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## Alger, Dingess, Leonard plead guilty, to be sentenced in March

By Jean A. Flanagan  
Special to Examiner

“This is one of the most dangerous crimes a person can commit,” said 22nd Circuit Judge H. Charles Carl III. “You are taking your life, the law enforcement officer’s life, and the lives of every other person or family in Hardy County, in your hands. This is not Dukes of Hazard. You have a responsibility, when you’re operating a motor vehicle, to be at your best.”

Judge Carl heard guilty pleas in Hardy County Circuit Court on Monday, Jan. 10. He was speaking to Tyler Alger, 22, of Moorefield.

Alger was indicted on one count of fleeing law enforcement with reckless indifference to the safety of others in October. According to charging documents, on June 7, 2021, Moorefield Police was on routine patrol when they observed a vehicle with an expired inspection sticker. MPD initiated a traffic stop, but the vehicle accelerated, driving through Moorefield at speeds exceeding 40 miles-per-hour and passing other vehicles in no-passing zones. The speed limit in Moorefield is 25 mph.

The vehicle ultimately turned into a driveway on Elm Street and the driver was identified as Alger. “It was the dumbest thing I could ever do,” Alger told the court.

Judge Carl accepted Alger’s guilty plea and found him guilty of the felony charge. The penalty for fleeing law enforcement with reckless indifference to the safety of others is not less than one year and not more than five years in prison and a mandatory fine of not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$2,000.

According to Alger’s attorney, Larry Sherman, Alger faces criminal charges in Hampshire County. As part of the plea agreement, at sentencing, the Hardy County Prosecutor will recommend the sentence be served concurrently with the Hampshire County sentence.

Judge Carl reminded Alger that sentencing is at the court’s discretion, scheduled sentencing for Thursday, March 3 and granted the defense motion to continue Alger’s release on post-conviction bond.

Joshua L. Dingess, 36, of Franklin, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit grand larceny. The penalty is not less than one year and not more than five years in prison, a \$10,000 fine or both.

Dingess was originally indicted on one count of grand larceny and one count of misdemeanor breaking and entering, in addition to the conspiracy charge. According to court documents, Dingess and a co-conspirator stole a vehicle from the parking lot of a Wardensville business. The pair exchanged license plates with another vehicle and were ultimately arrested in Frederick County, Md.

Dingess admitted in open court, that he and the co-conspirator were on their way to Baltimore to buy drugs and their vehicle was not running properly.

“She said we should steal a car,” Dingess said. “So we pulled into the parking lot. I looked around for a vehicle with the keys. I took the keys out of the ignition and handed them to her and said, ‘You want a car, here’s a car.’ She drove it off the lot.”

As part of the plea agreement, the other charges in the indictment will be dismissed.

Judge Carl ordered a pre-sentence evaluation and reminded Dingess the sentence is at the court’s discretion.

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## First COVID-19 Omicron variant reported in county, death toll rises

By Milda M. Mullins  
Moorefield Examiner

Hardy County has reported its first case of the COVID-19 Omicron variant as of Tuesday, Jan. 11, according to a report from the Hardy County Health Department.

Additionally, an 80 year old woman has died from the virus bringing the total death toll in the county to 44 confirmed deaths.

As of Sunday, Jan. 16, there are also 33 new cases, 73 active cases, 6 hospitalizations, 3,646 positive confirmed cases, and 3,531 patients who have recovered.

Hardy County Health Department Administrator Bill Ours said he was expecting Omicron.

“I suspected it was here just because of the number of cases that have been getting per day. We’ve averaged between 40 and 60 plus

cases a day for the last week or so,” he said.

“In my head and in my heart I knew it was here just because of the numbers, you know. Delta is a lot. Delta has a lot more complications with it than Omicron, but the Omicron doubles every two days in its spread rate and that’s what started alarming me.”

Ours continued, “we would see cases come in and they would be

from different areas in the county – several cases from Mathias or Wardensville or Baker or Rig. They all started piling together and my head went ‘ding, ding’ – we’re starting to see it and its spreading.”

Citizens won’t be able to find out how many cases there are for the different variants however, because standard COVID-19 tests don’t specifically show which variant it

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## Late year ambulance accident on U.S. 220 under investigation

By Milda M. Mullins  
Moorefield Examiner

An ambulance collided with a vehicle at approximately 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 30, on U.S. 220 near Bergdoll Kennels between Moorefield and Petersburg.

According to Trooper First Class D.J. Trenton, the responding officer on the scene, the passenger vehicle and ambulance were both traveling south.

“The car was in front of the ambulance. The driver of the car was about to make a left hand turn onto a private drive. As she was about to turn left, the ambulance thought she was yielding – because she was making a wide turn according to the driver – (the ambulance driver) thought she was yielding for him,” said Trenton.

“As he was about to go around her, she went to complete her left hand

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## Heavy snow rips through the area



Photo by Carl Holcomb

Hardy County received around eight inches of snow Sunday night as a huge winter system moved through the country.

## Safety at home and on the road

Winter safety tips from Office of Emergency Management and District 5 Division of Highways

By Milda M. Mullins  
Moorefield Examiner

On the heels of heavy snowfall in the region, Office of Emergency Management Director Paul Lewis and Division of Highways Highway Occupational Safety Specialist Bill Keller provide insight on how to stay safe in winter weather.

**Paul Lewis, Office of Emergency Management**

“The thing is, most people need to check their prescriptions and see if its pretty close to running out,” said Lewis. “People on the back roads can be shut in for two or three days; have enough

medication to cover them.”

He added, “Check on your neighbors, especially if they’re elderly. Make sure you have two or three gallons of water, especially on a water system with a well or electric so you can have drinking water. If you have pets, bring them inside or check on them, make sure they have water to drink.”

In addition, Lewis noted that when it comes to food, people can be quick to rush for bread and milk and clear out the stores. Not only can these items spoil, Lewis explained people are usually only locked in for two or three days in most storms.

Lewis also recommends avoiding travel if possible and having enough wood, fuel, propane, and other sources of energy and heat to get through a few days of being snowed in.

In emergencies, always call 911, but consider there may be a delayed response if there’s harsh weather conditions, particularly heavy snowfall that could affect transportation.

When on the phone with dispatch you need to be able to provide: who you are, the number you’re calling from or best number to reach you, a detailed description and specific identification for your location, and what is happening.

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## Planning Commission shares first chapter of new Comprehensive Plan

By Milda M. Mullins  
Moorefield Examiner

The Hardy County Planning Commission has released their first chapter of the county’s new comprehensive plan with data from six different questions that garnered public input.

The topics included what participants valued most in Hardy County, the biggest challenge of life here, biggest concerns, what types of new businesses and industries are most desirable, and what kind of land uses would residents most like to see.

The Planning Commission held various public input sessions from stakeholder interviews conducted in late May to public workshops held on Sept. 14 and Oct. 19 last

year around the county.

The data collected in this report is from those public input sessions held throughout 2021 collected in the chapter that Hardy County Planner Melissa Scott provided to the Commission at their last meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 11.

**What is valued most in Hardy County**

Natural beauty was ranked the highest by being chosen the most often with 306 responses.

Agriculture was next in line with 233 responses. Around 60 percent of respondents chose it as “most important” giving it the highest weighted average.

Rural culture and open space was the third most valued aspect of the county with a total of 225 responses.

There were also 204 people who reported they valued the close community and small town atmosphere.

Scott’s data shows proximity to family and friends, employment opportunities, quality and cleanliness of the natural environment, and educational opportunities as things residents valued.

**The biggest challenge of life**

There were 317 respondents who said there was inadequate support services for those who are aging, have disabilities, have mental health challenges, and for those with substance use disorders.

Limited access to medical care came in the next biggest challenge with a total of 316 responses.

Lack of employment and income

were considered the third biggest challenges with 251 responses. Other noted issues were lack of internet access, inadequate cell coverage, and both the lack of affordable housing along with the inability to afford quality housing.

**Biggest concerns for the county**

The number one concern in the county, which pulled in a total of 329 responses, was the increase of substance abuse or substance use disorders.

Next in line was a concern over a change in the culture shifting away from a rural lifestyle, which received 231 responses. The fear over a culture change had the highest weighted average with 47 percent

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## Tax season begins two weeks early due to virus, IRS funding

By Martin Crutsinger  
AP Economics Writer

This year’s tax filing season will begin on Jan. 24, 17 days earlier than last year, the Internal Revenue Service announced Monday.

The IRS is warning that a resurgence of COVID-19 infections on top of less funding authorization from Congress than the Biden administration had requested could make this filing season particularly challenging.

“The pandemic continues to create challenges, but the IRS reminds people there are important steps they can take to help ensure their tax return and refund don’t face processing delays,” IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig said.

Avoiding a paper tax return will be more than important than ever this year to avert processing delays, Rettig said. He urged taxpayers to file their returns electronically and to get their refunds by direct deposit. It is also import for taxpayers who

received a COVID-19 relief Economic Impact Payment last year or who got an advance Child Tax Credit payment to make sure they report the correct amount on their tax returns to avoid processing delays.

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### WEATHER

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High 31°



Friday  
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## OPINION

From other editor's desks . . .

## Sugar Grove Naval Base: Another plan in the works

The Sugar Grove naval station in Pendleton County is hopefully taking on a new purpose; this time as a first-of-its-kind therapeutic boarding school and living community for children diagnosed with autism, under the guidance of Gersh Academy.

The community will be open to children age 4+ and, according to Legacy by Gersh/Gersh Autism, the Sugar Grove campus will be the world's first "autism community," providing programs for individuals on the autism spectrum that include a therapeutic boarding school, post-high school residential program, vocational/job training, summer camp and more.

Gersh Autism is headquartered in Huntington, N.Y. and has 30+ years of experience in helping individuals with autism in their academies, day camps and programs in New York, Washington, New Hampshire, Puerto Rico and according to them, soon in West Virginia.

Scalar Architecture's web site says it has been engaged by Gersh Academy to transform the 122-acre Navy intelligence station. They say the wide range of programs and the facility itself will be tailored to increase independence and will include amenities and services to give families needed respite care.

The Navy's presence in Sugar Grove began in 1955. It was originally selected for the construction of a 600-foot parabolic antenna for advanced communications research but then later became a radio receiving station due, in part, to its location within the National Radio Quiet Zone.

There are two parts to the base: the town-sized lower support base and the associated upper antenna base.

The support base includes more than 100 buildings, single-family homes, administrative office buildings, a dormitory, machine shops, several recreational facilities and other buildings.

When the support base was decommissioned, the federal government offered to transfer ownership to the state at no cost, but West Virginia Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin rejected the offer.

Many Pendleton County residents hoped the state would use the property for a women's prison, but Tomblin said the renovations and subsequent operating costs were too high.

The station, not including the upper antenna base which is still operated by the NSA, was then put up for auction in 2016; however after one failed bid, one for \$4,010,009.90 was accepted and plans were made to convert the base into a residential drug treatment facility to be overseen by Highland Hospital, a subsidiary of Meridian Behavioral Health Systems.

According to a 2019 article in the Register-Herald (Beckley), Meridian was in partnership with The Gersh Academy to lease the property with a completion date of the center in 2018, but plans fell through.

According to the Pendleton County Development Authority the property is still in acquisition and this newest project is seeking affiliation with West Virginia University or Marshall University.

Jobs openings have been posted and can be accessed on the Pendleton County Development Authority's web site. The executive director of the project is currently living on campus.

It remains to be seen if this latest plan comes to fruition. After this long, it won't be surprising if people in the area take a "I'll believe it when I see it" attitude.

We very much hope to see it.

Camille Howard, Editor  
Grant County Press

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor,  
I am a Hardy County homeowner adding my voice to the strong opposition to re-zoning Short Mountain and the proposed industrial wind turbine project. I believe that this proposed industrial wind project will be detrimental to both the environment and our community.

Industrial wind turbines have no place in a residential area. They create a constant pulsating noise, strobing light effects, and light pollution, all with potential negative health im-

pacts for those who live nearby. The wind energy company surely knows this. In addition, this proposed project will have a devastating impact on the value of property located up to two miles or more away. The wind energy company knows this too.

The construction of the turbines will destroy existing forests. This means loss of carbon-sequestering ecosystems, loss of valuable wildlife habitat, and loss of scenery that makes Hardy County so unique and beautiful. It seems to me that this

more than offsets any benefit of the (already questionable) renewable energy claims.

This project does not provide any financial benefit to the community. According to the report in last week's Moorefield Examiner, the annual revenue that Hardy County can expect from this project is minimal. Once the financial experts figure out the loss of tax revenue due to the significant decrease in property values, we will likely find that the turbines will cost the County money, requir-

ing an increase in our taxes!

The project will not provide any significant increase in jobs for Hardy County residents. At most, the company estimates 3-4 local jobs. But, like so much of industrial wind company arguments, I suspect that this is overstated.

This industrial wind turbine project is wrong for Short Mountain and the residents of Hardy County.

Cynthia Dittmar  
Baker

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## MY UNBASED OPINION

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN

Damned dyskinesias. Jerking bad this morning. Muscle spasms associated with Parkinson's. Head flops over against my shoulder at irregular intervals. Mostly right side.

Shoulder uncontrollably pulls up and head pulls down. Fat neck fills the angle between them. Sometimes my neck turns and chin bumps shoulder. If this goes on for a couple of hours, I'll have a stiff neck that will keep me awake most of tonight while I jerk some more.

Science's best guess is that dyskinesias are caused by too much dopamine in my brain. The excess dopamine comes from Levodopa, the medicine I take to allay symptoms of Parkinson's Disease.

There are many different symptoms associated with Parkinson's. Most prevalent for me seems to be tremors, particularly of my right hand. My hand and fingers can shake uncontrollably and become largely useless for any worthwhile purpose.

Useless, maybe, but my tremors

don't cause any noticeable pain. I can sleep with no apparent shaking and wake with no apparent discomfort. Given my choice, I'd rather sleep soundly at night while entertaining folks with my shaking right hand during the day.

So, tremors are a symptom of the disease, while dyskinesias are side effects of the medicine. Between symptom and side effect is a fine line where everything seems to be in balance and I can operate as well as any normal old man.

While eating country ham and a couple of cackle berries for breakfast this morning, I sat contemplating a spoon. A wooden spoon I'd hand whittled from Sassafras and given to Mom years ago. My sister, Eleanor had kept it and brought it back to me yesterday.

While attending Glenville State College studying land surveying, one evening after classes I'd picked up small chunks of various woods from an old house torn down near

the garage apartment where I lived. Later that same evening, I sat on a straight chair beneath a bare light bulb, pulled out my trusty three blade Buck pocket knife and began to whittle. A couple weeks worth of odd moments and several nicked fingers later, I'd turned a two inch square by five inch long block of Yellow Poplar into a ball-in-a-box, a cage with a ball rolling free inside it.

I was proud of my crude handiwork and a couple of months later I gave it to my Grandmother Cook for her birthday. She liked my gift and put it on her living room fireplace mantle piece. Years later Grandma died at age 102. My sister helped clear Grandmother's house of her belongings and noticed the ball in the box lying atop a box of trash some other family member was about to throw out. Sis rescued my ball and kept it. When she retired and moved to Moorefield, she brought the ball and gave it back to me. That ball in its box, first piece I ever whittled, sits

beside me as I type this column.

I was reminded of all this by the appearance of that spoon with warped handle I'd given to Mom and had come back to me by way of my sister again. I've not whittled now for close to forty years. Time has taken my hand strength, disuse has taken my calluses and Parkinson's disease has taken my steady hands. I'll never whittle again.

I'll keep the spoon and ball in the box to remind me of leisure fun times working with wood and my old Buck. Meanwhile my most treasured hand whittled keepsake will rest on the corner of the bookcase beside my recliner at Big House. My daughter, Hilary, gave it to me for my birthday past January fourth. She had whittled a small whitewood Box Turtle with a grin on its face and her initials cut into its bottom. Another whittler in my family.

## GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES

### Fifteen Years Ago January 17, 2007

Hardy County WVU Extension Agent David J. Workman was selected as the 2006 Howard A. Shriver Scholar. The award is provided annually to encourage professional development within the WVU Extension Service. Shriver retired from Extension after 37 years. He had served in Hardy County.

At the annual meeting of the Hardy County Tour and Craft Association, Terri Shockley of Moorefield was elected chairman of the board. Anne Heishman of Wardensville was elected secretary and Bob Alcock of Lost River was elected treasurer.

Dr. Fernando Indacochea was named West Virginia's Outstanding Rural Health Practitioner of the Year. He had been affiliated with Grant Memorial's Pediatric office in Petersburg and Potomac Valley Family Medicine in Moorefield.

In a fatal shooting at Misty Terrace, Wilson Omar Valladares, 21, was killed. A suspect was located and arrested the following day.

John Milton Carl, Jr., 88, died Jan. 9...Mary Louise Cranford Lingo, 85, died Jan. 5...Kathy Ann Mullins Hanlin, 41, died Jan. 4.

East Hardy defeated Harman 59-56 and Paw Paw 53-32... Moorefield beat Pendleton County 54-53 and lost to Petersburg 53-51 ...the Lady Cougars defeated Moorefield 42-40 and Harman 78-23 and lost to Westmar 65-49... MHS girls lost to Keyser 79-48

### Thirty Years Ago January 15, 1992

The skeletons of five American Indians were discovered in the cultural study of the flood levy site near Kuykendall Lane. By Federal law work at that location was being held up until a comprehensive study could be completed.

The County Commission approved a letter to Sen. Robert C. Byrd to request funding for a tele-

phone line to the river gauge to connect to the National Weather Service.

A group of 50 citizens met to organize support for the \$8 million bond issue.

Eva Sherman Rigglesman, 86, Cumberland, died Jan. 7...Don D. Kerr, 80, Wardensville, died Jan. 4 ...Charles William Cullers, 82, died Jan. 9...Samuel Lowell Dodd, Jr., 64, Romney, died Jan. 9.

East Hardy beat Harman 72-65 and Elk Garden 91-56... Moorefield defeated Elk Garden 67-24 and Petersburg 55-44 and lost to Franklin 51-27.

### Forty-five Years Ago January 19, 1977

Bitter cold weather sent temperatures below zero and utility bills soaring. Potomac Edison asked consumers to limit their use of electricity as much as possible and to schedule the use of dryers and washing machines early in the morning or late in the evening.

A Department of Highways showed citizens equally divided between the northern and southern routes for Corridor H. The northern route would go by U. S. 50. The southern route would go through Moorefield.

The Board of Education aired plans for the \$3.2 million building project.

Roy Gibson Rigglesman, 85, Petersburg, died in a fire Jan. 13... Arnold Shear Boswell, 69, Berryville, died Jan. 12...Edna Lee Stultz, 71, Mathias, died Jan. 15... Ada Miller Wilkins, 62, Wardensville, died Jan. 6.

Louise Fitzwater and Paul Harman were married Dec. 26... Joy Dove and Anthony Walters were married.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Grafton, a son, Donald Michael... to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Sherman, a daughter, Amanda Gail.

Wardensville lost to Hampshire 70-61 and Eastern Mennonite 84-65... Moorefield defeated Hampshire

58-47 and lost to Circleville 66-63.

### Sixty Years Ago January 17, 1962

A special school levy was set for Jan. 26. It would continue an existing levy.

It was announced that all Social Security numbers had to appear on Income Tax returns.

Howard Williams, Jr. purchased El's Place from Elwood Davis.

Joseph A. Wilkins, 92, Mathias, died Jan. 14.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Barr, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Moomau, a son, Gary Allen...to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shook, a daughter.

Moorefield defeated Romney 63-60 and Ridgeley 67-58.

### Seventy-five Years Ago January 22, 1947

J. Natwick and Company employees voted 34 to 30 to name the American Furniture Workers of America C.I.O. as their bargaining agent in all future negotiations.

W. W. David and Arthur Schadler, operating the City Cab Company, were offering taxi service for 25 cents to anywhere in Moorefield.

The Moorefield Lions Club reactivated the Boy Scouts with Bill Toohey as Scout Master.

Paul Garrett, Reymann Memorial Farms, found a freak of nature, two petrified walnuts. The walnuts had turned to solid stone.

A shipment of cottontail rabbits was to be sent to Hardy County according to the Conservation Commission.

Elsie McDonald Haggerty, 31, Keyser, died Jan. 20...Reggie Carpenter Welch, 65, Cumberland, died Jan. 16...Walter B. Leatherman, 73, Sebring, Fla., died Dec. 31.

Mary Virginia Wilkins and Ervin Brown Souder were married Dec. 18.

Moorefield defeated LaSalle 40-27 and Romney 60-22...the girls lost to Romney 36-26.

### Ninety Years Ago January 14, 1931

J. Alfred Taylor and A. J. Wilkinson had announced their candidacies for governor.

Haven Kessel had completed his course in Practical and Theoretical Radio and had been awarded his diploma by the National Radio Institute of Washington.

Mary Randolph Johnson had died in Washington...Philip William Pugh, 55, died as a result of being hit by an automobile on Christmas morning ...James W. Willis, 60, had died at his home north of Burlington...Mrs. Hannah Mullin had died at Green Springs.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Carpenter, a daughter.

### 105 Years Ago January 8, 1916

Over in Wardensville, with six hours of hard snow already, they were expecting a big snow, gripe was raging in the community, and a great many were sick.

John Burch, principal of the graded school, had gone to his home until the scarlet fever scare permitted schools to be open again.

Lee Whetzel was preparing to erect a house at Baker and B. C. Hulver was busy putting a saw set in Cat Hollow.

A dispatch from Chicago predicted that eggs would sell for 71/2 cents each before the month was over. Potatoes were selling at \$2.40 a bushel, the highest in 40 years.

Col. William F. Cody, better known as Buffalo Bill, had died in Denver.

Virgil Fout had died at his home near Purgitsville...T. T. Wall had died at his home in Winchester... Mrs. Elmo Clower had died...Abel High, 80, had died at his home in Berkeley County.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Oats, a daughter.

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## EXAMINER SAYS

### Winter

We didn't hear too many comments on the problems the new electric cars would have had on the I-95 traffic shutdown a couple of weeks ago. We're sure you read about it—a 40 plus mile jam of hundreds of cars and trucks caught in a snow storm between Richmond and D.C. It was also the end of the New Year weekend so traffic was even worse than usual. Anyway, folks were stuck for more than 24 hours. No food. No water. No bathrooms. And when gas ran short there was no fuel. Interestingly there were no reports that we saw on

medical emergencies, but then we didn't read closely all the commentary. We did hear a couple of thoughts about how much more of a problem there would have been for electric cars. The batteries are good for some distance, but keeping the engine idling for heat runs them down pretty fast. And, there still aren't a lot of recharging stations, particularly on a massive vehicle back up. Will probably give some folks who want to invest in an electric vehicle some second thoughts. And also give people the reminder that when traveling it's good to carry some food, water

and blankets in case of another event.

### Is really here

And maybe even bring a potty chair for adults. What did people do to relieve themselves in the middle of a snow storm stuck in the middle of hundreds of cars?

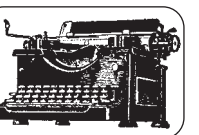
### Try to stay warm

Thanks to Pilgrim's for acknowledging the Examiner in its list of participants in the Business Christmas decorating contest. Congratulations to South Side Styles for winning the contest. We always are decorated during high days and holidays in the windows or elsewhere in the build-

ing thanks to Peg Wrathford. She has a "thing" about holidays. We have no idea where she stashes the decorations throughout the year, but each holiday that comes along and is considered worthy of decorations gets the treatment. So we also thank Peggy for her creative ideas.

### Or consider moving to Florida

Hope the skies were clear enough to appreciate the full Wolf Moon on Monday, the 17th. Of course, we may have been in the middle of another snow event. At least, that was what the weather folks were calling for.





## NEWS

## CONTINUED LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Editor:

In response to HCEAA article printed December 15, 2021, and Letters to the Editor published January 5th and January 12th 2022.

I am currently a volunteer board member (since 2018) on the Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority. I was recruited by a longtime volunteer of the Wardensville Volunteer EMS, George Crump. I also served (volunteered) on the original Baker Volunteer Rescue board, albeit at the end of their service, and right before HCEAA was formed by county officials. I accepted the appointment to the HCEAA board because I believe wholeheartedly that our county deserves the best EMS protection possible. No matter what your opinion or approach is to the HCEAA, I would hope your overall opinion is similar to mine. I trust that we all want the best EMS service and coverage for our county as possible.

HCEAA board members are governed and guided by a set of by-laws, affirming responsibility to each member. I take those responsibilities seriously, especially when it comes to the best EMS coverage we can muster for Hardy County. I am also very aware of the critical shortage of EMS volunteers in our area. Whether we like it or not, it is a new era of EMS for our area and our county. Wardensville Volunteer EMS and West Hardy EMS (previously Fraley's) are both under contract and supported financially with stipends from HCEAA and county funds. Both are also supported in other ways beyond the original contract stipends. Provision of these services to our county is somewhat of a balancing act. As a board member, I am very aware of the need for these volunteer organizations. More importantly, as a county resident, I have always been very supportive of and understand the importance of all our volunteer EMS. I may not have the intestinal fortitude to actually perform EMS duties, but I have always admired and have great respect for anyone that commits their life to EMS.

In a recent issue of the Moorefield Examiner (Wednesday, December 15, 2021), within a front page article with the headline "West Hardy EMS signs contract with Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority" (now that's news!), I was quoted several times regarding "emergency medical professionalism". I believe my comments as a board member were somewhat misinterpreted and embellished. Approximately three quarters into the article, and I quote, "Concerns over emergency medical professionalism were raised during public comments, with Coffman not-

ing differences he felt were noticeable between HCEAA employees and emergency medical volunteers in Wardensville." Fair enough, although the initial intent of my comments was not concerning EMS professionalism.

On the contrary, my intent was to praise the EMS for their quick response. (Board members and Employees comment line item, not the public comments).

All of our EMS never get enough praise or positive comments, especially during this unsettled time of Covid-19. I should also note that I was not present at my business during this EMS call but was alerted by employees and then watched the situation on my security cameras. Most of my comments in this Moorefield Examiner article were comments relayed to me from the people present in my business during the call. Yes, as I could see on the video, (no sound), there were stark differences in appearance and approach, but I was not there to witness first hand all that occurred. I also obviously was not direct enough during my comments in the HCEAA meeting. I do not recall using the words "professional" or "professionalism" at any time. Please understand I was sharing a situation I witnessed on video. I shared comments from people present during the situation. I shared this information with fellow board members who share the same responsibilities as I. Apparently, I was not clear enough in specifying which comments were from people in my business during the situation and which were my personal comments. I didn't keep notes when told comments from witnessing people. I was unaware that I should have been in a "guarded" approach, although later in the meeting when the reporter ask my name, I realized I should have been more aware. The quotes in the Examiner article are somewhat sensitive, but never once was I approached by the reporter to clarify any statement. In any case, this is not really "news", but only observational information, or as others may interpret, constructive criticism. Constructive criticism is part of the responsibility of a board member. There were other actions I observed on video that I question as a board member, but because I could not hear anything, those observations were not shared because they seemed trivial.

As for the mask statement... I own a business...we have dealt with Covid-19 challenges for two years. Our employees are on the front line. We take the advice of the medical field including our local health de-

partment. We wear masks. We have worn masks in our business ever since it was first mandated by our governor. We also use many other sanitizing and cleaning procedures. And we are still wearing masks.... for the added safety of our customers and our employees. We have signs on our front doors..."Wearing is Caring" and other signs suggesting and appreciating masks be worn inside. Until I see obvious negative results from wearing masks, we will continue to do so. It seemed only natural that I would question witnessing EMS personnel not wearing masks while responding to a medical situation in a public establishment with multiple people around. Kind of seems like a "no brainer" to me.... respectful to the patient, to the general public, to the business, and even to EMS coworkers. Also, please notice my comment was regarding both HCEAA and Wardensville EMS. I was then informed during this meeting that masks are required for all EMS. But that comment didn't get reported.

In closing, I take my position on the HCEAA board seriously. I also believe we all can work together for the common good. There are people that know I do not get actively involved in other boards, committees, or clubs because I believe I cannot do fair justice to those organizations due to lack of time. Unfortunately, there are times when constructive criticism is shared and discussed during our meetings. In all of my management experiences, constructive criticism is used to improve and/or enhance. Constructive criticism should not be used as a weapon, in which information is misinterpreted or misunderstood. If my shared observation and comments were taken in any way other than constructive criticism, I apologize. I do not apologize for taking my responsibilities as a HCEAA board member seriously. I am disappointed that you and many others would automatically trust someone you do not know writing a story versus myself, whom you and many others have known for many years. I am also disappointed that no one reached out to me to clarify anything regarding this instance.

I have supported and continue to support all volunteer organizations, especially EMS. My public record stands for itself. I don't need to advertise my personal and/or business support.

All HCEAA meetings are open to the public. I urge everyone with interest or concerns to please attend.

Respectfully,  
Douglas W. Coffman

# Manchin announces \$12.7 million for broadband access in schools, libraries

By Sam Runyon

WVa. Senator Manchin's Office

Charleston, WV – U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) announced \$12,760,030 from the American Rescue Plan for 19 West Virginia schools and libraries as part of the second round of the Emergency Connectivity Fund.

This funding is distributed through the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to help schools and libraries purchase laptops and tablets, Wi-Fi hotspots, modems, routers and broadband connections for students, staff and library visitors. In September, Senator Manchin announced \$4,188,368 in the first round of the Emergency Connectivity Fund. To date, West Virginia has received \$16,948,398 for 30 schools and libraries from the Emergency Connectivity Fund.

"Affordable, reliable broadband access is essential for West Virginians to complete their homework, attract new businesses, compete for good-paying jobs and spur economic development across the state. Throughout the last year, I have successfully fought to provide short-term solutions for broadband connectivity during the pandemic, including hotspots. The American Rescue Plan continues to deliver historic invest-

ments in broadband access across the Mountain State through the Emergency Connectivity Fund and other programs.

To date, the Emergency Connectivity Fund has invested nearly \$17 million in 30 West Virginia schools and libraries to purchase laptops, hotspots and other materials needed for Wi-Fi access. I look forward to seeing the positive impacts of this important investment, and I will continue fighting to deliver affordable, reliable broadband access to all of West Virginia," said Senator Manchin.

The Emergency Connectivity Fund was authorized in the American Rescue Plan earlier this year to provide \$7.17 billion to expand distance learning and connectivity around the country, including key provisions authored by Senator Manchin which prioritized rural areas and made these funds fully reimbursable to ensure rural states like West Virginia do not have to bear the burden of higher costs. The FCC will continue to review applications and future funding awards are expected in coming weeks. The second round of applications through the Emergency Connectivity Fund closed today on October 13th.

Individual awards are:

\$8,609,505.96 – West Virginia State Department of Education

\$4,505,338 – Fayette County Schools  
\$3,121,074 – Wood County Schools  
\$549,511 – Monongalia County Schools  
\$392,508 – Jackson County Schools  
\$41,075 – Calhoun County Schools  
\$1,224,282.62 – Mingo County School District  
\$616,335 – Cabell County Schools  
\$630,480.51 – Clay County School District  
\$601,962.88 – Jefferson County School District  
\$421,860 – Mercer County School District  
\$235,967.50 – Preston County School District  
\$184,571 – Brooke County School District  
\$89,078.40 – Kanawha County School District  
\$64,900 – Summers County School District  
\$32,007.40 – Our Lady of Peace School  
\$30,426 – Hardy County School District  
\$9,833.60 – Fairmont Catholic School  
\$7,056 – Shepherdstown Public Library  
\$1,764 – Raleigh County Public Library

# WVDNR seeking wildlife paintings for 2023 calendar

By Andy Malinoski

WVa. DNR

Artists who want a chance to have their wildlife paintings featured in the West Virginia Wildlife Calendar have until Feb. 18, 2022 to send their artwork to the state Division of Natural Resources.

