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Poultry Growers Association warns citizens of settlement scam

By Milda M. Mullins
Moorefield Examiner

The Contract Poultry Growers Association of the Virginias has been notified that individuals are engaging in scams to obtain settlement funds distributed over a class action lawsuit regarding poultry integrators including Tyson, Perdue, and Pilgrim's.

Firms from New York have reportedly contacted growers saying they will represent them in the suit. These firms are asking for compensation from the settlement, often up to 25 percent of the monies citizens would obtain as part of the ruling.

Poultry Growers Association of the Virginia's President Mike Weaver said all growers nationwide, including those in Hardy County, who grow for these integrators qualify for settlement funds due to the case being a class action suit, which already has representation for growers.

Weaver said he wanted to warn citizens to avoid these firms that are scamming growers out of settlement funds that are already due to citizens.

He also said growers may opt out of the suit by April, though Weaver encourages people to participate and receive their due settlement.

"I'm sure there's going to be a lot of questions about the lawsuit and the settlement so I'm going to do my best to answer everybody's questions too," said Weaver.

"Me and four other poultry growers across the country sued integra-

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County sees slight downward trend in COVID-19 cases over the last few days

By Milda M. Mullins
Moorefield Examiner

As of Saturday, Jan. 29, there have been 14 new cases, 63 active cases, 3 hospitalizations, 44 confirmed deaths, 4,070 positive confirmed cases, and 3,963 patients who have recovered.

The cases have dipped slightly over the last few days from 35 new cases and 106 active cases on Thursday, Jan. 27, followed by 21 new cases and 93 active cases on Friday, Jan. 28.

Vaccines for COVID-19 as well as booster shots are being given by

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Photos by Milda M. Mullins

West Hardy EMS Board members, from left to right, Hannah Heishman, Mary Jo Johnston, Myra Kessel, David Pratt, Billie Jo Biddle, Dusty Wratchford, and Bryan Barb.

West Hardy EMS board members share insight on the start of the organization

By Milda M. Mullins
Moorefield Examiner

West Hardy EMS has officially started serving primarily the west side of the county as of January 1 this year with around 30 crew members and a fleet of equipment formerly from Fraley Ambulance Service.

The organization is now a non-profit, member-run organization continuing emergency care in the area upon Fraley's retirement, which officially ended its service at midnight on Friday, Dec. 31, 2021.

"Our goal for this community is to provide the most effective and high quality EMS care to the citizens of the West Hardy community," said West Hardy EMS Vice President Myra Kessel during a group interview.

"I agree with Myra," added WHEMS Chief of Operations David Pratt. "I think that's always been our goal – to do just that: provide the best services and hopefully make the community proud of what we're doing."

Other members spoke to the importance of avoiding a lapse in service as well. Members of West Hardy EMS, including board members, were previously members of Fraley's.

Seven members sit on the WHEMS board: Mary Jo

Johnston as President, Myra Kessel as Vice President, David Pratt as Chief of Operations, Dusty Wratchford as Assistant Chief of Operations, Bryan Barb as Captain, Billie Jo Biddle as Treasurer, and Hannah Heishman as Secretary.

The group explained the organization started in part as a way to ensure the care members currently provide to the public stays the same.

"Another part of it was being able to help our community because the risk was: if the county had taken over, not everybody who runs here would be able to continue to help the community because of the hours," said WHEMS President Mary Jo Johnston.

"Most everybody else has a job that they work. They cannot run a 24-hour shift or 12-hour shift that (county employees) run."

Treasurer Billie Jo Biddle added, "the county would have had to put county paid employees in and therefore everybody on our roster that has another job somewhere else – we wouldn't have a place to run anymore and so our caring for the community all these years would have been lost."

Biddle continued, "So, if there was an emergency

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Meet the officers

Mary Jo Johnston, President

"I've only been an EMT for four and a half years, but I've always liked volunteering with my kids and stuff in school. When I first signed up, I just wanted to help people," said Johnston.

"The amount of training people go through on a regular basis just to help other people, to leave dinner or miss something, those type of people who want to help their community like that. It takes a special type of person."

Johnston continued, "Our members really are the heart of this entire thing. Our people want to help our local community."

Myra Kessel, Vice President

"I've been an EMT for 10 years now and EMS was the first thing I ever did in my adult life that I felt like I belonged to. When you're a part of EMS and you get in an ambulance you have to feel it from the inside," said Kessel, echoing Johnston's feeling about those who commit to emergency services.

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EMS tips for citizens

• As best as you can, know your specific location. Provide detailed directions to 911 operators to assist EMS in finding you quickly – seconds count.

• Have information such as insurance, medications, allergies, and personal wishes on hand for EMS in the event of an emergency. For example, attach basic personal info on a card to a fridge for easy access.

• Know what you and your loved ones want in the event of an emergency and establish medical and legal documents with those wishes.

• If four wheel drive is required to get to your residence, notify 911 operators. If there are bridges or special conditions on the road leading to your residence, also share that with 911.

• Keep your home and home number well lit and easily visible so EMS crews can find you in an emergency. Marking homes in a way that is clearly written, visibly reflective, and lit up helps.

• Consider hiding a key in a place EMS crews can access in the event a door is locked and someone is in need of help inside. A locked door requires police assistance, which could delay emergency care.

Hardy Community Foundation accepting winter and spring grant applications

The Hardy County Community Foundation is now accepting applications for funding from three of its endowment funds:

Hardy County Community Impact Fund
Deanna Wilson and J Cavanagh STEM Fund
John R. and Agnes J. Mathias Fund.

Applications will be considered for programs or projects serving Hardy County in the following areas: Animal Welfare, Arts, Music and Culture, Children and Youth, Community and Economic Development, Education, Environment, Mental and Physical Health and Wellness, Human Services, and STEM programming for students in grades K-12.

Charities, schools, government agencies, and churches are eligible to apply. Grant requests of up to \$1000 will be accepted. The 2022 Spring Grant Application, due March 18th, may be completed using a new webbed application located here: <https://www.ewvcf.org/hardycountycf/grants-hardy/>

The deadline for submitting a scholarship application to the Hardy County Community Foundation is February 25.

More than \$12,000 in scholarship awards will be made to graduating seniors planning to continue their education at an accredited, non-profit college, university, vocational, technical, or trade school.

Graduating seniors can learn more about the different scholarship opportunities and access the link to an online application here: <https://www.ewvcf.org/grants-scholarships/>



Youth at Stream Camp. Photo provided by Hardy County Community Foundation.

Hardy County Community Foundation now accepting scholarship Applications

By Amy Pancake

Hardy County Community Foundation

The Hardy County Community Foundation is accepting applications now through February 25th for its 2022 scholarship season. East Hardy and Moorefield High School seniors scheduled to graduate this spring are invited to apply using an online application which may accessed online at: <https://ewvcf.awardspring.com>.

Scholarships for graduating seniors include:
Glen and Charlotte Bradfield Scholarship (EHHS)
East Hardy Vo-Tech Training Scholarship (EHHS)
Oscar H. Bean, Bill Clark, Clarence "Hink" Fisher, and Tom Hawse II Scholarship (EHHS and MHS)
Shelton Gay Scholarship (EHHS)
Phillip P. and Elda G. Painter Scholarship (EHHS and MHS)
Jerry Shingleton Scholarship (EHHS and MHS)
Wardensville Area Scholarship (EHHS)
Kaylee Grace Whetzel Scholarship (EHHS and MHS)
Bob and Betty Wilson Scholarship (EHHS and MHS)

New for the 2022 scholarship season is the Bill and Stella Halterman Crane Vo-tech and Trades Scholarship, which will benefit graduating seniors from Moorefield High School with a passion for the trades and planning to pursue a career in certain vo-tech or trade fields.

Students are encouraged to visit the Foundation's website at <https://www.ewvcf.org/grants-scholarships/> to learn more about these scholarships.

Scholarships awarded during the 2022 scholarship season are for the 2022-23 academic year and are paid directly to the educational institution the student has chosen.

The Hardy County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation, is a charitable organization committed to providing people who care about the future of our area with unique and effective ways of supporting their community now, and for generations to come.

Led by a volunteer board of local citizens, the foundation oversees a group of permanently endowed funds from a wide range of donors. Gifts of all sizes from individuals, families, businesses and agencies are invested in a balanced, well-managed portfolio to build endowments, enabling support for students and local community nonprofits now and forever. For more information about the Community Foundation and its programs, contact Amy Pancake at 304-538-3431.

Moorefield Resident to appear on Family Feud

By Connie Sherman

I come from a large, close-knit local Hardy County family. My mom is one of eight sisters and growing up, my cousins and I often watched game shows with our grandmother at her house on South Main Street in Moorefield. When Family Feud auditions came to Charleston in 2019 we thought, why not give it a try? I love spending time with my cousins so, if nothing else, we would have a fun and memorable weekend together. A team must consist of five people who are related by blood or marriage so our team was made up of my cousins Rhonda, her daughter Alyssa and daughter-in-law Chelsea, and Alys-

sa's mother-in-law Vickie. Alyssa was our team captain so we played as the Nesler Family from Morgantown. Rhonda and Chelsea live in Berkeley Springs and Vickie lives in Bridgeport. The application and interview process is pretty extensive and started with submitting a written application along with a video telling a little about each team member. We then traveled to Charleston where we were joined by lots of other families who were also auditioning for the show.

The first step was to play a mock game to be sure that we understood the basic rules and knew how to play the game. During the registration process, it was stressed to everyone to be energetic, friendly and to "show them what you got" so your

family would stand out. After all, this is America's favorite TV game show and it is important that the show be entertaining. If you did well in the mock game and they liked your family, you were selected for a second interview with the producers of the show. During the second interview you answered questions and they got to know more about your family and team members. Many have asked if host, Steve Harvey, was present during auditions, but he was not. As we found out later in the process, he is much too busy for that. At the end of the day, you are told that if your family is selected to be put in their "active" file you would receive a postcard in the mail. Then you wait.

You can imagine how excited we were after receiving a postcard a few

weeks after our audition, but again that only meant that there was a possibility that we would be called.

Then, in February 2020 we got the call that we were to come to Los Angeles for taping in March. None of us had ever been to Los Angeles and to be honest, I was nervous about traveling that far. Then the pandemic hit and things began to shut down. We had hotel rooms and flights booked and we had to make a decision. Family Feud told us they would still fly us to LA for taping if we were willing to travel. After weighing our options, we decided to cancel due to the fear of getting quarantined in Los Angeles or due to not being able to get back home if flights were cancelled. We were very disappointed. Fortu-

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TODAY IS GROUNDHOG DAY

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CLOUDY
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Thursday
RAIN
High 47°



Friday
SNOW
High 44°



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OPINION

DST Coming Again

We were reminded the other day that Daylight Saving Time will return in about six weeks (March 13) to mess up our internal clocks until November 6. For years we have complained about the stupidity of moving clocks one hour forward and then turning them back. In all the years we’ve had the time change and complained about it, no one has ever been able to explain why we do it other than messing with our internal clocks.

Some states are unhappy with DST and more than a third support getting rid of the time change. Neither Hawaii nor Arizona observe DST.

29 states have enacted legislation or resolutions to provide for year round DST. But an act of Congress would have to pass for their resolutions to take effect. And, as we all know, Congress can’t accomplish anything requiring agreement.

The Chamber of Commerce is one of the major backers of DST. Their philosophy is, give workers more daylight when they get off work and they will shop, which helps retailers. Perhaps the Chamber’s support for DST is the reason elected officials won’t move on it.

In the 1700s, Benjamin Franklin supported DST. Ben calculated that Paris would save millions of pounds of candlewax if Parisians woke up early and went to bed early. Paris did not embrace the idea. Ironically today Paris is known as the City of Light! And Ben didn’t really push it in our country.

The United States first instituted Daylight Saving Time during World War I in an effort to save energy. It was reinstated during World War II for the same reason. DST stopped after the war until 1966 when the Uniform Time Act was established.

There are both pros and cons to DST. On the positive side are longer evenings and less artificial light. On the negative side DST does not save energy. In fact, with the use of air conditioners, televisions and computers the amount of energy saved is negligible (if at all). Which means to us that bumping the time back and forth doesn’t do a bloomin’ thing to save power.

Of interest to most of us is that DST disrupts our body clocks. For most people the lack of sleep is merely an inconvenience, but some have more serious consequences. Studies link the lack of sleep to car accidents, workplace injuries, suicide, miscarriages and depression. The time change increases the risk of a heart attack, but the turn around at the end of DST is linked to fewer heart attacks.

So some of the physical side effects of Daylight Saving Time are balanced out.

As far as we’re concerned, there still isn’t any reason to keep screwing around with time. It’s a pain, it causes more trouble than it helps and we would strongly recommend that the government quit playing with God’s time, our time and your time.

Bill would allow West Virginians to make liquor at home

Associated Press

West Virginia lawmakers are considering a proposal that would allow people to make liquor at home for themselves and for family members.

According to West Virginia state law, it is already legal for people to make beer and wine at home.

House Bill 2972 would allow people over the age of 21 to make up to 50 gallons of liquor at home in a year. If there are two or more people over 21 living in a household, families can make up to 100 gallons of liquor per year.

The proposal bans the sale of any liquor made at home. It passed the West Virginia House of Delegates on Monday and is now headed to the state Senate. A similar piece of legislation was introduced last year during the state’s legislative session, but it failed. It passed the House but stalled in the Senate.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

West Virginia hospitals set a new record for COVID-19 hospitalizations this week, and models show we will exceed our previous peak by nearly 20%. Now, some have questioned whether our hospitals have the capacity to care for more patients, and they’ve erroneously linked the state’s Certificate of Need (CON) program as a contributing problem.

