contest



Madilyn Funk, daughter of Angie and Matt Funk of Wardensville, won 1st place in the Wardensville Lions Club Peace Poster Contest. Under the direction of Michelle Holstein, Art Teacher at EHHS and EHEMS, her entry was among several pieces submitted by students in the 11-13 age group. Her entry will move on to the District level contest. Congratulations!

### Triple L Farm Joins American Angus Assoc.

Triple L Farm, Rio, West Virginia, is a new member of the American Angus Association, reports Mark McCully, CEO of the national breed organization headquartered in Saint Joseph, Mo. The American Angus Association, with more than 25,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef breed association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on over 19 million registered Angus.

The Association records ances-

tral information and keeps production records and genomic data on individual animals to develop industry-leading selection tools for its members. The programs and services of the Association and its entities Angus Genetics Inc., Angus Productions Inc., Certified Angus Beef LLC and the Angus Foundation help members to advance the beef cattle business by selecting the best animals for their herds and marketing quality genetics for the beef cattle industry and quality beef for consumers.

### Platinum Award

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reflect the amount of written warnings issued during these traffic stops. The Moorefield Police Department also made 29 DUI arrests.

In addition to routine traffic patrol the Moorefield Police Department actively assists with all traffic related events occurring within Moorefield. Traffic control is managed at all major intersections during parades, park events, concerts, physical activities, and funeral processions. These events are actively

worked by officers to direct and control traffic for the safety of the citizens of Moorefield.

The Moorefield Police Department is dedicated to enforcing traffic laws in the school zones. When students are attending school, the Moorefield Police Department makes all efforts to have officers present while students travel to and from school. This effort has been aided with a designated school zone speed radar sign which is placed in service every day before school and removed every day following school. The school zone designated times run from 7:30-8:30 a.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m.while school is in session.

Officers of the Moorefield Police Department have utilized funding provided by the West Virginia Governors Highway Safety Program to work overtime patrols to make the streets of Moorefield a safer place. These patrols are worked in addition to the officer's schedule work periods.

These specialized patrols are intended to target DUIs, speed violations, distracted driving violations, seatbelt violations, and Work Zone violations. During the reporting period, the Moorefield Police Department has dedicated 72 additional hours to speed enforcement, 48 additional hours to DUI enforcement, and 20 hours to distracted driving enforcement.

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### Hardy Telecom. Sponsoring FRS College Scholarship

Hardy Telecommunications is again sponsoring a \$2,500 college scholarship for graduating seniors from East Hardy and Moorefield high schools.

Members of the Class of 2020 at EHHS and MHS can apply through Hardy for the national Foundation for Rural Service College Scholarship Program. The scholarship, open to applicants who receive local telecommunications service (either telephone, Internet, or television) from Hardy, is worth \$2,000, and Hardy Telecommunications will contribute an additional \$500 to the amount, bringing the total one-time scholarship award to \$2,500.

The Foundation for Rural Service has changed its application process this year so that the entire application is done online. Students can visit their guidance counselors at the two high schools for the guidelines detailing how to apply. Students will need to go to [www.frs.org/student](http://www.frs.org/student) and create an account with NTCA per the instructions there.

Completed applications must be submitted online to the Foundation for Rural Service no later than March 6, 2020.

To apply, students will need to submit a 500-800 word essay; a letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or counselor (the Educator's Statement); a letter of recommendation from a local community leader other than an educator; and seven semesters of transcripts. FRS urges applicants to have all of their documents ready to upload before beginning the application.

Students no longer have to return any paperwork to Hardy Telecommunications.

The FRS will award scholarships nationwide. A qualified selection committee of current educators determined by the Foundation for Rural Service will select the winners; Hardy Telecommunications itself has no input in the selection process.

Derek Barr, Hardy director of customer service and sales, marketing and human resources, stressed that the scholarship is a national scholarship, so Hardy Telecommunications can't guarantee that any local student will be selected. Hardy simply sponsors local applications and agrees to contribute \$500 of the total \$2,500 amount if the national FRS committee does pick a Hardy County student.

The scholarship selection is divided into regions, and the Foundation for Rural Service does make sure that scholarships are awarded in every region. But West Virginia is still in a region with several other states, so it's a very competitive process, he said.

Hardy Telecommunications last recipient of the FRS College Scholarship was 2017 East Hardy High graduate Caitlin Fitzwater.

Because of how the process works and the nationwide competition, we don't have recipients selected more often than we are notified that we have a winner, but we're happy to offer this unique opportunity and hope to be able to present this scholarship to a Hardy County student, Barr said.

Local applicants must be a U.S. citizen and graduating high school senior; accepted by an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school; have at least a C grade point average; express an interest in returning to a rural community following graduation; and be sponsored by Hardy Telecommunications, a member of NTCA.

Hardy Telecommunications Inc., a member of the NTCA The Rural Broadband Association, is a non-profit cooperative dedicated to bringing affordable high-definition digital television, local and long distance telephone service and broadband Internet service to the citizens of Hardy County. The company offers services through Hardy OneNet, Hardy County's first fiber-to-the-home network.

### Social Security Admin. Announce New Online Reporting Form for Imposter Scam Calls

Andrew Saul, Commissioner of Social Security, and Gail S. Ennis, the Inspector General for the Social Security Administration, announce the launch of a dedicated online form at <https://oig.ssa.gov> to receive reports from the public of Social Security-related scams. These scams in which fraudulent callers mislead victims into making cash or gift card payments to avoid arrest for purported Social Security number problems skyrocketed over the past year to become the #1 type of fraud reported to the Federal Trade Commission and the Social Security Administration.

To combat these scams, Social Security and the OIG will use the new online form to capture data that will be analyzed for trends and commonalities. The OIG will use the data to identify investigative leads, which could help identify criminal entities or individuals participating in or facilitating the scams. Ultimately, these efforts are expected to disrupt the scammers, help reduce this type of fraud, and reduce the number of victims.