"This calendar offers a wonderful opportunity for artists to feature their work," said WVDNR Wildlife Resources Section Chief Paul Johansen. "Not only are our calendars popular here in West Virginia, they are enjoyed by people all over the United States."

Each year, the WVDNR selects 12 paintings for its award-winning calendar. All artists, especially those from West Virginia, are encouraged to submit their work. A \$200 prize

is awarded for each chosen painting. The artist whose artwork is selected for the cover receives an additional \$500.

## Wildlife Calendar Art Guidelines

Paintings must depict game and fish species or other wildlife found in West Virginia, such as snakes, frogs, turtles, salamanders, bats, songbirds, small mammals and non-game fish. Paintings with wildlife not found in West Virginia will not be considered.

The calendar is horizontal and 14.5 inches by 11.5 inches. It's printed at 300dpi. Artists should consider this when choosing paintings to send. Paintings are chosen based on overall composition, quality and anatomical and contextual accuracy.

## How to Send Art

Instructions for submitting artwork can be found in the entry form available at [WVDnr.gov/wildlife/calendar](http://WVDnr.gov/wildlife/calendar). Artists may send multiple paintings and artwork not chosen in previous years may be resubmitted. Artists who want to send art should mail a high resolution copy to the following address: WV Division of Natural Resources, Wildlife Calendar Art, P.O. Box 67, Elkins, WV, 26241.

Digital copies of paintings are also accepted and should be emailed to [Sanya.D.Zickefoose@wv.gov](mailto:Sanya.D.Zickefoose@wv.gov). Artists with questions about the calendar or sending art may call 304-637-0245.

For more information about the West Virginia Wildlife Calendar or to purchase the 2022 edition, visit [WVDnr.gov/wildlife/calendar](http://WVDnr.gov/wildlife/calendar).

## NEWS BRIEFS

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture is now accepting vendors for the 2022 Winter Blues Farmers' Market. The event will be held at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center Saturday, Feb. 26 from 1-5 p.m. In the past, the market has featured local West Virginia businesses who have sold everything from soaps and salsa to fresh vegetables and pet treats. Producers who wish to sign up as vendors should contact Lisa Jones at the WVU Extension Service Small Farm Center at [lisa.lagana@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:lisa.lagana@mail.wvu.edu) (304-293-2715) or Beth Southern with the WVDA at [bsouthern@wvda.us](mailto:bsouthern@wvda.us) (304-558-2210).

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The winter 2021 issue of GOLDENSEAL MAGAZINE is now available. This issue is dedicated

to the 50th anniversary of the Buffalo Creek Disaster, Logan County, which occurred on February 26, 1972, killing 125 people. Additional articles in this issue look at the new online West Virginia Folklife Collection and new books about West Virginia. GOLDENSEAL is published quarterly by the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture & History. You can order subscriptions from GOLDENSEAL's online store or individual copies by calling 304-558-0220, ext. 134. Nearby retail outlets are Cacapon State Park in Morgan County or Brushy Ridge Farm, Augusta, in Hampshire County.

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According to AAA last week, the average price for regular gas in West Virginia was at \$3.208. The national gas price average was at \$3.304.

Gasoline prices edged upward last week, driven primarily by the price surge in crude oil. "Markets, in general, don't like uncertainty and volatility, and the oil market is no exception," said Andrew Gross, AAA spokesperson. "The oil production cuts by Kazakhstan demonstrate that in times of tight supply, it doesn't take much to put upward pressure on the overall price of oil." Across the state Beckley was high as \$3.319 and Parkersburg was low at \$2.995. Hardy County's gas average was \$3.388. Area prices were Hampshire \$3.341. Mineral \$3.188. Grant \$3.370, Pendleton \$3.359. In Moorefield Sheetz was \$3.37. BP was \$3.37. Exxon was \$3.37. Liberty was \$3.37. Old Fields Sunoco was \$3.37. Mathias Pure was \$3.37. Wardensville Kerr's Shell was \$3.37.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### Pre-K Registration

Hardy County Pre-Kindergarten registration for children who will be four years old before July 1, 2022 will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 27, and Thursday, Feb. 17. Moorefield area school students will report to the Moorefield Early Learning Center, the Head Start building on 112 Bean's Lane in Moorefield and the Baker, Wardensville, and Mathias area school students will report to East Hardy Early Middle School on the aforementioned days. Participating community members should bring the following: legal state-issued birth certificate, up to date immunization records, social security card, verification of income, health insurance information, and the most recent well-check (medical) and dental records. Registration is also available online. Complete the enrollment form on the [hardycountyschools.com](http://hardycountyschools.com) website by February 25, 2022 or obtain a paper copy at the Hardy County Board of Education Office. Please call 304-530-5511 for an appointment.

### Flu and COVID Shots

Hardy County Health Department will be giving flu and/or COVID shots at the following times:

Flu shots will be given on Monday and Wednesday only, from 8:00 – 11:30 and 1:00 – 3:30. You do not need an appointment for a flu shot. Bring your insurance cards. If you do not have insurance, you can still get a flu shot. The Moderna booster is now available. COVID shots are by appointment only and will be scheduled on Thursday or Friday, depending on which shot you need. Call the health department at 304-530-6355 to schedule an appointment.

### Dead Animals

The West Virginia Division of Highways wants to remind the public of its policy regarding the pickup and disposal of dead animals. The DOH will only pick up carcasses on state owned highways and will not go on private property. To report a dead animal on a state owned road, please notify your local district DOH office at 304-434-2525.

### Spay and Neuter

Get the cat or dog spayed or neutered! Spay Today, (Main Office: Charles Town, WV) is our area's non-profit, reduced-fee spay and neuter program. MANY participating vets over a WIDE area! Gift certificates can be purchased and used later. Spay Today: 304.728-8330 or <https://spay-today.org>

### Drug Take Back

The Moorefield Police Department maintains a permanent collection site for unwanted or expired prescription medication, located within the Police Department. It is located at 206 Winchester Ave. and is available to the public Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information check Moorefield Police Department Facebook page or call 304-530-1777.

### Food Pantry

The Moorefield Church of God Food Pantry is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The church is at 212 S. Elm St. in Moorefield. They provide commodities in accordance with federal USDA policy.

### Heritage Tiles Available

The 2021 Heritage Weekend Tile House tiles are now available for purchase at the Hardy County Public Library. The tiles are \$15 each, with all proceeds benefiting the ongoing efforts of the Hardy County Tour & Craft Association.

### Honor Veterans

The American Legion wants to make sure they honor each Veteran who is buried in Hardy County with a flag on their grave for Memorial Day. Please contact Karen Malcolm at 304-257-6458 with the name and grave site of these honored veterans. You can text the name and site or leave her a voicemail. You can also email her at [kcmalcolm@hardynet.com](mailto:kcmalcolm@hardynet.com).

### Project Hello There

Lost River Projects invites people of all ages to send greetings to residents of EA Hawse Nursing Center who have been without visitors due to the Covid-19 pandemic. You do not need to know anyone personally! Please send notes and letters to Hello

there! c/o Lost River Projects P.O. Box 23, Baker, WV 26801 or by email to [lostriverprojects@hardynet.com](mailto:lostriverprojects@hardynet.com). Lost River Projects will deliver your notes and letters to EA Hawse Nursing Center in Baker. Thank you!

### 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.

### Hardy County Public Meetings Schedule

- Hardy County Commission - First Tuesday of each month - 9 a.m. Hardy County Courthouse
- Hardy County Board of Education - First and Third Monday of each month - 5 p.m. Hardy County Board Office, 510 Ashby Ave. Moorefield
- Wardensville Town Council - Second Monday of each month - 6:30 p.m. - Conference and Visitors Center, Main Street, Wardensville
- Moorefield Town Council - First and Third Tuesdays of each month - 7 p.m. Inskeep Hall, 206 Winchester

Ave., Moorefield.

- Hardy County Planning Commission - First Tuesday of each month - 6 p.m. Planning Office, Hardy County Courthouse, Lower Level

- Hardy County Public Service District - First Wednesday of each month - 4:30 p.m. PSD Office, 2094 U.S. 220 South, Moorefield

- Hardy County Ambulance Authority - Second Wednesday of each month - 6:30 p.m. alternates between Moorefield 911 Center and Baker building.

- The Hardy County Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Board - Third Wednesday of each month - 1 p.m. - Planning Office, Hardy County Courthouse, lower level

- Hardy County Rural Development Authority - Does not publish a regular schedule of meetings. RDA Office, 223 N. Main St., Suite 102, Moorefield

Meeting schedules may change because of holidays or other events. Several meetings are being held virtually because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please check with the agency to verify the meeting will be held as planned.





## Circuit Court

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Sentencing is scheduled for Thursday, March 3.

Co-conspirator Brooklyn Dolan, 28, of Moorefield, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit grand larceny in October. In November, she was sentenced to not less than one year and not more than five years in prison. Her sentence was suspended and she was ordered to seven years probation. A special condition of her probation was that she complete a long-term substance abuse recovery program.

Brian W. Leonard, 53, of Baker, pleaded guilty to two counts of burglary. The penalty for each count is not less than one year and not more than 15 years in prison.

Leonard was originally indicted on two counts of burglary, one count of grand larceny, two counts of misdemeanor destruction of property and one count of misdemeanor petit larceny.

According to court documents, on Jan. 16, 2021, Hardy County Sher-

iff's Department responded to two calls in the Rig community. One victim noticed a basement window was broken and a firearm was missing. Another victim had surveillance video of the defendant breaking into the dwelling. Some tools and jewelry were missing from that residence.

A Sheriff's Department investigation located the firearm at a local pawn shop. The owner of the pawn shop identified Leonard as the person who pawned the gun. The firearm was returned to its owner.

Judge Carl found Leonard guilty and ordered a pre-sentence evaluation. Sentencing will be held on Thursday, March 3. Leonard is free on post-conviction bond.

The case against Dalton Shears, 19, of Moorefield was continued, yet again. Shears was prepared to plead guilty in December to two counts of displaying obscene material to a minor. There were questions as to whether Shears would have to register as a sex offender. According to Judge Carl, the West Virginia Code

requires lifetime registration as a sex offender and extended supervision up to 50 years.

Shears' attorney, Larry Sherman, said he wanted to meet with Shears in person at the Potomac Highlands Regional Jail and review the requirements with him.

Judge Carl continued the case to Tuesday, Feb. 1.

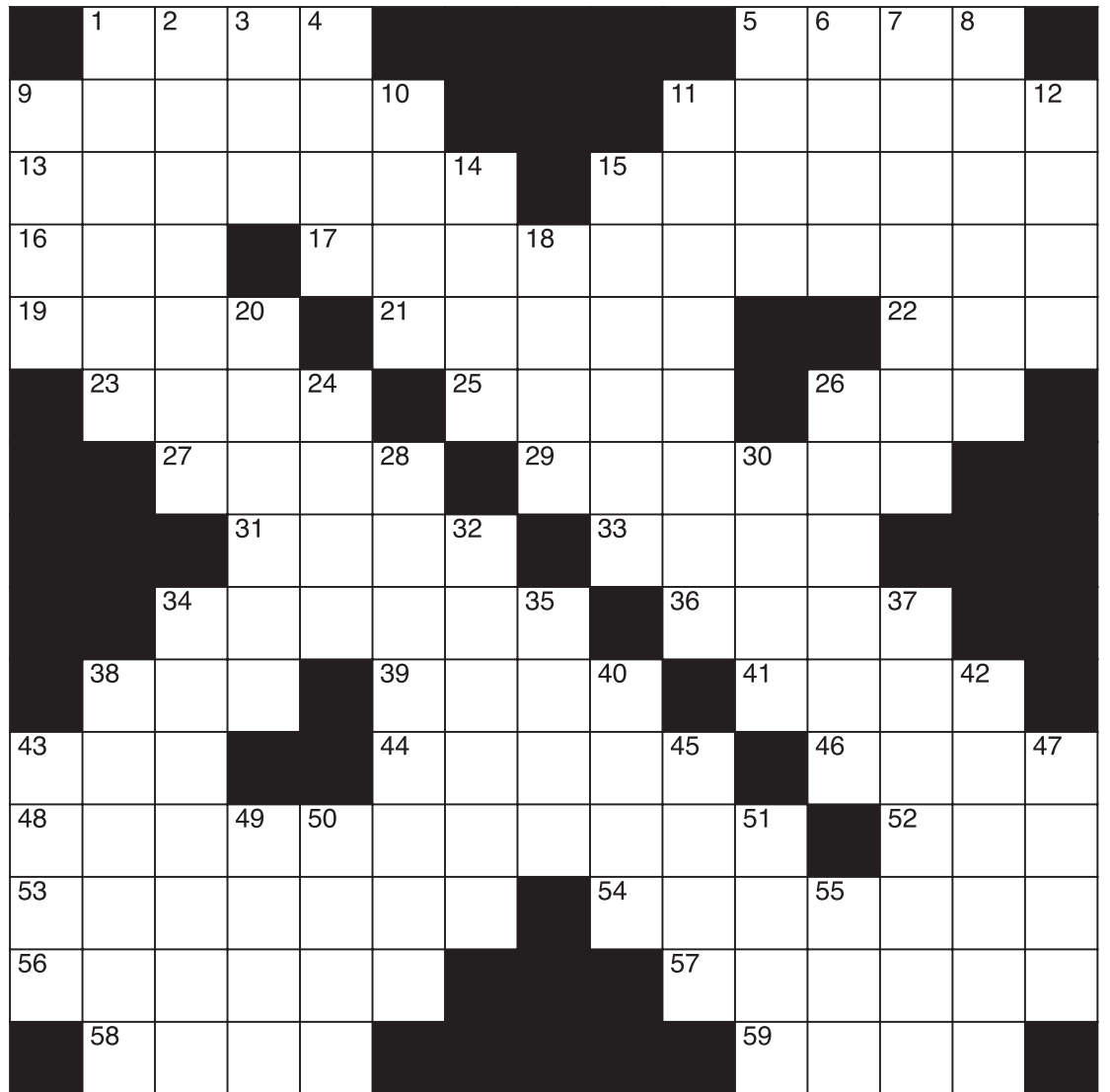
The case against Tyson Wrathford, 32, of Moorefield was continued. Wrathford was indicted on one count of delivery of a Schedule II controlled substance, methamphetamine.

Wrathford's attorney, Jonie Nelson, said the Hardy County Prosecutor had offered to not oppose probation, if Wrathford pleaded guilty.

"The defendant does not agree with the plea," Nelson said. "He doesn't agree with the charge. He wants to plead guilty to conspiracy. We are in negotiations with the prosecutor's office."

Judge Carl continued the case to Thursday, March 3.

# CROSSWORD



## Omicron

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is, they just show whether an individual is positive or negative for the virus in general.

Ours explained that a state lab tests randomly selected cases for particular variants. For example, he said a lab might hypothetically get 10,000 specimens a day and then test 10 percent of those for a particular variant.

The case that showed positive for the Omicron variant in Hardy County was randomly selected and just happened to turn up positive.

This process was also confirmed by county medical director Dr. Carmen Rexroad who explained the process to the Ambulance Authority board at their last meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 12.

Ours also provided an explanation for a fourth booster shot, though he indicated that it has not yet happened at a local or state level.

