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Hardy County Grand Jury indicts seven

By Jean A. Flanagan
Special to Examiner

The Hardy County Grand Jury convened on Tuesday, Feb. 1 and returned indictments against seven individuals. They were arraigned in Circuit Court on Tuesday, Feb. 15 with Senior Status Judge Charles Parsons presiding.

Natosha M. Kuhn, 22, of Moorefield, was indicted on one count of attempted murder, one count of child abuse resulting in serious bodily injury, one count of gross child neglect creating substantial risk of serious bodily injury and one count of malicious assault. She pleaded not guilty to all charges.

According to charging documents, on June 2, 2021, West Virginia State Police responded to Grant Memorial Hospital. Staff there reported a 7-month-old child with serious, life-threatening injuries. They included a skull fracture, bruising on the face and marks on the child's legs.

Kuhn allegedly told law enforcement the baby had fallen between a bed and a dresser.

Bond was set at \$200,000. Although Kuhn's attorney Joshua Orndorff requested a reduction, it was denied. Kuhn was remanded to Potomac Highlands Regional Jail.

Lonnie W. Lacroix, 35, of Moorefield was indicted on two counts of sexual abuse by a parent, guardian or person in a position of trust and one count of first degree sexual abuse. He pleaded not guilty to the charges.

According to charging documents, on July 21, 2021, West Virginia State Police were advised by the Pendleton County Sheriff's Department of a sexual abuse complaint in Moorefield. The 12-year-old victim alleged they had been abused by Lacroix for two years, while he was the victim's mother's live-in boyfriend.

Lacroix was held on \$30,000 bond. His attorney, Larry Sherman, requested a reduction to \$15,000, which Judge Parsons denied. Lacroix was remanded to Potomac Highlands Regional Jail.

Jason N. Allanson, 43, of Fisher, was indicted on one count of sexual abuse by a parent, guardian or person in a position of trust and one count of first degree sexual abuse. Allanson pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Court documents show on Feb. 22, 2021, Hardy County Sheriff's Department responded to a call of sexual abuse of a minor. The victim's mother came home and found her 6-year-old child and Allanson.

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East Hardy High's Michelle Wolfe honored as Milken Educator

By Milda M. Mullins
Moorefield Examiner

East Hardy High School English teacher Michelle Wolfe received a surprise last week when she was honored as a 2021-2022 Milken Educator on Wednesday, Feb. 16.

"I was totally surprised. I thought we were going into the gym for a completely different reason," said Wolfe after an assembly held secretly in her honor.

"Until they said my name, I didn't guess it was me they were going to talk about."

Wolfe joins the ranks of more than 2,800 educators nationwide, including 60 who will be honored this year. She is the first recipient from the Hardy County school district since 1994 when Moorefield Elementary School's Peggy Hawse was recognized.

"It's our mission to recognize the best of the best teachers in our nation and the beauty of our program is, no one can apply. We seek out the best of the best and we definitely feel we have found one here in East Hardy High School in Michelle Wolfe," said Milken Educator Awards Vice President Stephanie Bishop.

"We want to see more Michelle Wolfes in our classrooms in West Virginia and across this nation. We're excited to have Michelle Wolfe join our national network of excellence."

Wolfe earned the recognition due to what Bishop said was excellence inside and outside of the classroom, noting her connection to students and her impact on local education.

"You know, the last couple years have been hard on students and educators alike so it means a lot, it means - not to be cliché - but the blood, sweat, and tears and the hard work has been leading up to something," said Wolfe.

"I just go back to the fact over and over again that I have been so lucky to work with the students I work with at this school. You don't show up and do this job because you hope to win an award, you show up and do this job because the students are what matter and you're trying to invest in them and build them up."

She continued, "I hope that they know when they see those kinds of recognitions that ultimately it all comes back to how much we care about them and how much we want to do right by them."

Hardy County Schools Superintendent Sheena Van Meter said Wolfe's commitment to students is evident and noted she was proud of Wolfe's recognition.

"I couldn't be more pleased. It's been a hard secret to keep and we're so excited to finally let everyone know the news. She's an amazing teacher. The school is lucky to have her and she's an amazing person. So, I couldn't be more thrilled," said Van Meter.

"The students are very lucky to have her here in Hardy County and I think her speech... She talks solely about the kids and what that means to her. I think that says a lot about who she is and what kind of teacher she is."

Along with joining the national Milken Educator network, Wolfe will have an all-expense paid trip to the Milken Educator Awards Forum in Los Angeles. She has received an unrestricted \$25,000 financial award to do with as she pleases.

Wolfe said she was honored to be recognized and gave thanks to those who helped her along the way. She said she intends to use the award money to give back to the local education community.

"I can't say enough how thankful I am and how grateful I am for the people who have supported



Photo by Milda M. Mullins

EHHS teacher Michelle Wolfe (left) on center stage after being announced as a Milken Educator. Hardy County Schools Superintendent Sheena Van Meter (right) claps behind her.

me along the way. My husband, my parents, my grandparents, my fellow educators, my administrators, the teachers that taught before me that took the time to teach me what I needed to know - it's just, I definitely don't stand here alone. I stand here because I've been so blessed to be supported," said Wolfe.

"I hope there's something honestly I can do to give back, whether it's in the form of like a scholarship or something we can do in the school that will be fun. I'm sure there's things my husband can come up with that we need to do around the house or a trip we would like to take, but ultimately I'm most comfortable with finding a way to support other people with this money because it is shocking to me and surprising, but also like such a blessing so I wouldn't want to not give back."

Wolfe concluded, advising students to pursue their passions.

"I think there have been mo-

ments, as there are always going to be, where I have had doubts and I've wondered, is there any easier path than the one I'm taking," she said.

"I would encourage (students) not to take the easy path, but to take the path that aligns with their values and what their heart is telling them to do."

She continued, "I want them to find the thing that lights them up and makes them want to go to work everyday. Luckily for me, I did find that. This is the thing I want to do."

Wolfe was the first Milken Educator recognized this year nationwide, making East Hardy the school this year to kick off the awards.

West Virginia has another winner, McNinch Primary School general elementary teacher Heather Haught in Moundsville. Haught received her award Thursday, Feb. 17.

For additional information on the Milken Educator Awards, visit www.milkeneducatorawards.org.

Kimble sentenced in torture of stepchild

By Jean A. Flanagan
Special to Examiner

"Horrific."
"Torture."
"Evil."
"Monster."

These were just a few of the words used to describe Melissa M. Kimble, some of which were uttered by her own defense attorney.

"Two years ago, I got a phone call and initially I wasn't going to take this case," said attorney Dan James. "It was horrific. I couldn't fathom how anyone could torture a young baby in this way."

On Feb. 15, 2020, West Virginia State Police were called to Grant Memorial Hospital. A 4-year-old child had grotesque injuries - claw marks, burns, broken bones and a four-inch pen barrel lodged in their rectum. Kimble, the child's stepmother, said the child fell.

In October 2020, Kimble, 26, of Rio, was indicted on a total of 12 counts, including two counts of sexual assault in the first degree, two counts of sexual abuse by a parent or



Melissa M. Kimble

guardian, three counts of malicious assault, one count of child abuse resulting in injury, one count of child neglect resulting in injury, two counts of sexual abuse in the first degree and one count of gross child neglect creating the risk of bodily injury.

In 2021, Kimble pleaded guilty to five counts, including two counts of sexual abuse, one count of malicious assault, one count of child abuse resulting in injury, one count of gross child neglect creating the risk of

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Students share their thoughts on Michelle Wolfe as a teacher

Neveah Dressler, East Hardy High School Senior

"I first had her in 10th grade because she only teaches 10th and 12th. I had her for two periods a day for English 10 and creative writing. Freshman year I came to her with creative writing ideas and she told me I should take her class. I did and it was definitely life changing because she's helped a lot, especially with - I've always struggled in school a little bit and she's always been there to back me up. Math class was terrible and she was always here to help me. If it shows how much she means to me, she handed me an envelope for the National Honor Society and I broke down and started crying. She had been waiting to hand me that envelope for quite a while. I always reached out to her during quarantine, too. I always attended the meetings when we were virtual. She just makes an impact on a

lot of students. I know that if I needed to message her outside of school I could do so, about anything. She's had inside of my life more than most teachers, because I know I can trust her. In interviews, I typically put her down as a reference. When I talk about meaningful people, I always talk about Ms. Wolfe. It's a privilege to be in her class; they'll definitely learn and meet a person who will be in their life for a long time.

Alex Clark, East Hardy High School Senior

"Ms. Wolfe is essentially that one teacher that even if you don't know her that well you feel like you can talk to her about just about anything, sort of a natural counselor. If you say you're not the type to read books ever, that's a lie. Just talk to Ms. Wolfe for a couple hours or something; she'll get you a book you might like.

As a person I typically refuse to bother anyone if I can help it, but with Ms. Wolfe, she's just easy enough to turn to that really anyone could be able to talk to her comfortably."

Jenna Lilly, East Hardy High School Senior

"Ms. Wolfe is one of the nicest people I've ever met. When it comes to writing: I'm very not open with it, I don't like people to read it, but she has always been very supportive and made me feel like I'm good at it. She always, like, really paid attention to what I wrote and she made me feel understood whenever I wrote about something that meant a lot to me. Even though she hasn't known me for too long, she's, like, one of my biggest supporters for my dreams and it just seems like she really believes in me and it's really nice."

Walking Trail opposition fails to move Moorefield Council

By Hannah Heishman
Moorefield Examiner

The Moorefield Town Council had a longer-than-normal second meeting of the month on Feb. 15 because of a requested letter of support for a walking trail.

The Hardy County Parks Commission requested a letter of support for a planned walking trail. The trail will mostly run the top of the flood levee, and will provide a walking, running, and biking link between Town and Brighton Park.

The Park Commission has faced opposition from at least one landowner, Chris Miltenberger. Miltenberger owns land between the end of the levee and Brighton Park. His attorney, Dave Judy, attended the council meeting.

During discussion, Judy said he had a question for the council, but instead listed reasons he thought the council should not support the trail.

Judy observed that the Town would be responsible for maintaining the trail inside Town, including patrolling it.

"There will have to be fences," Judy

said, "or there will be all kinds of nasty people moving in along there."

Walking, running and biking are prohibited on the levee to minimize wear and tear and reduce the weight it must consistently support. Some still use it, allegedly including people with known driving restrictions who park outside Town limits and walk into Town either along or on the levee.

The trail will be built up on the levee to support increased foot and bicycle traffic.

Judy said he intends to force construction of an 8-foot, chain link fence on both sides of the levee, which he suggested the Town will have to maintain. "However much it's gonna cost to secure the fence, is what it's gonna cost."

"These people cut copper off of stuff, and don't care who they hurt," Judy said. He questioned whether emergency vehicles could access the levee, although there are already multiple points to do so, and equipment such as Hardy County's Argo all-terrain vehicle are specifically to reach such spots.

"Are we to just hide in our houses?" asked council member Scott Fawley.

When Judy claimed the trail will enable

increased criminal traffic in Moorefield, Fawley observed that it would likewise increase the number of law-abiding citizens who could potentially witness and report wrongdoing.

Bob Taylor, from the County Parks Commission, said, "We will work as best we can to meet (these) concerns." He noted they plan to install cameras along the trail.

The Council unanimously approved signing a letter supporting the levee.

MPD

The Moorefield Police Department responded to 141 calls for service in January, including seven felony arrests, 64 misdemeanor arrests, 62 traffic citations, and 104 traffic warnings.

Six officers attended a course hosted by Patriot Group International, where they learned to clear spaces from businesses and homes to churches and school buses.

Officers also have attended weekly Jiu Jitsu training at Panthera training center.

Sergeant Kevin Helmick and K9 Riso recertified on Jan. 12. Helmick also received his DEA license, allowing him to

possess regulated amounts of controlled substances for K9 training.

Officers investigated a vehicle theft at Weimer Automotive, which led to them finding the vehicle abandoned on Wolfe Mountain. Officers arrested a subject in connection to the theft.

Other

The Council approved USDA Draw #31 for \$66,078. Public Works Director Lucas Gagnon said it was for punch list items.

The Council granted Hardy Telecommunications and Potomac Edison a right-of-way for a 12 foot wide utility easement across property that includes the Town water pumphouse at Brighton Park.

Following an executive session, the Council hired a full-time police officer, and accepted another employee's request to work part time, as needed, at his same, current, hourly rate.

The Council's next meeting is Tuesday, March 1 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend. Social distancing is observed, and masks are optional.

Yurcaba selected for workshop

Ms. Nicole A. Yurcaba of Hardy County, W.Va. has been selected by Kenyon College's The Kenyon Review for its prestigious one-week poetry workshop in June 2022.

From hundreds of applications, The Kenyon Review selects 22 poets to attend the June workshop. This year's poetry workshop leader is poet, editor, and Colorado State University professor Dan Beachy-Quick.

Yurcaba will spend the week workshoping her poetry, participating in public readings, and collaborating with other poets and writers on Kenyon College's campus.

Yurcaba had also been awarded a place in the review's fiction workshop. It is a rarity for writers to be accepted to both workshops.

Yurcaba is a Ukrainian-American poet, book reviewer, essayist, and poetry professor. Her most recent poetry and fiction focuses on the current war in Ukraine, the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster, Western Ukrainian history, and her own travels through Ukraine.

She frequently reviews books for Colorado Review, Tupelo Quarterly, and Southern Review of Books. In December 2021, Yurcaba placed third in the Tales National Storytelling contest for her

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High 54°



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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Why Give Blood?

Every two seconds someone in this country needs blood or platelets. They may need it for an operation, for cancer treatment, for accidents from an automobile wreck, for chronic illnesses, or maybe a new mother experiencing a complicated childbirth.

Every day approximately 29,000 units of red blood are needed in the U.S., along with nearly 5,000 units of platelets and 6,500 units of plasma.

Blood and platelets cannot be manufactured. They can only come from volunteer donors like you.

Do you know someone with sickle cell disease? It affects from 90,000 to 100,000 in the United States. About 1,000 babies are born with sickle cell each year. Sickle cell patients can require blood transfusions throughout their lives.

We mentioned cancer patients... Did you know that many will need blood, sometimes daily, during their chemotherapy treatment?

A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 units of blood.

As weather warms and days lengthen, we enter what those in emergency medicine call "trauma season." Injuries from everything from hiking to 4-wheeling to farming and yard work increase, also increasing the need for blood and blood products.

The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and volunteer donors are the only source of blood for those in need. As hospitals resume surgical procedures and patient treatments that were temporarily paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic, donors are urged to give now to ensure blood products are readily available for patients.

You may still donate blood, platelets or plasma after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. Knowing the name of the manufacturer of the vaccine is important in determining your blood donation eligibility. To learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine and blood donations go to redcross-blood.org.

If you believe that donating blood is a good thing, please go to the Moorefield Church of the Brethren on March 4 between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Your blood donation is truly needed.

NEWS BRIEFS

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Moorefield on Friday, March 4. Donors are welcome 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.

Applications are available for matching historic preservation development grants through the State Historic Preservation Office of the Department of Arts, Culture and History. Eligible projects include the restoration, rehabilitation or archaeological development of historic sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2022. A complete program description, including funding priorities and selection criteria is available at <https://wvculture.org/agencies/state-historic-preservation-office-shpo/grants/> or contact Christy Moore, grants coordinator for the SHPO, at christina.j.moore@wv.gov or call (304) 558-0240.

W.Va. Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt recently announced that he is working on forming a West Virginia Horse Coalition to take an inventory of resources and

needs for the equine industry in the Mountain State. The coalition will focus on finding ways to support equine promotion, youth development, infrastructure needs, breeder's associations and bringing equine farmers together at annual events.

UPDATE According to AAA last week, the average price for regular gas in West Virginia was at \$3.313. The national gas price average was \$3.514. The national average price for a gallon of gas rose sharply last week to \$3.48, four cents more than a week ago. The main culprit behind the recent climb in pump prices remains the high cost of crude oil. Moderating winter weather and optimism over a potential fading of the omicron variant have led to an increase in gas demand. "More drivers fueling up here coupled with a persistent tight supply of oil worldwide provides the recipe for higher prices at the pump," said Andrew Gross, AAA spokesperson. "And unfortunately for consumers, it does not appear that this trend will change anytime soon." Across the state Beckley was high at \$3.343 and Parkersburg was low at \$3.187. Hardy County's gas average was \$3.408. Area prices were Hampshire \$3.366, Mineral \$3.379, Grant \$3.419, and Pendleton \$3.399. In Moorefield, Sheetz was \$3.45. Liberty was \$3.37. Kerr's Shell in Wardensville was \$3.38.