The CON program was created to ensure West Virginians have access to high-quality, low-cost care.

Today, more than 30 states use CON to ensure quality care and avoid duplication of health care services that would result in higher costs for everyone.

We know the political sentiment surrounding the CON program is divisive, but the reality is that for West Virginia communities, hospitals are not only their largest employers, but also the chief economic driver. They are a critical piece of the economic infrastructure that potential employers consider when deciding where to

MY UNBASED OPINION

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN

It’s dad-blamed cold. It’s dad-blamed snowy. It’s been dad-blamed windy. It’s winter like I remember from earlier in my life.

I’ve written parts of today’s column in past years. Can’t remember what all I might have written when, but I’m going to be like Dr. Fauci and COVID shots. I think another dose or two won’t hurt you and might do you some good.

I’m writing at Big House’s front dining room window where I almost always sit to write My Unbased Opinions. Cold and snowy outside as far as I can see. Wind isn’t up yet but it has been and I’m sure it will be. Most new snow atop the old crust has already moved to drifts. If snow is going to drift anywhere in Capon Valley, it will be across Rt 259 in front of Big House.

House and buildings are built along edge of a slope that drops

from flat, open plateau down to river bottom pasture land. Top lip of that slope is perfect place for West winds to swirl and drop light moving snow. Farm buildings and trees are further wind brakes, but first obstacle which causes big problems is the highway.

The “old road”, before Rt. 259, ran parallel to present road bed. Old road surface was same height as farm fields both sides of it. Snow blew right across without drifting. New road was built up higher to accommodate side ditch drainage and thus became a catch point for drifting.

One day last week, I entered my shop building to get tractor and loader to help me burn a pile of brush and limbs built up over the past year. I paused, and looking up, saw four sleds hanging from a cross beam. I remember riding one of them off the slope behind Big House under Mom’s watchful eye at least 70 years

GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES

Fifteen Years Ago
January 31, 2007

A state-of-the-art mobile lab capable of safely handling toxins has been placed at the W.Va. Department of Agriculture in Moorefield. It may be the first in the nation.

Plans for the regional sewer plant were moving forward.

Summit Financial Group reported its poor-performing mortgage unit drove 2006 net income 26.5 percent lower than the previous year.

The Country Store Opry was celebrating its 40th anniversary at the McCoy Theatre and Pendleton County’s high school.

Harry R. Steward, 85, Wardensville, died Jan. 24...Nellie Walker Kline, 88, Winchester, died Jan. 20...Maynard Lamar Lee, 73, Frederick, Md., died Jan. 16...June Rae Orndorff, 81, Wardensville, died Jan. 21...Esta Mae Shields Charlton, 86, died Jan. 22.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Whetzel, a daughter, Madison Hope. Moorefield defeated East Hardy 58-29...MHS girls beat Union 40-35 and lost to the same team 72-31 and to Frankfort 67-34...the East Hardy girls beat Shenandoah Valley Academy 46-43, Shenandoah Valley Christian Academy 39-16 and Pendleton County 40-28.

Thirty Years Ago
January 29, 1992

Dr. Michael Riggelman and Dr. Elizabeth Hynes joined the Hardy County Medical Services on Kuykendall Lane.

In a separate story Love Clinic was given early termination of its lease with Grant Memorial Hospital which enabled the Love Clinic Board to negotiate with both Riggelman and Hynes as well as Dr. Carmen Rexrode.

Ernest Halterman was named principal at the new East Hardy Early-Middle School at Baker.

Nettie Rice Barb, 91, died Jan. 23...Philip M. Heltzel, 85, Wardensville, died Jan. 23...Laura O. Wolfe, 93, Baltimore, died Dec. 21...Melvin E. Cosner, 76, Cabins, died Jan. 20...Hazel Owens Huff, 87, Berryville, died Jan. 22...Iva Bliss Moyers, 84,

Mathias, died Jan. 23.

Mrs. Kathy Wratchford and Darwin Simmons were married Jan. 3.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Saville, a son, Blake Andrew...to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Snyder, a daughter, Ashley Rebeka Jai...to Mr. and Mrs. Ferrel Heishman, daughter, Natalie Rebecca.

Moorefield defeated Paw Paw 70-49 and Franklin 55-40...East Hardy defeated Berkeley Springs 80-42.

Forty-five Years Ago
February 2, 1977

Hardy County’s two banks showed continued growth. South Branch Valley National Bank’s assets grew 18.48 percent to \$12.8 million and Capon Valley Bank grew 14 percent to nearly \$9.9 million.

In an effort to conserve fuel, schools were to be closed on Mondays through February, and all non-school activities would cease. Local businesses cut back on hours and were to be open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Homeowners were asked to set thermostats at 65 during the day and 60 at night. An energy crises network was established by Region VIII.

The public library offered patrons a new service, a film projector which could show any of the 1,500 films available through the state library commission.

Elsie Smith Dove, 88, Baker, died Jan. 29...Harold G. McCoy, 50, Wardensville, died Jan. 25...William H. Baldwin, 93, died Jan. 28...Charles Oliver Keckley, 70, Winchester, died Jan. 26...Minnie Clark Combs, 87, Hopkinsville, Ky., died Jan. 26.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Phillips, a daughter, Heather Mae...to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crites, twin daughters, Jenny Lou and Penny Sue...to Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Wilkins, a son, Scott Eston...to Mr. and Mrs. James Barb, a daughter, Peggy Sue.

Wardensville defeated Franklin 61-57...Moorefield lost to Petersburg 59-38...Mathias lost to the West Virginia School for the Deaf 60-57.

Sixty Years Ago
January 31, 1962

Hardy County voted 80 percent to pass the special school levy.

locate their next manufacturing facility or distribution center. Given the state’s recent and outstanding economic development news, shouldn’t we all be working together to support our hospitals – the largest employers in West Virginia – and our 49,000 employees who continue to battle on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic?

Instead, the hospital and health care community each legislative session is left to repeatedly defend a state process that simply provides an

outlet through which all stakeholders can provide input – from affected persons to other health care organizations like our remarkable hospice community and senior centers – so that health care delivery in our communities is offered in a rational and reasonable way.

Without the planning process of CON for hospitals, specialty health care facilities could simply establish a new facility next to a community hospital and siphon off commercial-

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sometimes stopping was disastrous.

I remember a new peacoat I’d gotten for Christmas. Black with big shiny black buttons. Warm coat, good for standing out at the end of our lane waiting for the school bus on cold snowy mornings. One evening after school I forgot to change it for a work coat before sledding and feeding farm animals. At high speed, I dropped off a high drift onto a lower one, sled runners broke through the crust, sled stopped dead and I kept going. Sled’s front frame bar caught second button below my neck stripping it off along with all the rest on down. I found them all, Mom sewed them back on without saying a whole lot, but she looked grim enough to last me a lifetime.

Every time I see snow drifts or a sled around Big House, I remember the “peacoat ride”.

The Moorefield Development Company sold the building and grounds to Raygold Manufacturing Company, which had leased the facility for four years. Raygold also announced plans to expand the plant.

The Valley TV Cooperative Board voted to discontinue operation of the UHF translators due to the lack of funds and support from the community.

Robert E. Shockey, 84, died Jan. 26...Hallie Marvin Mason, 81, died Jan. 27...Larry Allen McDonald, 4-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen L. McDonald, Bermuda, died Jan. 21 when he was struck by a car...Edwin Michael Rinker, 72, Martinsburg, died Jan. 29.

Barbara Jean Johnson and Fred Omar Pratt were married Dec. 4.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Arnold, a son, Craig Robert...to Mr. and Mrs. Edgel Liller, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Coby, a daughter...to Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Constable, a son, David Wayne...to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper, a daughter...to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith, a daughter...to Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, Jr., a son.

Moorefield defeated Mathias 88-68 and lost to Piedmont 46-35.

Seventy-five Years Ago
February 5, 1947

A front page editorial and a statement by Senator Ralph Bean urged citizens to protest the elimination of funding for Reymann Memorial Farms. Without the appropriation the state farm would have to close.

The Pendleton County Fish and Game Association adopted a strong statement opposing the spotlighting of deer as “unlawful, destructive and vicious.”

Servicemen on furlough no longer received special rates when traveling by bus or train.

Nora Power Michael, 71, Winchester, died Jan. 29...Stanley Kessel, 59, died Feb. 2 in Alexandria...Ward Wilson Wise, 32, Rio, died Jan. 28.

Charlotte Evangeline Wenger and Elwood Halterman were married Jan. 26...Wanda Pauline Moyer and Garner Webster Moyer were married

Jan. 28...Ruby Mae Ford and Dowl Franklin Sherman were married Jan. 21.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Flinn, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Duvaul Schell, a daughter.

Moorefield defeated Franklin 62-30 and Davis 45-22 and lost to Thomas 35-34...MHS girls beat Franklin 34-31.

Ninety Years Ago
February 4, 1932

Mrs. F. M. Poland went to Morgantown as a delegate to the Farm Women’s Club.

Mayme Dolan represented the Home Economics class at the high school in the Junior Home Makers Conference in Morgantown.

Gene Shobe and family moved from Petersburg to an apartment over Miley’s Cash Grocery...Homer Lofton had moved to the Edward Sions tenant house.

Sarah Jane Dove, 82, died at Bergton...Ben H. Hiner, 65, died in Cumberland. He had represented the 13th district in the WV Senate four terms.

Born to Attorney and Mrs. H. G. Muntzing, a son, William Henry...to Mr. and Mrs. Dolan Bean, a son, Alvin Park.

105 Years Ago
February 2, 1917

P. E. Thrush was converting his hearse into an automobile hearse.

Charles Lobb had raised and sent to the Democratic National Committee \$50 to assist in liquidating the deficit of that organization.

The West Virginia Senate by a vote of 24-3 had passed the Quart-a-Month bill.

The Virginia debt case was again before the Supreme Court according to a dispatch from Washington. Virginia was asking for \$13 million which she later got and which we are not paying.

Branson Ludwig and Jim Day had gone to Akron to work.

The body of Mrs. Sine, who had died suddenly in Pennsylvania, had been brought to her home in Rio for burial.

ley’s low temperature reading the weekend of Jan. 22? It was 31 below zero! And it was the lowest temperature recorded in all 50 states, including Alaska! Now that’s cold... Then we had the big warning about low temps on the night of Jan. 26. Well, it was cold, but it wasn’t any record breaker, at least here. Maybe some of you recorded lower, but our gauge went to 4 degrees and then headed back up. We’ve had a couple other cold mornings this winter, so we weren’t impressed. We are, however, ready for Spring. Any time now.

News

Skip Gjolberg appointed interim CEO of Grant Memorial Hospital Will continue to serve as President and CEO of St. Joseph’s Hospital

The Board of Trustees of Grant Memorial Hospital today announced the appointment of Skip Gjolberg as the hospital’s interim CEO effective Jan. 31.

Gjolberg, who is currently the President and CEO of WVU Medicine St. Joseph’s Hospital in Buckhannon, will serve as the Chief Executive Officer of both hospitals.

“The Board of Trustees of Grant Memorial Hospital is pleased to welcome Skip into the Grant Memorial Hospital family. We look forward to his leadership, energy, and enthusiasm as we continue our mission of providing outstanding healthcare,” Tammy Kesner, Board chair, said.

Under Gjolberg’s leadership, St. Joseph’s Hospital was named one of

the top 100 critical access hospitals in the United States by the Chartis Center for Rural Health; received the Honors Achievement Award in the West Virginia Hospital Association’s (WVHA) Commitment to Excellence Honors Program; and received the WVHA HOSPAC Over the Top Award for hospitals with up to 50 beds.

“I’m grateful to Tammy and the board for the trust they put in me, and honored to be joining the Grant Memorial team,” Gjolberg said. “I look forward to getting to know everyone and working closely with them to keep building a great future for the hospital.”

A graduate of Texas A&M University and Texas State University,

Gjolberg came to WVU Medicine in 2016 from Cuero Community Hospital (CCH) in Cuero, Texas, where he served as President and CEO. Prior to his leadership of CCH, he was the Chief Administrative Officer of the Prairie du Chien Memorial Hospital and held leadership positions with the Hospital Sisters Health System in Wisconsin.

Gjolberg is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and a member of the National Rural Health Association. He is active at the national level as the rural representative on the American Hospital Association’s Regional Policy Board Region 3, at the state level as chair-elect/treasurer of the West Virginia Hospital Association (WVHA),

and chair of the WVHA HOSPAC Committee, a member of the WVHA Legislative Committee and past chair and now member-at-large of the Critical Access Hospital Network. He has been active in his community as chair of the Upshur County Economic Development Corporation, with the Lions Club, the United Way, Boy Scouts of America, St. Joseph’s Youth Ministry, the Knights of Columbus, and was a founder of the Holy Rosary Parish Men’s Group. In 2019, the Buckhannon-Upshur Chamber of Commerce named Gjolberg its Business Man of the Year.

Grant Memorial Hospital, a not-for-profit, critical access hospital owned by the Grant County Commission and operated by the Board

of Trustees, serves the valley of the Potomac Highlands, which includes Grant, Hardy, Pendleton, Hampshire, and Mineral counties. The Hospital has a combined 25 licensed inpatient beds and is supported by more than 350 employees and a medical staff of over 15.