He also explained that when the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) authorizes something, that does not automatically make it available or a policy immediately occurring at local health departments.

There's a process that goes from federal to state and then onto local and Ours explained that whatever is authorized would need to be approved and then passed at a state level before local health departments could begin.

Currently, residents who are completely unvaccinated can get their first two-dose vaccine and those who have already been initially vaccinated can receive a third booster shot.

Around six months, the strength of the vaccine wears down according to Ours.

"With the booster, unless I miss my guess, I'd say we have to do something. That's predicting the future and hell we can't predict tomorrow these days, but my guess is they're going to come up with some kind of shot," Ours added.

"I don't think this herd immunity thing is going to fly. We're going to have to vaccinate our way out of this. Until we get enough people on board with the vaccine, the next variant is going to pop up."

Ours said he still encourages residents to wear masks and, if they can, try to "step up their mask game" by getting an N95 mask or double layered mask for extra protection against the new virus variants. He said the county currently has the Delta variant, the Omicron variant, and the flu.

Vaccines for COVID-19 as well as booster shots are being given by appointment on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at the Health Department depending on who is receiving the shot and what kind of shot is being received. COVID-19 vaccines and boosters are free to receive.

## West Virginia shatters 7-day record for positive COVID cases

Associated Press

West Virginia shattered a seven-day record for positive coronavirus cases for the second straight week while hospitalizations continue to climb in 2022, according to health figures released Monday.

The 16,903 confirmed cases from Jan. 3 to Sunday were 50% higher than the record of nearly 11,300 positive cases set the previous week. Those marked the first two weeks during the pandemic that confirmed weekly cases have surpassed 10,000. The figures on the Department of Health and Human Resources' website don't include at-home testing.

The number of virus patients in hospitals has jumped 23% this month to 815, the highest total since mid-October. The 224 COVID-19 patients in intensive care units and the 133 patients on ventilators also were three-month highs.

Gov. Jim Justice has implored residents to get vaccinated for the virus, including booster shots. About half of West Virginia's population is fully vaccinated. Justice last week asked for permission to offer a fourth dose of COVID-19 vaccines to residents 50 and older as well as to essential workers.

There have been at least 5,445 virus-related deaths in the state since the start of the pandemic.

## Comprehensive Plan

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of those respondents listing it as their number one concern.

Degradation of the environment was also a concern for 204 respondents and the other higher weighted average responses included concerns over the high cost of living and housing and a lack of jobs.

### Most desired businesses and industries

The top choice regarding types of businesses with 307 positive responses were entrepreneurial businesses and small startups.

Agriculture was next in line with 290 positive responses and the third most common desired business included computer based technology chosen by 205 respondents.

The least common answers, receiving around 80 responses, were jobs including heavy manufacturing and natural resource extraction.

Weighted averaged from the data

show agriculture ranking first, computer based technology ranking second, and entrepreneurial businesses and small startups ranking third.

### Most desired land uses for the county

Traditional agriculture was the highest chosen type of land use with 382 responses with protected conservation land coming in second with 376 responses.

There were a total of 373 respondents who reported they desire recreational land use.

Respondents also participated in what land uses they want to see less of with 266 respondents saying they want to see less large scale intensive agriculture.

Additionally, 211 people said they want less industrial and large manufacturing land use and 105 people said they would prefer to see less commercial land use.

Planning Commission members also approved a new vision statement

as part of the new comprehensive plan, which reads: "As a thoughtful and resourceful community blessed with accessibility and natural beauty, Hardy County will strive to attain the perfect balance of preservation and innovation that will support our rural community values and agricultural economy, while protecting our assets and embracing new opportunities that will allow us to achieve economic prosperity and a better quality of life for future generations."

For more information, for a link to a PDF of the first chapter, and for a link to accompanying chapter one attachments, visit [www.hardywv-planning.weebly.com](http://www.hardywv-planning.weebly.com) and select the "comprehensive plan" section on the homepage of the website.

The next Hardy County Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month, which will be February 1, at 6 p.m. in the lower level of the Hardy County Courthouse at 204 Washington Street in Moorefield.

## Winter Safety

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If the situation is a medical emergency, Lewis said 911 dispatch will then begin asking further questions. Staying calm and answering questions as accurately as possible is key.

For residents who lose electricity, Lewis recommends calling from a landline phone or having an exact address for the power outage.

"Depending on how busy, sometimes even for us it's delayed; if there's an accident that takes a pole out, it could be up to 45 minutes before they can get to it," he said.

"If (someone) is driving, and they have to drive, they need to make sure they have a full tank of gas in the car and a flashlight and maybe a blanket in case they get stuck."

For more information on safety measures, visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). To learn more about the local Hardy County Community Emergency Response Team and the Local Emergency Planning Committee, visit [www.hardycounty.com](http://www.hardycounty.com).

### Bill Keller, District 5 Division of Highways

"Stay off of them," Keller said in jest, referring to traveling on the

roads. "Have good tires, have an emergency kit in the vehicle in case you are stuck: blanket, snacks, water – and make sure your vehicle is full of fuel.

Keller explained if someone gets stuck on the road, they may need to call tow service to help get their car out of the snow. Like Lewis, he recommended calling 911 in emergencies.

He also noted that it's important to be conscious of crews working to manage snowy conditions including those with the DOH.

"Give the plows room, don't crowd them. It's a big vehicle and we're treating the roads out the back so we don't want stuff to be hitting vehicles and we don't want you being so close that if we have to stop, you can't stop," said Keller.

"Give them time to get the roads open so they are safe to travel on."

District 5 covers seven counties: Hardy, Hampshire, Mineral, Grant, Morgan, Berkeley, and Jefferson – essentially the whole Eastern Panhandle.

Keller said that during winter storms, District 5 uses a system

where they clear roads based on three priority levels. High priority roads are the most traveled roads – they're plowed first.

Then secondary roads, which he described as roads that are not as busy, but may see traffic from school buses and more, are plowed next. The third level is for low volume roads which are plowed last.

Pre-snowfall road treatments such as salt brines and cinders help combat some of the snow sticking to the surface, but not all treatments are created equal for varying roads.

For example, asphalt roads may benefit from salt brines, but salt can destroy dirt roads. As a result, District 5 treats different roads differently depending on the type of road it is.

During a winter storm that sees snow, District 5's snowplow drivers will switch into 12-hour shifts working 24 hours a day – some working day shift and some working night shift – until the roads are cleared.

For more information on different road priorities and other road safety practices, visit the West Virginia Department of Transportation Facebook page.



## CLUES ACROSS

1. Breathe noisily
5. \_\_ Nui, Easter Island
9. Reddish browns
11. Simple shoes
13. Produce alcohol illegally
15. Home to famed golf tournament
16. Tax collector
17. Famous people
19. Urban area
21. Units of syllable weight
22. Pituitary hormone (abbr.)
23. Dismounted
25. Actor Damon
26. Vietnamese offensive
27. Retail term
29. Netted
31. Partner to carrots
33. Witnesses
34. Caulked
36. Satisfy
38. R&B performer \_\_ Lo
39. Monetary units of Macao
41. Give advice, explain
43. Possesses
44. Turn back
46. Gentlemen
48. One who fertilizes
52. Italian monk title (prefix)
53. Parties
54. Type of horse
56. Cuts in half
57. Raises
58. Expresses contempt or disgust
59. Ancient Italian-Greek colony

## CLUES DOWN

1. Illinois city
2. One of the original disciples chosen by Christ
3. Young form of a louse
4. Type of powder
5. Finger millet
6. Share a common boundary
7. Assumed as a fact
8. Provide clear evidence of
9. Invests in little enterprises
10. A way to be
11. Monies given in support
12. Fashion accessory
14. Steal
15. Becomes less intense
18. Geological times
20. Hooray!
24. Monetary unit
26. Male reproductive organs
28. Earnings
30. Close by
32. Small integers
34. Fixed in place
35. Used to treat Parkinson's disease
37. Large, imposing building
38. A rooflike shelter
40. Stiff, hairlike structure
42. Print errors
43. To show disapproval
45. Body of traditions
47. Without
49. \_\_ Clapton, musician
50. Dangerous illegal drug
51. Infrequent
55. Sound unit



## AT THE LIBRARY

### New Fiction

**The Horsewoman** by James Paterson (Reg. Print, Lg. Print, Audio-book) – Maggie Atwood and Becky McCabe, mother and daughter, both champion riders, vowed to never, ever, go up against one another...until the tense, harrowing competitions leading to the Paris Olympics. Mother and daughter share a dream: to be the best horsewoman in the world.

**End of Days** (Pike Logan; 16) by Brad Taylor – Pike Logan must stop a deranged fanatic bent on igniting an international conflagration.

**A Stranger's Game** by Colleen Coble – When a woman learns that her best friend has drowned, she knows it is more than a tragic accident. To find the truth, she goes to the Georgia hotel where it happened, desperate to find answers. When she meets Joe Abbott and his daughter rescuing baby turtles, she finds a tentative ally.

**Something to Hide** (Inspector Lynley; 21) by Elizabeth George – When a police detective is taken off life support after falling into a coma, only an autopsy reveals the murderous act that precipitated her death

and Acting Detective Superintendent Thomas Lynley is assigned to the case, which has far-reaching cultural associations that have nothing to do with life as he knows it.

**A Flicker in the Dark** by Stacy Willingham – Twenty years after her father confessed to being responsible for missing teenage girls in their small Louisiana town, psychologist Chloe Davis is faced with the same terror when a local teenage girl goes missing, and then another. Is she paranoid, seeing parallels from her past that aren't actually there, or for the second time in her life, is Chloe about to unmask a killer.

**Find Me** by Alafair Burke – The disappearance of a young woman leaves her best friend reeling and an NYPD homicide detective digging into her own past.

**Dinner On Primrose Hill** (Honey Creek; 3) by Jodi Thomas (Lg. print) – In the small college town of Clifton Bend, Texas, two very different scientists team up on an experiment to attempt to quantify the science of love...and might just find love for themselves in the process.

**The Promise** by Damon Galgut

– Haunted by an unmet promise, the Swart family loses touch after the death of their matriarch. Adrift, the lives of the three siblings move separately through the uncharted waters of South Africa.

**The Last House on the Street** by Diane Chamberlain – When Kayla Carter's husband dies in an accident while building their dream house, she knows she has to stay strong for their four-year-old daughter. But the trophy home in Shadow Ridge Estates, a new development in sleepy Round Hill, North Carolina, will always hold tragic memories. Kayla's elderly new neighbor, Ellie Hockley, is welcoming, but it's clear she, too, has secrets that stretch back almost fifty years. Is Ellie on a quest to right the wrongs of the past? And does the house at the end of the street hold the key?

**To Paradise** by Hanya Yanagihara – Spanning three centuries and three different versions of the American experiment, an unforgettable cast of characters are united by their reckonings with the qualities that make us human—fear, love, shame, need, and loneliness.

**Seasonal Work: Stories** by Laura

Lippman – A collection of diversely crafted stories of deception, murder, dangerous games, and love gone wrong.

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**Laptop from Hell** by Miranda Devine – When a drug-addled Hunter Biden abandoned his waterlogged computer at a Mac repair shop in Delaware in the spring of 2019, the dirty secrets contained in that laptop almost derailed his father's presidential campaign and ignited one of the greatest media cover-ups in American history.

**Rise: My Story** by Lindsey Vonn – Vonn reveals never-before-told stories of her life in the fast lane, her struggle with depression, and the bold decisions that helped her break down barriers on and off the slopes.

**Emotional: How Feelings Shape Our Thinking** by Leonard Mlodinow – Mlodinow explores the new science of feelings and offers us an essential guide to making the most of one of nature's greatest gifts.

**Chasing History: A Kid in the Newsroom** by Carl Bernstein – Bernstein, coauthor of All the President's

Men and pioneer of investigative journalism, recalls his beginnings as an audacious teenage newspaper reporter in the nation's capital.

### World Religions: The Great Faiths Explored and Explained

by John Bowker – Examines major world religions, discussing each one's history, beliefs, and practices, and includes hundreds of examples of religious and devotional art.

### New Easy Readers

**Viking in Love** by Doug Cenko – With his Viking ingenuity and a few helpful kittens, Stig overcomes his fear of the sea and woos the bold and beautiful Ingrid.

**Slug in Love** by Rachel Bright – Doug the slug is looking for a hug and soon finds there is a friend for everyone.

**A House** by Kevin Henkes – Bright illustrations paired with interactive call-and-response questions tell of what makes a house a home.

**Rainforest Animals** (DK Readers) by Caryn Jenner – Journey through the rainforest and discover the amazing animals that live there.

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– A boy sets out to find someone to answer a question that he asks his grandmother, and eventually his quest leads him back home.

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**We Shall Overcome** by Bryan Collier – A celebration of the gospel anthem and Civil Rights protest song We Shall Overcome.

**Friendly Frenzy** (Fly Guy & Fly Girl) by Tedd Arnold – Buzz, Fly Guy, Liz, and Fly Girl meet a boy named Carlos in the park, but Carlos has a pet lizard with a taste for flies--so it looks like this is a friendship that is doomed from the start.

**Stretchy and Beanie** by Judy Schachner – What's an independent cat to do when his friend decides she's the leader of their pack?

**Group Hug** by Jean Reidy – When Slug happens upon a lonely beetle, he knows just what to do. He gives him a big hug--and then the two friends decide to pass it along.

# Secretary of State Warner says that over 169,000 confirmation postcards were mailed to possible vacated or outdated voter registrations

Registered voters who have changed addresses with the DMV, post office or have not voted or updated their voter registration at any time in the past 4 years will soon receive a postcard in the mail to confirm that the voter is still a resident at their registered address on file with the County Clerk.

Warner encourages every voter who receives the confirmation postcard to confirm or update their registration by scanning the QR code on the postcard with a mobile device and follow the easy steps to keep their registration in "active" status. Voters can also check and update their registration information online at [ovr.sos.wv.gov](http://ovr.sos.wv.gov), or by simply mailing the completed pre-paid postage postcard to their county clerk.

Voters whose postcards are returned will remain "active." Voters whose postcards are not returned, or are returned by the USPS as "undeliverable," will be categorized as "inactive," which still permits the voters to remain eligible to vote in the next 2 federal election cycles. However, if a voter's registration address remains unconfirmed for the next 2 federal general elections after receipt of the confirmation notice, and the voter fails to vote in any state or local election during that time period, state law mandates that the registration be canceled.

Warner said that election officials will mail postcards this week to each of the 169,417 voters identified after the November 2020 General Election. The postcard asks the voter to

confirm they are still a resident of the state and county at the address at which they are registered.

"The law requires election officials to send a postcard to each voter identified by the USPS as having signed up for mail forwarding service through the National Change of Address program, and data obtained from other states' Departments of Motor Vehicles showing voters may have moved to another state. The law is in place to make sure voters on West Virginia rolls are still residents of West Virginia at the address on file with the County Clerk," Warner said.

"Since we have information from the voter that they may have moved or have had no contact with election officials by updating their registration or voting, many times we find that

these voters moved and simply forgot to cancel their registration or are deceased."

A registered voter does not have to vote in any election to stay registered. However, after not participating for a period of 4 years or greater, or by not updating their voter registration after moving, election officials are required to attempt to confirm the voter's residential status to ensure that the voter is still a resident of West Virginia in the address on file, confirming their eligibility to vote.

Regular maintenance on voter registration lists is mandated by the National Voter Registration Act and West Virginia law. The confirmation notice mailed to voters' addresses on

file with their registration is the first step in the process, which was reviewed and approved in recent years by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Voter list maintenance has been a priority for the WV Secretary of State's Office since Warner first took office in 2017. By working closely with all 55 county clerks from January 2017 to July 1, 2021, Warner reports that a total of 364,301 abandoned, deceased, duplicate, out of state and convicted felon voter registration files have been canceled in the Statewide Voter Registration System. During the same period of time, a total of 255,888 new voters have been registered to vote, which included more than 67,000 high school students.