Editor:

The recently-presented industrial wind farm property tax contribution projection does not include the reduction in Hardy County tax revenues on existing property near the site. Since the industrial wind farm tax projections present only one side of the issue, we should examine the impact on existing property values

and the corresponding tax revenue losses.

The information presented by the developer included a report by Marous and Company. Marous states no impact on surrounding values. However, when one closely examines their carefully picked locations, one sees one of the numerous faults in their presentation: all the setbacks

are miles from the turbines (a few are "only" 1/2 mile). There is no comparison with the almost unbelievably small setback of 500 feet proposed for Short Mountain. The comparisons also do not include the very real impact of 600+ foot turbines on Short Mountain versus the much smaller turbines in their "comparison" locations. It makes one won-

der why they have not included such comparisons. Perhaps those would not support their case? With no discussion of randomization in the choice of compared property pairs, there's no evidence that the choices were not cherry-picked.

Using acreage, tax rate, and assessment information contained in

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MY UNBASED OPINION

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN

I had chances to spend time with my grandchildren last week. Friday morning breakfast with James, Jennifer, Caitlyn and Avery at Sunset Restaurant in Moorefield was first opportunity. Sunset opens at 6 a.m. We normally get there in time to watch the lights come on. Jenn got the children started on little people activities, coloring books and trucks, while James and I talked a little family business. Food came from the kitchen and took precedence over activities. Just plain fun interacting with Grandchildren followed until time to pay and leave.

Four-year-old Caitlyn is a conversationalist. She was interested in her appearance, colors used in her book, and all sorts of notions which struck her fancy. She'll hit some sort of formal schooling next year, I think. I'd say she is ready for whatever teachers can come up with.

One-and-a-half-year-old Avery looks and listens and touches and learns. Doesn't say a whole lot, but he knows his ABCs and can count to 12. Meanwhile, I think he is soaking

up knowledge that will come out in big dumps when he is ready to lay it on.

Both children have 529 plans. Special bank savings accounts dedicated to their future education. Money which can only be used for all sorts of education. College is the big one, of course, but the money can pay for technical training or a trade school, too. There are penalties if money is taken out of the account for purposes other than education.

There are more rules for what happens to money left in the account unattached. Special tax advantages are attached to money contributed. Yes, a bunch of government rules, but those accounts are worth a lot to both beneficiary and contributor. I'm putting extra money into Caitlyn's and Avery's accounts.

James set up accounts for both children. Caitlyn likely already has enough in hers to pay for a year of college in most colleges she might consider, but if she decides to attend beautician school instead, it should pay for that, too.

I really don't know much about the whole program, even if I sound like I do. James set them up and we all contribute to them. I think they are a darn good deal for me as well as my Grandchildren. If you are interested as a relative, parent, or student, check out 529 accounts on the internet or ask your local bank, accountant, or tax preparer about them.

While you are learning about these special dedicated education accounts, think about special dedicated healthcare accounts, also. Money which could only be used to manage your or someone else's healthcare costs. There might be all sorts of possibilities built in to allow outside contributions which could help defray costs of care.

Children could be covered by parent's accounts until they reach age 18 when they begin their own account.

Anyone might contribute to a health account. Gifts for birthday, Christmas or thanks for being a good neighbor, could be deposited.

Donations associated with traumatic accident or diagnosed disease

for which major expensive treatment may be expected would be welcomed.

Healthcare accounts could contribute to health care by will or by descent and distribution.

So many possibilities that healthcare might be funded outside regular insurance activity as we know it now.

Paul Ryan, former Speaker of the House of Representatives, my first choice for Republican candidate for President next election, advocated for Healthcare Savings Accounts when he ran against Donald Trump in the Primary election. One major driving controversy in that election was cost of healthcare and Obamacare repeal. Ryan lost to Trump. Many political experts claimed major reason for his loss was that folks didn't know anything about such special accounts as Ryan proposed.

529 plans provide a great opportunity to learn about special accounts. Let's take advantage of it. If such accounts look good, let's elect Paul Ryan in 2024 to set them up for us.



GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES

Fifteen Years Ago
February 21, 2007

Work on the next extension of Corridor H continued despite icy temperatures and snow. J. F. Allen Company was moving 15,000 cubic yards of dirt every day along Fish Pond Road west of Old Fields.

The Department of Highways approved the short Moorefield expressway from Corridor H to Route 55. The main extension from 55 to US 220 south of town was not funded.

State Police arrested Willard Martin, Jr., the driver of the tractor trailer which dumped 200,000 eggs on a Virginia Interstate off ramp. He was charged with fleeing the scene of the accident.

Parents were urged to vaccinate children against Chicken Pox.

Drake Andrew Carver, 3 months, Wardensville, died Feb. 9. He was the son of Jessica Marie Higgs and Blake Hunter Carver...Darrell Ross Woodard, 58, Bean Settlement, died Feb. 8...Earl Eugene Rexroad, 65, Maysville, died Feb. 14...Robert Leroy Shipe, 64, Mathias, died Feb. 13...Charles Edward Champ, Jr., 40, Old Fields, died Feb. 12.

Michael and Katrina Hockensmith were married Jan. 1.
Moorefield girls lost to Tucker County 43-38...MHS boys defeated Tucker County 56-51 for the championship Division II title...East Hardy boys lost to Tygarts Valley 75-56.

Thirty Years Ago
February 19, 1992

Assessor Hansel Barbe explained the state mandate that all counties had to have all property assessed at 60 percent of the market value by 1994. Previously property assessments were based on appraised value.

Lovette Ball celebrated his 100th birthday in Wardensville.

Danny and Dianna Lyons were opening Lyons Appliance and Furniture Store, formerly owned by Wayne Barr.

C. Norman Whitener, 72, died Feb. 11 in Silver Spring...Viola Newhouse Wolfe, 78, died Feb. 12...Haman Harris Combs, 84, Bunker Hill, died Feb. 10...Jesse J. Combs, 89, Wardensville, died Feb. 8...Homer Gibson Mongold, 94, Petersburg, died Feb. 11...Charlotte Thompkins, 47, died Feb. 15...Virginia Dodge,

84, Alexandria, Va., died Feb. 10... Junior Lee Mongold, 44, Manassas, Va., died Nov. 30, 1991.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Lofton, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Vidmar, a daughter, Madelyn Rose... to Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Cameron, a son, Kenny Ray, Jr...to Mr. and Mrs. Brian A. Stickley, a daughter, Kayla Renee.

Moorefield lost to Franklin 63-47 and beat Shenandoah Valley Academy 62-55 and Union 68-64.

Forty-five Years Ago
February 23, 1977

Governor Jay Rockefeller asked the Legislature for \$50,000 to help save the South Branch Line which serves industrial customers in Grant, Hardy and Hampshire Counties.

According to Assessor Jim Miley, assessments for the county rose approximately \$4.6 million. Utility assessments were up \$656,400.

Region 8 submitted 12 projects for Hardy County, including upgrading Route 55, a sewer system for Riggles, a zoning ordinance, and the Lost River Watershed.

Amanda Loy Wilkins, 84, Kirby, died Feb. 13...Edith Whetzel Delawder, 84, Ellicott City, Md., died Feb. 13...M/Sgt. Dorman Wayne Crider, 52, Tacoma, Wash., died Feb. 17...Luther Don Albright, 73, Fulks Run, died Feb. 18...Raymond Isiah, 59, Bergton, died Feb. 17.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph (Jack) Rigglesman, a daughter, Amanda Jo. Moorefield defeated Hampshire 70-56 and Petersburg 59-52...Wardensville lost to Clark County 68-60...Mathias lost to Franklin 88-55.

Sixty Years Ago
February 21, 1962

A total of 3,336 automobiles were registered in Hardy County.

Hot Lunch supervisor Mrs. Polly Ours assured Lions Club members that no child went hungry in the school system and that 10 percent of the 42,000 lunches served were free.

The Moorefield Presbyterian Church announced plans to celebrate its 125th anniversary.

Voters were to decide the fate of five constitutional amendments in November.

Sally Keller Tenney, 86, died Feb. 8...Mary McDonald Lease, 73, Ridgeley, died Feb. 14...Silas Ben-

jamin Whetzel, 79, Rough Run, died Feb. 16...Col. Alden Humphrey Seabury, 66, died Feb. 8 in San Antonio, Texas.

Dorothy Florence Wratchford and Bill Ritchie were married Feb. 9.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Heishman, a daughter, Sharon Louise... to S/Sgt. and Mrs. Eugene Myers, a son, James Richard...to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Allen, a son.

Moorefield beat Petersburg 65-52 and Ridgeley 71-65.

Seventy-five Years Ago
February 26, 1947

The Virginia Telephone and Telegraph Company and Central Telephone announced plans to improve the Wardensville phone system. A toll circuit between Wardensville and Capon Bridge was being installed. Estimates were being made on regrouping subscribers between Wardensville and Yellow Spring with the intention of having a maximum of 8 to 10 on the line.

Reymann Memorial Farm was replaced in the state budget for a total of \$17,800 over two years. The original request was for \$76,000.

A 12-inch snow blanketed the state and paralyzed Hardy County traffic from Thursday until Monday. High winds drifted the snow. Wardensville was snowbound with roads to Gore and Strasburg covered. Many mail routes were still blocked Tuesday.

Mattie Huffman Taylor, 79, died Feb. 24 in Salisbury, Md...Carrie Price Shute, 69, died Feb. 24...Edward Judy Crites, 79, Bethel, died Feb. 22.

An application to wed was issued to Effie Whetzel and Walter W. Cook...Shirley Biggs and Roy Whipp were married.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Locke, a son, James R. Jr...to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hutton, a child...to Mr. and Mrs. Uzell Peer, a daughter.

Moorefield defeated Romney 51-25, Thomas 48-28 and Keyser 40-36.

Ninety Years Ago
February 25, 1932

State prohibition agents had made 225 arrests in the month of January. Liquor confiscated included 3,927 quarts of whiskey, 4,817 gallons of mash, two barrels of mash, about 367 gallons of home brew and 20 gallons of wine. Twenty-nine stills had been

seized. Irving Ritchie, cashier of the closed Franklin bank had left Franklin for Richmond and Baltimore, and at the time of printing, Feb. 25, he had not been heard from.

At the meeting of the Presbyterian Auxiliary, Miss Pattie Chrisman was elected president; Mrs. George W. Kuhn, vice president; Mrs. W. C. McCauley, secretary; Mrs. George McCauley, treasurer; and Miss Mattie Wood, historian.

Rev. J. Russel Corron, pastor of the Methodist Church at Wardensville, had died...Mrs. Susan Tharp Glenn had died from tuberculosis... Mrs. Ida Roger had died at the home of her daughter in Ridgeley...William Southerly, 28, had died from diabetes.

A marriage license was issued by Clerk Wise to T. A. Ridenour and Miss Susan E. Funk...a license was issued in Cumberland to James Isaac McNeill and Miss Mary Valentine Emswiller.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hahn, a daughter...to Mr. and Mrs. John Branson, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Halterman, a daughter... and to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Shell, a son.

105 Years Ago
February 22, 1917

A dispatch from New York stated that six hundred thousand Boy Scouts had been ordered by the National Council to prepare for active service in the event of war.

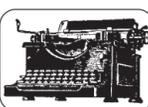
The Clarksburg Post Office had received six carloads of mail on one evening consisting of catalogs from a mail order house in New York.

James E. Elosser was advertising the opening of the Glendale Normal School on April 23.

With potatoes selling at \$4.20, citizens of Northview, near Clarksburg, had signed a pledge not to buy any for 60 days.

Robert Sisler had sold his property at McCauley and was preparing to move to Richwood.

In Wardensville, beans were selling at 12 cents a pound or \$7.20 a bushel; corn at \$1.25; hogs 12 cents; wool 45 cents. "Mike" said, "Looks like the farmers have gotten on top at last, yet they come to town, ride the store boxes and complain of hard times."



EXAMINER SAYS

March is Coming

OK, we're going to ask once more: How are you doing with masks (or not), distancing (or not), hibernating (or not), working from home (or not), seeing family or friends (or not) and just generally dealing with the possibility of getting COVID or the possibility of spreading COVID? It's been two years now and for some it's been two years of living with COVID. For some it's been two years of stress. And for some it's been two years of

learning to deal with something over which you have no control. So if you feel like sharing ways to cope, please send us your thoughts. You might help someone else who hasn't been able to go with the flow. Send your thoughts, ideas and answers to your own issues with Covid.

It's Women's History Month

Mother Nature still hasn't decided whether or not to leave winter in charge or allow spring to step in and

bring all her glory. She's very indecisive this year and we wish she would just do one or the other.

And National Nutrition Month

We honestly can't remember a time in our somewhat extended life that has been so full of conflict, anger and lack of agreement. It doesn't matter who or what, it only matters that everyone agree with you. And that's not the world we grew up in, nor is it the world we want to be in

now. There's no problem with a family member or neighbor disagreeing. The problem is when they are wrong for disagreeing with you and you are right because that's what you believe. No one is willing to bend or listen or consider the other opinion. So there's no agreement on anything, no middle ground. That, dear reader, is a road to a very unhappy world. If you don't believe us, just look around you.

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the County's comprehensive plan, we developed a model to project the potential reductions in assessments due to these lower valuations. We also used readily available information that presents the significant loss of property value due to being near an industrial wind farm. This information demonstrates these losses as being 40 to 50%, even when located miles from the wind farm. We used very conservative assumptions:

40% reduction to those properties adjacent to the industrial wind farm

20% reduction to those properties slightly further away

10% reduction to those properties a few miles away

No reduction to more distant properties

Using these values, our model projects a loss of \$140,000 per year in property tax revenue, increasing over time. Over a 50-year duration, the revenue loss is projected at well over \$7,000,000. Our analysis was based on property only, not including the impact of homes and other structures. Should detailed housing

and structure data been available and included, the loss would have been significantly greater, likely even doubling to a \$14,000,000 loss. Won't our property tax rate have to be increased (or other revenue sources found) to make up for the industrial wind farm caused shortfall. For 50 years, we'll all be paying higher taxes to make up for the industrial wind farm negative impact on county property taxes.

Our model is a high-level model, based on realistic assumptions and the current tax rate. A more precise approach is to go through the tax records property by property, calculating the shortfall for each individual property owner. We don't have those detailed records, and could not do so. However, we anticipate that the county tax assessment office may decide to create an exact analysis. If so, we anticipate, based on industry experience, that such a more precise model will closely align to our estimate. This is often seen in financial modeling: later and more detailed models are more precise, but generally align with the initial estimates based on broader assumptions.

A last thought on the Marous report. We see this phrase 55 times: "property appears to support the conclusion that there is not any negative impact in value..." "What a coincidence! Not three reductions in property value, not two, not even one. This is quite astonishing. All 55 property pairs presented no reduction in value? This simply doesn't pass the laugh test. Furthermore, the pairwise comparison described in the report is not, in our opinion, a proper analytic technique. The proper method would be a randomized selection of two groups, then applying a Two-Sample T-Test (a commonly used and reliable statistical test). This would compare one group against another, and use generally accepted statistical methods to determine if the post-windfarm average was truly no lower than pre-windfarm values. Simply picking the properties used in the analysis, without randomization, provides no determination of statistical significance, and has no value in determining the property value loss associated with an industrial wind farm. There is also other "evidence" consisting of "conversations"

and anecdotal observations meant to bolster their thesis. These hold no more weight than a pairwise comparison that does not apply proper statistical techniques. Statistics aside, think about it. A 600-foot windmill looming over one's property is not in any way an issue? We think it's a huge problem, and believe the overwhelming majority of property buyers would think so too. Of course, property values will decrease, given the many negative impacts of an industrial wind farm dominating the landscape.

Will an industrial wind farm actually increase our property taxes? Yes, it will. By how much? If this island of industry gets built in a sea of residential properties, we'll surely find out.

How can you help? Write a letter to the Hardy County Planning Commission at the following address to document your opposition to placing an industrial wind farm within the Short Mountain residential area: Hardy County Commission, 204 Washington Street, Room 111 Moorefield, WV 26836

Peter Dittmar

Avian influenza detected in Kentucky near Tennessee border

A case of avian influenza has been detected in a flock of commercial broiler chickens in Kentucky near the Tennessee border, according to a joint news release from the states' agriculture departments.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture confirmed the presence of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in samples from Fulton County, Kentucky, according to the release. Another suspected case in Webster County, Kentucky, is awaiting lab confirmation.