“As Grant County’s largest employer, Grant Memorial Hospital has been a pillar of our community for generations,” Scotty Miley, President of the Grant County Commission, said. “We look forward to working with Skip to ensure the Hospital remains successful.”

Gjolberg’s appointment comes nearly three months after Grant Memorial Hospital and the WVU Health System signed a letter of intent for

the Hospital to join the Health System. The parties anticipate the closing to occur next year, upon receipt of all necessary governmental approvals.

“I’m excited about Skip’s appointment and the enthusiasm he’ll bring to Grant Memorial Hospital,” Albert L. Wright, Jr. President and CEO of the WVU Health System, said. “His proven leadership and success at running similar hospitals will be critical as we continue to work with the County Commission and the Board of Trustees on the details of our longer-term relationship.”

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ly insured patients, leaving hospitals to care for the sickest and most vulnerable members of our community. There’s no other way to say, but if hospitals lose profitable service lines and commercially insured patients to specialty facilities, they will be unable to continue offering valuable services and programs that patients rely on, and this translates into a loss of jobs for West Virginians. Also impacted is the ability of hospitals to train our next generation of physicians and health care professionals at a time when we’re facing a shortage of our most precious resource – our workforce. This will impact care for the entire State.

One of the main arguments against CON is focused on the free market. First and foremost, the health care system in West Virginia is not a free market and taking care of people is not a commodity. Hospitals in West Virginia are not free to serve only the people who can pay, nor can they set their own rates for the services they provide. These rates are set by federal and state agencies for patients covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and PEIA, which accounts for 75 percent of the patients treated in West Virginia hospitals. An astounding statistic when compared to other states. That’s a long way from a free market. We should continue to focus on economic development opportunities in our state that help increase our population and expand our em-

ployer-based health insurance so that there is less reliance on government payors.

We’ve stated one goal of CON is about cost-containment and the national data shows that West Virginia’s CON program is delivering on its goal of low-cost, accessible health care. For example, information from the Kaiser Family Foundation’s State Health Facts 2019, shows West Virginia is in the bottom quartile of states for cost per inpatient day with the national average of \$2,607 per day compared to West Virginia’s \$1,831 cost per day, which is 42% below the national average.

Meanwhile, for hospital capacity Kaiser Family Foundation notes West Virginia is in the top quartile for hospital beds per population. The national average is 2.40 beds per 1,000 compared to West Virginia’s 3.56 hospital beds per 1,000.

It’s been incorrectly stated that West Virginia’s CON program has resulted in 2,424 fewer hospital beds. Adding these beds would represent a 40% increase to the total capacity and would drive down occupancy rates statewide to approximately 40%. It would be economically irresponsible to add 2,424 licensed beds statewide when the current trend in health care is for the provision of services to be provided in outpatient settings and at home. Further, construction of additional hospital beds requires necessary support services, and significant capital invest-

ments. Based on industry estimates used in health care planning, each additional new hospital bed requires an expenditure of approximately \$1 million per bed. Therefore, to create the 2,424 beds cited in reports would require an estimated \$2.42 billion in additional health care dollars, when existing licensed beds are unable to be staffed due to a nationwide health care shortage.

Even as national data does not support their claims, think tanks will have you believe the West Virginia CON program is not working as intended. Not only is CON working but it has provided a level of predictability and stability for West Virginia hospitals, especially in these unprecedented times. If COVID taught us anything, it’s that health care is not a luxury item people can choose to live without like other goods and services. We are proud of serving the residents of West Virginia in their time of need and our hope is that policymakers continue to support and recognize us as pillars of our communities offering services 24/7/365.

Jim Kaufman
President & CEO
West Virginia Hospital Association

Editor:
Once again, Judy Ball and her staff from the Moorefield State

Farm Insurance office spearheaded a hugely successful food drive for the area food pantries. Almost 6,000 items of food and household supplies were collected in the office between Thanksgiving and Christmas, and a very generous amount of monetary donations were made. Judy and her staff with the help of a few others, distributed the supplies and money to food banks in Lost River, Wardensville, and the MAC House in Moorefield.

The food banks are not grocery stores, but are there to supplement monthly grocery needs or to help anyone with emergency food needs. Thanks to the efforts of Judy Ball and others who continuously support the MAC House, there is an abundant supply of food on hand. The MAC House also has a nice supply of gently used clothing for sale at a very affordable price. Profit from the sale of clothing is used to help sustain the cost of operating the facility.

Because of the generous support of the MAC House, we feel strongly that nobody in this area should be hungry. Please stop by the MAC House at 223 Maple Avenue, Moorefield, Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. or call 304-530-7342 if you have questions.

Thanks again to Judy, friends and staff, and all those who donated so generously to this project.

The MAC House Board of Directors



MAYOR’S CORNER

CAROL ZUBER, MAYOR OF MOOREFIELD

Welcome 2022! The Town of Moorefield is moving into the New Year as I begin my first full year as your mayor. I acknowledge my face has not been present much lately, but be assured I am up-to-date on all town business. Sadly, I have had some health issues of late. What was to be a simple medical procedure turned into a much larger, time-consuming ordeal. However, I am happy to report that is behind me and I am ready to once again commit to being the interactive Mayor the Town of Moorefield needs and deserves. Exciting things have occurred since my last writing. The Town of Moorefield’s new water plant is now engaging in state-of-the-art water production. Additionally, our Public Works Department has suffered their first major snowstorm of the season, with successful results. Work continues at our Town Park as we complete Phase 3 of the Pilgrim’s Pride “Hometown Strong” project. Additionally, our Moorefield Police Department is continuing managing through some

short-staffing issues to provide 24-hour coverage to our citizens. As we brave through the winter months, I would like to share some friendly reminders. With a pending snowstorm, it makes removal of snow from our roads much more efficient if you can park off-street. Additionally, the removal of snow from sidewalks is the responsibility of each property owner and needs completed in a timely manner. As always, I ask each of you to continue maintaining your property to make Moorefield a beautiful place to live. Also, the Town of Moorefield needs your assistance. We currently have open seats on several municipal committees and commissions. If you can volunteer some time to play an active role in the development of Moorefield, call the Moorefield Town Office at (304) 530-6142 for more information. Lastly, I want it known that the Moorefield Town Council and I always welcome your concerns and ideas. I remain “Moorefield Proud!”

NEWS BRIEFS

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Moorefield on Friday, March 4. Donors will be taken at the Moorefield Church of the Brethren at 115 Clay Street from 12:30 until 6 p.m. Both Power Red and whole blood donations are needed. Power Red donors must meet specific eligibility requirements and have type A Neg, B Neg or O blood. The Red Cross is reminding donors of the great need for blood, so please consider the gift of life.

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture is 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 (304-293-2715) or Beth Southern with the WVDA at bsouthern@wvda.us (304-558-2210).

Beginning in January 2022 WVU Extension faculty and experts will provide educational tools and resources through its popular Dining with Diabetes. This free virtual program is designed to help those who have been diagnosed as diabetic/pre-diabetic, family members, caregivers and others who are interested in learning more about creating a healthy lifestyle. Dining with Diabetes will be offered each month through 2022. Participants interested in the four-week program must register online by visiting extension.wvu.edu/dining-with-diabetes. If you need assistance registering for the course, contact your local WVU Extension office.

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 \$3.33. Despite typical low seasonal demand for gasoline, pump prices are clawing their way higher. The national average for a gallon of gas is \$3.33, two cents more than a week ago. “Since dipping to \$3.28 in the first week of January, the national average for a gallon of gas has slowly started to rise again,” said Andrew Gross, AAA spokesperson. “And as long as the price of oil remains elevated, consumers will be feeling it at the pump.” Across the state Beckley was high as \$3.309 and Wheeling was low at \$3.039. Hardy County’s gas average was \$3.379. Area prices were Hampshire \$3.334; Mineral \$3.225; Grant \$3.367; and Pendleton \$3.349.

FRAN WONDERS

By FRAN WELTON

Still More Border Wonders

This past Saturday a local friend and I had the opportunity to spend an hour at the 1847 Mullin Restaurant with David McKinley, one of our WV Republican Elected Officials in the US House of Representatives. It turned out to be a very interesting hour and during our conversations I brought up and gave him a copy of my Dec. 31, 2021, “Southern Border Fran Wonders.”

He said he liked the idea I suggested about finishing the border, getting it under control and paid for. But I was disappointed that we did not get to my present Fran Wonders about our US President’s complicity as an accomplice in the crimes being committed against the millions of people who have already crossed our southern border.

The West Virginia Mandated Reporter Code, 49-2-803(2017), covers and lists persons mandated to report suspected abuse and neglect for

folks of all ages, to whom they must report, and how to report. The code may be of interest to a lot of local folks working with our community members today, as well as all of our elected politicians.

Due to my past work and community volunteer experiences, I have been a mandated reporter, received my training and have kept updated on any changes in the law. I have on occasion had to report suspected situations and part of the reporting is that one may never know if or when the issue has been addressed or if resolved. But situations needed to be reported anyway; that is a part of the system.

But my Wonder is about the complicity of the United States President as an accomplice in the crimes and abuses committed against the millions of people who have crossed our borders so far. I wonder about our Vice President who is in charge of managing all border issues. Wonder

why or if there has not been anyone making an official report to any of the southern border state’s Departments of Human Recourses/Services. People working in law enforcement, legal services, social services, ministers, babysitters, mothers, fathers, teachers and the list goes on, are considered Mandated Reporters. Wonder if anyone has heard of any of those folks in our southern Border States making such a report to their proper officials? Why have there been no charges/reports brought against the US by the parent countries from which the border crossers have come?

I also wonder if members of the Senate and House are not complicit in the border crimes, including our WV Representatives. Is not the President of the Senate or Speaker of the House also guilty? Can a President be impeached for such crimes or do we have to wait until those folks quit or retire from office to make criminal

charges against them. Wonder if or can the large group of retiring House Members be held responsible for their following the President’s or Democrat Party’s lead in the border crimes. What about the Supreme Court: Are they too not Mandated Reporters, keepers of our Constitution?

When I think of the people, all ages, all colors, all nationalities, especially children and babies, even newborns that have been beaten, murdered, kidnapped, sexually abused, drugged, sold into the sex and drug trades, I really get my dander up. Then my wonders go wild as to what I hope our elected officials can eventually be charged with. I also wonder about all the crimes that have been committed against our own United States citizens by the border crossers, is not the President responsible for that too. My border wonders keep going on and on and on...

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

PVCD Board Meeting

The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022, at 7 p.m. by Teleconference ONLY. Call in instructions are posted on the District webpage: www.wvca.us/district/pvcd.cfm or by contacting the office at 304-822-5174. The meeting agenda will be available three days prior to the meeting and a copy may be obtained on the webpage or by contacting the office at 500 East Main St., Suite F, Romney. The public is invited to participate.

CERT Meeting

Hardy County CERT meeting will be Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the 911 Center Conference Room.

The public, especially anyone interested in becoming a member of the Community Emergency Response Team, is welcome to attend.

WVAG Representative

West Virginia Attorney General

Patrick Morrissey announced Richard Dennis, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist from his office, will meet with Hardy County residents on Feb. 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Hardy County Committee on Aging, 409 Springer Ave. in Moorefield, to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions.

WV SILC

The next WVSILC meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 9th, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. by Zoom. Please use the link below to log in at 9 a.m.

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PHBA Meeting

The Potomac Highlands Beekeepers Association (PHBA) meets Thursday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Bank of Romney Community Center, 165 E Main Street, Romney (across the street from the Sheetz in Romney). All meetings are open to the public. If you are interested in learning about beekeeping, are a beginner or an experienced beekeeper, this is a forum where you can learn and exchange information. We hope you will join us! Please note: We changed our meeting date to the second Thursday of each month. This is our first meeting of 2022: Please join us!

Tri-County Fair Meeting

The annual Tri-County Fair meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 16,

2022 at 7 p.m. in the fairgrounds meeting room. The meeting will include electing a director for a 3-year term from Grant, Hardy and Pendleton counties, and reviewing the 2021 financial report. The wearing of masks is strongly recommended and there will be limited seating.

Youth Rally

All teens and youth are invited to attend a youth rally at Moorefield High School on Feb. 19 at 4 p.m.

Free admission and free food, with a musical guest. Contact DJ Taylor for more information.

E912 Advisory Board

The Hardy County E9-1-1 Advisory Board will meet Monday, Feb. 21, 2022 at 7 p.m. at the 9-1-1 Center in Moorefield.

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 Mon-

day 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

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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.

Eastern offers drone training to local first responders

Law enforcement agencies and emergency services around the world are learning to fly drones to assist in search and rescue situations. To help local first responders enhance their ability to respond to emergency situations in remote areas, Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College has partnered with National Drone Services (NDS) to provide hands-on drone training throughout the Potomac Highlands Region.

Participants from Hardy, Mineral and Tucker Counties received a comprehensive and customized training course that included classroom instruction and hands-on situational drone flight experiences and exercises

in late 2021.

“All of our training programs include ‘real as it gets’ situational exercises that combine risk assessments, challenge flying and analytical problem solving skills within specific mission objectives,” said Brian Kelly, NDS executive director and course instructor.

Course attendees received hands-on flight training in aerial observation, terrain mapping, flight maneuvers, crew resource management, accident scene reconstruction, search and rescue and night operations. In addition to flight training, students received a broad foundation in best practices for UAS operations, Federal Aviation Administration

regulatory guidance for law enforcement agencies and first responders, as well as the use of software tools for extracting actionable information for UAS operations.