"If the voter moved to another county, we can help them update their voter registration here in West Virginia," Warner said. "If they moved out of state, they are no longer eligible to vote."

Warner said that a voter's registration will not be canceled if they do not respond to the postcard. However, if the voter's registration remains inactive for two additional consecutive federal general elections following receipt of the postcard, then and only then will the voter's registration be canceled according to the National Voter Registration Act.

For more information, please contact your county clerk or the WV Secretary of State's Office at (304) 558-8000.

# "See Something, Text Something!" to report 2022 election fraud

## WV Secretary of State launches new strategy to report election law violations by cell phone

By Landon Palmer  
WVa. SOS Office

According to West Virginia's chief election official, it's time to plan for fair and secure 2022 midterm elections.

Today, W.Va. Secretary of State Mac Warner announced the launching of his office's new "See Something, Text Something!" election security campaign. The program leverages the technology of common communication devices to quickly and securely report allegations of wrongdoing directly into the WVSOS Investigations Division.

Warner said the text to report technology makes it easier than ever to report possible violations. Warner sees a double benefit of this program: on one hand the easy-to-use text to report technology will encourage people to report possible election fraud, while on the other, the accessibility and speed of the ability to report will deter offenders from engaging in errant behavior. With investigators situated around the state, the immediate transfer of information will allow them to get to work quickly.

According to Secretary Warner, possible violations of election law can be confidentially reported from any common texting device in three easy steps:

- Text "WV" to 45995 \*Msg & Data rates may apply
- Click on the incoming text link
- Submit the Confidential Complaint
- Once submitted, the complaint is received immediately by the WVSOS

Investigations Division for action with a notice of receipt upon submission. Complaints made to the Secretary of State's Office are kept confidential. By state law, employees of the WVSOS Office are not permitted to discuss any election investigation or complaint.

"In West Virginia, we're continuing our effort in making it easy to vote and hard to cheat," said Secretary Warner. "The general public plays a vital role in helping my office and our county clerks keep elections fair and secure."

"The See Something, Text Something! campaign is another way for us to use today's technology to increase voter confidence in the election process," Warner said. "The higher the level of confidence, the higher voter participation is in our elections."

Lee Durham, CEO of Global Mobile, the company providing the technology for the platform stated "We are very excited to support the security efforts of the West Virginia Secretary of State making reporting of election issues as simple as possible"

A national study released by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) for the 2020 election cycle reported that West Virginia was one of the top ten states in the nation in voter confidence. Last month, Democracy

Works, a national non-partisan organization, presented the W.Va. Secretary of State's Office with the organization's "Voter Information Project VIP Partner Award" for effective communication with voters and transparency with the general public.

The "See Something, Text Something!" campaign kicked off today and will run through next year's November 2022 General Election.

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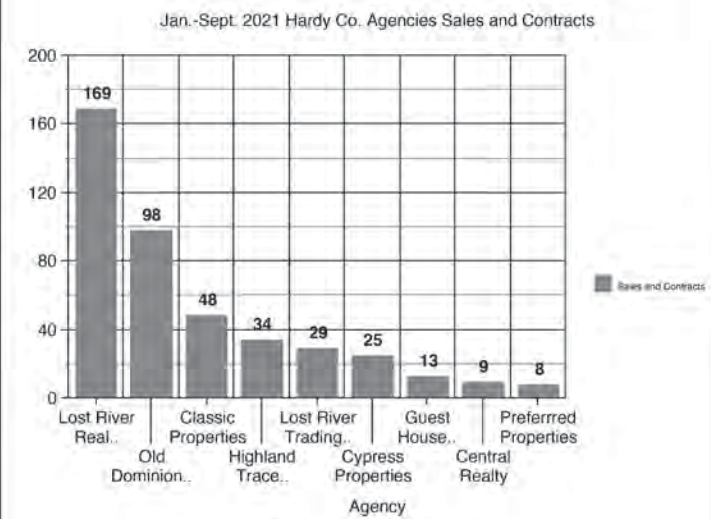
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## OBITUARIES

### JAMES ROBERT MAYHEW



James Robert Mayhew, 91, of Romney, passed away on Monday, Jan. 10, 2022, at his residence.

Born on December 13, 1930, in Glebe, W.Va., he was the son of the late Joseph Robert Mayhew and Mary Elizabeth Mongold Mayhew.

Jim was owner and manager of Hampshire Truck and Implement Company before acquiring Pancake Motors where he sold Chevrolets and Oldsmobiles. He was an Honorary member of the Romney Volunteer Fire Company where he was active for many years, the Romney V.F.W. and the Romney Presbyterian Church. He was an avid hunter and

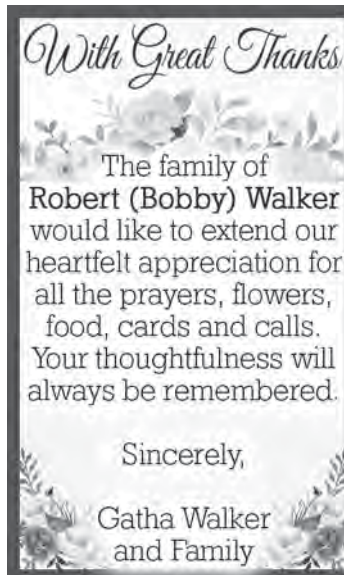
loved being on the farm where he found stress relief and relaxation in farm work. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosella "Rosie" Mayhew on March 4, 2021 and by a sister.

He is survived by son, Robert "Bob" E. Mayhew; his children, Elizabeth A. Mayhew and husband Eric Strain and sons, Ethan and Gavin Strain of Clifton Park, N.Y.; Hillary L. LaRose, husband John LaRose and son, Dylan James LaRose of Portland, Ore., step-sons, Jason Hodges (Christa) and children, Blake and Chloe of Safety Harbor,

Fla., and Adam Hodges (Shanna) and children, Cole and Reagan of Romney; son, Terry Mayhew and wife Bonnie, their children, JB Mayhew and wife Maiko and sons, Leam, Luke and Leon of Nagoya, Japan; Melissa Gibbons and husband Bryan and their children Laurel and Colin of Martinsburg; two sisters, Hilda Loy of Fort Walton Beach, Fla. and Evelyn Baker of Romney.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Jan. 14, 2022, at McKee Funeral Home in Romney. Interment was private in Ebenezer Cemetery in Romney. McKee Funeral Home in Romney handled arrangements.



### BETTY ANN MILEY TURNER



Betty Ann Miley Turner, age 76, of Railroad Street in Moorefield, passed away on January 9, 2022, at her home.

She was the daughter of the late Harold and Verda (Shreve) Miley. Betty was born in Powder Spring Hollow near Moorefield on August 19, 1945, but grew up on South Fork. Betty was preceded in death by one brother, and three sisters.

Betty was a member of the Moorefield Church of the Brethren and re-

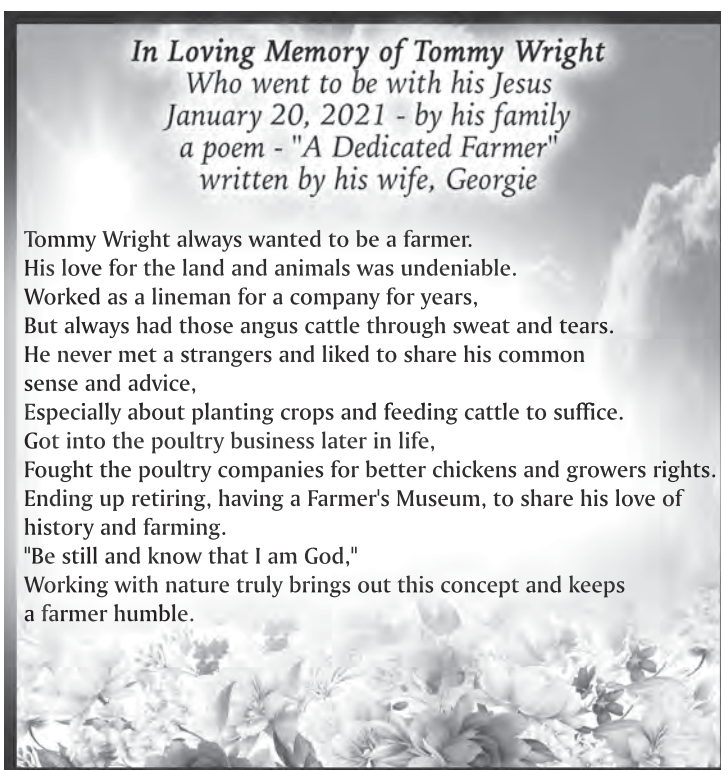
tired from Hester Industries after many years of service. In November, 1963 she married Stanley "Tony" Turner, who survives.

Betty is also survived by three sons, Anthony "Tony" Turner and wife, Tammy, of Lexington, Va., Harold Turner and wife, Jennifer, of Absecon, N.J., and Eric Turner and wife, Melinda, Old Fields; three sisters, Jean Pratt, Fern See, and Nancy Miley, all of Moorefield; two brothers, Paul Miley of Petersburg and

George Miley of Wardensville; 9 grandchildren; and 7 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Jan. 14, 2022, at Elmore Funeral Home in Moorefield. Pastors Russell and Lucy Webster officiated. Burial followed at Olivet Cemetery in Moorefield.

Her arrangements are under the direction of Elmore Funeral Home in Moorefield.



Tommy Wright always wanted to be a farmer. His love for the land and animals was undeniable. Worked as a lineman for a company for years, But always had those Angus cattle through sweat and tears. He never met a stranger and liked to share his common sense and advice, Especially about planting crops and feeding cattle to suffice. Got into the poultry business later in life, Fought the poultry companies for better chickens and growers rights. Ending up retiring, having a Farmer's Museum, to share his love of history and farming. "Be still and know that I am God," Working with nature truly brings out this concept and keeps a farmer humble.

### NAOMI BARB MOYER

Naomi Barb Moyer, 69, of Mathias, passed away Jan. 9, 2022, at Winchester Medical Center.

She was born December 12, 1952, in Bergton to the late Homer "Jack" and Ada Funkhouser Barb.

Naomi was a homemaker. She was a member of Crab Run Church of the Brethren in Mathias. She was a member of the Red Hat Society of Wardensville, secretary of the East Hardy High School Scholarship Fund, and a Green Valley C.E.O.S. member.

On June 21, 1975, she married

Stanley Bruce Moyer Jr., who preceded her in death May 8, 2015.

Surviving is one daughter, Karen Boyd and husband Travis of Newnan, Ga.; one grandson, Cameron Bruce Boyd; two sisters, Velma Cleaver of Mathias and Edith "Peach" Earls of Broadway; two brothers, Willard Barb of Mathias and Walter Barb of Mathias; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pastor Stanley Salyards conducted a funeral service on Friday, Jan. 14, at Crab Run Church of the Brethren.

A burial following the service was private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Stanley Moyer Scholarship Fund, United Bank C/O Jewel Cash-Litten, 361 South Main Street, Broadway, VA, 22815.

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

Grandle Funeral Home in Broadway, Va. is handling arrangements.

### VERA LANE ROBINETTE

Vera Lane Robinette, newborn, of Moorefield, passed away Jan. 2, 2022, at the University of Virginia Medical Center.

Surviving are her parents, Megan Nicole Crider and Bryan Adam Robinette.

There will be no services. Arrangements are entrusted to Grandle Funeral Home in Broadway, Va.

### NELLIE BOSWELL THOMAS RAINES

Nellie Boswell Thomas Raines, 90, of Moorefield passed away on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center in Petersburg.

Nellie was born in Moorefield on September 27, 1931. She was the daughter of John David Mitchell Boswell and Sadie Helmick Boswell. Nellie was preceded in death by her first husband, Junior "Tink" Thomas who passed away in November 1988. She re-married in 2001. Her second husband, William (Bill) Raines died in August 2011. Six siblings preceded Nellie in death: Johnny Boswell, Viola Boswell Bean, Herman Boswell, Curtis Boswell, Catherine Boswell See, and Blair Boswell.

Nellie is survived by one son, Dr. Larry Thomas, her daughter-in-law, Mary E. Thomas, and their doggie "Cooper" who she loved dearly. A

cadre of loving nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive Nellie. During the latter stage of her life, Nellie was fortunate to have a wonderful roommate, Ms. Patty Ruckman, who advocated for Nellie's interests.

Nellie lived her entire life in the beautiful South Branch Valley of West Virginia. She graduated from Moorefield High School in 1949. Over the course of her life, she worked at notable establishments in the Moorefield community, including Harrison's Restaurant, Lang's Drugstore, and Hester Industries. She was a member of Duffey Memorial United Methodist Church. Her "hobbies," included cleaning, cooking, and talking with friends. (Special emphases must be placed on "washing clothes, making beds, and scouring the already cleanest refrigerator in the region, if not the state.")

Later in life, one of the things Nellie enjoyed was going to the racetrack to watch the horses run. She marveled at the majestic beauty of the animals, interacted socially with the colorful folks attending these events, and, of course, enjoyed immensely the cashing of winning tickets.

To all family members, friends, and acquaintances with whom Nellie shared her life, particularly the wonderful staff at Grant Rehab and Care Center who provided love and health care during the latter stages of her life, she would say thank you and God bless.

Because of the latest COVID outbreak, graveside services were held at Olivet Cemetery on Saturday, January 15, 2022. Pastor Dan Sterns officiated. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions in Nel-



lie's name can be made to either the Duffey Memorial United Methodist Church or the Hardy County Public Library. Her arrangements are under the direction of the Elmore Funeral Home of Moorefield.

## Senior Legal Aid discusses elder abuse

By Deb Miller

WVa. Senior Legal Aid Volunteer

It all happened quickly. Jenny (not her real name) was hospitalized after suffering from large bites from bedbugs, dehydration and disorientation.

The hospital's social worker, a mandated reporter of abuse and neglect, had to follow up on why she was in that condition.

Adult Protective Services in the Department of Health and Human Resources completed an investigation of her mental state and living conditions at home.

They determined that Jenny lacked the capacity to take care of her daily hygiene, medications, food intake and related health matters. Another person was needed to help her by assuming that oversight responsibility.

Her husband's health was also poor, and their nephew James had been helping them.

Through a court hearing, it was approved that James would be ap-

pointed as her legal guardian. He would have authority to make or assist with making all medical decisions for Jenny and handle the conditions she was living in.

Her financial matters would still be handled by her husband at that point. No legal conservator was needed.

In West Virginia, the legal roles of a guardian for health/daily living issues and a conservator for financial matters have been part of our system for a long time.

Whether for a minor child or an adult who is found to be incompetent, those serving as conservator and guardian hold a specific legal duty, called a fiduciary duty, to act in the protected person's best interest.

In addition to the DHHR handling such legal steps, any adult may petition the court to serve as conservator or guardian for another by providing a factual basis for that request.

To facilitate appropriate handling of these roles, the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals provides

online training for conservators and guardians.

Recent news stories about Britney Spears' legal efforts to terminate her father's conservatorship have focused on her own competence and the lack of need for someone else to act on her behalf.

Having a conservator or guardian appointed should be viewed as a last resort. There are often less restrictive options available.

Those options are often less costly, such as signing powers of attorney while the person is competent or a voluntary "watchdog" person or group that agrees to help the protected person in different ways.

Unfortunately, it's also been found that a person with lower levels of capacity is a prime target for scammers or outright theft. The thief feels they can get away with it because no one is "minding the store."

To protect their Social Security income, an individual can designate in advance who they want to be their representative payee for han-

## West Virginia WIC Highlights Safe Sleep

By W.Va. DHHR

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is encouraging parents and caregivers to follow the ABCs of safe sleep practices.