Kentucky officials have quarantined the affected premises and established a 10-kilometer surveillance zone, which dips into Obion County in Tennessee. Federal and state partners are working jointly on surveillance and testing within the zone.

Highly pathogenic avian influenza is deadly to domesticated chickens and turkeys. It does not present a food safety risk. Nonetheless, birds from affected flocks will not enter the food system. No human cases of avian influenza viruses have been detected in the United States.

Updates on the situation will be posted to a website: kyagr.com/HPAI.

Promise Scholarship eligibility requirements adjusted for 2022-23 graduating classes

To help more students qualify for the West Virginia Promise Scholarship, the state's Higher Education Policy Commission has approved temporary changes to the merit-based scholarship program for the high school graduating classes of 2022 and 2023. These adjustments come as students continue working academically to overcome challenges stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

For students in the high school graduating classes of 2022 and 2023, the test score requirements to qualify for Promise are as follows:

ACT composite score – 21 (regularly 22); ACT English score – 19 (regularly 20); ACT Reading score – 19 (regularly 20); ACT Science score – 19 (regularly 20); ACT Math score – 19 (regularly 20).

SAT composite score – 1080 (regularly 1100); SAT Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing score – 510 (regularly 530); SAT Math score – 510 (regularly 520).

These students also qualify for super-scoring to achieve the minimum standardized testing scores necessary to qualify for the Promise Scholarship.

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U.S. bird flu case puts chicken, turkey farms on high alert

By David Pitt

Associated Press

Farms that raise turkeys and chickens for meat and eggs are on high alert and taking steps to increase biosecurity, fearing a repeat of a widespread bird flu outbreak in 2015 that killed 50 million birds across 15 states and cost the federal government nearly \$1 billion.

The new fear is driven by the discovery announced Feb. 9 of the virus infecting a commercial turkey flock in Indiana. The 29,000 turkeys in the flock were killed to prevent the spread of the virus.

Indiana officials said Tuesday a second flock of 26,473 turkeys near the first infected farm is suspected to have the same virus. Testing is underway to confirm. The second location already is within a quarantine zone established for the first farm.

The USDA also has confirmed the presence of bird flu in a flock of commercial broiler chickens in Fulton County, Kentucky, and are awaiting results of a potential second case about 124 miles northeast in Webster County, Kentucky. A backyard flock of mixed species birds in northern Virginia also is positive for the virus. State officials quarantined areas and the birds at the new positively identified sites will be killed and removed.

The poultry industry and government officials say they have plans to more quickly stop the spread that were learned from 2015, but they're urging caution since the virus strain is potentially deadly to commercial poultry. Egg, turkey and chicken prices could rise and availability

could drop if birds at enough farms were to be infected.

"It's definitely considered a period of high risk now that we have a confirmed case of highly pathogenic avian influenza in the commercial poultry industry," said Dr. Denise Heard, a poultry veterinarian and vice president of research for the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association. "I feel positive that we can tackle this situation better and I have my fingers crossed that this will be an isolated case, however, I would hope for the best and be prepared for the worst."

Health officials say no human cases of avian influenza viruses have been detected in the U.S. and the disease doesn't present an immediate public health concern. The virus can spread from infected birds to people but such infections are rare and haven't led to sustained outbreaks among humans.

The 2015 outbreak led producers to kill 33 million egg-laying hens in Iowa, the nation's leading egg producer, and 9 million birds in Minnesota, the nation's leading turkey producer, with smaller outbreaks in Nebraska, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The disease caused egg and turkey prices across the country to soar for months, with the cost of eggs up 61% at one point and prices for boneless, skinless turkey breasts rising 75% between May and July 2015.

The outbreaks were deemed the most expensive animal health disaster in U.S. history, costing the government nearly \$1 billion for removal and disposal of infected birds and government indemnity payments to producers for the lost birds.

The strain now circulating is H5N1 and is related to the 2015 virus. It has been circulating for months in Europe and Asia and was found in wild birds in Canada a few weeks ago and in a commercial flock in Canada a week before the U.S. case was identified.

Migratory wild birds often carry strains of avian influenza and they're often low pathogenic, which means they don't kill the birds. Sometimes those strains can get into domestic flocks and mutate into more deadly viruses. The H5N1 now spreading from wild birds is already highly pathogenic, which means it is deadly from the start, said Dr. Yuko Sato, a veterinarian and assistant professor in the Department of Veterinary Diagnostic and Production Animal Medicine at Iowa State University.

U.S. surveillance efforts have identified the virus in wild birds in recent weeks in New Hampshire, Delaware, North Carolina, Virginia, Florida and South Carolina, making it apparent that it is in the environment broadly.

The virus spreads easily from wild bird droppings and can be carried into commercial flocks on the feet of workers or on equipment, which is why high-level biosecurity protocol has been activated across the country in commercial operations. They've enacted new safeguards to prevent deadly bird flu infections, often referred to as HPAI, and isolate them when they occur.

"With the increased preparatory efforts USDA and its partners have put into place since the 2015 HPAI outbreak, we are fully prepared to handle this detection," said Lyndsay

Cole, a spokeswoman for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service at USDA, which deals with outbreaks on U.S.

Federal and state officials are working with the poultry industry and have initiated steps such as an immediate quarantine that restricts movement of poultry and equipment used to move birds in and out of specified perimeters around an infected barn — usually around 6 miles (10 kilometers) initially — and eradication of the virus by killing and removing birds at the infection site. Testing occurs in the quarantine area of both wild and domestic birds. Disinfection is done to kill the virus at the affected farm and testing is used to confirm it's free of the virus.

Producers who want to ensure eligibility for government indemnity payments in case of disaster must have a biosecurity protocol on hand that is updated regularly. To help with that, the USDA has developed a 14-point biosecurity plan for producers, which is audited yearly and reviewed every two years by state agriculture agencies, Sato said.

In Iowa, a state with 49 million chickens, egg farmers are working with state and federal authorities to keep the disease out of their flocks, said Kevin Stiles, executive director of the Iowa Poultry Association and the Iowa Egg Council.

"IPA is maintaining open communications specifically related to biosecurity best practices and is offering surveillance testing. We are confident in our producers' preparedness and ability to manage their flocks," he said.

W.Va. Senate OKs 5% pay raises for state employees

By John Raby

Associated Press

The West Virginia Senate on Tuesday approved Gov. Jim Justice's proposal for a 5% pay raise for state employees.

The bill passed on a 33-0 vote. It now goes to the House of Delegates. The \$71.4 million cost of the rais-

es for state police, teacher, student support personnel and school service personnel is included in the Republican governor's proposed fiscal 2023 budget. The increases would be effective July 1.

"These employees certainly are deserving of this raise," said Putnam County Republican Eric Tarr, who chairs the Senate Finance Commit-

tee. "We very much appreciate what they do and look forward to the future as we continue to prosper here in West Virginia to be able to do more and more to make our salaries more competitive in state government with (the) private sector."

The Republican-led Senate rejected an amendment by Kanawha County Democrat Richard Lindsay

allowing for additional 3% raises on top of the 5% proposal if the state's Rainy Day funds exceed \$1 billion. Lindsay said the amendment would have led to greater retention and hiring in those professions.

Greenbrier County Democrat Stephen Baldwin offered an amendment that would study the number of full-

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Hardy County RDA

The Rural Development Authority Board Meeting will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, in the RDA Conference room.

Public Meeting Notice

The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting will be held Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be 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, WV. The public is invited to participate.

Food Give-Away

The Moorefield Church of God, along with Mountaineer Food Bank, will host a drive-through food give-away at East Hardy High School on March 5, 2022, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All Hardy County resi-

dents are welcome if you are in need of food, or bring a neighbor.

Flu and COVID Shots

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

Flu shots will be given on Monday and Wednesday only, from 8–11:30 and 1–3:30. 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 are scheduled on Thursday or Friday, depending which shot you need. Call the health department at 304-530-6355 to schedule an appointment.

Dead Animals

The West Virginia Division of Highways wants to remind the public of its policy regarding the pickup and disposal of dead animals. The DOH will only pick up carcasses on state owned highways and will not go on private property. To report a dead animal on a

state owned road, please notify your local district DOH office at 304-434-2525.

Spay and Neuter

Get the cat or dog spayed or neutered! Spay Today, (Main Office: Charles Town, WV) is our area's non-profit, reduced-fee spay and neuter program. MANY participating vets over a WIDE area! Gift certificates can be purchased and used later. Spay Today: 304-728-8330 or <https://spay-today.org>

Drug Take Back

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

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

Food Pantry

The Moorefield Church of God Food Pantry is open on Thursdays from 10

a.m. - 4 p.m. The church is at 212 S. Elm St. in Moorefield. They provide commodities in accordance with federal USDA policy.

Heritage Tiles Available

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

Honor Veterans

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

Project Hello There

Lost River Projects invites people of all ages to send greetings to residents of

EA Hawse Nursing Center who have been without visitors due to the Covid-19 pandemic. You do not need to know anyone personally! Please send notes and letters to Hello there! c/o Lost River Projects P.O. Box 23, Baker, WV 26801 or by email to lostriverprojects@hardynet.com. Lost River Projects will deliver your notes and letters to EA Hawse Nursing Center in Baker. Thank you!

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Hardy County Public Meeting Schedule

- Hardy County Commission - First Tuesday of each month - 9 a.m. Hardy County Courthouse
- Hardy County Board of Education - First and Third Monday of each month - 5 p.m. Hardy County Board Office, 510 Ashby Ave. Moorefield
- Wardsville Town Council - Sec-

ond Monday of each month - 6:30 p.m. - Conference and Visitors Center, Main Street, Wardsville

- Moorefield Town Council - First and Third Tuesdays of each month - 7 p.m. Inskip Hall, 206 Winchester Ave., Moorefield.

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

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

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

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

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

West Virginia surpasses 6,000 COVID-19 pandemic deaths

West Virginia has surpassed 6,000 coronavirus deaths as a health official warned Monday that while confirmed cases and hospitalizations were on the decline, the rate of fatalities isn't expected to slow in the state just yet.

Gov. Jim Justice said at a regular COVID-19 briefing that 6,023 people have died in the state since the start of the pandemic.

Signs indicate that the omicron variant outbreak is diminishing in West Virginia. The number of confirmed cases over the past week, 8,144, represented the fourth straight week of declines. There were 779 people hospitalized for the virus Monday, down from the record 1,097 on Feb. 2, according to the Department of Health and Human Resources' COVID-19 website.

At correctional facilities, there were 523 active virus cases among inmates and residents Monday along with 116 cases involving corrections officers, about half the number from a week earlier.

The COVID-19 weekly death rate nationwide is going down, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"In West Virginia we anticipate that will also be what we experience, but maybe not for a week or two, which is a reason why it's so important for people to choose to be fully vaccinated and to get their third dose," said Dr. Clay Marsh, the state's coronavirus expert.

Volunteers needed for West Virginia spring cleanup

People who want to help clean up West Virginia can submit an application for the Make It Shine Spring Statewide Cleanup.

The state Department of Environmental Protection's Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan sponsors the annual event.

The program provides cleanup materials, waste hauling and landfill fees to community groups that volunteer to clean up litter in state streams or on public lands. The event will be held April 2 through

April 16, and applications are due March 11, the department said.

Participants are encouraged to wear masks and practice social distancing during the cleanups.

Last year, more than 4,800 volunteers removed over 754,000 pounds of litter and collected 1,850 tires from 737 acres of public lands and 46 miles of streams, the agency said.

The application is available online at https://apps.dep.wv.gov/ppod/make_it_shine.a5w.

THIS WEEK IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY



"Woody" Williams

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.

Feb. 23, 1905: The first USS West Virginia was commissioned. The armored cruiser was renamed the USS Huntington in 1916 to allow the transfer of the original name to a newly authorized battleship.

Feb. 23, 1945: Fairmont native "Woody" Williams distinguished himself during the Battle of Iwo Jima



Aftermath of the Buffalo Creek disaster

by neutralizing seven concrete pillboxes. This act of heroism earned Williams the Medal of Honor.

Feb. 24, 1918: Judge Kenneth Keller "K. K." Hall was born at Greenview, Boone County. Hall spent 47 years on the state and federal benches.

Feb. 24, 1928: Doctor Donald L. Rasmussen was born in Colorado. After coming to work at Miners Memorial Hospital in Beckley, he became a driving force in the passage of state and federal black lung legis-

lation.

Feb. 25, 1903: An armed posse ambushed striking miners in their homes in the village of Stanaford near Beckley. Six miners were killed; Federal Judge B. F. Keller exonerated the posse.

Feb. 25, 1911: Newspaperman Jim Comstock was born in Richwood. In 1957, he founded the West Virginia Hillbilly, a weekly newspaper that circulated both inside and outside the state.

Feb. 26, 1869: The legislature approved a bill moving the state capital to Charleston.

Feb. 26, 1972: One of the country's worst mining-related disasters occurred on this date on Buffalo Creek in Logan County. A coal waste dam collapsed, sending 132 million gallons of water, coal refuse and silt into the valley. In the end, 125 people, including entire families, were killed, and 1,000 people were injured.

Feb. 27, 1867: Marshall College was established as a normal school for the training of teachers. The first term began June 15, 1868, with 25 students enrolled in three departments.

Feb. 27, 1871: The West Virginia Legislature approved an act incorporating the city of Huntington.

Feb. 28, 1875: Musician Edwin "Edden" Hammons was born in Pocahontas County. A subsistence farmer and hunter, he is remembered as one of the finest traditional fiddle players to come from West Virginia.

Feb. 28, 1909: Athlete John Zontini was born. Nicknamed the "Sheik of Seth" for his outstanding football career at Sherman High School, he still holds a state high school rushing record and a Marshall University rushing record.

March 1, 1870: The legislature passed an act to create a branch normal school at West Liberty. For the next 61 years, the school was a teacher preparatory institution.

March 1, 1898: Homer Adams Holt was born in Lewisburg. He became West Virginia's 20th governor.

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Marshall College

Estimated 73% of U.S. now immune to omicron: Is that enough?

By Carla K. Johnson
AP Medical Writer

The omicron wave that assaulted the United States this winter also bolstered its defenses, leaving enough protection against the coronavirus that future spikes will likely require much less — if any — dramatic disruption to society.

Millions of individual Americans' immune systems now recognize the virus and are primed to fight it off if they encounter omicron, or even another variant.

About half of eligible Americans have received booster shots, there have been nearly 80 million confirmed infections overall and many more infections have never been reported. One influential model uses those factors and others to estimate that 73% of Americans are, for now, immune to omicron, the dominant variant, and that could rise to 80% by mid-March.

This will prevent or shorten new illnesses in protected people and reduce the amount of virus circulating overall, likely tamping down new waves. Hospitals will get a break from overwhelmed ICUs, experts agree.

"We have changed," said Ali Mokdad, a professor of health metrics sciences at the University of Washington in Seattle. "We have been exposed to this virus and we know how to deal with it."

The coronavirus — the current variant or future ones that are sure to pop up — remains a dangerous germ. It is still infecting more than 130,000 Americans and killing more than 2,000 every day. Tens of millions of people remain vulnerable.

And there will be future outbreaks. The notion of a "herd immunity" that could stop the virus has slipped away under the harsh reality of new variants, waning immunity, and the rejection of vaccines by some Americans.

But the coronavirus is no longer new. Two years ago it arrived in a nation where nobody's immune system had seen it before. The entire population — 330 million people — were immunologically naive, that is, susceptible to infection.

"I am optimistic even if we have a surge in summer, cases will go up, but hospitalizations and deaths will not," said Mokdad, who works on the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation model, which calculated the 73% figure for The Associated Press.

With varying degrees of relief and caution, many Americans are starting to return to their pre-pandemic lifestyles.

Sarah Rixen, 41, of Bismarck, North Dakota, started singing again with a civic chorus after taking a year off. Now, with omicron winding down, she said she feels more confident than at any time since the crisis began.

"But I am still a little leery that there could be another variant around the corner," said Rixen, noting that her family and most of her relatives are fully vaccinated. "I am still going to wear a mask."

As mask mandates ease, workers return to offices and flights fill up, experts are trying to understand whether this return to normal can last, or if another setback is looming.