“It is our mission to create pilots within the ranks of West Virginia first responders with the same understanding and appreciation of drones that exists within manned aviation,” Kelly said. “Our solution is to not simply train more operators and pilots, but to create a workforce of more highly trained pilots and operators.”

According to Kelly, the response to the trainings have been extremely positive, with all trainings held in West Virginia yielding a

high number of post-class FAA certifications.

The search and rescue scenarios included flight training using full-motion video sensors and forward-looking infrared sensors and were conducted in real life challenging environments, giving students valuable operational experience. One exercise included a timed search and rescue competition, which required teams to locate as much evidence as possible and later locate missing persons.

According to data collected by DJI, drones have helped save 786 people in 36 countries in search and rescue missions.

“The need to have an effective first responder unmanned aircraft systems training

program cannot be understated,” Kelly said.

“They are one of the most influential, cost-effective, safety multiplying technology developments of the last 25 years. The value proposition to first responders and law enforcement is unprecedented.”

Eastern’s Workforce Education Department will be offering drone training courses throughout 2022. For more information and to schedule a training, contact Workforce Education at WorkforceED@easternwv.edu or call 304-434-8000.

W.Va. Secretary of State offers guidance to county clerks and the public on absentee voting for the upcoming Primary Election

Secretary of State Mac Warner offered clarifying guidance on West Virginia’s laws to County Clerks and voters pertaining to the qualifications for eligibility to vote absentee in the 2022 Primary Election.

The Jan. 26, 2022 release of guidance for absentee voting includes information regarding absentee voting by mail, military and overseas (UOCAVA) voters, electronic absentee for voters with certain disabilities, eligibility for the special absentee voting list and eligibility for emergency absentee voting. This guidance can be found at GoVoteWV.com.

Regarding the release of this guidance, Secretary Warner said, “West Virginia has many different options to ensure every voter has the ability to cast a ballot in every election. Between our robust in-person voting options on Election Day and during the early voting period as well as our absentee and emergency opportunities, no voter will be disenfranchised from casting a ballot.”

According to WV Secretary of State Mac Warner, legal eligibility to vote an absentee ballot in the 2022 election cycle remains unchanged in law. The only difference from the

2020 election cycle is the State is no longer under a “stay at home” Executive Order. COVID-19 continues to qualify as a medical reason to vote absentee, but only voters confined to their home or other location due to COVID-19 are eligible under that reason.

Voters who are confined due to following CDC or medical professionals’ guidance to quarantine for their specific situations, including preexisting conditions, displaying virus symptoms, exposure to a positive individual, or personal quarantine for a medical reason, are eligible to vote

absentee by mail. Any changes to the excuse-based procedures would require legislative action.

Absentee Ballot Applications for the May 10th Primary Election are currently able to be accepted by the state’s 55 county clerks. The deadline to file an application is May 4th.

If you have questions contact your county clerk or the Secretary of State’s Elections Division at (304) 558-6000. To learn more about the Absentee Ballot Application process visit GoVoteWV.com for more information.



While enrolled in Adult Education, Serenity Thorn earned her CSM Certificate, WV High School Equivalency Diploma, and WV Welcome Certificate. Thorn has enrolled at Eastern WV Community & Technical College. She plans to study Education or Nursing. “I actually completed the CSM Course before I finished my High School Equivalency Test,” Thorn said. “The skills I learned through CSM helped me to boost my scores on the TASC High School Equivalency Test and prepare me for college.”

Hunters harvest 2,756 black bears in 2021

By Andy Malinoski

WVa.DNR

West Virginia hunters harvested 2,756 black bears during the combined 2021 archery and firearms seasons, a 22 percent decrease compared to the 2020 harvest of 3,541 bears.

The decreased black bear harvest can be attributed to abundant mast production, which was 61 percent above 2020 numbers and 8 percent above the long term average. The 2021 Mast Survey and Hunting Out-

look predicted a lower archery/crossbow harvest compared to 2020 and a decreased firearms harvest over the levels observed in 2020. Both predictions came true.

“Historically, abundant mast yields result in a decreased bow and crossbow harvest and an increased December firearms harvest,” said Colin Carpenter, Black Bear Project Leader for the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources. “Abundant food in the fall makes bears harder to pattern for bow/crossbow hunters but keeps bears from den-

ning early for the December season.”

Overall, the 2021 harvest decreased during the September-October archery/crossbow and buck gun seasons, but increased during the December gun season.

Hunters killed 639 bears during the first segment of the 2021 archery/crossbow season (Sept. 25-Nov. 21). There were 342 bears taken with vertical bows and 297 taken with crossbows. The top five counties were Fayette (55), McDowell (52), Nicholas (42), Logan (40) and Wyoming (38).

Firearms hunters harvested 2,117 bears during 2021. Hunters took 780 bears in September and October (37 bears during the concurrent antlerless deer/bear season, four during the youth, class Q/QQ, XS season), 435 during the concurrent buck-gun bear season and 900 during the traditional December season. Two bears were harvested during the fourth Mountaineer Heritage Season (two muzzleloader). The top five counties were Pocahontas (186), Nicholas (167), Randolph (161), Boone (157) and Pendleton (137).

Increased calls to Suicide Hotline cause concern for West Virginia’s Call Center

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Calls to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline from West Virginia have increased significantly in recent years.

NOTE: Anyone feeling depressed, suicidal, or in need of emotional support can reach the National Suicide Lifeline 24/7 at 1-800-273-TALK.

Between 2018 and 2021, call volume in the state rose from 6,543 to 10,691 – an increase of 63%. Fortunately, the suicide rate in West Virginia has not had a corresponding increase.

Lata Menon, CEO of First Choice Services, the Charleston-based company that provides Lifeline services for West Virginia, says this may be because people at risk of self-harm can quickly reach a crisis counselor, but she expressed concern that this may soon change.

To address this crisis, Congress unanimously enacted the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020 which created the three-digit phone number, 988 as the universal number for the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Hotline System. Congress mandated a deadline of July 16, 2022 for 988 to be available nationwide

In July 2022, 988 will be implemented nationwide to facilitate quick access to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The scope of the line will additionally be marketed not only as a number for those in suicidal crisis, but also for anyone experiencing mental health distress or crisis. The easily recalled number, the

broader scope of the line, the accessibility via chat and text, and a national marketing campaign are factors that will increase the volume of Lifeline contacts throughout the country.

Too often, when individuals experiencing a mental health crisis need help, they are met by law enforcement, resulting in unnecessary incarceration, trauma, or worse. Between one-quarter and half of all fatal law enforcement encounters involve individuals with a serious mental illness.

Vibrant Emotional Health, administrator for the national hotline, estimates the number of West Virginians seeking Lifeline help may exceed 30,000 annually. Menon said, “We are heartened to know the changes will make access easier and offer help to many more people who are suffering, but we are concerned our current program will simply not be able to meet such high volume. Without additional staff, help seekers will experience longer waits and eventually reach support out of our state. In suicide prevention, we know that every second counts. And we know that it works best when West Virginians respond to West Virginians.”

988 will be critical to managing an anticipated significant increase in call volume due to the pandemic, preventing deaths, and stopping the criminalization of mental illness. To fund this overhaul, Congress authorized states to pass user fees on telephone lines—the same source used to fund 911.

Several states have already passed legislation to ensure they are ready

to handle needs within their state, but West Virginia has yet to do so. Menon reports a solution may be at hand. West Virginia Senate Bill 181 shores up long-term stability for the Call Center as well as its connection to regional crisis centers where those seeking help can receive evaluation and treatment. She said, “When you

or your loved one is in crisis, instead of calling the police or going to an emergency room, you should be able to immediately reach a crisis counselor who has the training to provide needed support and referral. Senate Bill 181 will ensure that West Virginia’s Crisis Call Center is prepared to answer the need in our state.”

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Venom: Let There Be Carnage (PG-13) – Separated from his fiancée and in a rocky relationship with his symbiote, Eddie Brock’s life appears to be in a downward spiral until renowned serial-killer Cletus Kasady insists he conduct an exclusive interview.

Cry Macho (PG-13) – In 1978, a one-time rodeo star and washed-up horse breeder takes a job from an ex-boss to bring the man’s young son home and away from his alcoholic mom.

No Time to Die (PG-13) – Retired from active service, James Bond helps his old friend from the CIA

rescue a kidnapped scientist who was working on a secret bioweapon project.

The French Dispatch (R) – A love letter to journalists set in an outpost of an American newspaper in a fictional twentieth century French city that brings to life a collection of stories published in “The French Dispatch Magazine”.

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Old Henry (NR) – A widowed farmer and his son take in an injured

man with a satchel of cash. Defending against a siege, the farmer reveals a gunslinging talent, calling his true identity into question.

Flashback (R) – Fredrick Fitzell is living his best life, until he starts having horrific visions of Cindy, a girl who vanished in high school. Realizing that the only way to stop the visions lies deep within his own memories, he embarks on a terrifying mental odyssey to learn the truth.

The Truffle Hunters (PG-13) – A handful of men and their expertly trained dogs search for rare, expensive and delicious white Alba truffles deep in the forests of Piedmont, Italy.

New Fiction

Quicksilver by Dean Koontz – Abandoned at three days old on a desert highway in Arizona, Quinn Quicksilver heads out on a road trip with two companions in pursuit of his strange past. With every deeply disturbing mile, something sinister is in the rearview — an enemy that is more than a match for Quinn.

The Overnight Guest by Heather Gudenkauf – True crime writer Wylie Lark, snowed in at an isolated farmhouse where she’s retreated to write

her new book, finds a small child in the snow outside and, bringing him inside for warmth and safety, learns that the farmhouse isn’t as isolated as she thought.

Easter Bonnet Murder (Lucy Stone; 28) by Leslie Meier – Part-time reporter Lucy Stone isn’t about to put all her eggs in one basket during a frantic Easter in Tinker’s Cove — especially when it comes to cracking a deadly mystery.

Show Me the Bunny (Melanie Travis; 28) by Laurien Berenson – When Beatrice Gallagher, the well-respected benefactor of a new women’s shelter, is murdered, Melanie Travis discovers that Beatrice wasn’t the warm and generous philanthropist she appeared to be and must expose her true nature to identify a vengeful killer.

Violeta by Isabel Allende – 100-year old Violeta Del Valle bears witness to the greatest upheavals of the twentieth century.

Mermaid Confidential (Serge Storms; 25) by Tim Dorsey – With their little slice of heaven on the line, Serge Storms and his sidekick, Coleman, take it upon themselves to convince noisy tourists disturbing the community’s peace to move on.

Meanwhile, a gang war erupts when a local drug lord passes the family business to his young, enterprising son, and the sun-loving residents are suddenly dodging bullets.

Devil House by John Darnielle – Gage Chandler is descended from kings. That’s what his mother always told him. Years later, he is a true crime writer, with one grisly success — and a movie adaptation — to his name, along with a series of subsequent less notable efforts. But now he is being offered the chance for the big break: to move into the house where a pair of briefly notorious murders occurred. He begins his research with diligence and enthusiasm, but soon the story leads him into a puzzle he never expected — back into his own work and what it means, back to the very core of what he does and who he is.

Road of Bones by Christopher Golden – An American documentarian travels a haunted highway across the frozen tundra of Siberia confronting uncanny and inexplicable phenomena along the Road of Bones. It is a harrowing journey that will push him beyond endurance and force him to confront the sins of his past.

The Fields by Erin Young – When

the body of a young woman is found in an Iowa cornfield, Sergeant Riley Fisher, newly promoted to head of investigations for the Black Hawk County Sheriff’s Office, arrives on the scene. But the investigation soon grows more complicated as more victims are found.

Greenwich Park by Katherine Faulkner – A woman’s life starts to unravel as a result of her friendship with an unpredictable single mother.

Brown Girls by Daphne Palasi Andreades – Within one of New York City’s most vibrant and eclectic boroughs, young women of color like Nadira, Gabby, Naz, Trish, Angeliq, and countless others, attempt to reconcile their immigrant backgrounds with the American culture in which they come of age. Here, they become friends for life — or so they vow.

Honor by Thrity Umrigar – Two Indian women, one a victim of a brutal crime and the other an Americanized journalist returning to India to cover the story, navigate how to be true to their homelands and themselves at the same time.

West Hardy EMS

say right beside my house and they called 911 – I wouldn’t be affiliated to be able to help. I could be a paramedic, have the skills to do it, but couldn’t go because I’m not a paid member of the county.”

The loss of current volunteers was a contributing factor in the creation of West Hardy according to the officers, particularly in terms of maintaining volunteers currently serving the area.

“The whole dynamic would have changed. Not just the financial impact to the county, which would have been very significant, but there are a lot of seasoned people who live in Moorefield who probably wouldn’t

have been a part of this and that’s absolutely a disservice to this community by not having those people,” said Pratt.

The organization received a boost from the County Commission when they provided a little over \$380,000 to WHEMS to purchase the equipment previously owned by Fraley’s.

“The County Commission was absolutely very generous with what they came through with as far as supporting us,” said Pratt. “With that money we were able to purchase all of the existing Fraley Ambulance Equipment.”

Purchased equipment included four ambulances, a response ve-

hicle, cardiac monitors and cots for those ambulances, and a host of other equipment including LUCAS devices (an automated CPR device), medicine, bandages, and more.

The crew currently has around 30 members. “Our membership: it’s an eclectic group,” said Johnston. “Everyone is vital.”