Although Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and other sleep-related infant deaths have decreased, each year more than one in three sudden unexpected infant deaths that occur are related to SIDS.

"According to Our Babies: Safe and Sound, one baby dies every 10

days in West Virginia because of unsafe sleeping," said Heidi Staats, Director of the West Virginia WIC Program. "This highlights the need for WIC which serves 75 percent of all infants born in our state, to continue educating families about infant sleep safety. Together, we can continue to encourage and promote positive environments for babies that will aid in reducing SIDS."

Cribs and bassinets should meet safety standards, have a firm sleep surface, and be free of any loose bedding, bumpers or toys. Sleep positioning devices should be avoided, as they may pose danger to a baby if they were to roll out of the device.

"Safe Sleep is as easy as A-B-C," Staats said. "The safest place for a baby to sleep is Alone on their Back, and in a Crib, which can be placed next to the caregiver's bed. When sleeping, babies should be placed on their backs with the direction of their heads changed every day to prevent flat spots and build neck muscle strength."

Additionally, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends exclusive breastfeeding for six months, which has been shown to reduce the risk of SIDS by as much as 70%. WIC provides a variety of lactation and breastfeeding resources and can help with breastfeeding difficulties.

WIC provides services including certified lactation consultants, a breastfeeding peer counselor program, and a breast pump loan program. Additionally, on-demand, unlimited, video-enabled access to a network of maternal and pediatric experts is available for consultation 24/7 through the Pacify app.

WIC also provides nutrition counseling, parenting advice, breastfeeding support, food assistance and referral support to help families live healthier lives. WIC services are free for pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women and children up to the age of five. Learn more at [dhhr.wv.gov/WIC](http://dhhr.wv.gov/WIC).

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# PSC appoints Eric Veach as interim police captain

By Rene Trezise  
Potomac State College

Eric Veach, a 10-year veteran of the West Virginia University Potomac State College police department, has been named interim police captain.

"Eric is an experienced and knowledgeable officer who has spent many years serving Potomac State. We look forward to working with him as we continue to enhance our campus community while continuing to keep it safe," said Campus President Jennifer Orlikoff.

After graduating from Potomac State in 2004 with an associate degree in criminal justice, Veach attended the West Virginia State Police Academy. He graduated in 2008 with a class rank of four out of 44 officers. In 2019, he earned his Regents Bachelor of Arts degree from Potomac State College. He is also a 2001 graduate of Keyser High School.

Veach worked as a campus police officer at Potomac State College from 2007 to 2009. He left the department to serve as a deputy sheriff with the Mineral County Sher-

iff's Department for four years. He returned to Potomac State in 2013 and in that time has held positions of sergeant and lieutenant. He currently serves part time as a sergeant with the Piedmont Police Department.

"Captain Veach is a valued member of the WVU police department. We have a lot of confidence in him and we look forward to working with him and his team," said WVU Police Chief Sherry St. Clair. "I look forward to serving the students and employees of the College and the local community as interim police captain for the Keyser campus," said Veach.



WVU Potomac State College recently named Eric Veach, center, as their interim police captain. On hand for the pinning of his captain bars on his uniform were WVU Police Chief Sherry St. Clair, left, and Potomac State College President Jennifer Orlikoff.

# Common student financial aid mistakes to avoid: don't forget to file for FAFSA

By Tim Ballard  
KHEAA

Many students spend more for college than necessary by making some common mistakes when seeking financial aid. Follow these tips from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) to make sure you get the financial support you need.

Even if you don't believe you'll qualify for financial aid, you should still file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, commonly called the FAFSA, each school year. You may find out that you qualify for federal and state student aid programs. Plus, some schools may require the FAFSA for students to be considered for merit-based scholarships.

Another common mistake is waiting until the last minute to apply for financial aid. Some programs have deadlines, while others have limited funds.

Colleges send each student who has applied for student aid a financial aid package. Students and their families should review these carefully, comparing offers from schools to see

which is the best deal. Of course, cost is only a part of the higher-education decision. Students should also consider other factors, such as whether a school offers the academic program they want to pursue or if it meets other expectations they have.

KHEAA is a public, non-profit agency established in 1966 to improve students' access to college. It provides information about financial

aid and financial literacy at no cost to students and parents.

KHEAA also helps colleges manage their student loan default rates and verify information submitted on the FAFSA. For more information about those services, visit [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com).

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# Eastern Recognized for Designing, Reviewing Online Courses

By Morgan Branson  
Eastern WVCTC

A cohort of instructors at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College are the first to participate in an internal peer-review system that has led to two courses earning Eastern Online Course Excellence certification.

Eastern has implemented a variety of professional development programs to help instructors learn about and adopt best practices for designing online courses. One important element of this process is Eastern's subscription to Quality Matters™ (QM), a non-profit organization that provides a research-based framework for assessing the effectiveness of online course design.

Nikki Chandler, a math instructor,

served as peer reviewer for online courses designed by Leslie Laschinger, religion instructor, and Debi Layton, psychology instructor.

Laschinger's Introduction to Comparative Religions and Layton's Life-Span Developmental Psychology courses both earned Eastern Online Course Excellence certification in October.

Laschinger, a University of Georgia and Harvard University graduate who lives in the Atlanta area, has developed and taught online courses at Eastern since 2015. "I appreciate the feedback the reviewer gave ... and have already implemented a number of her suggestions," she said. Laschinger also said that she intends to submit her course for an official QM review in the next year.

Layton, of Old Fields, started

her education at Eastern before also earning degrees from Regent University and American Public University. She began teaching at Eastern in 2019. "This [process] has really been educational in helping me improve my online course," she said.

Chandler, a Petersburg native who joined Eastern in 2019, is a graduate of the University of Mt. Olive and Texas A&M University. She is also working on an additional graduate degree from West Virginia University in Instructional Design and Technology. "I believe the peer review process is beneficial for everyone involved," Chandler said. "I've gained so much insight into how my own courses function from being a peer reviewer, and I hope the course creators have had an equally positive experience."

# Bill of Rights Institute Launches First National Civics Contest

## MyImpact Challenge will produce thousands of hours of community service, \$40,000 in prizes for students and teachers in new nationwide contest.

By Kevin Hart  
Bill of Rights Institute

The United States has a national spelling bee and national math and science competitions.

Now, America's students will also have the opportunity to participate in a national civics contest. And students and teachers will be taking home \$40,000 in prizes.

The Bill of Rights Institute announced today the nationwide launch of its MyImpact Challenge for the 2021-2022 school year.

Through MyImpact Challenge, the Bill of Rights Institute is encouraging students to engage with their communities through constitutionally-principled service projects. The goal is to foster a robust understand-

ing of citizenship and get students active in their communities.

MyImpact Challenge projects are expected to produce thousands of hours of service all across the United States. Students will also document how their projects advanced their knowledge of civics and align with civic virtues and founding principles.

Top student projects will be featured at a national virtual fair in June, where \$40,000 in prize money will be awarded to students and teachers – including a \$10,000 grand prize for the top student project.

MyImpact Challenge is the latest civic engagement initiative from the Bill of Rights Institute, a non-profit organization that teaches civics through market-leading curriculum, professional development for educators, and educational experiences for

students.

After successfully piloting elements of MyImpact Challenge in local communities – and receiving enthusiastic feedback from teachers and students — Bill of Rights Institute President David Bobb said he was excited to expand the program nationally.

"An essential part of a civics education is learning how to engage constructively with your community to solve problems," Bobb said. "Through MyImpact Challenge, students will have the opportunity to enhance their knowledge of civics while gaining lifelong citizenship skills."

To learn more about the MyImpact Challenge, visit <https://billofrightsinstitute.org/myimpact-challenge>.



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# Ambulance Authority

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really helps your back,” said Alt.

“We haven’t really discussed them in the past because they used to be a lot more expensive, they still are.”

The lift assist systems essentially lift a cot into an ambulance mechanically, making transport a lot easier, particularly for patients with heavier weights.

“Ideally we’d like to have one on just about every unit across the county; realistically, if we could get one for each company,” said Alt.

He said HCEAA is currently working with Hardy County Coordinator Wendy Branson on potentially putting together a grant to obtain lift systems.

Other notable pieces of news from the last Ambulance Authority meeting include:

- The board unanimously voted to pay invoices, which included an unusually large fuel bill of \$3,300 according to Alt. “That’s the biggest fuel bill I’ve ever seen; we’ve not used to having that,” he said.

- Fraley Ambulance service, which transitioned to West Hardy EMS at midnight from Dec. 31, 2021 to Jan. 1, 2022, received their last check from the HCEAA totaling \$15,000.

- Previously Fraley’s and then West Hardy EMS, which is now Company 21, answered 122 calls last month with HCEAA handling 110 calls and Wardensville handling 31 calls.

- Currently the 911 Center in Moorefield is fully staffed.

“Actually for the first time since we’ve been running the 911 Center we have one extra now to fill in,” said Office of Emergency Management Director Paul Lewis. “We’ve

been pretty good on COVID. We had one or two out earlier in the year, but here lately, we’ve been alright with that. They’re trying to stay away from it.”

The last 30 minutes of the meeting included board and public comments, which started with Fran Welton addressing concerns over EMS crews having proper identification when answering calls.

“It’s highly recommended as part of standard procedure that when I was called out I had to show up with my shirt on and I had an identification badge with my name on it,” said Welton, citing her personal experience in healthcare.

“In hospitals and in healthcare, generally they emphasize wearing an identification badge. It’s good customer service.”

Welton had asked members of Wardensville EMS in attendance if they had shirts or badges. EMS member Tom Walker responded that they did, but did not necessarily always have their company shirts on them when answering a call.

“The problem you’re going to run across is the same age old problem you see now – I may be working on my mower, helping my brother do something like in this call here we’re referencing to, and I’m sorry but I don’t take the time to go grab a shirt and grab a badge,” said Walker.

“I think it’s much more important to be there to take care of that patient than it is to look like you wear a uniform. Those people know what I was coming for. They knew who it was. They may not have known my name, but I introduced myself as soon as I walked in.”

He continued, “most people, if you

show up in a rescue squad or chase vehicle, recognize you as someone who’s there to help them.” A debate regarding identification proceeded with Welton suggesting identification is important and a liability concern if not worn with Walker and members of West Hardy EMS in attendance disagreeing.

“I won’t always have mine; I know I won’t,” said West Hardy EMS treasurer Billie Jo Biddle in reference to her identification badge and in response to Welton suggesting crews leave a badge in their glove compartment of their vehicle.

“I respond from everywhere. I respond from the supermarket and I have several cars so I can’t just put it in one. I have multiple cars so it’s hard to tell or if I’m with a friend – if a third due call goes out and somebody needs help, I don’t care what tag I have on.”

The conversation on identification ended with West Hardy EMS Chief of Operations David Pratt saying crews are required to carry identification, but state law doesn’t specify how.

“West Virginia State code states that every provider in the state of West Virginia has to carry a copy of their EMS certification on them. It doesn’t say how,” said Pratt. “My EMS certification is on that flash drive I carry in my pocket everyday. We are required to carry that – that per the law suffices as identification.”

Other public comments included commentary from county medical director Dr. Carmen Rexrode who explained protocol for emergency crews across the county are the same and also noted the state of emergen-

cies currently are taxing for ambulance crews.

“I just want to make sure everyone is aware that the treatment protocol for EMS are the same for every agency. Whatever the licensure or agency, if you are licensed as an EMS agent, the state follows the same treatment protocol. That’s what we try to do in this county: make sure everyone gets a well equipped ambulance and a well equipped crew and well trained crew when they call 911,” she said.

“I did some rough numbers. The first 10 days of 2022, I got 50 spreadsheets; of those, 15 were signed refusals – no transport, that sort of thing. This is 33 percent that cannot be billed. I’m not sure this is sustainable for anybody.”

Rexrode encouraged the Ambulance Authority board to try to think of ways to inform the public that ambulances are meant to transport and not to diagnose medical issues.

Board members discussed the issue of hospitals being filled due to COVID-19, which may create a situation for residents to feel like seeking care from an ambulance crew is their only recourse.

Closing public comments included a tense back and forth between Walker, board member Doug Coffman, and others in attendance regarding comments made at a previous meeting, which did not see a defined resolution at Wednesday’s meeting.

The next Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9, at the HCEAA building at 17940 State Road 55 in Baker.

# W.Va. hunters harvested 42,674 bucks during 2021 Buck Firearms Season

By Andy Malinoski  
WVa. DNR

Preliminary data indicates West Virginia hunters harvested 42,674 antlered deer during the two-week firearm season from Nov. 22 to Dec. 5. The harvest is a 10 percent increase over the 2020 harvest of 38,785 bucks.

“The harvest during the 2021 traditional buck firearm season was expected to be similar to that of 2020,” said Paul Johansen, chief of the WV Division of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources Section. “Below average oak mast indices may have allowed hunters to better pattern deer movement.”

Johansen explained that only the north central portion of the state had a decline, while all other areas of the state registered increases. The southeastern and southwestern areas of the state had the largest increases from the 2020 harvest at 31 percent and 20 percent, respectively.

The top 10 counties for the 2021 buck harvest are Greenbrier (1,603), Hampshire (1,483), Randolph (1,356), Jackson (1,353), Hardy (1,264), Preston (1,261), Braxton (1,243), Monroe (1,225), Kanawha (1,222) and Roane (1,205).

Several days of deer hunting opportunities remain for 2021, including the remainder of the archery and crossbow season, which runs through Dec. 31. The traditional Class N/NN antlerless deer season in selected counties or portions of counties on both public and private land will run from Dec. 9-12.

Muzzleloader deer season will open Dec. 13-19. The Youth, Class Q/QQ and Class XS deer season for antlerless deer will be open from Dec. 26-27 in any county with a firearms deer season. This will be followed by the reopening of Class N/NN antlerless deer season from Dec. 28-31 in specified counties or portions of counties.

The 2021–2022 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary can be found online at [www.WVDnr.gov](http://www.WVDnr.gov) and includes county and area listings. The WVDNR also reminds hunters of the third annual Hunting & Fishing License Giveaway. Anyone who purchases an annual 2022 hunting, trapping or fishing license in the month of December will automatically be entered to win one of several prizes, including the grand prize of a combination hunting, trapping and fishing lifetime license for a WV resident. Information about the giveaway can be found at [www.WVDnr.gov/licensegiveaway](http://www.WVDnr.gov/licensegiveaway).

# State sees another \$6.9 million

By Sam Runyon  
WVa. Senator Manchin's Office

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, secured \$6,936,461 in funding for W.Va. Senator Manchin announced awards, ranging from regional airport support to youth substance use prevention and more. More details on the awards are listed below:

- \$4,521,554 from the American Rescue Plan for West Virginia airports: Senator Manchin announced funding distributed through the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) for nine airports to provide economic relief and increase safety precautions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- \$1,165,965 from USDA to support West Virginia farmers and food banks: Senators Manchin and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) announced funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to the Sprouting Farms Corp. for an education and skills training and the West Virginia Department of Agriculture to support farmer’s mental health and food banks across the state.

- \$1,000,000 from NASA to WVU for

Research Infrastructure Development Project: Senators Manchin and Capito announced funding that will be distributed over the next five years to West Virginia University and will be used to support the implementation of the West Virginia Research Infrastructure Development Project

- \$125,000 from the ONDCP for youth substance use prevention in Elkview: Senators Manchin and Capito announced funding from the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to the Regional Family Resource Network in Elkview through the Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program.

- \$99,286 from the USDA to support West Virginia farmers and ranchers: Senators Manchin and Capito announced funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide outreach and technical assistance to historically underserved farmers and ranchers.

- \$24,656 from American Rescue Plan for West Virginia Mine Wars Museum: Senator Manchin announced funding allocated through the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences to support the museum as it recovers from the pandemic.