To address that, researchers are trying to answer questions about the virus, the vaccine, and how our bodies respond: How fast is booster protection waning against omicron? How long does protection from infection last? How many mild infections were never reported? How many people got infected but had no symptoms?

To find clues, they use health data from other countries such as Britain, Denmark, South Africa and Qatar to project what could be in store.

Scientists at Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health estimates that about three out of four people in the United States will have been infected by omicron by the end of the surge.

"We know it's a huge proportion of the population," said Shaun Truelove, an epidemiologist and disease modeler at Johns Hopkins. "This varies a lot by location, and in some areas we expect the number infected to be closer to one in two."

That means different regions or groups of people have different level of protection — and risk. In Virginia, disease modelers are thinking about their population in terms of groups with different levels of immunity.

They estimate about 45% of Virginians have the highest level of immunity through boosted vaccination or through vaccination plus a recent infection with omicron.

Another 47% have immunity that has waned somewhat; and 7% are the most vulnerable because they were never vaccinated and never infected.

In all, the vast majority of Virginians have at least some immunity, said Bryan Lewis, a computational epidemiologist who leads University of Virginia's COVID-19 modeling team.

"That's going to be a nice shield of armor for our population as a whole," Lewis said. "If we do get to very low case rates, we certainly can ease back on some of these restrictions."

Still, while the population is better protected, many individuals are not. Even by the most optimistic estimates for population immunity, 80 million or so Americans are still vulnerable. That's about the same as the total number of confirmed infections in the U.S. during the pandemic.

"The 26% who could still get omicron right now have to be very careful," Mokdad said.

Andrew Pekosz, a virus researcher at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, is concerned that people — particularly unvaccinated omicron survivors — may have a false sense of security. "In an ideal world, unvaccinated individuals infected with omicron would be lining up for a vaccine shot," he said.

Also, estimating protection is far from an exact science. It's a moving target, as immunity wanes and new variants circulate. Protection varies widely from person to person. And it's impossible to know for sure how many people are protected at all. The IHME model estimates a wide range — from 63% to 81% of Americans.

"We've reached a much better position for the coming months, but with waning immunity we shouldn't take it for granted," Mokdad said.

State Workers

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the fiscal year, it was about \$531 million above the year-to-date estimate.

According to the National Education Association, West Virginia ranks 36th in average starting teacher salaries at about \$38,000, compared with the national average of about \$41,000. The state was 48th in overall average teacher salaries at about

\$50,200, compared with the national average of \$65,000.

The state also has hundreds of vacant teaching positions.

West Virginia teachers received pay raises in 2018 and 2019. The first raise ended a statewide teacher strike that helped launch similar movements in several other states.

Justice offered the pay raises in December, citing the state's budget surplus. For the first seven months of

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Hardy County Grand Jury

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her live-in boyfriend, on the couch. The child described activity involving sexual contact.

Allanson was free on \$37,000 bond. He remains on supervised bond.

Gregory D. Stump, 52, of Moorefield, was indicted on two counts of delivery of a Schedule II controlled substance - methamphetamine, one count of conspiracy to deliver a Schedule II controlled substance - methamphetamine, one count of delivery of a Schedule IV controlled substance - clonazepam and one count of conspiracy to deliver a Schedule IV controlled substance - clonazepam. Stump pleaded not guilty to all charges.

According to charging documents, on March 29, 2021, Moorefield Police initiated a traffic stop. The driver had an expired Florida driver's license. The woman allegedly said she had been visiting Stump. Officers requested and received permission to search the vehicle. The search revealed methamphetamine, clonazepam, oxycodone and marijuana.

MPD officers obtained a search warrant for Stump's residence where they allegedly found various prescription drugs, methamphetamine, marijuana and various electronic recording devices. Upon review of the re-

ording devices, officers allegedly found evidence of drug transactions.

Stump was being held on \$75,000 bond. He is being held on a federal retainer at Potomac Highlands Regional Jail.

Shawn P. Granese, 30, of Moorefield was indicted on one count of grand larceny, one count of felony destruction of property and one count of misdemeanor fleeing in a vehicle from law enforcement. Granese pleaded not guilty to the charges.

According to court documents, on June 22, 2021, Hardy County Sheriff's Department responded to a call of a vehicle stolen from the West Virginia State Rail Authority. An employee told deputies, they had seen the vehicle, a white GMC Suburban, being driven by someone not employed by the rail authority.

On June 23, 2021, West Virginia State Police observed a vehicle matching the description at Brighton Park. Troopers followed the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. The driver allegedly accelerated, crashed the vehicle and fled on foot. Granese eventually surrendered to law enforcement.

Granese was being held on \$50,000 bond. Attorney Larry Sherman requested a reduction to \$25,000. Judge Parsons approved the reduction, contingent on Granese having a

suitable residence.

Gino M. Serio, 38, of Arthur, was indicted on one count of grand larceny. He pleaded not guilty to the sole count.

Charging documents show, on July 25, 2021, Moorefield Police responded to a call of a stolen vehicle - a 2015, Ford F-150. The victim also reported someone had used their debit card in Baltimore, Md.

Moorefield Police video camera footage showed someone entering the vehicle around 1:30 a.m. on July 20, 2021. Upon further investigation, the victim revealed they had given Serio permission to use the truck on July 19, with the stipulation that it be returned by the morning of July 20. As of July 25, the vehicle hadn't been returned. It was later located in Randolph County.

Serio was being held on \$35,000 bond. His attorney, Larry Sherman, requested a reduction to \$10,000. Judge Parsons approved the reduction, contingent on Serio providing information about his residence.

Prestin C. Dove, 19, of Wardsville, was indicted on one count of burglary, one count of misdemeanor petit larceny, one count of misdemeanor destruction of property and one count of misdemeanor domestic assault. Dove pleaded not guilty to all charges.

According to court documents, on June 30, 2021, Hardy County Sheriff's Department responded to a burglary and domestic altercation near Wardsville. The victim told deputies Dove allegedly entered an unlocked residence and took property valued at more than \$1,000. Dove also allegedly threatened the victim and "beat the house to pieces" with a baseball bat.

Dove is being held on \$15,000 bond. According to Assistant Prosecutor H. Orrin Stagers III, Dove's bond was revoked and there is concern about his mental health. He was remanded to Potomac Highlands Regional Jail.

First pretrial hearings are scheduled for Thursday, March 3. Final pretrial hearings are scheduled for Wednesday, March 16.

All of the charges contained in the above-referenced indictments are merely accusations and not evidence of guilt, and each defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Courtney M. Miller, 23, of Moorefield, appeared in court to request probation, having completed the program at the Anthony Center, a correctional facility for felony offenders ages 19 - 25. Miller pleaded guilty to shoplifting, third offense in 2020.

Judge Parsons ordered Miller on supervised probation for three years.

Probation Officer Aura Brill said Miller was going to transitional housing in Kanawha County and would be supervised there.

Judge Parsons congratulated Miller on her performance at the Anthony Center.

Christian E. Vance, 21, of Circleville, was sentenced to not less than one year and not more than five years in prison. He pleaded guilty in December 2021 to one count of conspiracy to commit grand larceny.

Vance was one of four people who entered the Wal-Mart store in Moorefield in March 2021 and took various items without paying.

Vance presented evidence that he was gainfully employed. He made apologies to the court, saying, "I know I've made mistakes and I'm working to turn my life around."

Judge Parsons said he was pleased Vance had a job and suspended the sentence. He ordered Vance on probation for five years and ordered him to pay \$1,078.68 in restitution.

Bench warrants were issued for Ashley M. Diaz, of Yankeetown, Fla. and Don D. Landacre, of Mathias for failing to appear for hearings.

AT THE LIBRARY

New Non-Fiction

"Drop Acid: The Surprising New Science of Uric Acid — The Key to Losing Weight, Controlling Blood Sugar, and Achieving Extraordinary Health" by David Perlmutter — Perlmutter gives readers a blend of science and practical advice that exposes the deadly truth about uric acid and teaches invaluable strategies to manage its levels.

"The Nineties: A Book" by Chuck Klosterman — Klosterman reckons with the decade that gave us slacker/grunge irony about the sin of trying too hard, during the greatest shift in human consciousness of any decade in American history.

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"The One Thing: The Surprisingly Simple Truth Behind Extraordinary Results" by Gary Keller — Keller explains the success habit to overcome

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"Stolen Focus: Why You Can't Pay Attention—and How to Think Deeply Again" by Johann Hari — Hari presents an examination on distraction, why it's happening, and how to get our focus back.

"How to Be Perfect: The Correct Answer to Every Moral Question" by Michael Schur — Schur shares his guide to living an ethical life, drawing on 2,500 years of deep thinking from around the world.

"The Last Slave Ship: The True Story of How Clotilda Was Found, Her Descendants, and an Extraordinary Reckoning" by Ben Raines — The true story of the last ship to carry enslaved people to America, the town its survivors founded after emancipation, and the complicated legacy their descendants carry with them to this day.

"Watergate: A New History" by Garrett M. Graff — Graff presents a narrative history of Watergate that explores the full scope of the scandal through the politicians, investigators, journalists, and informants who

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"An Abolitionist's Handbook: 12 Steps to Changing Yourself and the World" by Patrisse Cullors — Cullors charts a framework for how everyday activists can effectively fight for an abolitionist present and future.

"Set Boundaries, Find Peace: A Guide to Reclaiming Yourself" by Nedra Glover Tawwab — Tawwab presents simple-yet-powerful ways to establish healthy boundaries in all aspects of life.

"My Money My Way: Taking Back Control of Your Financial Life" by Kumiko Love — Love gives readers the tools to align emotional health with financial health — to let go of deprivation and embrace desire.

"The Fifties: An Underground History" by James R. Gaines — Gaines gives readers an argument that upends the myth of the Fifties as a decade of conformity to celebrate the solitary, brave, and stubborn individuals who pioneered the radical gay rights, feminist, civil rights, and environmental movements.

New YA Fiction

"Tiger Honor" (Thousand Worlds; 2) by Yoon Ha Lee — Thirteen-year-old nonbinary tiger spirit Sebin must decide where their loyalties lie when their traitorous uncle hijacks the battle cruiser that happens to be Sebin's first assignment in the Cadet Program.

"Cold the Night, Fast the Wolves" by Meg Long — On a frozen wasteland of a planet, seventeen-year-old Sena and a she-wolf, Iska, are on the run from a ruthless leader intent on trapping them both, but as they try to escape one question drives them relentlessly forward — where do you turn when there is nowhere to hide?

"The Monarchs" (Ravens; 2) by Kass Morgan — Loyalty, love, and friendships are tested as sorority sisters Scarlett and Vivi must face the forces of hell itself when a rival sorority threatens to wreak havoc on campus.

"I Must Betray You" by Ruta Sepetys — In a country governed by isolation, fear, and a tyrannical dictator, seventeen-year-old Cristian Florescu is blackmailed by the secret police to become an informer, but he decides to use his position to try to outwit his handler, undermine the

regime, give voice to fellow Romanians, and expose to the world what is happening in his country.

"This Woven Kingdom" (This Woven Kingdom; 1) by Tahereh Mafi — To all the world, Alizeh is a disposable servant, not the long-lost heir to an ancient Jinn kingdom forced to hide in plain sight. The crown prince, Kamran, has heard the prophecies foretelling the death of his king. But he could never have imagined that the servant girl with the strange eyes, the girl he can't put out of his mind, would one day soon uproot his kingdom — and the world.

"Briarheart" by Mercedes Lackey — When Miriam's younger sister, Princess Aurora, is born, she must learn to harness her new magical powers to protect her sister and the kingdom.

New Easy Readers

"Wutaryoo" by Nilah Magruder — Wutaryoo enjoys hearing other animal's origin stories but wants to learn her own, so she sets out on a journey on which she meets many strange creatures and learns important truths. "Big Ship Rescue!" (Big Rescue)

by Chris Gall — When a cargo ship is wrecked during a storm, the first on the scene is Salvage Master Miley with her tugboat and salvage team, ready to do what it takes to bring the ship back to port.

"Interrupting Chicken: Cookies for Breakfast" (Interrupting Chicken) by David Ezra Stein — The little red chicken wakes up hungry for one thing: cookies! Papa thinks nursery rhymes would make a better morning treat — and an excuse to rest in bed a little longer. But with little Chicken, nothing happens quite as planned.

"Just Like Me" by Vanessa Brantley-Newton — An ode to the girl with scrapes on her knees and flowers in her hair, and every girl in between.

"Bathe the Cat" by Alice B. McGinty — Follow a frantic family as they try to get some chores done — with no help from the family cat, who keeps scrambling the list of chores with hilarious effects.

"Bok's Giant Leap" by Neil Armstrong — The entire epic history of the Earth and the Moon is recounted through the observations of one special moon rock named Bok.

Promise Scholarship

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Super-scoring allows students to take their top scores from sub-sections of different ACT or SAT tests they've taken and combine them for a higher overall score. The eligibility criteria are the same as those approved last year for the class of 2021.

"Students have been working so hard to stay on track for their futures, and we want to give them every opportunity to access the support they need to continue their education," said Dr. Sarah Armstrong Tucker, West Virginia's Chancellor of Higher Education. "With these changes, we hope students and their families

have greater peace of mind as they plan for college over the next couple years."

In addition to the eligibility changes, all Promise Scholars — including incoming and renewal recipients — in the 2022-23 academic year will receive a \$5,000 award. This is the first increase to the award amount since

the floor of \$4,750 was set in 2009.

For the class of 2022, the Promise application and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are due by March 1, 2022. The Promise Scholarship application is available at collegeforwv.com/promise. The FAFSA is free and available through the U.S. Department of Education

at fafsa.gov. Students have until July 2022 to qualify using ACT test scores, and until June 2022 to qualify using SAT scores.

For assistance with applications, students and families are encouraged to call the state's financial aid hotline

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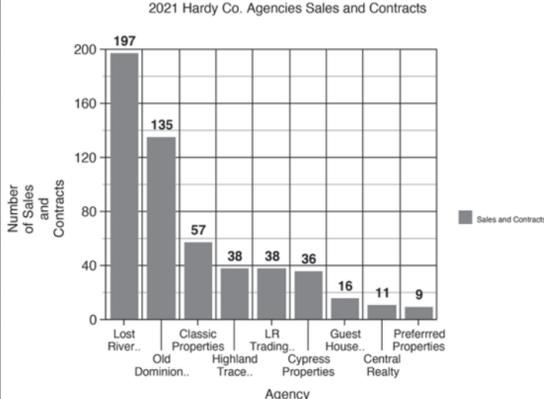

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OBITUARIES

PAUL RAY OURS



Paul Ray Ours, age 83, of Moorefield passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022 at Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg.

Paul was born on July 30, 1938 in Rough Run, W.Va. and was a son of the late Charles Monroe Ours and Mernie Elizabeth (Thorne) Ours. In addition to his parents, Paul was preceded in death by seven brothers, Cletus Ours, Oscar Ours, Leon Ours, William Ours, Galen Ours, Glen Ours, Sr. and twin brother, Bobby Ours; and one sister, Janie Ours Sites.

Paul is survived by his wife of 61 years, Wanda L. (Crites) Ours; two sons, Rickie Lane (Kathy) Ours of Moorefield and Ronnie Paul (Pansy) Ours of Moorefield; a special son, Hank Ours; five grandchildren, Kristy (Jason) Rohrbaugh, Nicole Flores, Malachi Holliday, Mikay-

la Warner and KyLeigh Simmons; five great grandchildren, Jakob Rohrbaugh, Hailey Green, Chloe Green, Aiden Piraino and Enzo Flores; four brothers, Dale (Virginia) Ours of Petersburg, Ralph (Cornelia) Ours of Petersburg, Delmas Ours of Petersburg, and Olin (Carol) Ours of Petersburg; two sisters, Mernie (Paul) Kimble of Petersburg and Arvella Zimmerer of Petersburg; brother-in-law Curtis "Peanut" Sites of Dorcas, and sister-in-law Arvella Ours of Petersburg; and several nieces and nephews.

Paul was a farmer, timber cutter, pipeline worker and poultry grower along with his wife Wanda. He was an avid raccoon, deer, elk and bear

hunter. He loved spending time with his family. He was a member of the Hardy County Farm Bureau and the NRA. He also was a member of the Rough Run Church of the Brethren.

Funeral services were Monday, Feb. 21, 2022 at the Schaeffer Funeral Home with Pastor Brad Taylor and Pastor Lynn Rohrbaugh officiating. Family received friends before the service.

Interment was in the Ours Family Cemetery, Rough Run, W.Va.