We are taking action to raise awareness and prevent scammers from harming Americans, Commissioner Saul said. I am deeply troubled that our country has not been able to stop these crooks from deceiving some of the most vulnerable members of our society.

Commissioner Saul and Inspector General Ennis encourage the public to use the new online form to report Social Security phone scams including robocalls and live callers, as well as email, text, and in-person scams. The form allows people to create a unique Personal Identification Number (PIN), so if OIG contacts a person about their report, they will know the call is legitimate.

Awareness is our best hope to thwart the scammers, said Inspector General Ennis. Tell your friends and family about them and report them to us when you receive them, but most importantly, just hang up and ignore the calls.

Social Security employees do occasionally contact people—generally those who have ongoing business with the agency—by telephone for business purposes. However, Social Security employees will never threaten a person, or promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase, in exchange for information or money. In those cases, the call is fraudulent and people should just hang up.

Generally, the agency mainly calls people who have recently applied for a Social Security benefit, someone who is already receiving payments and requires an update to their record, or a person who has requested a phone call from the agency. If a person is not in one of these situations, they normally would not receive a call from the agency.

Social Security will not: Tell you that your Social Security number has been suspended.

Contact you to demand an immediate payment.

Ask you for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

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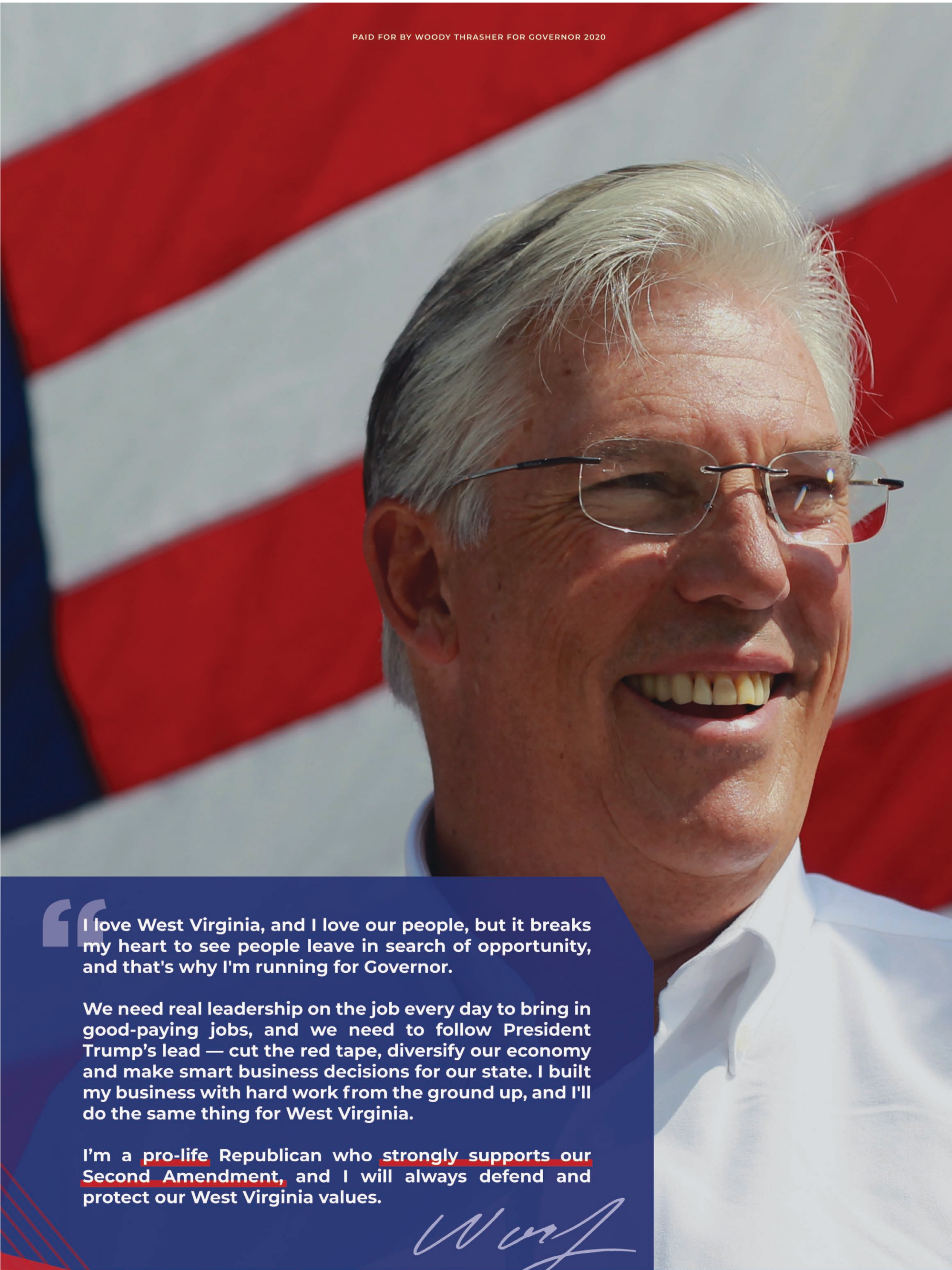
Promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase, in exchange for information or money.

If there is a problem with a person's Social Security number or record, in most cases Social Security will mail a letter. If a person needs to submit payments to Social Security, the agency will send a letter with instructions and payment options. People should never provide information or payment over the phone or Internet unless they are certain of who is receiving it.

The Social Security OIG will also continue to take reports of fraud, waste, and abuse in Social Security's programs and operations. A separate online form for those reports remains available at their website.



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# Lady Cougars Roar To Victory Over Harman In Season Opener

By Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

Jumping off the right paw is just what the Lady Cougars needed to start the season as East Hardy prowled down the hardwood for a 40-19 victory over Harman last Tuesday in the Baker Den.