# Tax Season

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Rettig said.

The IRS will send letters to recipients of the impact payments and the advance Child Tax Credit payments and taxpayers can also check for the amounts they received on the website IRS.gov.

The deadline for tax returns to be filed is Monday, April 18 this year,

three days later than the normal April 15 deadline for filing taxes. The later date is a result of a Emancipation Holiday in the District of Columbia. By law, Washington, D.C., holidays impact tax deadlines for everyone the same way federal holidays do.

April 18 is the deadline for filing tax returns or requesting an extension, which gives taxpayers until Oct. 17 to file their returns for 2021.

# Ambulance Accident

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turn, putting her right in their path. The side of the car was struck by the ambulance, which pushed the car off the road (to the left) and the ambulance went off the road to the right.”

Trenton said the ambulance driver reported he was running lights and sirens as he was going around the car. “One thing I can say is, always

check your mirrors before making a turn,” Trenton said. “That would be very important.”

Individuals involved in the collision sustained non-life threatening injuries. According to Trenton, neither party has received a citation.

The incident is still under investigation with the West Virginia State Police.

# WIC: Cash Value Benefit

By W.Va. DHHR

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) highlighted positive effects from the temporary benefit increase for purchasing additional fruits and vegetables.

The WIC vegetable and fruit benefit, known as Cash Value Benefit (CVB), was increased from \$9-11 per month to \$35 per month in summer 2021, before being adjusted in October 2021 to \$24 per month for children, \$43 for pregnant and postpartum women, and \$47 for breastfeeding women in the continuing resolution.

“West Virginia WIC participants were positively impacted by the CVB increase,” said West Virginia WIC Director Heidi Staats. “Over the summer, surveyed WIC families shared that increased benefits brought healthier foods to their table, and helped parents shop for a variety of vegetables and fruit to feed their young children.”

Enhanced CVB provides a constant, yet flexible, stream of transactions that can adapt as grocers receive new supply. With farmers

markets adapting to authorize CVB transactions, and grocers in low-income neighborhoods reporting increasing stocking of fresh produce, WIC’s CVB increases access to nutritious foods.

“In West Virginia, more than a third of WIC-participating families spent more than 90% of the increased CVB, demonstrating this benefit is useful at increasing consumption of vegetables and fruits,” Staats said. “The higher benefit levels also resulted in increased purchases, benefitting all elements of the food supply chain, including the retail grocers and farmers who partner with WIC to support thousands of families across the state.”

Since 2009, WIC has provided a monthly vegetable and fruit benefit to approximately 56,000 participants statewide. WIC provides a range of healthy foods to ensure consistent access to key nutrients associated with proper growth and development and align participants’ diets with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. WIC’s science-based standards result in a strong record of improved pregnancy, birth, and early childhood outcomes.

For more information about the WIC Program or to apply, visit [www.dhhr.wv.gov/WIC](http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/WIC).

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## HARDY COUNTY

## SPORTS



Photos by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield's Coleman Mongold launches a jumper over East Hardy's J.W. Teets in the Hardy Boys Hardwood Classic at the Hive on Tuesday.

## Boys Basketball

## Moorefield powers past the Cougars

By Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

Moorefield built a 20-point lead in the second period and the Cougars fought ferociously to slice the deficit down to only three points in the final stanza, but expanding that energy was taxing and the Yellow Jackets revved up the wings flying to a 68-53 victory in the Hardy Boys Hardwood Classic last Tuesday.

"We've been preaching that in practice, you've got win the 50-50 balls, we've got rebound better and we have to finish games. Tonight it was a three point game in the fourth quarter and we ended

up pulling way. That was good to see out of our kids at this point in the year," Moorefield coach Scott Stutler remarked.

East Hardy collected the opening tip-off, but squandered the field goal attempt with Moorefield's Coleman Mongold snatching the rebound.

The Cougars (3-4) regained possession on a steal by J.W. Teets, but the ensuing shot hit the rim again and Blake Funk hauled in the board for Moorefield (2-6).

Karson Reed commenced the scoring for the Yellow Jackets at the 6:39 mark by collecting a carom and sinking the basket.

Moorefield's Ryan McGregor

swiped the ball and dished to Mongold for the score to take a 4-nil edge.

The Cougars finally pounced on the scoreboard with a jumper from Dawson Price at the 5:41 mark.

Teets stole the ball and the initial field goal drew iron, but Noah Lang was there to field the rebound and nail the jumper tying the game at 4-all (5:26).

Moorefield responded with a 3-pointer by Dean Keplinger to regain the lead on the following series.

East Hardy's Nate Smith netted a bucket in the paint to make

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## Girls Basketball

## Indians walk the line escaping East Hardy

By Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

The Cougars were down by five points with 40 seconds remaining and rallied to tie the game within a nine second span, but Berkeley Springs made a trip to the foul line at the buzzer to deny overtime to steal a 42-41 victory in Baker on Thursday.

"They are taking it well and definitely taking it better than I would have. They hustled hard and we were down by seven points with one minute to go and to come back like that is pretty good. I thought the buzzer rang first and will watch the tape," East Hardy coach Calvin Mongold remarked.

"I was ready for overtime and for the girls to get in the huddle. It is what it is and we will go from there. We played well tonight and have to make adjustments."

Berkeley Springs Girls Basketball went up by eight points with an old-fashioned three-point play by Emma Widmyer with 2:25 remaining in the game.

East Hardy responded with a jumper from Emma Heishman to cut the deficit to 40-34 with 1:47 to go.

The Indians avoided the full court press with a deep pass and Widmyer was fouled, preventing a potential shot, and the free throw went awry with East Hardy's Brooklynn Tinnell snatching the carom.

Chloe Miller grabbed an offensive rebound to keep the possession alive and was hacked, then added both charity stripe buckets to make it 40-36 with 1:28 left.

East Hardy's Brooklyn Tinnell tied up the ball with Widmyer, but the Indians were awarded a timeout.

Berkeley Springs' Alaira Harrington missed the one-and-one free throw with 1:18 on the clock, but the ricochet went out of bounds off a nearby Cougars player.

Widmyer was quickly fouled and made one foul shot to put the Indians up 41-36 at the 1:13 mark.

Berkeley Springs' Sara Veara blocked a shot and it was recovered by the Cougars.

East Hardy's Autumn Crites and Sarah Merritt collected offensive rebounds with the latter resulting in a visit to the charity stripe.

Merritt missed both opportunities at the line, but Gabby Miller made a leaping rebound save along the baseline for the Cougars.

East Hardy hit the rim and Merritt snatched the board, but was met with resistance on the ball by Veara for a jump ball.

East Hardy's Chloe Miller created an open look for a perimeter basket with 39 seconds remaining to cut the deficit to 41-39.

The Indians made the inbounds pass and it ricocheted off the arm and head of East Hardy's Brooklynn Tinnell before rolling off her back. The turnover was corralled by Merritt.

Merritt assisted Chloe Miller on the ensuing game-tying layup with 30 seconds to go, 41-41.

Berkeley Springs' Veara drove towards the basket and lost control of the ball when it ricocheted off her foot and the edge of an East Hardy outstretched hand.

Five seconds elapsed on the inbound pass attempt, but a timeout was awarded just in the nick of time for the Indians.

Harrington launched an errant attempt just after the buzzer sounded and contact was ruled

to have been made defensively by the Cougars.

Harrington nailed the game winning free throw with no time remaining to prevent overtime and give Berkeley Springs the 42-41 victory in the Den.

Harrington led the Indians with 13 points, followed by Widmyer with seven markers.

East Hardy was guided by Chloe Miller with 13 points, followed by Gabby Miller with eight points, while Heishman and Tinnell contributed seven points apiece.

The Cougars had a 12-11 lead after the first period, but Berkeley Springs dashed ahead for a 24-19 halftime advantage and held a 32-30 edge entering the fourth period.

Berkeley Springs got the scoring started with a foul shot by Maddie Fauver and the winning shot came walking the line once again.

A steal by Fauver setup a jumper from Harrington for a 3-nil edge.

The Cougars lost the ball out of play under pressure, then Merritt collected a defensive rebound and Gabby Miller made an offensive rebound save.

Tinnell was fouled and made both free throws at the 6:50 mark for East Hardy.

Berkeley Springs players all shouted during the free throw shooting.

Veara grabbed an offensive board and executed the putback for a 5-2 lead.

The Indians hauled in a defensive rebound, but the ball was stolen by East Hardy's Autumn Crites, leading to basket by Tinnell at the 5:56 mark, 5-4.

Both teams missed field goals over the ensuing minute, then

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Photo by Carl Holcomb

East Hardy's Brooklynn Tinnell attempts to pry the ball away from Berkeley Springs' Emma Widmyer in a near jump ball situation with under a minute left, but the Indians were rewarded a timeout.



Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield's Amber Williams and Teia Ray battle for a rebound against Hampshire's Liz Pryor in Sunrise Summit last Wednesday.

## Hampshire Freezes Jackets

By Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

The Trojans marched out to an 8-nil lead and it took over two minutes for Moorefield Girls Basketball to break the icy hoop, but the frigid rim wouldn't melt for the Yellow Jackets as Hampshire made a flurry of baskets in the second half plowing ahead for a 62-36 victory in Sunrise Summit on Wednesday.

"They shoot the ball nice. They put the ball in the basket. We don't and that's a big advantage they have. Defensively in the first half, we played well. We stopped them and did a good job of rebounding and boxing out. Offensively, we have to reward ourselves with points. That's the bottom line, we have to score," Moorefield coach Paul Keplinger commented.

"They came out aggressive in the second half against us. We still didn't put the ball in the basket. We've got to make shots. Bottom line, you have to make shots. When you don't score, you can't win."

Amber Williams garnered the first field goal for the Yellow Jack-

ets at the 5:48 mark to end Hampshire's run.

Liz Pryor netted a jumper on the ensuing Hampshire possession, then Hannah Ault stole the ball and scored on the breakaway for a 12-2 advantage at 5:24.

Williams notched a jumper within eight seconds to cap off a total of eight points within 32 seconds in that stretch between the squads.

Moorefield forced a turnover but failed to connect, which became an issue as the rim wasn't friendly the entire night for the visitors.

Pryor put the Trojans up 14-4 on a layup on the ensuing possession.

The Yellow Jackets drew iron five times in the following two minutes as the Trojans missed three before adding three free throws by Izzy Blomquist (2) and Kiersten King for a 17-4 score at 3:02.

Moorefield's Sadie Crites netted a layup at the 2:50 mark to end the frozen streak.

The Trojans committed a turnover and the Yellow Jackets took advantage with a putback by Ster-

ling Kump.

Both teams hit the rim over the following minute before Moorefield's Seanna Heavener drilled a 3-pointer to cut the deficit to 17-11.

Ault notched a bucket with 22 seconds on the clock as Hampshire carried a 19-11 edge into the second period.

In those waning seconds, Blomquist made a double dribble before both teams lost the ball out of play.

It was a struggle in the second period as both teams recorded five points apiece under pressure.

Starting the second period, Moorefield's Kump collected a defensive rebound and Williams recorded an offensive rebound save along the baseline.

The Yellow Jackets fumbled the ball out of bounds, then Hampshire's Carisma Shanholtz hit two free throws.

Both teams committed turnovers, then Kump drew a foul and added both free throws for the Yellow Jackets at 6:30, 21-13.

Two minutes later, Ault garnered a jumper for the Trojans

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# West Virginia High School Wrestling

## West Virginia Coaches Association/wvmat.com releases team poll

Second 2021-22 Team Poll - January 13, 2022

### Class A

1. Cameron
  2. Greenbrier West
  3. Williamstown
  4. Tyler Consolidated
  5. Wirt County
  6. Moorefield
  7. Petersburg
  8. Ritchie County
  9. St. Marys
  10. Wahama
- Also receiving votes: Buffalo, Doddridge County

### West Virginia AA/A High School Individual Wrestling Rankings

#### West Virginia Wrestling Coaches Association / wvmat.com January 13, 2022

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1. Dillon Perdue -10, Independence (R3)
  2. Logan Davis -10, Oak Glen (R1)
  3. Gavin Boland -10, Elkins (R2)
  4. Slaton Pettit -09, Cameron (R1)
  5. Joseph High -11, Sissonville (R4)
  6. Ashton Wasmer -12, Williamstown (R4)
  7. Noah Hess -09, North Marion (R1)
  8. Tanner Epling -10, Point Pleasant (R4)

- 113
1. Nathan Wood -10, Point Pleasant (R4)
  2. Levi Carpenter -11, East Fairmont (R1)
  3. Hayden Lamb -9, Oak Glen (R1)
  4. Jonathan Pauley -12, Herbert Hoover (R3)
  5. Tucker Lilly -10, Greenbrier West (R3)
  6. Bratton Samples -10, Clay County (R2)
  7. Jacob Schilling -11, Winfield (R4)
  8. Kaden Huffman -10, Tyler Consolidated (R1)

- 120
1. Ryan Morgan -12, Liberty Harrison (R2)
  2. Zane Minger -10, Clay County (R2)
  3. Iryll Jones -12, Frankfort (R1)
  4. Conner Blessing -10, Point Pleasant (R4)
  5. Dylan Corbin -12, Herbert Hoover (R3)
  6. Caden Michalski -10, Fairmont Senior (R1)
  7. E.J. Guy -12, Keyser (R1)
  8. Tyson Pena -10, Roane County (R2)

- 126
1. Gunner Andrick -9, Point Pleasant (R4)
  2. Mikey Jones -12, Fairmont Senior (R1)
  3. Joshua Goode -12, Shady Spring (R3)
  4. Austin High -10, Sissonville (R4)
  5. Ashton Hoge -10, Cameron (R1)
  6. Brock Mitchell -12, Lewis County (R2)
  7. Jett Sampson -12, Calhoun County (R4)
  8. Phillip Balis -11, Wirt County (R4)

- 132
1. Brody Hess -12, North Marion (R1)
  2. Thomas Ours -12, Petersburg (R2)
  3. Braxton Smith -12, Nitro (R4)
  4. Hunter Spitznogle -10, Fairmont Senior (R1)
  5. Riley Curran -11, Doddridge County (R2)
  6. Moses Gray -10, Greenbrier West (R3)
  7. Russell May -12, Roane County (R2)
  8. Delbert Van Tassell -10, Cameron (R1)

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1. Mackandle Freeman -12, Point Pleasant (R4)
  2. Kolbie Hamilton -11, Fairmont Senior (R1)
  3. Blayne Jarvis -10, Braxton County (R2)
  4. Jim Greene -11, Man (R4)
  5. Payton Neely -11, Cameron (R1)
  6. Kodi Camp -11, Ritchie County (R2)
  7. Brad Blevins -12, Greenbrier West (R3)
  8. Kase Stewart -11, Wahama (R4)

- 145
1. Justin Bartee -12, Point Pleasant (R4)
  2. Judah Price -11, Independence (R3)
  3. Isaac Harris -11, Berkeley Springs (R1)
  4. Kolton Parsons -12, Wirt County (R4)
  5. Logan Bennett -11, Braxton County (R2)
  6. Landen Chambers -12, Shady Spring (R3)
  7. Tristan Giannani -10, Ritchie County (R2)
  8. Dominic Armistead -11, Fairmont Senior (R1)

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1. Derek Raika -12, Point Pleasant (R4)
  2. Braxton Dlugopolski -11, Oak Glen (R1)
  3. Trenton Bush -11, Lewis County (R2)
  4. Chase Lowe -10, Wirt County (R4)
  5. Andrew Rollyson -11, Herbert Hoover (R3)
  6. Raiden Childers -12, Liberty Harrison (R2)
  7. Evan Zombro -9, Berkeley Springs (R1)
  8. Colton Miller -11, Independence (R3)