Kessel added, “Not only do (board members) bring it, but so does everybody we run with.”

Board members said they welcome community members to apply.

To do so, participants would need EMS certification and, after being approved by membership, they could join on a 3 month probationary pe-

riod that is then voted on again after to determine full membership. Members of the board also said they welcome inquiries from the public.

Community members who want to pick up an application can obtain one from crew members at the Squad building on 106 Washington Street in Moorefield from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

For more information, call WHEMS at 304-530-2100, email westhardyems@gmail.com, and follow “West Hardy Emergency Medical Service” on Facebook.

Growers Scam

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tors for this, for abusing the growers. I’m the main complainant for Pilgrim’s part of it.”

Tyson and Perdue previously settled for around \$35 million dollars in the summer of 2021.

Settlements are still pending from Pilgrim’s, Koch Foods, and Sander-son Farms to name a few.

Weaver said the organization is planning to hold a meeting for grow-

ers, though a place and time is still being determined as of the Examiner’s deadline on Monday, Jan. 31.

Weaver said the time and specific place for the public meeting, which is planned to be held in Moorefield, will be announced next week on the association’s Facebook page.

For more information, visit the Facebook page titled “Contract Poultry Growers Association of the Virginia’s.”

COVID-19

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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.

The Health Department is also still giving flu shots. To get a flu shot, bring an insurance card. Individuals without insurance can still get a flu shot.

COVID-19 testing is still free and open to the public. Testing times are as follows:

- Tuesdays: 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority building on 17940 Route 55 in Baker and from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Moorefield High School at 401 North Main Street in Moorefield.

- Thursdays: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Ambulance Authority building in Baker and from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Moorefield High School.

The Hardy County Health Department is located on 411 Spring Avenue in Moorefield. For more information, to get a COVID-19 vaccine or booster, or to get a flu shot, call the Hardy County Health Department at 304-530-6355.

Meet the Officers

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“EMS is not just about helping to provide care for your community, but also the family that your EMS community has with you. You develop connections and bonds, not only with EMS, but with police and with the fire company and other people and you collectively work together to help everybody. That’s always been one of the biggest aspects for me.”

She continued, “Because I was an EMT, I was able to become a CPR instructor. I’ve had people who are in my CPR class come up to me and go ‘I’m so glad you showed me how to do the Heimlich. I was at a restaurant and I heard someone choke and I never thought I could save someone and you helped me do that.’ It was because of my training in EMS that I was able to do these things for them.”

David Pratt, Chief of Operations

“It’s hard to believe this is 2022; I’ve been doing this around 22 years. For me, personally, when I started I kind of grew up in the background with emergency services, more on the fire side. Naturally, at some point, as a 17 or 18 year old kid I was like my god, this is just cool,” said Pratt who explained he started in the fire department realm before going into EMS.

“I loved every second of it. I was fortunate enough to come up here (Fraley’s) and get really good training and get exposed to a lot because of some really good people – people like Doug Bishoff and Jimmy Cosner were mentors of mine.”

He continued, “Being an EMT, going and becoming a paramedic, it’s a lot of work and training and to maintain it is a lot. I don’t know if we’re all a little bit crazy or if you truly gotta love it in your heart. It does absolutely take a special breed to do what we do.”

Dusty Wratchford, Assistant Chief of Operations

“The reason I joined EMS is because I enjoyed helping people and wanted to help my community out. When I was an infant there were two paramedics, Carol Zuber and Jimmy Cosner, that took me to the Grant Memorial Hospital in the ambulance several times and one time Carol took me all the way to Morgantown in a snow storm due to the fact that she could not get a helicopter and I needed to be at a hospital with a higher level of care,” said Wratchford.

“While growing up I always wanted to be a surgeon but that never happened due to the fact that it’s a lot of money to go to school and that’s something my family didn’t have. So I started my journey in EMS 14 years ago with becoming an EMT with the two best instructors in my books, which are David Pratt and Dixie Bean.”

He continued, “Never in a million years would I have thought I would be here today doing an interview for a newspaper for a new ambulance company I helped establish. If I have one thing to say to whoever is going to read this article is that never give up on yourself and always push yourself to succeed in your dreams. I did not have any family members in the fire company or EMS – I was the only person in my family that graduated High School besides my mother – so I take pride in what I do.”

Bryan Barb, Captain

“Like Dave, I followed my dad into EMS. Dad was an EMT in Grant County. I kind of followed him into Grant County after I took the class here with Doug Bishoff and Jimmy Cosner. I was only 17 when I tested. They almost didn’t let me test, but they decided that until my score came back, I would be 18,” said Barb.

“I was big on fire and EMS in one form or the other ever since and just being able to help people. Now I’ve drug my son into it.”

“I don’t know that you had to drag him,” added Johnston. “It was a natural progression,” added Pratt.

Billie Jo Biddle, Treasurer

“I’ve been doing this for 22 years. I was a stay at home mom and my sister was an EMT and nurse. The rescue squad happened to be four doors down on the same block I lived on and she said ‘why don’t you take an EMT class and be an EMT with me?’ I said okay, what else am I doing? It’ll give me something to do,” said Biddle.

“I took the EMT class and a spark lit. I love medicine, absolutely love it from head to toe. I love the feeling it gives me, I love being able to do things, and from the EMT side, then I went to nursing school and nursing allowed me to become a paramedic. The fire just keeps growing and I absolutely love what I do.”

She continued, “When people see you out at Shop and Save and see you in Food Lion and they see you in different places, they remember you and they thank you – they’re very thankful for that service. It feels good to do something positive in a place that appreciates it. What we do is thanks enough and it makes you feel good inside to do it.”

Hannah Heishman, Secretary

“I went into the military after college and served for the better part of 20 years. I knew EMS was something I had considered when I was in the army. It was something I thought, you know, that’s something I can do when I come back,” said Heishman, adding that she remembers taking her EMT class with Johnston.

“I missed the camaraderie from the military. I missed the opportunity to help people when everything around them was going wrong. It takes a lot of trust for most people to let EMS in. We’re seeing them when they’re having some of the worst moments of their lives. We’re seeing them when their bodies are failing them and they’re scared. Sometimes they’re afraid to go with us because they’re afraid if they go to the hospital they may not come home.”

She continued, “it’s an incredible honor to be able to help and be a comfort and try to support people through some of those moments. It’s also an incredible group of people to be a part of. When the tones drop and it’s a bad incident, even people who aren’t signed up to run that night, if they can appear they do. It’s an honor to serve my community in this way and it’s an honor to be a member of this team.”

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OBITUARIES

JAMES KENNETH ‘DUTCH’ FRYE



James Kenneth “Dutch” Frye, 100, of Woodstock, Va., died on January 17, 2022 at his home.

Dutch was born December 5, 1921, in Wardensville. He was the third son of William Miller and Hilda

Heishman Frye. He is preceded in death by three brothers: William Mill Frye II, Benjamin Link Frye, and Robert Ogden Frye; and two sisters, Hilda Roberta Cappiello and Peggy Ann Halterman. Three siblings, Henry Lee, Mary Lou and Martha Lynn died in infancy. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Mary Katherine Evans Frye.

Dutch attended Wardensville Grade School and graduated from Wardensville High School in 1939. He then enrolled in Berea College majoring in math. His studies were interrupted with his enlistment in the US Army. He then began his tour during World War II. He served in seven countries with one of his final battles being the Battle of the Bulge.

Returning home, he completed his

studies and became a math teacher at Wardensville High School. His next adventure as an educator was as Superintendent of Hardy County Schools. He also served as a Federal Title I Director and the Superintendent of Morgan County Schools. He retired in 1986 from the Federal US Department of Education. He and his wife Katie chose Woodstock as their home. Dutch and Katie were married on September 3, 1943 in Berea KY. Katie passed away on December 14, 2013.

Dutch was a lifelong member of the St. Peters Lutheran Church in Wardensville and attended the Emanuel Lutheran Church in Woodstock, Va. He was a 75-year Lions Club International member where he served as the District Govern from

1959 to 1960 in West Virginia, a charter member of the Wardensville High School Alumni Association and helped establish the Wardensville Scholarship Fund.

Survivors include sons, Kevan (Debbie) of Strasburg, Va. and Kendall of Woodstock, Va.; and daughters, Kennetha Marshall (Brad) of Boscowen, N.H. and Kimary of Summersville, W.Va. Seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren also survive.

Services are planned for a later date in the Spring. To view Dutch’s tribute wall, please visit www.loygiffin.com.

Loy-Giffin Funeral Home in Wardensville handled arrangements.

RAYMOND GLENN “BUD” COONTZ, SR.



Raymond Glenn “Bud” Coontz, Sr., 73, of Lost City, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022 at his home.

Born on Nov. 29, 1948 in Barbour County, he was the son of the late Ray Clyde Coontz and Catherine Rosier.

He served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of Valley Baptist Church in Lost City.

Along with his parents, he was pre-

ceded in death by a daughter, Margaret Ann Shepherd; a son, Raymond Glenn Coontz, Jr.; and three sisters, Geneva Coontz, Sharon Schafferman and infant Dorothy Coontz.

He is survived by his wife, Cathern Phillips Coontz, and a son, Jesse Coontz, of Lost City; sisters, Barbara Isenhardt of Elkins, Mary Ellen Carr of Davis, and Jean Phillips of Montrose, WV; brothers, Len Coontz of Baker and Dale Coontz of Rich-

mond, Va.; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 31, 2022 at Valley Baptist Church, with Pastor Dale Smith officiating. Interment was in Halterman Cemetery, Lost City.

The family received friends Sunday evening at the church.

All arrangements are being handled by McKee Funeral Home in Baker.

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Fri. Feb. 11: Sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, applesauce

The Center is now open to serve meals inside. The grab and go meals are still being done at this time. That will end but not sure when. Please call in and let us know if you are picking up or eating in with us. Thank you for staying with us thru all of the

changes.

Meals are to be eaten here at the center or at E.A. Hawse Community room in Baker Thursdays only. Person under the age of 60 re are welcome to come eat with us at a cost of \$5.25 per meal. “That’s A Deal.” Any donation over \$5.25 would be greatly appreciated.

Those making donations were Food Lion and the Moorefield Examiner. We would like to thank each and everyone of you for your donations; they are greatly appreciated. Have a safe and happy week.

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

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GRAB AND GO MEALS for Seniors 60 and older; donations accepted. Anyone under 60 can get a meal also at \$5.25 per meal. We’ll need your name, address, and birthday. Must call by 9 a.m., 304-530-2256, Option 2 or 6. Pick up your lunch between 12-12:30, because the Center is closed due to COVID-19.

February Lunch Menu for Hardy Co. Schools released

Tuesday, February 1 – Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Ravioli w/sauce, Winter Blend, Pears

Wednesday, February 2 – Baked Chicken Drumsticks, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Homemade Rolls, Pineapple

Thursday, February 3 – Hamburger, Sweet Potato Fries, Mixed Fruit

Friday, February 4 - School-Made Pizza, Steamed Spinach, Peaches

Monday, February 7 – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, February 8 – Tangerine Chicken, Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Peaches

Wednesday, February 9 – Hot Dog/Roll, Mac ‘n Cheese, Green Beans, Fruit Cup

Thursday, February 10 – Sloppy

Joe, Honey-Glazed Carrots, Pears

Friday, February 11 – Calzone, Marinara, Corn, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Mixed Fruit

Monday, February 14 – Chicken Nuggets, Dipping Sauce, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Ice Cream, Applesauce

Tuesday, February 15 – Lasagna Roll-Up, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Peaches

Wednesday, February 16 – Chicken Patty Sandwich, Sweet Potato Fries, Pears

Thursday, February 17 – Chili Con Carne, Cornbread, Mixed Veggies, Mixed Fruit

Friday, February 18 – Pizza (Variety), Corn, Snack Bag, Pineapple

Monday, February 21 - Creamed Chicken on Biscuit, Peas, Peaches

Tuesday, February 22 – Chili Nachos, Salsa, Corn, Sugar Cookie, Fruit Cup

Wednesday, February 23 – Chicken Tenders, Sauce Dipper, Steamed Broccoli, Apple Crisp, Applesauce

Thursday, February 24 – Cheeseburger Macaroni, Cooked Carrots, Snack Bag, Pears

Friday, February 25 – French Bread Pizza, Beans, Variety, Mixed Fruit

Monday, February 28 – Chicken Quesadilla, Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Applesauce

*Lunches are served with fresh fruit and garden bar often containing prepared salads and dressings, as well as a variety of low fat/FF milk (NOTE: Pre-K students will

not receive grain-based desserts or flavored milk, according to CACFP meal pattern requirements.)

Meals are FREE for all children ages 1 to 18.

Menus/Menu items are subject to change due to variations in recipes, seasonal product availability, and substitutes provided by food service providers due to supply-chain issues. Please check with your child’s school regarding daily meal changes.

For Breakfast/Lunch Menus online, as well as nutritional and related information, go to www.hardycafe.com. Call the School Nutrition Programs office at 304-530-2348, ext. 9223, with questions.

Introduction to Fly Fishing being offered at PSC

After a two-year hiatus, Introduction to Fly Fishing will once again be offered as a special interest course at West Virginia University Potomac State College.

The art of fly fishing offers a relaxing and distinctive way to catch fish. According to the U.S. National Park Service, “Fly fishing is one of the most adventurous ways to enjoy lands and waterways. Not all fly fishing happens in high-alpine lakes, it can be done almost anywhere from the seashore to streams and everywhere in between.”