It is always good to get a win. We are halfway to our win total of last year which was only two wins. We were able to execute our game plan, East Hardy coach Bridget Billmeyer remarked.

Breaking the nerves of opening night, East Hardy's Tera Jones provided comedic relief stepping up to the tip-off circle and turning to the coach asking how do you jump.

After East Hardy won the opening tip and the initial shot attempt hit the rim, Katee Short made a jump for the rebound and netted the putback en route to a game-high 14 points with the first field goal of the season coming at the 7:45 mark.

The Lady Panthers committed a double dribble, then East Hardy lost control of the ball on a drive to the basket

by Jaden Fleshman with the ball ricocheting out of play.

Harman lost the ball on the next possession, then Fleshman assisted Makenzie Blair on a jumper to put the Lady Cougars up 4-nil at 6:40.

East Hardy's Chelsea Keller collected two defensive rebounds, but both times turnovers were made with the latter a steal by Harman's Alison Warner setting up a layup by Alexis Nelson at the 5:35 mark.

Keller grabbed an offensive rebound and dished the ball to Short for a jumper on the following series.

Natalie Teter made one free throw with the second negated on a violation stepping over the line as the Lady Panthers cut the deficit to 6-3 at the 4:44 mark.

After a jump ball, Harman missed the hoop twice with rebounds by Tessa Propst and Alison Warner, who fell causing a turnover.

Harman made a trap and fouled Keller, who scored one of two free throws for the Lady Cougars with four

minutes left in the first period.

It took another two minutes before the next point was made which was a foul shot by Harman's Emily Marple and East Hardy's Rebecca Whetzel snatched the rebound off the second attempt.

After a kickball violation, Whetzel made an inbound pass to Short for a field goal at the 1:45 mark giving East Hardy a 9-4 lead.

East Hardy's Perry Whetzel made a defensive rebound, then Short drew a foul making the basket and missing the bonus with Rebecca Whetzel grabbing the carom and feeding Jones for a jumper within seven seconds taking a 13-4 advantage at 1:32.

A trap by the Lady Cougars forced a walk, then a free throw opportunity came up empty moments later.

Harman's Emily Marple collected the rebound off the free throw line miss, then netted a jumper on the other end with under a minute left in the first period with the score standing at 13-6 entering the second frame as the Lady

Panthers missed two shots to close it out.

East Hardy's Makenzie Blair forced a turnover and was tied up with Harman's Alison Warner to begin the second period creating a jump ball, then the Lady Cougars drew iron and Warner got the rebound.

Harman's Natalie Teter went to the free throw line and made both shots at the 7:14 mark, 13-8.

After a defensive rebound by the Lady Panthers, East Hardy made a trap forcing a walk.

Jones snatched an offensive rebound and was fouled during the shot for an old-fashioned three-point play putting the Lady Cougars up 18-8 at the 4:59 mark.

Both teams missed a couple opportunities and committed a turnover apiece with the latter a steal by Short during a trap leading to a breakaway basket at 2:56 as East Hardy extended the advantage 20-8.

Short made another steal, but the



Photo by Carl Holcomb  
East Hardy's Chelsea Keller shoots over Harman's Alexis Nelson during the season opener.  
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## Jackets Dial Long Distance in Hampshire Tip-off Tournament Defeating Sherando Before Falling to Petersburg in Championship

By Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

The Lady Yellow Jackets dialed long distance scoring 16 3-pointers in the Hampshire Tip-off Tournament with eight ringing during a 39-26 win over Sherando in the semifinals and another eight sent during a 55-47 loss in the championship against Petersburg last weekend in Sunrise Summit at Hampshire High School.

We executed well, but shots weren't falling inside the paint point blank missing layups. The outside shots, the threes came through for us tonight. We have to start putting the ball in the hole. It was good to start the season with a win, especially at a tournament like this one. It was first game jitters for us, but these seniors led the team. This was their last first game. I am proud of all of them coming out, Moorefield coach Paul Keplinger noted.

In the semifinal contest against the Lady Warriors, Moorefield was led in scoring by Lindsey Rinker with 15 points which all came from the perimeter, followed by Remi Hinkle with ten points and Madison McGregor notched 3-pointers thrice for nine points.

Shots weren't falling inside the paint for the Lady Yellow Jackets, but the outside targets were connecting.

The Lady Yellow Jackets missed a jumper to start the game and



Photo by Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield's Lexi Gilhuys slipped past the reach of Petersburg's Kayla Lantz during the Hampshire Tip-off Tournament Championship loss to the Lady Vikings in Sunrise Summit last Saturday.  
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Sherando grabbed the rebound, then committed a turnover which resulted in a 3-pointer by Rinker for the first points of the season at the 6:56 mark.

It was a sloppy first quarter with a plethora of turnovers on both sides of the ball with both teams having five apiece.

It wasn't until the 1:20 mark when the next point arrived as Sherando's Isabel Hall netted one free throw.

Moorefield answered with a 3-pointer by McGregor only five seconds later for a 6-1 advantage.

Sherando's Haley Mack added a foul shot with 37 seconds on the clock and Moorefield's Anna Riggleman notched one free throw with ten seconds remaining.

The Lady Warriors garnered one field goal as time expired to cut the deficit to 7-4.

Sherando opened the second period with a jumper by Roxie McVeigh at the 7:36 mark.

Moorefield responded with a 3-pointer by Rinker at the 7:11 mark for a 10-6 lead.

There were 18 combined missed field goals over the next three minutes before McGregor nailed a perimeter shot for the Lady Yellow Jackets at 3:55, 13-6.

After a jump ball, Sherando's Haley Mack hit a jumper.

Moorefield forced a turnover and Rinker netted another trifecta at the 2:18 mark creating a 16-8 advantage.

## Moorefield Cheer Is State Bound

The Moorefield Cheerleading squad qualified for the state cheer competition in Huntington this Saturday with a runner-up finish at the Region II tournament finishing with a score of 258.05. This is the fourth state tournament appearance for the Lady Yellow Jackets and second under coach Lori Evans since 2012. They will have a social media theme for the routine. "Extremely proud. They are very excited," MHS Cheer coach Lori Evans remarked.