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1. Evan Thompson -12, Berkeley Springs (R1)
  2. Camden O'Connor -12, Oak Glen (R1)
  3. Trenton Huffman -11, Tyler Consolidated (R1)
  4. Colten Caron -11, Independence (R3)
  5. Josh Woyan -9, Point Pleasant (R4)
  6. Channing Lowe -10, Wirt County (R4)
  7. Wyatt Baldwin -12, Herbert Hoover (R3)
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1. Adam Angel -11, Cameron (R1)
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1. Ian Bush -12, Cameron (R1)
  2. Cole Vandall -10, Greenbrier West (R3)
  3. Logan Howell -11, Winfield (R4)
  4. Conner Jones -12, Nicholas County (R3)
  5. Mason Miller -11, East Hardy (R2)
  6. Greg Sauers -9, Oak Glen (R1)
  7. Andy Mines -11, Fairmont Senior (R1)
  8. Jacob Rough -12, Berkeley Springs (R1)

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1. Tate Britton -12, Sissonville (R4)
  2. Colton Moore -12, Braxton County (R2)
  3. Brayden Connolly -12, Point Pleasant (R4)
  4. Drue Goad -12, Calhoun County (R4)
  5. J.T. Miller -11, East Fairmont (R1)
  6. Nick Barrickman -12, Elkins (R2)
  7. Ryan Hardbarger -11, Moorefield (R2)
  8. Austin Derringer -10, Herbert Hoover (R3)

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1. Noah Casto -11, Clay County (R2)
  2. Colby Price -12, Point Pleasant (R4)
  3. Tyler Carson -10, Lewis County (R2)
  4. Justin Bishop -11, Braxton County (R2)
  5. Evan Fuelhart -12, Winfield (R4)
  6. Cody Houser -11, St. Marys (R1)
  7. Scott Wortsell -11, Nitro (R4)
  8. Noah McNeeley -10, Logan (R4)

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1. Mason Atkinson -12, Herbert Hoover (R3)
  2. Evan Helm -11, East Fairmont (R1)
  3. Ryder McLaughlin -11, Braxton County (R2)
  4. Dameon Wolfe -12, Lewis County (R2)
  5. Kolton Toler -9, Wirt County (R4)
  6. Adam Burnside -11, Doddridge County (R2)
  7. Zander Huffman -11, Winfield (R4)
  8. Ethan Lane -12, Ravenswood (R4)

## Moorefield Girls Basketball

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and Shanholtz stole the ball only for the next shot to go awry.

Williams stole the ball and dished to Kaleigh Hunt, who was fouled and made one free throw at 4:02, 23-14.

The next three minutes was disastrous as Hampshire missed six field goals and Moorefield hit the rim four times.

There were positives as Moorefield's McKenna Crites made three steals and Williams and Hunt added one swipe apiece, however, finding the net didn't happen.

Williams grabbed a rebound off the missed second free throw by Hampshire's Kara McBride, then tossed the ball to Hunt for a layup within six seconds for a 24-16 score with 41 seconds to go in the first half and the final shot was off the mark by the Trojans.

Hampshire out-scored the Yellow Jackets 17-6 in the third period.

During the opening minute of the third period, Hampshire's Jaden Kerns nailed a 3-pointer after a Moorefield walk and Liz Pryor made a putback for a 29-16 lead.

The Yellow Jackets managed two free throws by Hunt and one field goal from Kump over the first five minutes of the third period.

Moorefield missed a handful of baskets and committed a couple turnovers including a 10-second violation.

Kump added a jumper in the last 10 seconds of the game coming in between baskets by Hampshire's Blomquist as the Trojans took a 41-22 lead into the final stanza.

Hampshire edged the Yellow Jackets 21-14 in the fourth period en route to the 62-36 victory.

One highlight for Moorefield in the last frame was Amber Williams scoring two field goals in under 20 seconds.

The Yellow Jackets added seven free throws in the fourth period by Kump (2), Abby Thorn (2), Sadie Crites (2) and Sydney Rumer (1).

Another special moment for the Yellow Jackets was a 3-pointer made by Sarah Weatherholt at the 2:35 mark.

Ault scored a game-high 15 points for the Trojans, followed by Pryor with 12 points.

Kump paced Moorefield with ten points, followed by Williams with eight markers.

Hampshire was 13-of-23 from the charity stripe, while the Yellow Jackets connected on 12-of-22.

The Trojans improved to 4-6 this season and Moorefield fell to 3-7 overall.

Moorefield's game against Trinity Christian was rescheduled for February 7.

The Yellow Jackets visit East Hardy tonight and host Frankfort on Saturday.

## BOWLING NEWS

### ODD COUPLES MIXED LEAGUE

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TEAM STANDINGS: Vetter's Guns & Ammo 52.5 - 19.5, WELD 52 - 20, Strike Force 44 - 28, Livin on a Spare 39.5 - 32.5, Split Happens 38 - 34, The Tidy Bowlers 38 - 34, Country Cars & Trucks 33 - 39, Terminators 21 - 51, Lucky Strikes 21 - 51.

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HIGH SERIES MEN (SCRATCH): Jon Hedrick 697, Larry Walp 673, Roger Earle 641, Randy Thorne 604. (HANDICAP): Larry Walp 748, Jon Hedrick 742, Tyler Halterman 708, Roger Earle 704.

HIGH AVERAGE (MEN): Jon Hedrick 202.83, Ed Wompler 195.08, Roger Earle 194.50, Troy McGreevy 192.39.

HIGH GAME WOMEN (SCRATCH): Sarah Earle 212, Denise McGreevy 194, Tonya Keplinger 191, Carissa Michael 187. (HANDICAP): Kathy McNemar 254, Sarah Earle 248, Denise McGreevy 245, Tonya Keplinger 235.

HIGH SERIES WOMEN (SCRATCH): Sarah Earle 562, Tonya Keplinger 510, Denise McGreevy 505, Carissa Michael 501. (HANDICAP): Kathy McNemar 681, Sarah Earle 670, Denise McGreevy 658, Tpnaya Keplinger 642.

HIGH AVERAGE (WOMEN): Carissa Michael 177.80, Dee Anna McDonald 169.54, Tonya Keplinger 164.56, Denise McGreevy 156.83.

### East Hardy Wrestling Frankfort Tri-match Results

East Hardy 45, Frankfort 12  
106 Milton Funkhouser - Decision

120 Madison Heishman - Forfeit

126 Shawn Bodkin - 5:24 Pin

160 Damian Iman - Forfeit

170 J.B. Shipe - Forfeit

195 Mason Miller - 0:24 Pin

220 Matthew Harman - Forfeit

285 Brennan Miller - Forfeit

Northern Garrett 55, East Hardy 20

120 Madison Heishman - Forfeit

152 Tyler Tarallo - Decision

182 Mason Miller - Decision

220 Matthew Harman - 1:39 Pin

East Hardy 45, Hampshire 21  
East Hardy Wrestling competes at Clarke County tonight.

The Cougars have a home match with Moorefield, Frankfort and Central on Friday.



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## Hardy Boys Basketball

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ties before Price sank a jumper at the 5:44 mark for the Cougars.

McGregor drove into the paint and dished outside to Blake Funk for a bucket.

The Cougars answered with a mid-range shot by Justin Teets, 28-13.

Mongold netted a layup off an assist from Keplinger as the Yellow Jackets kept finding ways to score.

Funk stripped the ball away from Price, but fumbled it out of play and Lang scored off the inbound pass to start an 8-0 run for the Cougars.

East Hardy's Justin Teets made a putback, then forced a turnover and Price hit two free throws on the ensuing series after an initial miss and rebound by J.W. Teets.

Price ensnared a defensive board before the ball was swiped by Keplinger, who crashed into a defender for a charge.

Keplinger was given a seat on the bench and the Cougars were able to navigate to find Price an open shot for a 30-21 score.

Mongold knocked down a bucket on the next Moorefield possession, then created a turnover.

Griest notched a putback to put the Yellow Jackets up 34-21 at the 1:40 mark.

In the final minute, Moorefield's Griest, Reed and Levi Thompson contributed field goals as the Cougars recorded just one jumper by Price and the Yellow Jackets carried a 40-27 lead into halftime.

East Hardy's J.W. Teets lifted the ball up under the basket along the baseline to kick off the third period.

The Yellow Jackets had two errant shots with rebounds by Reed and Price with the latter resulting in an old-fashioned three-point play as the Cougars cut the deficit to 40-32 at the 7:01 mark.

Price returned the favor with blocked shot and the ricochet was collected by Funk, who waited for Price to topple over him before jumping up to make the bucket at 2:53, 48-39.

McGregor denied a shot along the baseline with the ricochet nearly hitting the photographer.

Reed snatched a defensive rebound, but Moorefield missed the next two attempts despite another board by Reed.

Funk made an interception, but the Yellow Jackets failed to convert for points (sans pick six).

Smith grabbed a defensive rebound, but East Hardy missed two field goals.

There was a collision in the paint with the Yellow Jackets making the recovery, then McGregor drew a foul and added both charity stripe buckets for a 50-39 lead at 1:14.

East Hardy's Justin Teets drilled a jumper with one minute

left in the third period.

There was an offensive foul after a miss by the Yellow Jackets.

J.W. Teets scored in the paint for the Cougars to cut the margin down to 50-43 with 18 seconds on the clock.

Moorefield responded with a 3-pointer by McGregor with only four seconds on the board.

A long distance shot at the buzzer drew contact and J.W. Teets connected on two-of-three free throws as East Hardy trailed 53-45 entering the fourth period.

There was a collision and a foul on the Cougars to start the final stanza, then Griest was called for a charge.

Mongold collected a defensive rebound, but the ball was batted loose by Price who executed an old-fashioned three-point play to help East Hardy reduce the advantage to 53-48.

The Yellow Jackets missed two shots and Price got the latter board for the Cougars.

East Hardy's Justin Teets netted a putback to pull within three points with 6:48 remaining, but that would be the closest Moorefield would allow the rest of the

game.

During the next five minutes of action, the Yellow Jackets buzzed frantically for a 15-nil run and forced the pesky Cougars to miss six field goals and created several turnovers in that stretch to build a 68-50 advantage with 1:37 to go.

Mongold led that final surge with eight points as Moorefield sealed the game.

There was just under a minute left when East Hardy's Brandon Parker was knocked down on a screen as Noah Lang simultaneously nailed a 3-pointer.

The basket counted and Parker was sent to the free throw line, but missed both free throws for a final score of 68-53.

East Hardy got too winded in the closing frame with a depleted lineup.

Moorefield executed the shots when needed and commandeered a complete game for the win.

Price recorded a game-high 19 points in the Cougars loss, followed by Lang with 13 points and Justin Teets with 12 markers.

The Yellow Jackets were paced by Griest and Mongold with 17 points apiece, while Keplinger

and McGregor contributed ten markers each.

"Coleman has been shooting the ball well and Ronny is a player. He is going to drive and hit threes, he does good things. We haven't played four quarters yet. I told you at the beginning of the year that our goal is to get better everyday. We're going to have a shot at the end of the year to do what we need to do. We just need to get better and correct our mistakes," Coach Stutler concluded.

Moorefield JV team garnered a 50-45 win over the Cougars.

Adam Landes and Orlando Rico guided the Yellow Jackets JV squad with 13 points apiece.

East Hardy JV was led by Jordan Teets with 15 points, followed by Hunter Shoemaker with 10 points.

Moorefield visited Keyser yesterday and hosts Pocahontas County on Friday, then travels to Petersburg next Wednesday.

East Hardy was to go to Union yesterday, host Petersburg tomorrow, then greet Meadow Bridge on Saturday as part of the West Virginia Hometown Invitational Tournament.



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## East Hardy Girls Basketball

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Gabby Miller hit a jumper for the Cougars off an assist from Crites to take a 6-5 lead at 4:44.

Heishman stole the ball and the initial shot went off the rim, but Chloe Miller was there to corral the carom and netted the jumper at 4:09, 8-5.

Crites swiped the ball, but the Cougars missed the hoop twice before fumbling possession out of bounds.

Harrington knocked down a perimeter bucket to tie the game for Berkeley Springs at the 3:21 mark.

A minute and change later, Chloe Miller created a steal and dished to Gabby Miller for a layup as the Cougars regained the edge at 1:55.

East Hardy's Tori Pratt assisted Crites on a field goal in the paint with one minute left in the opening stanza for a 12-8 lead.

Berkeley Springs' Grace Risinger made a take-away and dished to Fauver for an old-fashioned three-point play as the deficit was cut to 12-11 entering the second period.

The Indians marched forward, building a 19-14 lead in the first two and a half minutes of the second period.

Berkeley Springs sharp shooters Harrington and Widmyer sandwiched 3-pointers around a pair of

free throws by East Hardy's Gabby Miller.

Favor notched a basket in the paint for the 19-14 lead at the 5:27 mark.

Tinnell made a steal for the Cougars with the help of Crites, then nailed a 3-pointer for a 19-17 score.

Harly Didawick put the Indians ahead 24-17 on a perimeter shot with 1:16 left in the second period.

The Cougars missed four field goal attempts with rebounds by Chloe and Gabby Miller, however, Berkeley Springs' Jazmine Briscoe blocked two more attempts.

East Hardy kept battling and another rebound by Chloe Miller setup a jumper by Emma Heishman with 25 seconds on the clock, cutting Berkeley Springs' lead to 24-19 for halftime.

East Hardy battled for a jump ball, but lost it again driving the baseline and the final shot went awry for the Indians at the buzzer.

The Cougars outscored Berkeley Springs 10-4 in the first four minutes and change of the third period and 11-8 overall for the frame.

East Hardy's Gabby Miller snatched an offensive rebound and fed Crites for a jumper at 7:23.

Tinnell blocked a shot and the ball was recovered by Crites, which led to a basket by Merritt as the Cougars cut the deficit to 24-23.

Merritt grabbed a defensive rebound, but the ball

was stolen by Widmyer, setting up a bucket by Harrington.

East Hardy answered with a jumper by Gabby Miller at 5:12 with the Indians up 26-25.

Harrington added another shot from mid-range, then East Hardy's shot went off the rim and was tipped out of bounds.

East Hardy's Chloe Miller swiped the ball and made the breakaway layup.

Crites snatched a defensive board, but the ball was swatted out of her hands by Widmyer and Crites tracked it down beyond mid-court. Play was stopped initially indicating an East Hardy turnover, but the referees discussed it and overruled for Cougars to retain possession.

Chloe Miller sliced into paint and netted the basket to give East Hardy the lead 29-28 at 3:24.

There were a handful of missed opportunities and turnovers on both sides down the stretch, but Berkeley Springs managed to collect a pair of field goals in the final minute of the third period by Annie Visco and Sara Veara surrounding a free throw by Heishman to put the Indians back on top 32-30 entering the final period.

East Hardy (3-9) fell behind by eight points and rallied to tie the game with under a minute remaining in the game, but a Berkeley Springs free throw with no time left would seal the Cougars' fate.

East Hardy hosts Moorefield tonight for the Hardy Girls Hardwood Classic.

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The Hardy County Commission, sitting as a Board of Review and Equalization, will meet on Wednesday January 26th at 9:00 am, in the Hardy County Commission Room, 204 Washington St. Moorefield WV 26836, for the purpose of reviewing and equalizing the assessments made by the Assessor.

Any person desiring to apply for relief at this or any subsequent meeting of the Commission while sitting as a Board of Review and Equalization may make an appointment.

The subsequent meeting dates and times are as follows:

- Tuesday February 1st at 1:30 pm
- Friday February 4th at 9:00 am
- Thursday February 10th at 9:00 am
- Wednesday February 16th at 9:00 am

Appointments can be made by calling the office of the Hardy County Clerk at 304-530-0250 or writing said Clerk at 204 Washington Street, Room 111, Moorefield, West Virginia 26836

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