Memorials may be made to the Ours family, c/o Wanda L. Ours, 901 Lem Cleaver Road, Moorefield, WV 26836.

Arrangements by Schaeffer Funeral Home, Petersburg, W.Va.

With Sincere Thanks

The family of Donald and Carol Shockey would like to express their deepest thanks for the support shown during the passing of our loved ones. Special thanks to Pastor Gary Shirk, The Women's Fellowship of the Walnut Grove Church of the Brethren and Fraley's Funeral Home.

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CHARLOTTE "BESSIE" HIPP



Charlotte "Bessie" Hipp, age 69, of Moorefield, formerly of Keyser, passed away Monday afternoon, Feb. 14, 2022, at her residence. Born on Oct. 26, 1952, in Oakland, Md., she was a daughter of the late Maxie Lewraime Weese and Lenora Beatrice Haslacker Weese. Her husband of 50 years, Ivory Otis "Raymond" Hipp preceded her in death in June 2011. Two brothers also preceded her in death.

Bessie was a member of her son's church, Spirit of Life Church, and was a lifelong homemaker. She enjoyed cooking and taking care of her

family. She enjoyed watching the Christian Network and the Hallmark channel in her spare time. Her family will miss her home cooked meals.

Surviving is a daughter, Donna K. (Kenneth) Hinger of Old Fields; a son, Rev. Brian R. (Melissa) Hipp of Moorefield; five grandchildren, Corey Reynolds, Devon Hipp, Alisha Piper, Logan Reel & Makalyn Reel; two great-grandchildren, Copeland & Dakota; five sisters, Charlene Hipp, Wanda Hipp and Joyce Hipp all of Elk Garden, and Connie Swan and Cora Knox of Oakland, Md.; and Brenda Steiringer of Mt. Storm

and Rev. Leslie Hipp of Elk Garden, whom she considered her own children.

Funeral Services were conducted Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022, at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Brian Hipp & Rev. Leslie Hipp officiating. Interment was at the Bayard Cemetery, in Bayard. The family received friends before services on Saturday.

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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 WV Bureau of Senior Services and

Yurcaba

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short story "Unsilent Waters," which focused on early 20th century Ukrainian immigration and the sinking of the RMS Titanic. In Fall 2022, North Carolina's West Trade Review will publish two of Yurcaba's poems. She teaches poetry at Southern New Hampshire University and helps edit a forthcoming Ukrainian literature series from Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute.

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AG: Nonprofit should help manage opioid settlement money

By Leah Willingham
Associated Press

West Virginia's attorney general and a coalition of cities and counties are calling for the creation of a nonprofit foundation to distribute money obtained through settlements or judgments in opioid-related litigation against pharmaceutical companies.

Attorney General Patrick Morrisey said all but one of the state's 55 counties are currently in the midst of litigation against companies over their role in perpetuating the opioid crisis. Lawsuits allege that manufacturers' conduct led to opioids becoming a common treatment for chronic pain and

led substance abuse in West Virginia, one of the states that has been hit hardest by opioids.

The city of Huntington and Cabell County brought the three largest U.S. drug distributors — AmerisourceBergen Corp, McKesson Corp and Cardinal Health Inc — to trial last year. Communities are still awaiting a verdict in that case, which was the first lawsuit over the U.S. addiction epidemic to go to trial.

The state is set to go to trial in April against Teva Pharmaceuticals Inc., Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals Inc., and Endo Health Solutions Inc.

"The opioid epidemic is one of the challenges of our time here in West Virginia," Morrisey said during a Wednesday press conference at the state Capitol. "There's been

a lot of senseless death over many, many years."

Morrisey said the state's counties and cities signed on to an agreement calling for the private nonprofit foundation. The foundation will be managed by a board of 11 members: Five would be state appointees and the rest would be local representatives from six different regions of the state. The board members will have expertise in fields like mental health, substance misuse and law enforcement.

An executive director appointed by the attorney general would run day-to-day operations.

As the central organization dedicated to addressing the opioid crisis throughout the

state, the foundation would receive 72.5% of each settlement or judgment, 24.5% would be allocated to local governments and 3% would held in escrow by the state.

Many other states already have similar agreements and others have been pushing them. Morrisey said if the counties and the cities of the state don't reach an agreement on how the money will be allocated, the court gets to decide.

All of the money would be used to address needs related to the opioid crisis.

Huntington Mayor Steve Williams said Wednesday that any money won in litigation will go to new initiatives and program to help fight the opioid epidemic.

"One thing that's been very, very specific

in our minds is that we're not looking to be reimbursed for what we have expended in the past," he said.

Williams said there's a lot of need — need that's only been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It is such a broad umbrella," he said. "You have grandparents who are having to take care of grandchildren. You have children growing up in the midst of adverse childhood experiences that we need to be able to address," he said. "What we're seeing is that we have babies that are being born exposed to substances... it is the entire community that's being affected."

Celebrating Black History Month with first Black Assistant Fire Marshal

As West Virginia celebrates Black History Month, the Office of the State Fire Marshal is remembering a milestone of its own: the hiring of the first Black assistant fire marshal in its 112-year history.

Lamarr Maynard previously worked in the public safety field but had not really considered becoming an assistant fire marshal.

"I knew they existed, but really didn't know the extent of work they did," Maynard said.

Born in Washington, D.C., Maynard grew up in the Boone County area after his family moved there from Georgia. A friend in the fire service mentioned that the State Fire Marshal's office was hiring.

"At the time, I didn't give it much thought, but I had already worked numerous years in the public safety and public service field," Maynard recalls. "I said to myself, 'what's the worst that could happen if they hire you?'"

Maynard, 36, was a screener with the Division of Protective Services, also known as the Capitol Police, which, like the State Fire Marshal's Office, is part of the Department of Homeland Security. He also previously served as a Boone County home confinement officer.

Maynard took the written entry test in early 2020. After hearing nothing for several weeks — "I just figured that I didn't make the cut," he said — he got the call that started his hiring process.

Maynard completed his training in March 2020, becoming the first Black assistant state fire marshal. He currently serves in the agency's Inspections Division.

"Assistant Fire Marshal Maynard has been a welcomed and valued member of our team," said State Fire Marshal Tyree.

Tyree, himself the first Black appointee to head the agency, has made ensuring a competent, dedicated and

diverse team a major goal in his seven years at the helm. Under Tyree, the office has also hired two of the three women ever to have served as assistant fire marshals since the agency was formed in July 1909.

"I was excited and nervous at the same time because it was something completely new to me," Maynard said of his hiring. "I never gave it any thought that I was the first African American hired in the department's history. As I am truly honored and thankful, I don't feel that I deserve any special accolades or recognition, because all who work within this public safety agency and other agencies go above and beyond the call every single day. I do hope however, that this will show that the door is open to all who desire an opportunity, (and that) even more minorities to pursue an opportunity as an assistant fire marshal, other law enforcement agency, or fire service and other first responder fields."



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Moorefield Intermediate School December 2021 Leaders of the month are, pictured left to right, Rebecca Woodson, Cole Myers, and Jacob Vasquez-Bail.

Moorefield Elementary December Students of the Month



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Moorefield Elementary School January Students of the Month

Moorefield Elementary School January Students of Month, from left to right, are Bryer Hunt, Yasmin Hernandez, and Maddilyn Crites.



W.Va. Department of Education seeks partners for statewide 2022 summer food program for students

By Christy Day
WVDE Office of Communications

The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) is seeking partnerships with organizations across the state to participate in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) to help feed children and provide supervised activities this summer. Summer months can pose a challenge to children receiving proper nutrition because school is not in session. Community programs and organizations can fill this gap through the SFSP to ensure children across the state receive the nutrition they need.

County boards of education, local government agencies and other nonprofit organizations are eligible to participate in the SFSP, which is open to children (ages 18 and under) in low-income areas. Sites often include schools, churches, community centers, pools, parks, libraries, housing complexes and summer camps, which offer an alternative to the School Breakfast Program or National School Lunch Program that operate during the school year.

"Supporting these sites in your community is one of the most important things you can do to ensure all children have uninterrupted access to nutritious meals this summer," said State Superintendent of Schools W. Clayton Burch. "Children require consistent, quality nutrition for the development of their minds and bod-

ies. We want to make certain every child returns to the classroom in the fall ready to learn."

An average of 202,273 children in West Virginia, about 78 percent of school children, depend on free and reduced-price meals at school. It is vitally important to continue to offer meals in the summer months when children are at their highest risk for food insecurity.

"In 2021, 571 Summer Food Service Program sites provided nutritious meals to children in West Virginia, and we believe many organizations will renew their commitment for 2022," said Amanda Harrison, director of the Office of Child Nutrition. "We encourage new organizations in communities all across the Mountain State to join us so the number of sites can grow and more children have access to healthy meals."

Organizations interested in becoming a 2022 summer sponsor should contact Cybele Boehm or Samantha Reeves with the Office of Child Nutrition at cboehm@k12.wv.us or snsnuffer@k12.wv.us or by calling (833) 627-2833. Summer sites will be announced in June 2022.

For media inquiries, contact Christy Day, West Virginia Department of Education Office of Communications, at 304-558-2699 or Christy.Day@k12.wv.us.

Follow the WVDE on social media at Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

Zoey Mongold of Mathias makes Eastern Mennonite University's Fall 2021 Dean's List

By Lauren Jefferson
Eastern Mennonite University

Congratulations to Zoey Mongold of Mathias, W.Va. for earning Fall 2021 Dean's List honors from East-

ern Mennonite University.

The Dean's List, compiled at the end of each semester, includes degree-seeking students who achieve a semester GPA of at least 3.75 with no W, I, or F grades for 12 semester hours of standard grades.

Soil Tunnel to be featured in March 26 STEM Festival, noon to 4 p.m.

By Margaret Miltenberger

The underground world will be brought to the surface through the Soil Tunnel Trailer, an exhibit to be featured at the 10th Annual Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Festival. The event will be held Saturday, March 26 from noon to 4 p.m. at WVU Potomac

State College, Keyser Campus.

This interactive learning exhibit teaches children of all ages about soil, water, animals, and specialty crops. The larger than life carrot, onion, ginseng, and other root vegetables are carved and painted to look real on the wall.

Another wall holds many insects normally found in the ground, like a

centipede, a cicada and ants digging tunnels. Insects are critical to keeping soils healthy.

Sam Urban, a specialist with the West Virginia Conservation Agency, will be leading the presentation of the Soil Tunnel during the STEM Festival. Aimee Figgatt, outreach specialist with the Conservation Agency, provides leadership for amazing edu-

cational experience. They are looking forward to sharing this mobile exhibit.

To learn more about the exhibit, visit: www.wvca/soiltrailer

The mission of the festival is to reinvigorate the interest of our youth in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) activities and careers by producing and pre-

senting compelling, exciting, educational and entertaining science gatherings.

Event planning co-chairpersons are Andrea Schaefer, WVU Potomac State College, Craig Kesner, Northrop Grumman and Kelly Haines, Mineral County Schools. If you have questions about the festival contact Andrea Schaefer ag-

schaefer@mail.wvu.edu at 304-788-7133 or Margaret Miltenberger at m.miltenberger@mail.wvu.edu.

For more information on the Mineral County STEM Network visit <http://mineralstem.com/> and for regular updates on the STEM Festival like our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MineralCountySTEM>.



The Soil Tunnel trailer, an interactive learning exhibit to better understand what lives under ground, will be featured at the upcoming STEM Festival, March 26, at WVU Potomac State College, noon to 4 p.m.

Mineral County Committee seeking presenters for upcoming STEM Festival

By Rene Trezise
Potomac State College

Proposals for presentations are being accepted through Feb. 1 for the 2022 Mineral County Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Festival. Submit on-line at <http://mineralstem.com>. The event will be held on Saturday, March 26 from

noon to 4 p.m., on the WVU Potomac State College campus, in Keyser, W.Va.

The mission of the festival is to reinvigorate the interest of our youth in STEM activities and careers by producing and presenting compelling, exciting, educational, and entertaining science gatherings.

Business, industry and organizations are encouraged to participate by providing hands-on STEM activities that stimulate

interest and inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers. Presentations are needed that appeal to all levels: elementary, middle and high school students.

"We are excited to be planning an in-person event this year on the WVU Potomac State College campus. Families travel from throughout the region to attend this popular event. The success is due in large part to the outstanding presenters who provide quality

hands-on STEM learning experiences," said Margaret Miltenberger, WVU Extension Service 4-H and Family Extension Agent.

Proposals are easy to submit online. Go to the Mineral County STEM Network website at: <http://mineralstem.com>. Click on the "apply to present" tab at the top of the home page. Proposals are due by Feb. 1 to be included in publication materials.

The planning committee co-chairs are An-

drea Schaefer, WVU Potomac State College, Craig Kesner, Northrop Grumman and Kelly Haines, Mineral County Schools. If you have questions about the proposals contact Andrea Schaefer agschaefer@mail.wvu.edu at 304-788-7133.

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SPORTS

Miller and Co. Shines During Region II Wrestling Tourney

Hardy County sending seven grapplers to Huntington



Photos by Carl Holcomb

East Hardy Wrestling junior Mason Miller celebrates winning the Class A-AA Region II 182-lb. Championship in Lewis County.

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

East Hardy's Mason Miller won the Class A-AA Region II Wrestling Tournament 182-lb. championship in leading a contingent of a dozen medalists for Hardy County and the honors produced five state tournament berths for the Cougars and two tickets for Moorefield from the Lewis County excursion this past weekend.

Driving over snow and ice to reach Weston was an epic adventure for the wrestling teams and more adversity arose with the loss of electricity before hitting the mats, but the grapplers remained determined to wrestle the flurries of emotions to earn state tournament recognition.

Representing Hardy County in the state wrestling tournament with top-four Region II tournament medal placement will be the East Hardy quintet of junior Mason Miller (182-lb. champion), sophomore Milton Funkhouser (106-lb. runner-up), senior Damian Iman (160-lb. third place), junior Matthew Harman (220-lb. fourth place) and sophomore Brandon Jones (138-lb. fourth place) along with Moorefield duo of junior Ryan Hardbarger (195-lb. third place) and freshman Riley Pillus (132-lb. fourth place).

Moorefield senior Matthew Delawder (170-lb.) and East Hardy freshman Shawn Bodkin (126-lb.) placed fifth overall and both qualify as state tournament alternates for their weight classes.

Moorefield freshmen Jean Gonzalez (106-lb.) and Aidan Jones (285-lb.) plus East Hardy sophomore Tyler Tarallo (152-lb.) finished the regionals with sixth place medals to complete the medal count for Hardy County.

Braxton County won the Class A-AA Region II Wrestling Tournament team championship with 248.5 points, followed by runner-up Clay County with 182 points.

East Hardy finished in sixth place as a team with 110 points and was one

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Moorefield Wrestling freshman Riley Pillus embraces his father Rob Pillus after earning a state tournament berth in Lewis County.

Vikings Trip East Hardy

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

The Vikings thwarted the Cougars path with a 68-62 victory to defend the empire in Petersburg last Friday night.

However, East Hardy JV defeated the Vikings 66-53 behind a game-high 39 points scored by Jordan Teets to shove off the opening act.

It was a Teets family show as J.W. Teets netted a game-best 25 points in the varsity contest including four perimeter baskets and brother Justin Teets added 11 points with 3-pointers thrice.

The Cougars had another big performance from Noah Lang with 20 points, but the Vikings were able to stave off a rally.

"We got in foul trouble and we aren't that big. Dawson [Price] picked up three pretty soft fouls compared to how it has been all year. That really changes the outlook of our team when you take the only player who is over six foot tall off the floor for us. We were in battle mode and tried to grind it out and get it to the point of the game where we could put Dawson back in. Our guys did a good job of battling, but we didn't have a full game of being mentally tough. Several minutes in each quarter we stopped doing the things that got us there and Petersburg went on a run. We didn't do a good job of being smart in crunch time," East Hardy coach Chris Hahn remarked.

Petersburg was guided by Bumby Van Meter with 20 points including three tri-fectas, followed by Ian Van Meter with 16 points, Slade Saville contributed 11 points and Trace Rohrbaugh pitched in ten markers.

Ian Van Meter got the Vikings party started with a 3-pointer just eight seconds into the contest.

East Hardy responded with a perimeter shot to equalize from J.W. Teets at the 7:34 mark.

Ian Van Meter hauled in an offensive board, but the ball was swiped by East

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Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield senior Blake Funk corraling a rebound against Berkeley Springs during senior night in the Hive last Wednesday.