“Some of the best fly-fishing opportunities are available in this region, including the North and South Branches of the Potomac River, the Savage River drainage system, the Casselman, and the Youghiogheny, to name a few,” said Professor Tom Sydow, who will teach the class along with fishing guide Charlie Laffey.

“Classroom sessions along with hands-on instruction will focus on the difference between fly fishing, spin fishing and bait fishing; the correct equipment; reading the water; and fly patterns that imitate insects,” Sydow added.

Classes will be held in Science Hall, Room 120, from 5 to 8 p.m. every other Thursday, on March 10 and 24, April 7 and 21, and May 5. The



cost of the class remains \$99.

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With Great Thanks

To everyone who has supported us following the death of Betty Ann Turner, we would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation. Your many acts of kindness and sympathy continue to be of great comfort to us in our time of sorrow! May God bless you all!!

-The Turner Family



Church Services

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Moorefield Resident to appear on Family Feud on Feb. 4

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nately for us, a few weeks after we informed them of our decision, taping of the show was temporarily canceled due to the pandemic and we were told that we would remain in the show's active file. Then we waited again, wondering if we would get called a second time.

Taping resumed later in the spring of 2020 and we were contacted again, but the pandemic was still a threat for traveling and due to the rules of having to quarantine after travel we could not accept the second invitation. At this point, I did not think we would ever get called a third time or actually make it on the show but it had been exciting to know that we were chosen out of the large number of families that had auditioned for the show. Overall, it had been a fun experience. The staff and producers of the show were great. They made sure we had lots of fun and we learned a little about the process of becoming a contestant on a game show.

The third time really is a charm because in the Spring 2021 we got called again. We found out that the show alternates taping between studios in Los Angeles and Atlan-

ta, Ga. We were headed to Atlanta! I was more comfortable traveling there and we were ready to go! Due to COVID-19 testing requirements we would have to arrive a day early to be tested. COVID restrictions prevented any friends or family from traveling with us, so there would be no live studio audience; only the other contestant families would be allowed in the audience.

On the day of taping, our day began at 8 a.m. We were provided shuttle transportation to and from the studio, which was located outside Atlanta. Each family had individual portable bathrooms that were like no portable toilet we had ever seen. We also had access to a hair and makeup person who would provide makeup touchups during taping. We were TV stars for a day! The morning session consisted of going over the rules of the game, getting ready, running through a practice game, and then taping starts after noon. Steve Harvey does a radio show in the morning in Atlanta so he came straight to the TV studio from there. We were audience members our first day on the set, which means that we had a live Steve Harvey comedy show for the entire afternoon. During commercial breaks he would tell us stories and answer questions

from the audience. If you have paid attention while watching the show recently, you will notice that due to COVID, there are a few changes in how the game is played. You no longer shake hands at the podium and you do not get very close to Steve Harvey at any time. During the fast money round he stands to the side of the contestant rather than beside them. Due to editing, each 30 minute show that we see later on TV takes about an hour and a half of taping on set. Mr. Harvey, as he is called by every staff person, changes his suit between each game played. The respect and admiration the entire crew has for Steve Harvey is very evident. You were not allowed access to your cell phone except at lunch, so we were unable to get any photos of or with Steve Harvey. The only photos of your experience are taken and provided to you by the staff, except for photos with the Family Feud backdrop that you could take in the meeting room. I have nothing but good things to say about the staff and our accommodations during our time with Family Feud. The other families were great and it was interesting to meet lots of people from all over the eastern United States, many of whom we learned had ties to our great state.



Our show was taped in mid-June 2021 and we could not reveal the outcome to anyone before the show airs. Finally, our wait will be over when our episode airs on Friday, Feb. 4, 2022 on the FOX 5 DC channel at 7:30 p.m. It will be fun to watch the show with family and friends because we do not know

what parts of the show were edited and what will be shown on TV. I will tell you that it is much easier to be at home in your living room playing along than on the set but it was also one of the most fun and memorable experiences of my life. I like to think that my grandmother would be proud.

THIS WEEK IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY



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

February 2, 1908: Justice Marion Chambers was born in Huntington. Chambers was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in the Iwo Jima campaign in February 1945.

Feb. 3, 1825: Confederate General William Lowther Jackson was born in Clarksburg. He was one of at least three Southern officers to bear the nickname, "Mudwall."

Feb. 3, 1845: Gilmer County, located in the heart of West Virginia, was established from parts of Kanawha and Lewis counties. It was named for Thomas W. Gilmer, a governor of Virginia.

Feb. 3, 1923: Broadcast announcer Jack Fleming was born in Morgantown. He was the long-time "Voice of the Mountaineers."

Feb. 3, 1961: The West Virginia legislature passed a resolution to officially adopt "The West Virginia

Hills" as an official state song. "The West Virginia Hills" is the best-known of four official state songs.

Feb. 4, 1845: Doddridge County was formed from parts of Harrison, Lewis, Ritchie, and Tyler counties. It was named for Philip Doddridge, a Western Virginia congressman, state legislator, and member of the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1829-30.

Feb. 4, 1945: The hotel at Minnehaha Springs was destroyed by fire. Built in 1914, it was the first facility in Pocahontas County built strictly for the tourist business and was a forerunner of today's local tourism economy.

Feb. 5, 1889: Fiddler and self-taught physician James Franklin "Doc" White was born near Ivydale. White served the community as doctor, dentist and midwife, delivering more than 1,800 babies.

Feb. 5, 1890: Coach Eli Camden

"Cam" Henderson was born in Jotown, Marion County. He is a revered figure in Marshall University sports history.

Feb. 5, 1941: Actor David Lynn Selby was born in Morgantown. His stage and screen credits include the outdoor drama Honey in the Rock, and the television shows Falcon Crest and Dark Shadows.

Feb. 6, 1882: Poet Anne Spencer was born Annie Bethel Bannister in Henry County, Virginia. In 1886, she and her mother moved to Bramwell, where she spent most of her childhood and adolescent years.

Feb. 6, 2007: Selva Lewis "Lew" Burdette, a native of Nitro, died in Florida. Burdette was an outstanding major league baseball player who spent most of his career with the Milwaukee Braves. In 18 major league seasons, he won 203 games and lost 144.

Feb. 7, 1867: West Virginia Uni-

versity was established by an act of the West Virginia Legislature. The college, originally called the Agricultural College of West Virginia, opened its doors in September 1867.

Feb. 7, 1889: Nell Elizabeth "Pistol Nell" Walker was born at Sewell Mountain. Known as the "First Lady" of Fayette County, she served 12 terms as a member of the House of Delegates.

Feb. 8, 1892: Cartoonist Irvin Dugan was born in Huntington. For many years, his "Adam" cartoon character was a feature on the editorial pages of the Herald-Dispatch.

Feb. 8, 1915: Photographer Volkmar Kurt Wentzel was born in Dres-

den, Germany. He emigrated with his family to the United States at age 11. As a teenager in West Virginia, Wentzel took up with an eclectic group of people who had retreated to Youghiogheny Forest, a Preston County artists colony.

Feb. 8, 1918: Medal of Honor recipient Herbert Joseph Thomas Jr. was born. He excelled in football as a halfback for South Charleston High

School, and Herbert J. Thomas Memorial Hospital in South Charleston is named for him.

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SPORTS



Moorefield's Silas Inskeep protects the ball as Petersburg's Zalon Barrick attempts to pry it loose with Caden Arbaugh coming over to help defend the basket last Wednesday in Petersburg.

Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield stifles a Vikings rally

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

The Yellow Jackets built a 15-point advantage in the third period and staved off a late rally by the Vikings to secure a 53-51 victory in Petersburg on Wednesday.

Moorefield Boys Basketball had a mission to complete the game and it took every last second to earn the win and survive the attack by Petersburg.

"I thought we scrapped tonight. I thought we played hard and rebounded a lot better than we have been. We've got to finish games. We have to be smarter. We're getting there and by the end of the year we will be where we need to be." Moorefield coach Scott Stutler remarked.

"I liked our energy tonight. It's always a good atmosphere coming here to Petersburg. It was a good game and Petersburg fought hard."

The Vikings lost the ball out of

bounds to commence the game, then Moorefield capitalized as Karson Reed nailed a jumper at 7:41 for the initial lead.

It took a minute and change for another basket to transpire as both teams hit the rim twice and the Vikings also missed two free throws during that duration with Moorefield's Blake Funk and Petersburg's Slade Saville grabbing rebounds.

Petersburg's Trace Rohrbaugh snatched a defensive board and fell down causing a turnover.

Moorefield's Dean Keplinger sliced into the paint for a basket at the 6:00 mark, 4-nil.

The rim remained unapologetic with another combined five missed field goals over the ensuing minute as Rohrbaugh and Moorefield's Coleman Mongold collected caroms.

A pair of free throws made by Zalon Barrick finally put the Vikings on the scoreboard at 4:52.

The Yellow Jackets missed three

shots with Funk keeping play alive, then Petersburg gained possession and the ball was stolen by Ryan McGregor on a trap with Keplinger assisting.

After a timeout, Petersburg's William "Bumby" Van Meter made a steal and setup Ian Van Meter for a layup to tie the game at 3:45.

That tie was erased in merely seven seconds as Keplinger swooped in for a jumper at 3:38 as Moorefield regained the lead 6-4.

Bumby Van Meter grabbed an offensive rebound, but lost control of the ball and was fouled trying to retrieve it.

Moorefield's Silas Inskeep intercepted a pass, but the ball was taken away by Ian Van Meter with the next pass deflected by Ronald Griest.

McGregor and Bryson Coblentz hauled in defensive rebounds, then Keplinger garnered a steal for the

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Tigers Roar Past East Hardy

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

The Tigers clawed to a 21-16 edge at halftime against East Hardy, then roared loudly to corner the Cougars in the cage during the second half to unleash a 49-34 victory in Baker on Thursday.

"We have to score points to win games. We are missing way too many shots to stay in the game," East Hardy coach Calvin Mongold noted.

Bailey Evans netted seven points in the first period to lead Union to a 13-11 advantage in the opening frame.

East Hardy was paced by Chloe Miller's four points in the first period as Brooklynn Tinnell added three points, Gabby Miller and Emma Heishman pitched in two markers apiece.

The Cougars kept the game close in the first half with good defensive plays, but Union still maintained the advantage in the scoring department 8-5 to garner the 21-16 halftime score.

Tinnell scored a game-high 13 points for East Hardy, while adding three more points in the second period.

Chloe Miller finished the contest with 11 points for the Cougars and notched two markers in the second period.

Victoria Seabolt paced the Tigers with 12 points including four markers in the second period, followed by Evans with nine points overall.

East Hardy opened the third period with a 3-pointer drilled by Chloe Miller at the 7:44 mark to slice the deficit to 21-19, but that stirred the Tigers from the halftime nap for a 10-nil run over the next six minutes.

Tinnell stole the ball, but it was lost moments later out of bounds for the Cougars.

Union's Bailey Evans collected two rebounds before hitting a jumper at 6:24.

East Hardy hit the rim twice with rebounds by Gabby Miller and Evans, then the Tigers drew iron and the ball ricocheted out of bounds.

Union's Olivia Bomboy kicked the ball out of bounds for a seven yard field goal, then the Cougars walked.

After a jump ball and East Hardy rimmed shot, Union's Hailee Whitacre knocked down a jumper for a 25-19 lead.

Union's Bridgette Knapp stole the ball and dishd to Seabolt for a layup to extend the lead 27-19 at 3:53.

Knapp notched another steal and hit a jumper at the 2:57 mark for the Tigers.

East Hardy's Brooklynn Tinnell blocked a shot and tied up the Tigers for a jump ball.

Knapp recorded a field goal to cap off the run at the 1:41 mark to give Union a 31-19 advantage.

The Cougars' dry spell ended on a jumper by Emma Heishman at the 1:04 mark.

Whitacre made a steal and passed to Seabolt for a layup with 33 seconds remaining in the frame.

Knapp swiped the ball, but the Tigers missed the shot at the buzzer with a 33-21 lead.

Union commenced the final stanza with a layup by Knapp just nine seconds into the period.

After a jump ball, Union's Whitacre stole the ball and fed Alyson Sheets for a basket.

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Moorefield's McKenna Crites draws Pendleton County defenders Lizzie Alt and Kinzley Hartman in the paint and makes a pass to Amber Williams just as a third defender arrives.

Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield Deters Wildcats

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

Moorefield climbed to a 27-20 halftime advantage and an 11-point third period lead, then Pendleton County fought back to within two points with under four minutes remaining and the Yellow Jackets kept the Hive intact preventing the comeback with a 53-47 win in Moorefield on Thursday.

The Yellow Jackets started the scoring with a free throw made by Sterling Kump on the game's opening possession at 7:48.

Pendleton County took the lead on a jumper by Brandy Bowers on the ensuing series at 7:32, 2-1.

Moorefield missed three field goals, despite rebounds by McKenna Crites and Teia Ray.

After a walk by the Yellow Jackets, Pendleton County was whistled for an elbow foul.

Moorefield coughed the ball out of bounds, then Ana Young sank a 3-pointer for the Wildcats.

Kump drilled a perimeter basket in response within 13 seconds as the Yellow Jackets cut the deficit to 5-4 at 5:15.

Pendleton County came up empty twice on field goals and at the free throw line during the next series.

Both teams missed one more field goal, then Gabby Depue blocked a shot for the Wildcats.

Moorefield's McKenna Crites sliced into the paint and made a layup to take a 6-5 lead at 3:46.