Photo by Carl Holcomb



# WRESTLING PREVIEW

## MOOREFIELD WRESTLING



2019-20 Moorefield High School Wrestling Team

By Carl Holcomb  
*Moorefield Examiner*

The buzzing is loud and clear in the Hive as Moorefield Wrestling prepares to sting opponents this season with nine returning grapplers and four promising newcomers ready to earn a trip to the state tournament in Huntington led by last year's state qualifying juniors Isaac Van Meter and Kevin Wetzel.

The Yellow Jackets have a strong core of dedicated grapplers developing the team into a cohesive unit with dynamic power.

Moorefield Wrestling head coach T.J. Van Meter and assistant coach Larry Schoonover look for their hard-nosed athletes to make an impact throughout the season.

Starting the season off with a statement, the Yellow Jackets swarmed into the Hedgesville Duals this past weekend garnering five team victories which was four more than the previous year and for the first time in program history defeated Class AA rival Petersburg.

The Moorefield Wrestling co-captains for the season are senior Jackson Weese, junior Kevin Wetzel and junior Isaac Van Meter.

Van Meter finished last season as the 170-lb. state and regional runner-up with a record of 62-3 and Wetzel placed third at the regional to qualify for the state tournament with a record of 44-23 in the 138-lb. weight class.

Van Meter and Wetzel know what it takes to earn a match victory with discipline, focus and intensity.

Weese has been a valuable contributor to the team with his knowledge of the sport and has been making strides to keep the team growing every step and will be returning to the mat in the 126-lb. weight class.

Moorefield junior Allan Hardbarger has been developing into a solid wrestler learning techniques to compete in the 195-lb. weight class this year.

Moorefield junior Jake Frederick has been sidelined with an injury, but has been a huge vocal supporter of his teammates at the matches and loss to return to action in the 152-lb. weight class with good calculations on the mat.

At the Hedgesville Duals, sophomore Tyberious Clayton was trailing 7-1 against a Loudoun Valley opponent before making a reversal for a pin with seconds remaining in the match proving his tenacity to never give up. Clayton will be in the 152/160-lbs. range for wrestling this season.

Clayton's sister Madalynn is currently helping keep the scorebook during the matches and is on the mend from an injury looking to return to the 120/126-lbs. weight class range. Maddy has a positive spirit and has experience on the mat which will benefit the team.

Moorefield sophomore Matthew Delawder was a sixth place medalist in the regionals last year and has shown a strong technical knowledge being able to battle into overtime in matches and will be a threat to reach the state tournament this year.

Moorefield sophomore Dominick Davis has been wrestling for years and has proven to be very aggressive and becoming more confident in making the moves to get closer to a podium spot.

The freshmen class has a mixture of experience and talent looking to give the Yellow Jackets a boost in competition: Ryan Hardbarger, Layne Spitzer, Grayson Miller and Levi Howard.

Hardbarger has shown some brute strength during practice and had a good showing in Hedgesville Duals proving he will be a dynamic wrestler in the 170-lb. range.

The Yellow Jackets will have its first 106-lb. wrestler under Coach

Van Meter as Spitzer fills that role with a storied youth wrestling history looking to take the swiftness and skills to the next level with the potential to punch a ticket to the state tournament.

Miller (220-lb.) and Howard (285-lb) are new to the sport of wrestling and have been training well applying the knowledge effectively.

Moorefield will be in most tournaments this season with one home match on the schedule against East Hardy on February 4.

The Yellow Jackets will be in the 35th annual Mex Hertz Border Wars Invitational this weekend in Berkeley Springs, Musselman Duals on December 20-21, Baker Brawl, Sherando Tournament, WSAZ Tournament in Huntington and the Viking Smash.

Moorefield is ready to deliver the sting on the mats to reach the podium of success this season and coach Van Meter took time to share is thoughts:

How do you feel about the focus and energy of your team?

This is the first week of practice having everybody here, so that is nice. It presents better partners and match-ups. I like what I see so far. We have a bunch of hard-nosed, tough kids that will do anything you ask of them and that's all you can ask for as a coach.

What are your goals and expectations for the team?

Overall as a team, I like wrestling because it does have a team component, but it is an individual sport at its core. At the end of the year everybody is looking to see how everybody did down in Huntington. To do well in Huntington, we have to get to Huntington. I am going to qualify as many kids as we can to the state tournament. I think we have the opportunity to qualify more guys for the state tournament this year than we ever have before, at least since I've been coaching. That's a goal of mine and a goal of a lot of these young men and lady. They want to get to Huntington and do well once they get there. The most we have had go there is three in any given season. We have an opportunity of upwards of five to get there this year and that's our goal.

Who are your captains and what do they bring to the team with their leadership?

Jackson [Weese] and Isaac [Van Meter] are our returning captains. Jack is a great leader, a polite and well-mannered young man. You couldn't ask for a nicer kid. He is very respectful and is a great role model for the younger kids, especially for the freshmen on how to conduct yourself on and off the mat. Isaac is a competitor. He has already racked up close to 130 wins in his career and has only lost about six matches in his high school career. There's not much more needed to say about that. He's a great example of what hard work and determination is. He can laugh and joke around with the guys, then when he needs to flip the switch and become a fierce competitor he can do that. He walks that fine line of having a good time and when it is time to get serious, he gets serious and competes and does his best. Kevin [Wetzel] is a little bit a mixture of both of them. He can be as fiery as anybody competition-wise, but he's also an incredibly hard worker. Not only with the wrestling, but when it comes time to move those wrestling mats and haul them to a different location he is always there to jump in and help. He is the first one to jump on the mat and clean and mop. As a coach that is what you notice, the first one to be here and the last one to leave and we appreciate that.

What are the weight classes and

attributes for your wrestlers?