Indians try but fail to crash Moorefield senior night party

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

Berkeley Springs pulled out the bag of tricks with 31 points by Gavin Barkley, but the Yellow Jackets refused to let the surprise ruin the senior night party as Moorefield celebrated a 68-60 win last Wednesday.

The Yellow Jackets honored their eight seniors prior to the game and it was senior Ryan McGregor guiding the team with 18 points and fellow senior Dean Keplinger contributing 11 points to keep the noise going in the Hive.

"There's a lot of them. They are a fun bunch to be around. They fight like brothers and I don't think they could agree on anything. They put it together on the court tonight. We have been kind of up and down and this was a good game for us to be up. Berkeley

Springs is ranked number eight in Class AAA, so this is a great win on senior night," Moorefield coach Scott Stutler commented.

The Moorefield seniors were given special recognition and their plans after high school were revealed:

Blake Funk was the first to be recognized and has decided to attend college to become an athletic trainer like team trainer Taylor Zuber.

Bryce Hines has committed to play baseball at Alderson Broaddus University and plans to pursue a degree in psychology. Hines mentioned his best basketball memory was going to the state tournament last year and being known as the 'Bad Boy Pistons of West Virginia'.

Silas Inskip plans to become a welder after high school.

Dean Keplinger will attend college to ma-

join in dentistry.

Ryan McGregor will travel south to Florida to attend a trade school.

Coleman Mongold plans to study wind energy technology in college.

Karson Reed plans to play baseball in college and study sports management.

Levi Thompson plans to attend West Virginia University to major in entrepreneurship and innovation with a minor in economics.

Berkeley Springs started the game with an offensive rebound and jumper by Tymir Ross at the 7:35 mark, then the Yellow Jackets responded with a 10-nil run in a minute iand-change after an initial lull.

Moorefield's Karson Reed hauled in an offensive board prior to a block by Ross and a foul.

Moorefield forced a jump ball, but the ball

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Bulldogs capitalize in overtime win over East Hardy

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

Blunders and missed shots spell doom for the Cougars as Tygarts Valley forced overtime and commandeered a 40-38 win in Baker on Tuesday.

"It was a barn burner. We had a couple mistakes and a freshman threw the ball away. They just beat Tucker County, so I will take it. We missed a couple missed baskets with a minute to go. We threw the ball away with 34 seconds and all we need to do is get the ball in and they would foul and we would win the ball game. That's the way it goes. We are getting better. It would have been nice to get a win for our seniors. We have a rematch against Union and had a lead against them up there last time," East Hardy coach Calvin Mongold remarked.

East Hardy Girls Basketball honored seniors Sarah Merritt and Holly Snyder before the game commenced along with a special dinner with chicken, baked potato and cake.

Merritt is the EHHS senior class president, performed as a drum major for the marching band and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Merritt plans to study psychology in college.

Snyder is the EHHS Future Farmers of America president, the vice-president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and a member of the National Honor Society.

Snyder plans to attend Penn Foster to become a veterinary technician.

Tygarts Valley's Abigail Cabaniss started the game with a block and steal

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Colebank hits milestone as Mountain Lions roar past Moorefield

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

It is tough to hold a Mountain Lion down for very long before they start clawing back.

The Yellow Jackets held Tucker County junior Kadie Colebank to just eight points during the previous meeting (17.9 average), but the Mountain Lion star wouldn't be denied reaching her 1,000th career point by scoring a game-high 21 points during a 54-41 victory in Moorefield on Thursday night.

"We held her to only eight points last time and were hoping she wouldn't reach the milestone. We didn't want her to make it against us, but she is a good player and deserves it. We had a good game plan, but some things just fell apart," Moorefield coach Paul Keplinger noted.

Colebank started the game with a steal and found Macy Helmick for a jumper to spark a 7-nil run for Tucker County.

The Mountain Lions grabbed a defensive rebound and Avery Colebank netted a basket on the

ensuing series.

Both teams traded turnovers including a steal by Moorefield's Kaleigh Hunt which led to a missed bucket, but the rebound by Kadie Colebank transformed into a steal by Teia Ray.

The Yellow Jackets hit the rim and the rebound was made by Sterling Kump, but the next toss to the hoop was blocked by Kadie Colebank, one of her nine blocked shots on the night.

Moorefield recovered and found the rim again with Helmick snatching the board prior to a walk.

Colebank blocks another shot and the ricochet was saved by Ray before another rimmed attempt.

Kadie Colebank drew a foul and made one free throw which was the first of 20 points needed to reach the milestone, then notched the rebound and added a field goal.

"It's awesome. For her to reach this milestone in her junior year is a pretty good accomplishment. We knew she had to have a pretty good game to do it. She deserves it. We have been in kind of a funk at times. We had a slow start, but worked our way through it and won. It isn't as easy as flipping a

switch, we changed up the players and the bench gave us momentum," Tucker County coach Dave Helmick remarked.

Moorefield's Amber Williams stopped the run with a shot in the paint off an assist from Kump at the 5:31 mark.

After a walk by the Mountain Lions, Kump collected a rebound and dish to Hunt, who was fouled and added two free throws.

McKenna Crites made a steal for the Yellow Jackets leading to a missed bucket, then Williams hauled in the rebound and her shot was blocked by Kadie Colebank.

Hunt made a couple steals which developed into turnovers, then a third steal paid off as Crites made a layup to cut the deficit to 7-6 at the 4:00 mark.

Williams created a steal prior to a walk, then Hunt swiped the ball and the ensuing attempt went off the rim.

Tucker County's Avery Colebank made the rebound and passed to Helmick for a field goal at 3:08.

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Photo by Carl Holcomb

Tucker County's Kadie Colebank records one of nine blocks against Moorefield's McKenna Crites and reaches her 1,000th career point.

SPORTS

East Hardy Girls vs Tygarts Valley

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leading to her own basket at the 7:00 mark.

East Hardy responded with a 3-pointer by Chloe Miller to take a 3-2 lead at 6:35.

The Bulldogs sandwiched errant buckets around a jump ball, then East Hardy's Addison Armentrout collected a rebound and found Brooklyn Tinnell for a score in the paint.

Both teams missed a couple field goals and committed turnovers over the next three minutes prior to a free throw by Autumn Crites after a rebound for the Cougars building a 6-2 edge.

Tygarts Valley's Emily Tackett snatched a defensive board and one on offense leading to a putback at 1:35.

The Cougars answered on the ensuing possession with a jumper by Miller simultaneously as a foul occurred under the hoop by a teammate and the shot counted.

The Bulldogs lost the ball out of play and East Hardy's Gabby Miller netted a jumper with 18 seconds on the clock in the opening frame.

Tinnell stole the ball and added a breakaway layup in the closing seconds to put the Cougars up 12-4.

Tinnell swiped the ball again to begin the second period, then Emma Heishman dished to Gabby Miller for a basket at 7:20, 14-4.

Armentrout made a steal, but the ensuing shot was blocked by Tygarts Valley's Landrie Lanham.

After a foul, the Bulldogs fumbled the ball out of bounds and the Cougars were assessed a charge with the use of an arm protecting the ball.

Lanham knocked down a 3-pointer to cut the East Hardy deficit down to 14-7 at the 5:47 mark.

The Cougars walked and Tygarts Valley missed a shot before hauling in the rebound and it was stolen by Heishman leading to an errant field goal.

Chloe Miller forced a jump ball, then Heishman grabbed an offensive rebound and the next shot was blocked by Cabaniss.

The Bulldogs added field goal and missed two free throws during the minute.

Heishman nailed a bucket in the paint as

the Cougars took a 16-9 lead with 3:28 left in the second period.

Cabaniss found the hoop with a cut along the baseline for Tygarts Valley at 2:49.

East Hardy walked twice sandwiching a steal by Heishman and missed Bulldogs shot.

Tinnell made a leaping save for a rebound and passed to Armentrout, who was fouled and missed both free throw line attempts.

Both teams missed opportunities at the net, then a double dribble by the Cougars in the final seconds enabled Tygarts Valley's Lanham to drill a 3-pointer at the buzzer with East Hardy holding a 16-14 edge going into the locker rooms.

Tygarts Valley's Kendal Cutright commenced the third period with a steal, but was whistled for a walk.

Isabella Shumate grabbed a defensive rebound and garnered an old-fashioned three-point play to elevate the Bulldogs to a 17-16 lead at 7:25.

Cutright tried to pull down a rebound along with a teammate and in the confusion was given a walk.

Crites collected a rebound and located Armentrout for a shot as East Hardy regained the lead 18-17 at 6:59.

Tinnell made a steal, but the Cougars missed two shots despite a rebound by Crites.

Cutright nailed a perimeter bucket to put Tygarts Valley back on top at 6:13, but the game would be tied 17 seconds later on a jumper by Crites after Gabby Miller drew defenders in the paint to create the open look for Crites.

Both teams drew iron, then Felicity Walden sank a jumper as the Bulldogs went ahead again.

Crites snatched an offensive carom and assisted Tinnell on a game-tying field goal at 4:51, 22-22.

Cutright connected on a 3-pointer for Tygarts Valley at 3:47 and Walden notched a jumper on the following series to build a 27-22 lead.

Both teams committed a pair of turnovers over the final three minutes and change of the third period and it took nearly as long for another field goal to drop into the net with Gabby Miller hitting a basket in the paint with 33

seconds on the clock, 27-24.

Tygarts Valley held a 27-24 lead entering the fourth period, then the Cougars marched back for the lead in one and a half minutes.

East Hardy's Gabby Miller snatched a defensive rebound and found Crites for a jumper.

Miller notched two free throws to give the Cougars a 28-27 lead at 6:27.

The Bulldogs missed several field goals over the next minute before Tackett placed the ball in the net.

Gabby and Chloe Miller corralled offensive rebounds prior to a jumper by Tinnell as the Cougars went back up 30-29.

Gabby Miller stole the ball, but was called for a fourth foul in the process.

There were rimmed buckets ricocheting the ball on both sides of the floor before a shot in the lane by Lanham stole the lead.

The Cougars answered with a putback from Armentrout to regain the advantage with 2:48 left in the frame.

East Hardy's Chloe Miller hauled in a defensive rebound and passed to Tinnell, who sliced down the baseline for a layup and a 34-31 edge.

The Bulldogs hit the rim twice, then Gabby Miller stole the ball before East Hardy slowed down the pace and played keep away with a minute remaining in the contest.

A turnover was converted into a free throw for the Bulldogs with 39 seconds to go.

Tygarts Valley fouled during full court pressure, then East Hardy threw the ball out of bounds.

The ball ricocheted off the rim and was tipped into the hands of Cutright, who slashed a jumper to tie the game and force overtime with five seconds left in the fourth period.

The final throw went awry as the game went into overtime.

East Hardy missed two field goals to commence the extra frame, then the Bulldogs kept possession alive with rebounding and Cutright drilled a perimeter basket for a 37-34 edge at 3:23.

Gabby Miller drew contact going for a basket as a Bulldogs defender went for a block, then added both free throws, 37-36.



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East Hardy's Addison Armentrout (left) pries the ball loose from Tygarts Valley's Abigail Cabaniss as Gabby Miller assists on the play in Baker.

Armentrout made a diving save off a missed shot and the ball sailed out just a few yards away, then Cabaniss hit a jumper to extend the Bulldogs lead.

Both teams missed field goals and free throw attempts over the ensuing minute, then Crites made a diving attempt for a rebound and was tied up for a jump ball going back to the Bulldogs.

Tygarts Valley was whistled for a charge during a screen play and the Cougars were back in business offensively as Gabby Miller dished to Chloe Miller for a jumper with a minute remaining which closed the gap to 39-38.

Tygarts Valley broke the press and stalled the offense prior to a foul and missed a free

throw with 32 seconds left.

Crites collected the carom then the Cougars hit the rim and the tip went back to the Bulldogs and they missed another free throw with 16 seconds to go.

East Hardy's Chloe Miller snatched the board and the next shot drew iron with Cutright hauling in the board and was locked up for a jump ball going to Tygarts Valley with four seconds on the clock.

The Cougars fouled within a second and the Bulldogs' Lanham notched one free throw for a 40-38 lead.

Crites grabbed the rebound and the throw sailed into a sea of Tygarts Valley red uniforms as the Bulldogs escaped the Den with a 40-38 overtime bite.

East Hardy Boys vs Petersburg

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Hardy's Dawson Price and the Cougars failed to convert with Saville snatching the carom.

Rohrbaugh corralled a missed shot and nailed a jumper at 6:54 for a 5-3 edge.

Price and J.W. Teets hauled in offensive rebounds to keep possession alive prior to a steal by Rohrbaugh.

Van Meter sank a basket in the paint, then both teams committed turnovers before a defensive rebound by Petersburg's Zalon Barrick.

Rohrbaugh added a free throw for the Vikings at the 5:00 mark to go up 8-3.

East Hardy sandwiched two errant attempts around a steal by Price, then Bumby Van Meter collected a defensive rebound and dashed up the court for a layup.

The Cougars lit a fire at the perimeter line as J.W. Teets scorched three 3-pointers within a minute to rally for a 14-13 lead by the 3:05 mark.

Lang dished to Teets for the first perimeter bucket at 3:53, then the Cougars forced a turnover and ten seconds elapsed before Lang located Teets again for a trey.

The Vikings finally responded with a 3-pointer by Ian Van Meter at the 3:32 mark.

Lang drew contact even seconds later and added two free throws.

Price blocked a shot attempt and made a steal to setup J.W. Teets for another perimeter basket at 3:05 as East Hardy took the lead.

The lead lasted for 26 seconds before Saville took a trip to the charity stripe for two points putting Petersburg back in front, 15-14.

The game would be knotted up at 15-all with a free throw from East Hardy's Andrew Hahn at the 2:15 mark.

Bumby Van Meter slipped through the back door for a basket as the Vikings took the lead again.

East Hardy's Justin Teets knocked down a mid-range jumper to tie up the contest again at 1:38.

Petersburg garnered two field goals in the last minute from Barrick and Bumby Van Meter to hold a 21-17 edge at the end of the frame as the Cougars missed several shots during that stretch.

Lang opened the second period with a layup at the 7:44 mark for the Cougars, then Petersburg walked.

East Hardy regained the lead on a 3-pointer from Price at the 7:06 mark, 22-21.

It took 15 seconds for the lead to be swapped on the paint maneuver by Barrick.

Bumby Van Meter exited the Vikings advantage with a 3-pointer and forced a turnover.

Petersburg struck again as Rohrbaugh snatched a defensive rebound and found an opening for a jumper to make it 28-22 with five minutes left in the second period.

Saville stole the ball and launched it to Ian Van Meter for a layup at 4:42.

The Cougars answered with an old-fashioned three-point play by J.W. Teets just a dozen seconds later for a 30-25 score.

East Hardy's J.W. Teets swiped the ball, but it was taken back by Peyton Tingle before Justin Teets blocked the ensuing shot attempt.

The Cougars hit the rim twice with rebounds by Brandon Parker and Caden Arbaugh with the latter leading to a Vikings field goal from Saville.

Parker notched one free throw on the next Cougars series.

Hahn stole the ball leading to a pair of free throws by J.W. Teets to cut the deficit to 32-28 with 3:10 left in the first half.

Saville and J.W. Teets traded layups just ten seconds apart.

Tingle drilled a 3-pointer with one minute left in the second period to give Petersburg a 38-30 lead entering halftime as the Cougars missed two field goals down the stretch.

Commencing the third period, both teams drew iron before a steal by Lang was transformed into a perimeter basket from J.W. Teets at 7:21, 38-33.

A little over a minute transpired with errant attempts and a charge by Saville, then a defensive rebound by the Vikings was stolen by J.W. Teets for a breakaway layup for a 38-35 score at 6:12.

Justin Teets hauled in a defensive carom, but the Cougars hit the rim going over to Petersburg and he snatched the ball back quickly only to see the rim shake again.

Price corralled the offensive board, then Teets lost the ball off his foot out of bounds.

Lang swiped the ball and drew a foul leading to two free throws to close the gap to 38-37 with five minutes remaining in the third period.

Ian Van Meter, Barrick and Tingle knocked down jumpers in a span of a minute to put the Vikings up 44-38.

Lang notched a free throw on the following East Hardy series, then the Vikings walked and J.W. Teets added a jumper.

Justin Teets garnered a steal for the Cougars and dished to Lang for a layup to cut the deficit to 44-43 with 1:13 left in the third period.