Pendleton County answered with a trey by Young to regain the lead 8-6 at 3:30.

A minute elapsed before a Wildcats turnover was converted into a layup for the Yellow Jackets as Crites found Amber Williams dashing to the net to tie the game.

Young and Crites collided causing a loose ball, then both teams locked up for a jump ball.

Moorefield was whistled for a walk, then Crites swiped the ball and was fouled leading to one free throw added at 1:42 for a 9-8 edge.

Young was fouled and made both free throws giving Pendleton County the lead again at 1:26.

Depue blocked a shot and Young made a steal, but the ball was snatched back by Crites for a breakaway basket giving the Yellow Jackets an 11-10 lead with 50 seconds remaining in the frame.

Both teams missed a shot and the Wildcats shuffled their feet on the final play.

Pendleton County hit the rim on a field goal and two free throws to start the second period.

Moorefield's Amber Williams collected the carom off the foul shot, then passed to Kaleigh Hunt for a jumper at 7:41.

The Wildcats carried the ball, then Kump knocked down a perimeter basket for the Yellow Jackets.

Moorefield's Seanna Heavner hit a deep jumper just inside the perimeter line creating an 18-10 lead at the 6:20 mark.

It took over two minutes for the next points to be added to the scoreboard with a couple of rim rockers and a few turnovers apiece including steals by Moorefield's

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Snowy Weather Didn't Freeze Viking Smash

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

A snowstorm on Friday afternoon disrupted travel for several teams, but the Viking Smash wasn't frozen as the mats were clear for action and the remaining teams skated to Petersburg to finish out the tournament in the frozen tundra.

The Yellow Jackets attended both days of the Viking Smash, while East Hardy and Keyser dug out of the snow and slid across the ice to make just the second day of events.

Berkeley Springs won the Viking Smash team championship and Hedgesville was the runner-up.

The Golden Tornado placed third as team at the Viking Smash and the Cougars were fourth overall.

Moorefield finished in sixth place in the Viking Smash.

Four Hardy County grapplers won the Viking Smash individual weight classes and were named as the Potomac Valley Conference Wrestling champions.

Moorefield junior captain Layne Spitzer went undefeated as the 126-lb. Viking Smash and PVC champion.

East Hardy junior captain Mason Miller finished as the 182-lb. Viking Smash and PVC champion.

East Hardy junior Matthew Harman (220-lb.) and sophomore Milton Funkhouser (106-lb.) garnered the gold medal for the Viking Smash and PVC championship honors.

East Hardy senior captain Damian Iman placed third in the Viking Smash and PVC in the 160-lb. weight class.

Moorefield senior captain Matthew Delawder finished in third place for the Viking Smash and PVC recognition competing in the 170-lb. weight class.

Moorefield junior Ryan Hardbarger (182-lb.) and freshman Jean Gonzalez-Rivera (106-lb.) placed third overall at the Viking Smash with PVC honors.

The Yellow Jackets picked up team victories in the Viking Smash on Friday over Hampshire 54-30 and Grafton 45-24.

Moorefield's Riley Pillus (132-lb.) earned a second period pin victory in the Hampshire match at 3:53.

Moorefield took eight forfeit wins against the Trojans: Jean Gonzalez-

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East Hardy's Brooklynn Tinnell taps the ball loose from Union's Lexi Stahl for a steal in Baker last Thursday.

Photo by Carl Holcomb

SPORTS

Viking Smash



Moorefield's Grant Sherman positions for a headlock against Hampshire's Levi Richmond in the 152-lb. match at the Viking Smash in Petersburg on Friday.

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Rivera (106-lb.), Madalynn Clayton (120-lb.), Layne Spitzer (126-lb.), Dylan Colasessano (145-lb.), Matthew Delawder (170-lb.), Ryan Hardbarger (182-lb.), Braedan Ault (195-lb.) and Earl Wyman (220-lb.).

Moorefield's Earl Wyman won by first period pin at 0:41 against the Bearcats and Matthew Delawder notched a 4-3 decision.

The Yellow Jackets took forfeit points against Grafton for six wrestlers: Gonzalez-Rivera, Clayton, Spitzer, Pillus, Trace Pope (285-lb.) and Grant Sherman (152-lb.).

Moorefield lost on the opening day of the Viking Smash to Hedgesville 57-24, Berkeley Springs 72-12 and Petersburg/Philip Barbour 42-36.

In the loss to the Eagles, Moorefield's Layne Spitzer (0:18), Earl Wyman (0:55), Ryan Hardbarger (4:27) each garnered wins by pins, while Gonzalez-Rivera took a forfeit victory.

Moorefield's two wins against Berkeley Springs came by pins as Spitzer collected a second period pin at 3:00 and Hardbarger's pin came in the first period at 0:48.

Moorefield took three forfeit victories against Petersburg/Philip Barbour for Pillus, Gonzalez-Rivera and Delaware.

The Yellow Jackets pinned the Vikings/Colts three times with the wins going to Spitzer (0:28), Hardbarger (3:09) and Wyman (1:59).

Moorefield has been selected as the Class AA-A Region II champion to compete in the West Virginia Duals Team State Championships in Lewisburg this weekend.

East Hardy travels to the Ritchie County Duals Tournament this weekend.

Photo by Carl Holcomb

BOWLING NEWS

ODD COUPLES MIXED LEAGUE 1/18/2022

TEAM STANDINGS: Vetter's Guns & Ammo 60.5 – 19.5, WELD 56 - 24, Strike Force 47 – 33, Livin on a Spare 43.5 – 36.5, The Tidy Bowlers 42 – 38, Split Happens 40 – 40, Country Cars & Trucks 37 – 43, Terminators 27 – 53, Lucky Strikes 25 – 55.

HIGH GAME MEN (SCRATCH): Richie Burgess 255, Roger Earle 223, Larry Ware 222, Troy McGreevy 210. (HANDICAP): Richie Burgess 278, Larry Ware 246, Roger Earle 243, Randy Thorne 234.

HIGH SERIES MEN (SCRATCH): Richie Burgess 688, Trey Wrotchford 588, Troy McGreevy 585, Roger Earle 580. (HANDICAP): Richie Burgess 757, Randy Thorne 652, Troy McGreevy 651, Trey Wrotchford 651.

HIGH AVERAGE (MEN): Jon Hedrick 203.47, Ed Wompler 194.56, Roger Earle 194.47, Richie Burgess 193.70.

HIGH GAME WOMEN (SCRATCH): Emily Stark 183, Sarah Earle 180, Dee Anna McDonald 169, Teresa Sullivan 168. (HANDICAP): Emily Stark 238, Teresa Sullivan 233, Sue Earle 221, Rachel Stark 219.

HIGH SERIES WOMEN (SCRATCH): Dee Anna McDonald 502, Emily Stark 502, Sarah Earle 497, Rachel Stark 461. (HANDICAP): Emily Stark 667, Rachel Stark 641, Teresa Sullivan 622, Dee Anna McDonald 622.

HIGH AVERAGE (WOMEN):

Carissa Michael 177.27, Dee Anna McDonald 170.61, Tonya Keplinger 164.56, Denise McGreevy 156.06.

THURSDAY NIGHT MENS LEAGUE 1/20/2022

TEAM STANDINGS: Builders Center 44 – 28, Vetter's Mini Mart 39.5 – 32.5, Strike Force 37 – 35, Golden Lanes 35 – 37, Petersburg Oil Company 33 – 39, Country Cars & Trucks 27.5 – 44.5.

HIGH GAME (SCRATCH): Ty-

ler Halterman 257, Terry Wrotchford 245, Tony Robinson 242, Jon Hedrick 237, Pete Luttrell 238. (HANDICAP): Tyler Halterman 288, Pete Luttrell 266, Tony Robinson 261, Larry Ware 255, Terry Wrotchford 254.

HIGH SERIES (SCRATCH): Jon Hedrick 692, Tyler Halterman 687, Terry Wrotchford 669, Gary Leatherman 642, Cohan Kesner 638. (HANDICAP): Tyler Halterman 780, Jon Hedrick 731, Cohan Kesner 710, Terry Wrotchford 696, Kevin McDonald 692.

HIGH AVERAGE: Terry Wrotch-

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Moorefield Girls vs Pendleton

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Hunt and Williams (2) with the latter leading to one free throw by Williams at 4:10.

Young made a layup for the Wildcats just ten seconds later for a 19-15 score.

The Yellow Jackets answered with a 3-pointer from Kump at the 3:47 mark, 22-15.

Moorefield missed six shots over the next 47 seconds, while Pendleton County hit the rim twice.

Moorefield got a field goal to fall into the net off a jumper by Hunt with 3:00 left in the half.

Hunt grabbed a defensive rebound and Kump was fouled making another carom leading to one free throw added.

Pendleton County's Avery Townsend notched a pair of charity stripe buckets at 2:23.

Crites scored on a layup within seven seconds for the Yellow Jacket to take a 27-17 advantage.

Moorefield carried a 27-20 edge into halftime after a Young field goal and Townsend free throw in the last minute and change for the Wildcats.

Moorefield opened the third period with a steal by Teia Ray which setup a layup by Kump.

Crites and Townsend traded steals with both teams missing shots, then Ray collected a defensive rebound.

Two free throws by Kump at the 6:14 mark would give the Yellow Jackets a 31-20 advantage.

Over the ensuing two minutes, Pendleton County's Young made one jumper and Kimzley Hartman added two free throws to cut the deficit to 31-24 as the Yellow Jackets hit the rim thrice in that time.

Moorefield's Amber Williams snapped the rut with a 3-pointer at 4:15 to go up 34-24.

Hartman scored on a jumper off an assist from Young on the next possession.

After a miss, the defense of Williams forced a walk and the Yellow Jackets capitalized with a jumper by Seanna Heavner at 2:53.

Young drilled a 3-pointer for the Wildcats with a minute left in the third period and Moorefield carried a 37-30 edge into the final stanza.

During the first three minutes and change of the fourth period, there was a combined seven trips to the free throw line with Crites (2), Kump (2) and Williams (1) adding points for the Yellow Jackets, while Pendleton County earned points from Townsend (2) and Young (1) at the stripe plus one field goal.

Young helped the Wildcats take a big piece out of the Moorefield lead on a 3-pointer at the 4:25 mark making it 42-38.

Pendleton County's Lizzie Alt stole the ball from Ray, who just

made a rebound and dashed for a layup at 3:57 to pull within one possession, 42-40.

The Yellow Jackets responded with a trifecta by Williams at 3:43 to extend the lead to 45-40.

Young netted a jumper and drew a foul in the process, then the ricochet on the foul shot went off of Moorefield out of play.

Young nailed another jumper within ten seconds as the Wildcats were in striking distance at 45-44 with 3:20 to go.

The Yellow Jackets stepped out of bounds under pressure, then Pendleton County hit the rim and the diving save by Hartman turned into a turnover as her back was over the line while holding the ball.

After a jump ball, Moorefield missed one free throw and the ball bounced out.

Kump collected a defensive rebound and was fouled leading to two free throws made at 2:04, 47-44.

Pendleton County was whistled for an offensive foul, but Young stole the ball and the Wildcats missed two field goals with Ray grabbing the board.

Ray went to the free throw line and missed both attempts for the Yellow Jackets.

Young snatched the board and hit the rim on the other end with Ray collecting the next carom.

Ray was put back on the charity stripe and made both free throws on this trip for a 49-44 edge with 1:12 left.

Heavner and Townsend traded steals with the latter leading to a free throw visit and Townsend notched both baskets.

Crites was fouled immediately and missed both free throws, but Williams was there for the rebound.

Moorefield stalled and the Wildcats committed a foul with 38 seconds to go, then Kump garnered one free throw and Crites collected the rebound after the second attempt.

Crites added one of two free throws with 24 seconds on the clock to give the Yellow Jackets a 51-46 lead.

Young added one free throw with 13 seconds remaining for the Wildcats.

A jump ball went to Pendleton County, then Williams hauled in a defensive rebound and was fouled with three seconds remaining.

Williams nailed both free throws to give Moorefield a 53-47 win as the Wildcats' final shot went awry.

Young netted a game-high 26 points for Pendleton County, followed by Townsend with 12 points.

Moorefield was guided by Kump with 20 points, followed by Williams with 12 points and Crites contributed 10 markers.



Photo by Carl Holcomb

East Hardy's Addison Armentrout and Autumn Crites reach for a rebound against the Tigers as coach Calvin Mongold observes the play from the sidelines during last Thursday's game in Baker.

East Hardy Girls vs Union

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Sarah Merritt recorded one of two free throws for the Cougars on the ensuing possession.

Bomboy and Tinnell traded layups within 12 seconds as the Tigers were now leading 39-24 with 6:41 remaining.

Whitacre hit a jumper on the following Union series, then Bomboy executed a steal and layup to garner a 43-24 advantage with six minutes left.

East Hardy kept battling as Tinnell nailed a jumper, then swiped the ball and drew a foul on a block attempt by Knapp which led to one free throw

for a 43-27 score at 5:23.

Sheets sandwiched two field goals around a jumper by Seabolt in under a minute as the Tigers built a 49-27 lead.

East Hardy's Emma Heishman notched a field goal at the 3:19 mark and the remaining points for the Cougars came at the free throw line down

the stretch by Chloe Miller (2), Autumn Crites and Tinnell.

The last point for the Cougars by Tinnell came off her own steal leading to the free throw with under a minute to go.

Union caged the Cougars with a 49-34 victory.