We are figuring that out as the season rolls through, hopefully that will filter out and it is tough for me to describe completely. The only two guys I know for sure where they are going to be is Layne [Spitzer] at 106-lb. and Levi Howard at heavyweight. Everyone else is in a state of flux. Basically what that means is I have four or five guys within ten pounds of each other which is kind of a nightmare situation coaching-wise, because you want to get those guys spread out. I have guys working on that and where they are at the beginning of the year is probably not where they are going to be at the end of the year. We like for those coming down gradually to a weight class and that's going to take shape as the season unfolds.

How important is having experience such as the state tournament under a wrestler's belt?

It's a good example for our younger wrestlers. Two of our captains competing at the state tournament last year had very different paths in how they got there. Isaac has been wrestling since he was four or five years old and has been wrestling at a high level for a long time and still comes in everyday working hard and competing hard in practice and matches. I believe Kevin came into wrestling in the eighth grade, had one year of youth wrestling under his belt before high school. As an eighth grader, he had a .500 record and did well as a first-year kid, but had no experience. In his freshman year, he kind of picked up where he left off so he knew all the basics when it came to practice everyday. As he practiced, he really started to blossom and qualified for the state tournament as a freshman. He took another step in that direction as a sophomore qualifying again and had a better record and placed higher at regionals. He is gradually taking each stepping stone and the margins of victory the higher you get are thin. Isaac reached second place and hopefully this year he can take that next step up and win it this year. Kevin went from being a .500 youth wrestler and getting that experience to working hard to get to the state tournament. Each of them had different goals and both of them obviously want to get back to the state tournament. Isaac wants to be on top of the podium and Kevin is looking to get on the podium and both are capable of doing that. If I was a new wrestler coming in, I would look up to those two guys and see what they did. As a new wrestler, I am looking at Kevin and saying I can get to the state tournament this year or next year. Layne Spitzer is a freshman with youth experience and he can be competitive right away.

What about your new wrestlers and the mentality they bring to the program?

Freshmen Levi Howard will be our heavyweight. He's never wrestled before and picks things up quickly and is a really hard worker. I am excited about Howard, he's attentive and wants to learn. I am excited for him to learn some footwork to translate to the football field next season. He is filling the role of Big Joe Palm, who is doing well at Glenville State and I am glad to hear that he is doing well.

Grayson Miller might do some heavyweight, but he is around 220 right now. Grayson is aggressive for his size and pretty athletic. He has done real well and wrestled in his first live practice tonight and pulled out the win which was nice to see. He is a hard worker and I am excited to see where he goes.

Layne Spitzer. Layne, all 100 pounds of him, will be our 106-lb. and I've never had a 106. In my fifth year coaching and this is my

first 106-lb. wrestler and I am so glad to fill that spot. Layne is incredibly skilled. He did not wrestler last year, but he had wrestled from four years old up to seventh grade and took a year off. We talked about it and how he was getting a little burned out and I told him he would enjoy high school wrestling and take a year off, eat and gain some weight. He moves fast and might be the most athletic guy on the team. He can do standing back flips from one end of the gym to the other. I am excited to see him compete for us and I think he will be a hammer for us right away.

Ryan Hardbarger. Ryan or Bull as we call him. Ryan has been very effective over the last few years wrestling in and out with the youth program. He and his older brother Allen wrestled in the youth program in the early elementary school level and went away from the sport before returning in middle school. He has placed in the youth state tournament in third place for seventh grade and was runner-up as an eighth grader. He is one of those guys who has had success and knows what he is doing. He has the nickname Bull and that is kind of his wrestling style straight ahead and a hard-nosed kid for a freshman. He'll probably wrestle at 170-lb. or so. We look for him to progress and take advantage of his practice partners like Isaac and Ty, who are skilled to shorten the high school jump. I think he will be successful right away.

Sophomores Dominick Davis, like Kevin, came to us late in wrestling starting in the eighth grade and continues to get better. He's a hard-nosed kid and likes to joke around, but he is a good kid and I like him a lot. He is one of those kids who is like a dog on a bone, once he gets a leg he won't let go. He'll eat a cross-face and is a very determined kid.

Tyberious Clayton. We look for Ty Clayton to have a very big year for us. He's one of those kids not quite at the weight he wants to be at yet and is working himself down to 152-lb. by regionals and will start around 160-lb. Ty has wrestled for a long time and is very skilled. He has put a lot of time in the weight room and I can tell Coach Altobello and those guys have put time in with these guys. He is looking really strong and feels strong. I think he is one of the guys we can get to Huntington and put him on the podium.

Maddy Clayton. Maddy is probably going to fill the 120-126-lb. spot, but right now she is on the shelf with a shoulder injury. We appreciate Maddy a bunch. During the duals tournaments she is out there trying to help us get team points. In the individual tournaments she keeps the book for us and she is here at practice everyday. She is as much a member of the team as anybody else. She ran the clock tonight during our scrimmage. I would like to see her compete in the girls invitational and I think she would hold her own.

Matthew Delawder. Matthew is one of those kids who came to wrestling in seventh or eighth grades. It afforded him as a freshman knowing the basics. He did pretty well and we took him to the state tournament as an alternate. He was fifth place at regionals last year and lost a tight match which would have given him that fourth place spot to allow him to compete in Huntington. I look forward to him taking that next step. He is in the upper weight class range, so he has a choice of wrestling partners with various skill levels. The time and effort we are putting in with him should translate into having him go to Huntington this year.

Juniors Isaac, we already talked about him. Kevin, we talked about him.

Jake Frederick. Jake is a fiery competitor and he will come in that

160/170-lb. range. He had a nasty high ankle sprain he suffered during gym class playing basketball of all things a wrestler should be doing. Prayers he can come back and compete with us as soon as he gets healthy. He had some youth wrestling experience and came back to it as he got older. It's like riding a bicycle, if they have three or four years as a youth and come back to it later on they will remember the basics. We really want to get Jake back in our lineup.