Parker grabbed a defensive rebound and was tied up for a jump ball, then Saville hit a jumper.

Both teams hit the rim, then Justin Teets made a defensive rebound and fed Lang for a bucket with 25 seconds to go for a 46-45 score entering the final stanza.

Petersburg sandwiched 3-pointers by Bumby Van Meter around an acrobatic baseline layup for Lang in a span of 32 seconds to create a 52-47 edge.

Lang added two free throws on the next Cougars possession.

East Hardy's Justin Teets notched a steal off a deflection by Price and J.W. Teets passed back to Justin Teets for a 3-pointer to tie the game at 52-all with 6:14 remaining.

Lang stole the ball and scored on

the breakaway as the Cougars took the lead at 5:51.

Lang made another steal, but the ensuing attempt was blocked by Bumby Van Meter.

Ian Van Meter saved the ricochet and Bumby Van Meter scored moments later inside the paint to tie it up.

The Cougars went back on top 56-54 with five minutes to go on a pair of free throws by J.W. Teets.

Barrick evened the score with a jumper for the Vikings on the next series.

Over the next three and a half minutes, Petersburg built a 63-56 advantage with a 3-pointer by Rohrbaugh plus four free throws combined by Bumby Van Meter and Saville with 1:20 left.

Meanwhile, East Hardy would miss four field goals and committed three turnovers in that time as the Vikings stalled the game, too.

East Hardy stopped the clock, then Price made one free throw at the 1:03 mark and another timeout was called.

Parker grabbed a rebound off a missed Vikings free throw, then Barrick blocked a shot and Lang recovered the ricochet for a jumper as East Hardy made it 63-59 with 52 seconds on the clock.

East Hardy fouled and the Vikings missed the free throw with Lang making the rebound prior to a walk.

The Cougars made an intentional foul with 37 seconds left and Ian Van Meter garnered both free throws to put Petersburg up 65-59 and as East Hardy was formulating a play the referee gave the Vikings the ball again



Photo by Carl Holcomb

East Hardy's Justin Teets splits the defense of Petersburg's Zalon Barrick and Bumby Van Meter.

and Van Meter was fouled and added two more charity stripe buckets.

A timeout was called and the ball was handed off to Petersburg by mistake and the Cougars had to foul again with a quick conference allowing the play to stand and Van Meter

missed the free throws.

Lang hauled in the rebound and found Justin Teets for a 3-pointer with 22 seconds left as East Hardy cut the deficit to 67-62.

The Vikings fumbled the ball away, but East Hardy hit the rim and

Bumby Van Meter snatched the rebound and was fouled leading to an insurance free throw with 13 seconds remaining.

Barrick stole the ball in the final seconds as Petersburg secured a 68-62 victory over the Cougars.

THE OLD MASTER

By JAY FISHER

For WVU basketball, it was another week of "playing hard, but not shooting well" with another pair of losses.

The first loss was at Kansas State. The first half was actually pretty good. The Mountaineers shot 43%, and held a 42-35 lead at halftime. But then the second half happened. West Virginia made just 9 out of 25 shots in that half, and saw the seven point lead turn into 78-73 loss to the Wildcats.

Then came a home game against Kansas. The sell-out crowd was loud and into the game. And WVU played the Jayhawks tough most of the way. KU had a few runs in the first half, but WVU was able to claw back each time, and only trailed 33-27 at halftime, despite shooting under 30%. The Mountaineers came out strong in the second half (which is something we've seen all too rarely), and pulled within a point at 44-43 with 12:40 to go. But over the next eight minutes, WVU made just one basket (and some free throws), and Kansas pulled away during that time to

a double digit lead. The final score ended up being 71-58.

The big difference was inside. West Virginia missed a lot of layups (they were just 2/10 close to the basket, while Kansas was 17/19). Kansas also out-rebounded WVU 49-32. The Mountaineers' overall shooting wasn't good, either, at just 28%, with both halves under 30%. That just isn't going to cut it against a Top 10 team.

What now? After the Kansas game, they are 14-12 with five games to go, and they might be favored in one of those (the regular season finale hosting TCU). They had a game at TCU on Monday, and tonight play at Iowa State (7 p.m., ESPNU).

Then it's a home game against Texas at 2 p.m. this Saturday (ESPN or ESPN2 to be determined, so check your listings). That will be followed by a trip to Oklahoma on Tuesday, March 1 (7 p.m., and either ESPN or ESPN2, so check your listings).

It's a tough run, and a losing record is very much a possibility. The effort seems to be there, but the

shooting and rebounding has not. I don't know if that is something that can be turned around in short order.

On a happier note, the WVU baseball team started off its season in fine fashion, winning their first three games. The opener was a solid 13-8 win over Central Michigan, then came an 8-3 win against Kent State, and that was followed by another win over CMU, this time by a 10-0 rout. Central Michigan is a pretty decent team (receiving votes in the Coaches Top 25 poll), so this is a very encouraging start.

The football team has some comings and goings. After Gerard Parker headed to Notre Dame, WVU needed a new receivers coach. This week, they announced Tony Washington as that coach. The Appalachian State alum played in the NFL before starting his coaching career, and comes to WVU from Coastal Carolina. The Chanticleers have had a very good offense the past few seasons, and on paper this seems like a very good hire. One of the goings, is another starter lost to the transfer port-

tal. Darryl Porter, who was a starting cornerback, announced he was entering the portal. He is likely heading to a school that is awash with NIL opportunities, such as Miami or an SEC school. WVU had a couple of defensive backs transfer to the SEC last year, and neither saw much playing time. Time will tell how this works out.

Notes: The gymnastics team cracked the 196 point barrier for the first time this season at a meet at Towson State. The score boosted their National Qualifying Score average to #32 in the country (the top 36 make it to NCAAs). They are on an upward trajectory, and another score like that could vault them into the Top 25...The swimming team will host the Big 12 Championships for the second time ever this coming weekend (Wednesday through Saturday)...This will include the #1 Texas men's team and the #2 Texas women's team. Both Longhorn squads feature some 2021 Tokyo Olympians as well as favorites for the 2024 Paris Olympics.



SPORTS

Wrestling

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of just six teams to surpass 100 points scored in the regional competition.

"It is a really great experience for the kids. They worked their butts off to get to this point. They worked their butts off in the weight room and on the mat, they've done everything we've asked them to do. It is wonderful for everybody. It was great to see two of our wrestlers in the championship round. They worked hard to get there. It was a first experience for me and for them," East Hardy Wrestling coach Steven Miller stated.

Defending Class A state champion Moorefield took ninth place out of 16 teams with a total of 56 points.

The Cougars had all wrestlers competing on the second day of the regional tournament, while six of the nine Moorefield grapplers battled on the second day in Lewis County.

"Regional tournament is always tough and it is the start of the state tournament. It is tough when kids end their season short of their goals, but that is just part of it. On the other side, I am really proud of Riley [Pillus]. He had a real tough freshman season. He had some good matches and tough matches. He showed up here this weekend and did his best wrestling, punched his ticket to state. As a freshman, he is just a handful of wrestlers we've had as freshmen to make it to state. For Ryan [Hardbarger] at this point, it is kind of an expectation for him to wrestle well and he fulfilled those expectations punching his ticket to state as well. For Matt [Delawder], it is the story of his life for the third time in his career being in fifth place," Moorefield Wrestling coach T.J. Van Meter commented.

Mason Miller (29-3) topped the podium with a headlock driven pin in the second period over Braxton County's Bryce Leegon (29-6) at 3:19 for the Cougars' region title, but the medal hunt for Hardy County started in the first weight class of the tournament.

"This was a long time coming. There was a lot of work put into it. I've been battling since freshman year to get to state and have a better placement. He kept scoring on me, so I figured I had to do something. I threw it and got it. My dad has been coaching for 14 years and I have been a part of it every step of the way building it from nothing, so this means everything," Region II Wrestling 182-lb. champion Mason Miller remarked.

"I hate using headlocks, but the opportunity was there and I was trailing in the match so I went after it."

East Hardy and Moorefield grapplers made a statement with their presence on the podium starting in the 106-lb. division.

East Hardy sophomore Milton Funkhous-

er (23-5) garnered the Class A-AA Region II Wrestling Tournament 106-lb. weight class runner-up plaque in a 15-5 major decision loss to Elkins sophomore Gavin Boland.

After a bye, Funkhouser pinned Doddridge County's Cameron Cramer at 1:09 and beat Roane County's Levi Holbert by a 9-5 decision in the championship semifinals to reach the title match.

Boland lifted Funkhouser into a fireman's carry position at the start of the championship bout before sending him to the mat for a takedown and they shifted out of the circle.

Boland collected back points before a warning for an illegal hold.

In the second period, Funkhouser was given a point on a neutral call by Elkins, then Boland made a takedown and Funkhouser went into a tucked position, not allowing a cradle.

There was blood time for a head butt, then Boland made a hold again and couldn't create another move as Funkhouser refused to budge.

Boland threw Funkhouser out of the circle resulting in an unsportsmanlike penalty and once more shoving him out for another infraction in the third period.

Boland gathered the points for a major decision in the title match.

"I feel good about the placement, but that guy was a little dirty. Coming from East Hardy, I will look like the better person. I am really honored to represent East Hardy," Region II Wrestling 106-lb. Runner-up Milton Funkhouser said.

There were no seniors in the 106-lb. weight class and Moorefield freshman Jean Gonzalez (16-12) stepped up to collect a sixth place medal joining Funkhouser in the podium ceremony.

Braxton County sophomore Cody Stout pinned Gonzalez in the fifth place medal match during the first period at 0:37.

East Hardy's Shawn Bodkin (12-15) had a huge smile receiving the fifth place medal in the 126-lb. class after pinning Philip Barbour's Ryan Morris in the third period at 4:13.

Moorefield's Riley Pillus (27-22) was thrilled to earn a fourth place regional medal for the 132-lb. class and a trip to the state tournament as a freshman, one of six first-year Yellow Jackets to accomplish the feat.

Pillus defeated Braxton County's Andrew Brandt by a 6-4 decision to earn the state tournament berth and rushed into his parents' arms to celebrate, then lost by pin in the third place contest against Roane County's Russell May.

"I feel great. I made everyone proud. Thanks to my coach and my dad, everyone who has supported me. The keys were to be

aggressive, watch for the shots and don't make any mistakes. I am glad I was able to make it to the podium and to the state tournament as a freshman," Moorefield Wrestling state qualifier Riley Pillus commented.

Petersburg senior Thomas Ours (26-2) garnered the 132-lb. region championship and was accompanied by Pillus on the podium.

East Hardy's Brandon Jones (16-11) was pinned in the second period at 4:04 during the 138-lb. third place match against Eli Evans of South Harrison, but earned the state trip in the consolation semifinal with a second period pin at 3:18 over Doddridge County's Dawson Pumphrey.

Jones was in the championship bracket semifinals before losing to eventual champion Blayne Jarvis from Braxton County in a second period pin at 2:19.

"I'm very honored. Last season I failed out in the regional season, but this year I am just happy to make it here. I was on the edge, but glad I made it. It is very special and wouldn't want to be anywhere else. I was determined to go to state. The place was very nice and big," East Hardy Wrestling state qualifier Brandon Jones noted.

East Hardy's Tyler Tarallo (19-13) pinned Ritchie County's Jeremy Damold in the second period to reach the 152-lb. consolation semifinals, then Doddridge County's Caleb Lloyd executed a third period pin sending Tarallo to the fifth place match where Roane County's Shadraq Greathouse won by major decision 13-nil.

Moving on in the medal count, East Hardy's Damian Iman (21-11) garnered a trip to the state tournament with a second period pin at 2:05 over Liberty's Logan Morgan with a takedown and back points in the first period followed up by a takedown and pin in the second period before garnering a third place medal defeating Grafton's Eli Shumaker with an 8-7 decision.

Iman initially reached the championship bracket semifinals before losing to Elkins' Javier Roserio by a third period pin at 5:28.

"I'm pretty excited to go to Huntington. A lot of young wrestlers don't make it there and I am only a fourth year wrestler compared to some 14-year wrestlers. It was good to be able to make it to state. Shooting was a big priority and they were shocked when I did it, then I made sure to pressure them down," East Hardy Wrestling state qualifier Damian Iman explained.

Iman had a couple of black eyes from his intense matches, but it was worth it to make it to the state tournament.

Moorefield's Matthew Delawder (49-18) advanced to the 170-lb. consolation semi-

nals with a second period pin over Ritchie County's James Soniu after a couple of takedowns to start the match, then lost by pin in the second period to Braxton County's Bryson Spell despite standing up out of grasps only to succumb to a cradle.

Delawder secured a fifth place medal over Grafton's Aiden SHEME with a second period pin at 2:53.

East Hardy's Mason Miller's road to the region championship started with a bye, then pinned South Harrison's Luke Hall (0:16), defeated Clay County's Braden Black by 9-2 decision before facing off with Leegon in the title bout and made the pin in the second period.

During the championship match, Leegon attacked first with a takedown move and choke hold on Miller, then let go of Miller for an escape point.

Miller was quick to move down on his knee on a number of occasions looking for an opening for a single leg or double leg takedown, but Leegon would stand his ground shifting his arms down to block access.

Leegon had a hold in the second period prior to giving up an escape to Miller, then Miller saw the chance to grab around the neck when head-to-head making a headlock pull to the mat and spin with weight shifted for the pin at 3:19.

Moorefield's Ryan Hardbarger (36-7) reached the championship semifinals with a pin over Lewis County's Britton Farnsworth, then lost to Elkins' Nick Barrickman by a 4-0 decision to be bumped to the consolation semifinals and earned a trip to the state tournament with a third period pin at 4:39 over Ritchie County's Morgan Knight prior to earning the bronze medal by edging Lincoln's Marcus Rucker in a 7-2 decision.

"It's a great experience. I was hoping to come out in first, but glad to be going there. I tried to keep my opponents away from my legs and work my own offense and keep them from using their offense," Moorefield Wrestling state qualifier Ryan Hardbarger commented.

East Hardy's Matthew Harman (26-8) lost to Doddridge County's Justin Mace twice in the 220-lb. division, the first time was in the championship quarterfinals in a first period pin at 1:02 and in the consolation third place match in a time of 0:59.

Harman beat Robert C. Byrd's Gale Adams by fall at 1:37 and edged Lewis County's Tyler Carson by a 2-nil decision for the rematch against Mace.

"I'm pretty excited to make it to state for the first time. I got fifth place last year and I worked hard to get to state. I just tried to keep my opponents down. It took a lot of work to

get them down and ride them until the period ended. It was rough. You have to dig deep for that third period," East Hardy Wrestling state qualifier Matthew Harman remarked.

Moorefield's Aidan Jones (18-25) beat Robert C. Byrd's Damon Hopkins in the opening round of the 285-lb. regional tournament with a pin in the second period at 2:26, then lost to Clay County's Ethan Morris at 3:52 and was sent to the consolation bracket quarterfinals where he defeated Liberty's Austin Corley by forfeit for a spot in the semifinals.

Lewis County's Dameron Wolfe beat Jones with a first period pin at 0:47, then Philip Barbour's Brice Davis took the fifth place match medal with a first period pin over Jones at 1:56.

East Hardy junior Shane Riggle reached the consolation quarterfinals of the 120-lb. weight class during the region tournament before bowing out by a 9-4 decision to Ritchie County's Thomas Miracle.

Riggle was close to getting a medal by earning back points against Miracle prior to a reversal and injured his hand on an escape which made him lose some focus checking on it during the match, but kept battling through the third period.

Moorefield freshman Dylan Colasessano (12-42) competed in the 145-lb. weight class and made it to the second round of the consolation bracket and lost to Philip Barbour's Ethan Wilt in a first period pin.

Moorefield sophomore Grant Sherman (2-12) reached the second round of the consolation bracket in the 152-lb. weight class before and was pinned in the first period by Ritchie County's Jeremy Damold, who would face East Hardy's Tyler Tarallo.

Moorefield freshman Braeden Ault (15-26) reached the consolation second round bracket in the 182-lb. weight class and lost to South Harrison's Luke Hall in a second period pin.

Moorefield freshman E.J. Wyman (8-6) reached the consolation quarterfinal bracket of the 220-lb. weight class and lost by a second period pin to Ritchie County's Rory Bunner.

Wyman traded takedowns with Bunner in the first period, then Bunner notched back points sending Wyman's leg up in the air.

Wyman lost his headgear twice in the second period as Bunner looked for a takedown and back points.