W.Va. Hometown Invitational Girls Basketball Tournament schedule announced

- Hosted by Union High School Mt. Storm, W.Va., February 4
- 10:00 a.m. - Tolsia (H) vs Clay-Battelle (A)

11:30 a.m. - Tygarts Valley (H) vs South Harrison (A)

1:00 p.m. - Meadow Bridge (H) vs Paden City (A)

2:30 p.m. - Hundred (H) vs East Hardy (A)

4:00 p.m. - Division 2 champion Union (H) vs Division 1 champion Calhoun County (A)

- Basketballs will be provided. Each team will have one MVP selection.
- Water jugs will not be provided, but there will be water filling stations for the players.
- Bottled water will be available for all teams at request and snacks free of charge.
- Home teams wear white, visitors wear dark.
- The locker rooms will be shared and the starting five players for each game will be announced.
- The Canaan Valley Board of Officials will be covering the games.

THE OLD MASTER

By JAY FISHER



WVU's losing streak hit five this past weekend for the men's basketball team. After three tough games against highly ranked opponents, the Mountaineers had two games this past week against good, but unranked foes: Oklahoma and Arkansas.

And they came up short in both games. This team is squarely on the NCAA bubble now, and at this point, it seems likely they will not end up in the big dance, unless they can reverse the trend.

One positive is that there is still a lot of fight left in this team. They were down double digits to Arkansas before the first media time out, and never gave up. They closed the deficit in the second half to five points, but the comebacks were too little too late.

And that effort, while it is good – sometimes seems a bit too out of control. You see players trying to force things that aren't there: taking ill-advised shots, forcing up a shot after a rebound too quickly, trying to dribble through two or three defenders. These lead to missed opportunities and turnovers, both of which have been way too common during the losing streak.

Other teams seem to have solved WVU's offense as well, and WVU is not doing well. Their top two scorers, Taz Sherman and Sean McNeil have been effectively neutralized. Sherman is shooting just under 35% overall, and 28% on three pointers during the streak (to be fair, one wonders if he has lingering effects from COVID – he has seemed off since his return).

McNeil is barely better, shooting just over 35% on all shots, and 29% from three. Some of this is poor shooting, but a good bit of it is they haven't had many open shots.

I'm not sure what WVU is trying to do on offense right now. I can say that they aren't doing enough on the floor to get open looks for Sherman and especially McNeil. Whether it is a strategic problem, or an execution problem, I don't know. But it feels like WVU is trying the same old stuff, and expecting a different result.

WVU will try to get untracked with a pair of home games. Texas Tech is in town this Saturday for a 2 p.m. game (TV to be decided between ESPN or ESPN2, so check your listings). They beat WVU by 13 in Lubbock, so the Mountaineers will

have to solve some of those problems the second time around. Then comes a Tuesday night contest against Iowa State (7 p.m., and on ESPN Plus). They could win one or even both of those games, but they must play better to do so. It may be interesting to see if there is a shake-up in the starting lineup.

Notes: Congratulations to WVU alum Max Sear, who became the first WVU golfer to play in a PGA event. He qualified for the Farmers Insurance Open at Torrey Pines this past weekend. While he didn't make the cut, it was a tremendous honor and experience for him... Also congratulations to Quentin Spain. The former Mountaineer offensive lineman will head to the Super Bowl as a member of the Cincinnati Bengals.

Moorefield Boys vs Petersburg

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Yellow Jackets.

Inskeep dishd to Griest for a jumper at the 2:03 mark as Moorefield went up 8-4.

The Yellow Jackets missed four field goals in the final two minutes, despite a steal by Mongold.

Petersburg evened the game with a buzzer beating perimeter shot by Ian Van Meter to close the first period, 8-all.

The Vikings took a 12-8 advantage in the first minute and change of the second period on baskets by Colblentz and Barrick, while Moorefield missed five opportunities.

An offensive rebound and bucket by Inskeep for the Yellow Jackets cut the deficit to 12-10 at 6:32.

Mongold blocked a shot and Keplinger corralled an errant field goal leading to rim rocker.

Both teams drew iron before Moorefield regained the lead as Griest drilled a 3-pointer at 5:23, 13-12.

Keplinger swiped the ball and fed Griest for another perimeter basket at 4:55.

Petersburg answered with a jumper by Bumby Van Meter at 4:42, 16-14.

About a minute later with missed shots and a block by Karson Reed, the Yellow Jackets scored on a put-back from Levi Thompson.

Keplinger and Rohrbaugh traded steals and the latter led to a 3-pointer by Ian Van Meter as the Vikings cut the deficit to 18-17 with 3:04 remaining in the first half.

Moorefield finished the second period on an 8-nil run to grab a 25-17 advantage at halftime.

Thompson netted a jumper and Mongold notched a perimeter bucket plus two free throws after creating a steal for the Yellow Jackets during that stretch.

Both squads hit the rim a couple times entering the third period, then Petersburg's Bumby Van Meter scored on a layup at 7:04.

Funk collected an offensive rebound, but the ball was stolen by Barrick and the Vikings hit the rim thrice.

Reed hauled in a defensive carom, then Moorefield fumbled the ball out of play.

Barrick knocked down a jumper to cut the deficit to 25-21 at the 6:11 mark.

The Yellow Jackets responded with a jumper by Mongold just 11

seconds into the ensuing series.

Reed collected a defensive rebound and the ball was stolen by Petersburg's Slade Saville.

Funk went for a steal and was assessed a foul, then the Vikings turned the ball over on a five-second in-bounding violation.

McGregor was fouled on a blocking attempt by Bumby Van Meter which led to two free throws made for the Yellow Jackets at 5:07 for a 29-21 edge.

After missed shots both ways and a walk by the Vikings, Mongold netted a layup for a double-digit lead.

Keplinger scored in the paint on the next series.

A defensive rebound by Thompson led to another field goal by Mongold as the Yellow Jackets took a 35-21 advantage with 3:40 left in the third period.

Moorefield took its biggest lead of the game with 1:16 left as Inskeep recorded a free throw.

In the final minute of the third period, Petersburg's Ian Van Meter sandwiched a jumper and perimeter bucket around a layup by Moorefield's Dean Keplinger as the Vikings cut the deficit to 40-30.

Saville snatched two offensive re-

bounds before nailing an old-fashioned three-point play to start the final stanza as Petersburg was now trailing 40-33 with 7:36 to go.

The Vikings collected a defensive carom, but the ball was swiped by Mongold with Elijah Kuykendall stripping the ball out on the potential layup with a foul committed by a teammate simultaneously leading to two free throws made by Mongold.

Griest made a defensive rebound and found Keplinger for a jumper as Moorefield went up 44-33 at 6:38.

A 3-pointer by Petersburg's Ian Van Meter cut the defect to 46-40 with 4:24 after a turnover.

Mongold made a steal and setup McGregor for a layup with 3:27 remaining, 48-40.

Van Meter notched a jumper on the ensuing possession, then both teams lost the ball on turnovers.

Rohrbaugh stole the ball moments later and passed to Bumby Van Meter, who drew contact on a block by Griest and added two Vikings free throws.

McGregor kept possession alive for the Yellow Jackets with two rebounds, then executed an old-fashioned three-point play which pumped up the team and fans creating a 51-44

edge with 1:49 left.

Saville hit a jumper for the Vikings after a timeout at the 1:15 mark, then Ian Van Meter hauled in a defensive rebound at 1:01 as the question 'why shoot?' came from the sidelines.

Inskeep grabbed a defensive rebound after a timeout and was fouled, but missed the one-and-one chance with Barrick snatching the board for Petersburg.

Saville sank a jumper with 35 seconds on the clock pulling the Vikings within one possession, 51-48.

The Yellow Jackets broke the press and Mongold drove into the paint and back out again to kill time off the clock, but was fouled and missed the free throw with 24 seconds to go as Barrick collected the board for the Vikings only to throw the ball into the stands.

McGregor was fouled and garnered both charity stripe buckets to put Moorefield up 53-48 with 20 seconds on the clock.

Keplinger grabbed a defensive rebound and Rohrbaugh stole the ball back.

Petersburg's Saville snatched an offensive rebound and completed an old-fashioned three-point play with six seconds remaining as the deficit

was down to 53-41.

Petersburg applied full court pressure and the Yellow Jackets were given a timeout just before five seconds elapsed on the inbound play to the chagrin of the Vikings coach showing his disapproval.

McGregor made a leaping save along the baseline on the inbound play, but the throw went wide and was caught out of bounds by Mongold for a turnover with two seconds to go.

The Vikings missed the final shot as the Yellow Jackets buzzed out of Petersburg with the 53-51 win.

Ian Van Meter scored a game-high 18 points for Petersburg, followed by Saville with 14 markers.

Keplinger paced Moorefield with 14 points, followed by Mongold with 11 points.

Moorefield competed in the Magnolia Rotary Challenge Tournament over the weekend and lost to defending state champion Williamstown by a score of 53-44, the same Yellowjackets who defeated the Yellow Jackets in the first round of last year's state tournament.

Correction: Petersburg's William "Bumby" Van Meter's name was misspelled in last week's issue.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON
CASE NO. 21-0813-E-US
MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY,
public utilities
Petition to Approve a Solar Project and related Surcharge.

NOTICE OF FILING AND EVIDENTIARY HEARING

On November 22, 2021, Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company (collectively, Companies) requested that the Commission approve a solar generation construction project, as described in the filing, and implementation of a Voluntary Renewable Electricity Rider (Rider) and, to the extent required, an associated cost recovery surcharge (Surcharge) to provide solar power and its attributes and components under the provisions of Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 583 enacted in 2020 by the West Virginia Legislature. The Companies propose a 50 MW (nameplate) capacity solar project which consists of five separate solar locations in their West Virginia service territories. The locations of the five sites are: Wylie Ridge Substation in Brooke County; Ft. Martin Power Station in Monongalia County; a site near Davis along Route 93 in Tucker County; the R. Paul Smith Ash Site in Berkeley County; and the Rivesville Power Station in Marion County. Details of the locations and construction plans can be found on the Commission's website at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us>.

The proposed Rider is a voluntary tariff offered on a first-come-first-serve basis to all customers in addition to the Companies' standard tariff offerings. Its proposed price is \$40 per megawatt-hour or 4 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh), which is an additional cost to the current service received. Costs of the solar project are paid by subscribing customers; however, any costs not subscribed and paid for by subscribing customers to the Rider will be recovered by a Surcharge paid by all other customers. Assuming no subscriptions to the Rider, the incremental revenue increase due to the Surcharge is estimated to be \$4.6 million in 2024, \$7.5 million in 2025, and \$8.5 million in 2026, when all five solar sites are expected to be in service. The Rider and Surcharge are proposed to be reviewed annually by the Commission beginning September 2023. Assuming no subscriptions to the Rider, the Surcharge estimated rates for 2024-2026 by rate schedule are shown below:

The average monthly bill impact for the various classes of customers, assuming no subscription to the Rider, is proposed to be changed as follows:

Total Rate Increase with Proposed Surcharge (if Necessary)

	Average Increase Per Customer 2024	Average Increase Per Customer 2025	Average Increase Per Customer 2026
Residential	\$0.42	\$0.72	\$0.81
Commercial	\$1.32	\$2.19	\$2.46
Industrial	\$294.28	\$430.24	\$454.62
Streetlighting	\$0.25	\$0.39	\$0.38

	Change 2024	Change 2025	Change 2026
Residential	0.4%	0.7%	0.8%
Commercial	0.4%	0.7%	0.7%
Industrial	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%
Streetlighting	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
	0.3%	0.5%	0.6%

The Surcharge increases are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive changes that are greater or less than average. Additionally, cost allocation as approved by the Commission among customer classes could increase or decrease the extended bill impacts. The requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase or decrease in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Commission.

This matter is scheduled for an evidentiary hearing on March 16, 2022. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene no later than February 11, 2022. All petitions to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and petitions to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Acting Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public Comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY

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The undersigned Substitute Trustee will, by virtue of authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust being dated August 28, 2020 by and between MARSHALL F. COMBS II, to Mark H. Wright and/or Bradford Ritchie, Trustees, securing SUMMIT COMMUNITY BANK, in the payment of a certain Promissory Note, said Note now in default, and said Trust Deed of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 323 at page 364, on Friday, February 18, 2022, beginning at 12:00 Noon, of that day at the Elm Street entrance to the Hardy County Courthouse, Moorefield, West Virginia, offer for sale at Public Auction to the highest bidder the following described real estate:

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Being the same tract or parcel of real estate conveyed unto Marshall F. Combs II from Garnett M. Self, widow, by Deed dated May 30, 2000, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 256, at Page 597. Reference is hereby made to the aforesaid deed and other documents therein referred to and same are incorporated herein by reference, for all proper and pertinent reasons.

The real estate is identified for tax assessment purposes in the Hardy County Assessor's Office on Tax Map 3, as Parcel 0088.

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

FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The party secured by the Deed of Trust reserves the right to purchase the property at such sale.

Said Substitute Trustee was duly appointed by instrument dated September 30, 2021, and of record in the Hardy County Clerk's Office in Trust Deed Book 334 at page 747.

TERMS OF SALE
\$5,000.00 on day of sale and balance upon closing, not to exceed thirty days. Announcements made at sale take precedence over any written notice or advertisement.

Persons interested in the property may contact Tina L. Martin, Summit Community Bank, (304) 530-0522, or James Paul Geary II, 104 N. Main Street, Petersburg, West Virginia 26847, (304) 257-4155.

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