Allen Hardbarger. I can't say enough nice things about Allen. He's a great kid and a hard worker, he shows up everyday and will do anything you ask him to do. When the kids come off the mat you can see who worked the hardest by how much they sweated through their shirt and Allen has always worked up a sweat. He is really committed and made himself a really good wrestler. We are shifting the weight classes around and he is at 180-lb. right now and we have Isaac and his younger brother around there too. I have a log jam between 160 to 180-lbs. right now.

Senior Jackson Weese. I talked about him.

Why is there a plethora of tournaments on the schedule?

When I started coaching here, I talked with our athletic director Dennis Hill about doing as many tournaments as we can. These tournaments give you the most bang for your buck, but it is a double-edged sword since you have more matches and more chance for injuries.

You want to be healthy when it comes down to regionals. When looking back at my experience at what other teams have done and individuals have done to be on the podium in Huntington, those guys have 50-plus matches and the only way to get that done is by wrestling in multiple tournaments and that's what we have done. I am appreciative of Coach Hill and the administration for allowing us to compete in these tournaments and for the boosters for helping us be there. These tournaments speak to the methodology of working out to be on the podium.

How important is the mood at practice?

This is the first week we have been back on the mats and I try to make it as fun as possible for them to be fresh for the tournaments. We had a little scrimmage among ourselves and they had fun competing. We played dodgeball at the beginning of practice and the kids were really excited about that and it kept them moving. They were running around the gym in laps flinging the balls around and they enjoyed that. They were running for five minutes, but there was fun and laughter too. There is pride there, but they are just kids having fun.

Team Motto: The first one that comes to mind is Just Win, Baby by Al Davis and the Raiders. Captain Kevin Wetzel espoused those words at practice, so we will go with that motto in honor of Al Davis.



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# WRESTLING PREVIEW

## EAST HARDY WRESTLING

By Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

Encountering Cougars in the wild is one thing, but coming face-to-face on the wrestling mat will make one quiver with the fearless and ferocious attack by East Hardy Wrestling impacting the region with grit and determination as 26 grapplers pounce forward to make a bid for the state tournament in Huntington.

East Hardy returns a dozen wrestlers from last season's winningest program including Hardy County's first female state qualifier junior SierraMarie Miller.

Those coming back to the wrestling squad are: seniors Cole Pustl and Patrick Helsley, juniors SierraMarie Miller, Dayton Miller, Hunter Ames, Conner White, Sky Spell, Braden Orndorff (freshman year), sophomores Dale Hockman, Caleb Childers, Erik Flynn and Damian Iman.

The toughness of the Cougars will be hard to handle as 14 wrestlers are coming over from the football field and being caged up in the Den will wreak havoc on the mat: Damian Iman, Cole Pustl, Mason Miller, Dayton Miller, Miles Kidwell, Erik Flynn, Braden Orndorff, James Shipe, Patrick Helsley, Brennan Miller, Caleb Childers, Matthew Harman, Kollin Quarles and Dale Hockman.

East Hardy Wrestling had three place winners at the Region II Tournament last season led by SierraMarie Miller with a fourth place medal for the state berth, followed by juniors Dayton Miller and Hunter Ames with sixth place medals. Sky Spell and SierraMarie Miller won regional medals in 2017.

East Hardy Wrestling head coach Stevie Miller and assistant coach Mason Gray have been working with the wrestlers in the weight room on a consistent basis to help develop their strength and conditioning drills prepare them for the grueling time on the mats.

Coach Miller has three of his children on the squad: SierraMarie, Dayton and Mason with each having 11 years of wrestling experience.

Spell has 11 seasons of wrestling experience, followed by Dale Hockman and Patrick Helsley with eight years apiece.

Coach Miller has been involved in the youth wrestling program for over a decade and assistant coach Mason Gray, who was a wrestler at James Wood High School in Virginia, have maintained relationships with area programs over the years to build a quality schedule for the Cougars.

East Hardy Wrestling co-captains for the season are Patrick Helsley, Dayton Miller and SierraMarie Miller.

They all had one goal in mind to improve each day and to send more wrestlers to the state tournament.

For the upcoming wrestling season the projected roster's weight classes will be: freshman Shane Riggle 106lbs, junior SierraMarie Miller 113lbs, sophomore Victoria Ames 126lbs, junior Erin Riggle 132lbs, sophomore Courtney Shank 138lbs, sophomore Damian Iman 138lbs, junior Sky Spell 145lbs, junior Ryan D Amico 152lbs, senior Cole Pustl 152lbs, freshman Mason Miller 160lbs, junior Conner White 160lbs, senior Patrick Helsley 170lbs, freshman Brennan Miller 170lbs, freshman Miles Kidwell 170lbs, freshman J.B. Shipe 182lbs, sophomore Hunter Funkhouser 182lbs, sophomore Erik Flynn 182lbs, junior Dayton Miller 195lbs, sophomore Caleb Childers 195lbs, junior Hunter Ames 220lbs, freshman Mathew Harmon 220lbs, sophomore Kollin Quarles 285lbs, junior Luke Phillips 285lbs, sophomore Dale Hockman 285lbs and junior Braden Orndorff 285lbs.

There is an inaugural girls state invitational tournament this season and East Hardy has four wrestlers who could participate: junior veteran SierraMarie Miller and first-year grapplers junior Erin Riggle, sophomores Victoria Ames and Courtney Shank.

Miller, Riggle and Ames played volleyball together forming a bond and were quick on the court which will help with movement on the mat.

East Hardy juniors Sky Spell,

Hunter Ames, SierraMarie Miller and Dayton Miller have been the most successful at the regional level which will help in mentoring the team.

The lineup for the Cougars is very solid from top to bottom, so there is potential for many victories this season.

East Hardy starts the season at Central High School in Woodstock, Va. tonight and will be participating in the 35th annual Max Horz Border Wars Invitational in Berkeley Springs this weekend.

East Hardy travels to Hampshire on December 28, then visits Cameron on January 4 prior to the Baker Brawl.

The only home match for the Cougars will be the inaugural Baker Brawl on January 11 featuring in-state teams Moorefield, Martinsburg and Hampshire in addition to four Virginia squads Central, Strasburg, Woodgrove and Page County.

The Cougars visit Berkeley Springs, Martinsburg and Moorefield in addition to competing in the Viking Smash held in Petersburg.

East Hardy coach Stevie Miller took time to answer questions for the upcoming season:

What are your goals and expectations for the team? I would like to have several wrestlers qualify for the State Wrestling Tournament and place in the top six this year. I have been coaching wrestling for 11 years and my goal has been every year to improve the quality of the wrestling at East Hardy. Coach Gray and I want to develop the student athletes on and off the mat to help them to reach their individual goals.

What is your team motto? Our team motto is the same every year No Fear. Our kids love the sport and we walk onto the mat each time without fear of our opponent or the outcome of the match. Our goal is to prepare and perform to the best of our abilities each time we step on the mat.

How exciting is it to start the Baker Brawl and how has the re-



2019-20 East Hardy High School Wrestling Team

sponse been for teams coming? The Baker Brawl has been a goal of our program since Scott Mongold and I started the East Hardy Youth Wrestling program in 2008. We knew it would take time to get the wrestlers, the parents and the community ready to have a tournament at the high school. We have developed a wrestling culture at East Hardy over the years and we feel like it time to take the next step by hosting a tournament. Our wrestlers, parents, fans, and Athletic Boosters all support our program. So we feel like this is the next step in our program development. We have had a good response to our first tournament. We have Moorefield, Hampshire, Central (VA), Strasburg (VA), Woodgrove (VA), Page (VA), and Martinsburg schedule to attend.

How much experience does each wrestler have and what are some of their attributes that will benefit in the matches? We have a wide variety of experience on our team this year. We have some kids that have wrestled since the age of four years old and we have several first year wrestlers on the team. A large majority of our team wrestled in our youth program for me for years. So I have been with most of these wrestlers for many years. This allows me to know what moves each one needs to work on and what they feel comfortable with on the mat. The main attributes that our team brings to the table is the willingness to work hard. Our wrestlers lift weights and prepare all year long to be competitive on the mat.

What are the weight classes for each wrestler?  
Fr. Shane Riggle 106lbs speed

and flexibility-2nd year  
Jr. SierraMarie Miller 113lbs-experience and fierce competitor-11 years  
Soph. Victoria Ames 126lbs-willingness to try and learn new things- 1st year  
Jr. Erin Riggle 132lbs- aggressive and willing to learn-1st year  
Soph. Courtney Shank 138lbs-works hard and willing to learn-1st year  
Soph. Damian Iman 138lbs-works hard and dedicated-3 years  
Jr. Sky Spell 145lbs-strength and experience-11 years  
Jr. Phillip Ryan D Amico 152lbs- very technical and quick feet-3 years  
Sr. Cole Pustl 152lbs- great movement and mat awareness-6 years  
Fr. Mason Miller 160lbs-experience and good body awareness-11 years  
Jr. Conner White 160lbs- student of the sport and good work ethic-2nd year  
Sr. Patrick Helsley 170lbs- experience and fearless-8 years  
Fr. Brennan Miller 170lbs-willingness to try and learn new things-1st year  
Fr. Miles Kidwell 170lbs-enthusiastic and willing to learn-1st year  
Fr. J.B. Shipe 182lbs-moves well and intense-1st year  
Soph. Hunter Funkhouser 182lbs-strength and long limbs-2nd year  
Soph. Erik Flynn 182lbs-strong and intense- 2nd year  
Jr. Dayton Miller 195lbs-experience and strength-11 years  
Jr. Caleb Childers 195lbs-good mat awareness and dedication-4 years  
Jr. Hunter Ames 220lbs-strength and good attitude-4 years  
Fr. Mathew Harmon 220lbs-

smart wrestler and strong-7 years  
Soph. Kollin Quarles 285lbs-Willing to learn and try new things-1st year  
Jr. Luke Phillips 285lbs- good attitude and willing to learn-1st year  
Soph. Dale Hockman 285lbs-experience and strength-8 years  
Jr. Braden Orndorff 285lbs-smart and willing to learn-2nd year

What impresses you the most about your team? I am impressed by the work ethic of this team. Coach Gray and I push them hard in the weight room and on the mat and they don't complain or quit. They are constantly pushing themselves to improve at whatever task we give them.

How proud are you to see the growth of female wrestling in your program and the state with the new invitational? I am very excited to see female wrestling grow in our program and across the state. We had five senior females last year on our team and we feel like that helped to push the WVSSAC to start the female invitational. With the invitational starting this year I hope to have more females come out for our team in the future.

What are some of the unique moves and techniques that will help your wrestlers succeed? Coach Gray and I believe that having good fundamental are the key to being a successful wrestler. So we teach our wrestlers a variety of fundamental moves and just keep drilling them. In the end each wrestler will pick moves that he/she are comfortable with. Each wrestler will develop their own style and set of techniques to use on the mat.



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Tip-off Tournament

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vantage carried into halftime.

Rinker and McGregor both added a pair of 3-pointers in the third period as the Lady Yellow Jackets took a 29-20 lead.

Sherando countered with treys by Grace Burke, Bella Entsminger and Brooke Williams.

The Lady Yellow Jackets found some inside shots in the fourth quarter with several baskets from Hinkle, plus jumpers by Lexi Gilhuys and Gianna Fair en route to the victory.

The Lady Trojans lost to Petersburg by a score of 52-48 in the semifinals, then defeated Sherando in the consolation game 51-28.

Petersburg took a 13-7 lead in the championship game, but the Lady Yellow Jackets rallied to take an 18-16 lead before the Lady Vikings countered to hold a 24-20 halftime lead.

Gilhuys and Fair scored five points apiece during the rally.

We came out with no energy. Nobody was on the same page together. There were things that we did that were uncharacteristic for us. Petersburg played a good game against us executing well, Coach Keplinger said.

Moorefield's Lexi Gilhuys scored a game-high 21 points with five 3-pointers in the championship, followed by Gianna Fair with seven points.

Sterling Kump, Lindsey Rinker and Madison McGregor each hit a 3-pointer in the title game.

Both teams were tired playing back-to-back nights early in the season. We kept stressing solid defense and to keep doing what we were doing. Keep pushing the tempo and things would go our way. We did enough to make that happen,

Petersburg coach Jon Webster remarked.

A 3-pointer by Sterling Kump cut the deficit to 35-31 with 1:42 remaining in the third period, but the Lady Vikings Kymmie Minnich netted a jumper moments later.

Gilhuys made a layup with just under three minutes left as the Lady Yellow Jackets trailed 51-45.

Petersburg created shots for Lantz and Mackenzie Kitzmiller to build a double digit lead with under a minute to go.

Moorefield's Remi Hinkle forced a turnover and scored at the buzzer for a 55-47 final.

Petersburg controlled the rebounding and were out hustling the Lady Yellow Jackets as Kayla Lantz created turnovers. Lantz led the Lady Vikings with 18 points, followed by Mickala Taylor with 11 points.

Lady Cougars Roar To Victory

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ensuing shot hit the rim and Harman's Propst collected the board before the Lady Panthers walked.

East Hardy's Rebecca Whetzel was fouled and netted both charity stripe shots at the 2:27 mark.

Blair deflected a pass and the ricochet was tracked down by Jones for the steal, but the Lady Cougars didn't capitalize as a collision led to a foul with a missed free throw.

A Lady Panthers walk was followed by errant passes out of bounds by both teams.

Harman's Arbogast made a defensive rebound and was fouled, then Marple drew a foul during a shot attempt and added one free throw with 34 seconds left in the first half.

Rebecca Whetzel made the rebound off the second free throw attempt, then the Lady Cougars missed an initial jumper with a tip by Jones redirecting the ball to Perry Whetzel for a field goal with 21 seconds on the clock.

Teter netted a jumper for the Lady Panthers with seven seconds

remaining in the half as East Hardy carried a 24-11 lead into the locker rooms.

Harman missed the first basket of the third quarter with Short making the rebound for the Lady Cougars, then there was a pair of jump ball calls before the Lady Panthers fumbled the ball out of bounds.

East Hardy's Perry Whetzel made a pass along the baseline to Tera Jones for a jumper at the 7:00 mark, 26-11.

Blair and Teter traded steals, then Harman missed a shot and Short collected the board and scored on the ensuing possession for the Lady Cougars.

After an offensive foul, Blair made a steal and scored on the breakaway at the 5:48 mark to go up 30-11.

Harman missed two free throws with a rebound by Jones, then East Hardy came up empty thrice despite the rebounding from Jones and Rebecca Whetzel.

A steal by Jones was immediately swiped back by Harman's Propst leading to one free throw made by

Warner at the 4:06 mark.

Short notched the rebound, then Blair was whistled for a walk before creating a steal swatting the ball for Jones to corral only to have a double dribble.

Both teams hit the rim on field goal attempts before Marple netted one of two free throws at the 2:47 mark for the Lady Panthers, 30-13.

East Hardy's Chelsea Keller scored in the paint off an assist from Fleschman with 1:45 remaining as the last points of the frame for a 32-13 lead.

The Lady Cougars edged out Harman 8-6 in the fourth period with Jones scoring jumpers thrice and Short adding a putback for a 40-19 victory.

Katee Short garnered a game-high 14 points for East Hardy, followed by Jones with 13 points.

The Lady Panthers were paced by Teter with eight points.

The Lady Cougars recorded half the amount of wins from last season in the opener and look to keep the momentum going this year.

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## MEETING NOTICE

The Hardy County Board of Health will meet in regular session on Wednesday, December 18th, 2019 at 5:45 PM in the Conference Room of the Hardy County Health Department, 411 Spring Avenue, Moorefield, WV. A complete agenda will be available at above address three days prior to the meeting.

12/11, 12/18 2c

## Request for Bids

The Hardy County Commission is requesting proposals for the installation of a generator at the Hardy County Courthouse located at 204 Washington Street in downtown Moorefield, WV.

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The contractor must carry out the work described in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Wage rates paid by contractors must comply with "WV Fair Minimum Wage Rates (Prevailing Wages)".

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The contractor/ business must:  
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2. Have successfully completed three similar projects in the past 5 years on historic buildings.  
3. Must have a current business/ contractor license and be current on Workers Compensation.  
4. Have the ability to complete the project by May 30, 2020.

Expression of Interest  
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1. Letter of Interest  
2. Statement of qualifications.  
3. Assurances that the proposed schedule is feasible.  
4. Three or more samples of previously completed similar work.  
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6. Cost of project- broken down by proposed job scope with recommended equipment, warranty, installation and labor cost.  
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Selection Process  
The Hardy County Commission will review all proposals and select a contractor/ business based on:  
• Contractor's/ business will be selected based upon (1) cost, (2) experience with similar historic projects, and (3) proven ability to complete a project.  
Hardy County Commission will make their selection within two weeks of receiving the bids and may want to sign a contract with the consultant by three weeks of receiving the bids.

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## United States of America State of West Virginia County of Hardy, ss: Notice of Administration / to Creditors

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Publication Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2019  
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By  
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12/11, 12/18 2c

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF Natalie Dolan to Natalie Hardy Circuit Court Case Number: 19-P-49

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of January, 2019 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard, Natalie Dolan will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Hardy County, WV, at the Courthouse thereof in the City of Moorefield for the entry of an Order by said Court changing the name from Natalie Dolan to Natalie Hardy.

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

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