East Hardy and Moorefield Wrestling teams are sending a talented group of grapplers to the state tournament in Huntington on March 3-5 seeking to gain valuable experience and potential glory from medal podium finishes.

Moorefield Boys vs Berkeley Springs

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was stolen by the Indians as Trevor Osborn made a save along the baseline prior to a kick out of bounds.

Blake Funk blocked a shot attempt, then the Yellow Jackets hit the rim and Ross collected the rebound as he simultaneously stepped out of bounds.

The Yellow Jacketss would miss two more buckets before the run began at the 4:53 mark with a layup by Coleman Mongold.

Dean Keplinger hauled in a defensive rebound, then Reed made a spinning move in the paint with a dish to Funk for the basket at 4:36.

Ryan McGregor swiped the ball and the turnover led to a 3-pointer by Keplinger at 3:48.

Berkeley Springs missed two field goals around a steal by Barkley with Reed making the rebound on the latter shot to setup a trifecta from McGregor as the Yellow Jackets took a 10-2 lead with 3:07 left in the first period.

The Indians recorded field goals from Barkley twice and Shawn Lord in the span of a minute, while Mongold added a jumper during that time for a 12-8 score.

Moorefield stalled the game in the final minute before Barkley swiped the ball and missed at the buzzer.

"It feels good. We started out and kept on rolling. We had some stretches where we couldn't make shots or rebound the ball, then we pulled it all together to pull this one out. We've played with each other since we were little. All the hard work and fun we've had in practice and playing in games together is like playing with seven other brother-

ers," Moorefield senior Blake Funk noted.

Funk garnered a pair of baskets in the paint and Keplinger notched a 3-pointer as the Yellow Jackets went ahead 19-12 at the 5:27 mark of the second period.

Lord made a leap at mid-court to snag an inbound pass and was fouled in the process.

Osborn drilled a perimeter bucket as the Indians cut the deficit to 19-15 at 4:25.

Moorefield hit the rim five times over the following two minutes and the Indians drew iron twice, then the ice was broken as Mongold made a free throw.

The Yellow Jackets forced a turnover and Mongold drained a 3-pointer with 1:17 left in the first half.

Lord stole the ball and made a breakaway layup for Berkeley Springs, then Barkley snatched a defensive rebound leading to a perimeter shot from Lord with eight seconds on the clock as Moorefield's halftime lead was cut to 23-20.

Barkley opened the second half with a steal, but the Indians failed to convert.

Mongold knocked down a jumper for the Yellow Jackets at the 7:18 mark.

The tide would change momentarily as Ross notched two field goals within a minute to cut the deficit to 25-24 at 6:15.

Berkeley Springs collected a defensive rebound leading to a baseline basket from Barkley to garner the lead at 5:15, 26-25.

Moorefield took the lead back 15 seconds later as McGregor nailed a

jumper.

Ross received a baseline assist from Barkley to swap the lead at 4:47.

Reed tied the contest at 28-all with a free throw on the following series for the Yellow Jackets at 4:36.

Barkley netted a baseline layup, then forced a turnover to setup Osborn for a shot in the corner as the Indians went up 32-28 with 3:55 left in the third period.

After a jumper by Ross, Moorefield responded with a 3-pointer from McGregor at the 3:00 mark.

Berkeley Springs answered with a trey by Ross to boost the lead back up to 37-31.

In a flurry of action, Moorefield's Ronny Griest nailed a jumper and it was matched by Ross.

Silas Inskip drew a foul as the Yellow Jackets kept the momentum going.

Mongold notched a steal and completed an old-fashioned three-point play.

"When we work as a team, we can go far. We just have to work hard together as a team and we will go far, that is our main goal. We've played together for awhile, since we were young. I love this place and this is where I am going to stay," Moorefield senior Coleman Mongold stated.

Moorefield lit up the perimeter line with buckets from Keplinger and McGregor to rally for a 45-40 lead entering the final stanza.

Griest started the fourth period with a 3-pointer as the energy continued to buzz in the Hive.

Keplinger found Mongold on a back door route to extend the lead

to double digits, 52-42 with 6:19 remaining.

After a free throw by Griest and an Indians walk, Mongold dished to McGregor for a layup at 5:24 for a 55-42 advantage.

Barkley nailed a 3-pointer, then Lord swiped the ball and drew a foul leading to one free throw made.

Griest made the nets sing again with a perimeter shot at 4:10 as the Yellow Jackets held a 58-46 lead.

Barkley scored in the paint, then Osborn and Inskip traded take-aways.

Osborn made another steal, but Berkeley Springs failed to connect.

An old-fashioned three-point play by Barkley with 1:49 left would cut the deficit to 60-51, but Mongold added a layup within eight seconds in response.

The Indians missed shots thrice and McGregor was hacked on the last rebound leading to one free throw.

Barkley added a three-point play again with 48 seconds remaining as the Indians trailed 64-54.

Reed and McGregor added a pair of free throws apiece for the Yellow Jackets to maintain a double digit lead with 17 seconds to go.

The Indians managed to add one more field goal by Barkley in the closing seconds, but it wasn't enough to crash the senior pizza party as Moorefield celebrated a 68-60 victory.

"If you would have asked them, I don't think they would have agreed on the toppings for the pizza. They fight like brothers, but are a fun group," Coach Stutler added during the pizza party.

Moorefield Girls vs Tucker

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Crites swiped the ball twice resulting in missed free throws and a missed jumper, then Crites knocked the ball loose with Ray corralling it and passing up to Hunt for a jumper at 2:14 as the Yellow Jackets trailed 9-8.

The Mountain Lions were playing sloppy as Moorefield garnered another steal with quick hands by Hunt, but the Yellow Jackets hit the rim again.

Tucker County lost the ball out of bounds with defense by Crites, then Crites drilled a 3-pointer to give Moorefield an 11-9 lead at the 1:30 mark and timeout was called.

The Mountain Lions regained the lead with 37 seconds left in the first period on a jumper by Helmick.

The Yellow Jackets answered a dozen seconds later with a perimeter basket by Crites to take a 14-12 edge into the second period.

Tucker County sandwiched two turnovers around a steal with no more points added in the waning seconds.

Williams battled through three defenders in the paint to earn the first bucket of the second period for the Yellow Jackets at the 7:41 mark, 16-12.

Tucker County's Ericka Zirk collected an offensive rebound and notched the putback at 7:12.

The Mountain Lions corralled a defensive rebound, then Kump blocked a shot with Williams snatching up the ricochet prior to Colebank denying the next attempt.

Moorefield's Seanna Heavner dropped a jumper into the hoop to boost the lead to 18-14 at 6:10.

Colebank responded with a bucket in the paint, then the Mountain Lions forced a turnover.

Tucker County hit the rim and the ball bounced out of play, then Crites drew a foul and added one free throw at 4:56.

The Mountain Lions went on a 10-0 run to close the second period for a 26-19 lead at the break as Colebank, Helmick and Jayden Kuhn contributed points plus four more blocks during that stretch by Colebank.

Early in the third period, Moorefield cut into the deficit with two free throws by Kump and a jumper from Korbin Keplinger to make it 28-23 at the 4:57 mark.

The Yellow Jackets missed five field goals and committed two turnovers during that time, but Crites blocked a shot and made a steal.

The Yellow Jackets kept Kadie Colebank from scoring in the third period which put the milestone achievement in a bit of jeopardy.

Tucker County mainlined attacks with baskets from Addie and Katie Hicks to develop a 36-26 lead entering the final stanza, while Moorefield managed a Crites free throw and a putback from Williams.

Hunt drilled a 3-pointer for the Yellow Jackets with 6:21 remaining in the fourth period coming off her own steal to cut the deficit to 40-33.

Moorefield executed a trap as Colebank shouted for the defenders to get off, then bolted through the defense and had the ball deflected out by Ray.

Colebank was fired up and executed an old-fashioned three-point play at the 6:09 mark.

Keplinger notched one free throw just seven seconds later for Moorefield.

A steal by Tucker County setup a field goal for Kuhn.

Crites added a jumper and two free throws within 28 seconds sandwiching two foul shots by Colebank to make it 48-40 with 4:49 to go.

Tucker County missed three attempts, despite forcing a couple of turnovers.

Heavner added a free throw for the Yellow Jackets at 3:29, then swiped the ball before Crites was whistled for a charge and fouled out.

The Mountain Lions lost the ball, but Moorefield failed to convert.

Colebank put Tucker County ahead 51-41 with a basket in the paint and needed one more point to reach the milestone.

Colebank seized the opportunity with 55 seconds remaining by drawing a foul and hitting the 1,000th point of her career, then made one more point for a 53-41 lead.

"It's really special. I've worked at this for awhile. It is something I am really proud of. My teammates are really supportive and wanted me to reach this milestone. I couldn't be happier with the girls on this team. This is our last regular season game and hopefully we can finish this week and prepare and have a good mindset for our playoff game," Tucker County junior Kadie Colebank stated.

The Yellow Jackets fumbled the ball away and Tucker County notched one more free throw for the 54-41 win.

Colebank clawed back to redeem her previous outing and secure the milestone to join the legends of the hardwood.

BOWLING NEWS

ODD COUPLES MIXED LEAGUE 2/08/2022

TEAM STANDINGS: Vetter's Guns & Ammo 66.5 - 25.5, WELD 63 - 29, Strike Force 56 - 36, Livin on a Spare 52.5 - 39.5, The Tidy Bowlers 48 - 44, Split Happens 45 - 47, Country Cars & Trucks 41 - 51, Terminators 32 - 60, Lucky Strikes 32 - 60.

HIGH GAME MEN (SCRATCH): Jon Hedrick 257, Brandon Ketterman 229, Larry Walp 227, Kevin McDonald 213, Ed

Wompler 213. (HANDICAP): Brandon Ketterman 285, Jon Hedrick 270, Kevin McDonald 253, Larry Walp 251.

HIGH SERIES MEN

(SCRATCH): Jon Hedrick 705, Brandon Ketterman 589, Ed Wompler 588, Larry Ware 587.

(HANDICAP): Brandon Ketterman 757, Jon Hedrick 744, Floyd Shepard 683, Jeff Sullivan 667.

HIGH AVERAGE (MEN): Jon Hedrick 205.23, Richie Burgess 196.06, Ed Wompler 196.05, Roger Earle 194.09.

HIGH GAME WOMEN (SCRATCH): Carissa Michael 211, Flectia Brockway 174, Dee Anna McDonald 172, Teresa Sullivan 166. (HANDICAP): Carissa Michael 244, Flectia Brockway 241, Teresa Sullivan 230, Peggy Wompler 224.

HIGH SERIES WOMEN (SCRATCH): Carissa Michael 555,

Dee Anna McDonald 492, Tonya Keplinger 462, Rachel Stark 459. (HANDICAP): Carissa Michael 654, Teresa Sullivan 649, Rachel Stark 636, Peggy Wompler 628.

HIGH AVERAGE (WOMEN): Carissa Michael 178.58, Dee Anna McDonald 169.40, Tonya Keplinger 164.10, Denise McGreevy 154.81.

THURSDAY NIGHT MENS LEAGUE 2/10/2022

TEAM STANDINGS: Vetter's Mini Mart 49.5 - 34.5, Builders Center 49 - 35, Strike Force 43 - 41, Petersburg Oil Company 40 - 44, Golden Lanes 39 - 45, Country Cars & Trucks 31.5 - 52.5.

HIGH GAME (SCRATCH):

Terry Wratchford 259, Richie Burgess 257, Zachary Arbaugh 247, Jon Hedrick 246, Derek Miller 242. (HANDICAP): Zachary Arbaugh 276, Richie Burgess 272, Derek Miller 269, Terry Wratchford 267, Jon Hedrick 257.

HIGH SERIES (SCRATCH): Richie Burgess 661, Zachary Arbaugh 655, Derek Miller 649, Bradley Vetter 646, Terry Wratchford 644. (HANDICAP): Zachary Arbaugh 742, Derek Miller 730, Bradley Vetter 712, Richie Burgess 706, Eddie Baldwin 696.

HIGH AVERAGE: Terry Wratchford 210.90, Jon Hedrick 206.62, Gary Leatherman 205.63, Richie Burgess 202.22, Roger Earle 201.65, Larry Walp 196.54.

HEALTH

Don't Let Winter Wage War on Your Skin

FAMILY FEATURES

When temperatures cool and you start layering on more clothes, you may think your skin is better protected since it's less exposed to the elements. However, that's not always the case. Cold, dry winter air can take quite a toll on your skin.

Your skin naturally produces oils that help keep skin supple and soft, but you may need a helping hand if you notice signs of dry skin like redness, itching or irritation. Serious symptoms include flakes and cracks, which can be painful and lead to infection, so it's important to address any problems before they progress that far with simple tips like these.

Drink plenty of fluids. Even when it's cooler outdoors and you may be sweating less, you can still get dehydrated. Drinking plenty of water helps keep your whole body hydrated so your skin isn't pulling from limited resources.

Treat problem spots. Hands, elbows and especially feet are common

danger zones when it comes to dry skin. To eliminate layers of dry skin on feet, try an option like the Amope Pedi Perfect Electronic Foot File, which smooths hard skin effortlessly using micro-abrasive particles made with finely ground diamond crystals.

Be smart about the sun. The sun's rays may not feel as hot on your skin, but that doesn't mean they're not causing damage. Always use sunscreen when you'll be outdoors for extended periods of time. Also remember snow acts like water and can reflect the sun's rays back on your skin, which may cause burns.

Dress with care. When selecting your wardrobe, be conscious of how long your skin will be exposed and do your best to cover it, especially if it's cold or windy. Pay attention to the fabric, as certain types of material can be more drying and irritating. Cotton, silk and cashmere are skin-friendly fabric options.

Find more tips for winter skin care at amope.com.



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PREVENT CRACKED HEELS WHEN IT GETS COLD

Cracked skin occurs when the skin becomes so rough and flaky that small tears begin to form due to lack of sufficient moisture and elasticity. These tears can grow bigger under stress from movement and may become fissures that extend deeper into the skin.

Causes of Cracked Heels

The first step toward tackling cracked and dry heels is to eliminate the source.

- **Seasonal changes:** Dry skin on feet and heels is closely associated with the winter months. This is because the

cold, dry weather draws moisture out of skin all over your body, including your feet.

- **Baths:** Long, hot baths can wash away the natural oils of your skin. These oils are essential for locking in moisture and preventing your skin from drying out and cracking. Opt for showers rather than baths or limit baths to just a few minutes. Also avoid rubbing your feet dry afterward, as this can further remove natural oils. Instead, pat your feet dry then apply a moisturizer.
- **Harsh soaps:** Just like hot water, certain soaps can strip essential oils from your skin. Avoid the temptation to wash your feet vigorously or use harsh

soaps, even if you're combatting foot odor. Use a gentle touch and products that preserve your skin's natural protection.

Treating Cracked and Dry Heels

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GRANT COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA IN THE MATTER OF A. L. L. CASE NO. 21-JA-24 ORDER OF PUBLICATION
TO: Joshua Smith - putative father #1
You are hereby notified of the above styled actions pending in the Circuit Court of Grant County, West Virginia. You have been identified as the father of A. L. L., born August 25, 2021.
The action pending is an abuse and neglect case which can result in the termination of parental, custodial and/or guardianship rights to the above child which is the subject of these proceedings. Abandonment of this child has been alleged in these proceedings. You are advised that every parent, custodian and/or guardian is entitled to and has a right to counsel at every stage of this proceeding.
An Adjudicatory/Accelerated Disposition hearing is currently scheduled in this matter for March 31st, 2022, at the hour of 9:45 a.m. The hearing will be held in the courtroom of the Grant County Courthouse, 5 Highland Ave., Petersburg, West Virginia. You should appear at this hearing to protect and defend your interests. You can obtain a copy of the Petition filed in this matter and further information about the case from the Grant County Circuit Clerk's Office, telephone number 304-257-4545, or from Brent Easton, an attorney that has been appointed for you at 304-940-2627. Failure to appear and/or file a response to this action can, and probably will, result in the loss of your rights to said children.
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NOTICE OF REDEMPTION (2020-S-00000002 - Hardy County - PURNELL ENTERPRISES)
TO: CLARENCE MONK, CLARENCE MONK, CLARENCE J MONK, CLARENCE MONK, CLARENCE J MONK IN CARE OF RACHEL MILLER, ARTHUR W PARTNER, ARTHUR C HALTERMAN, ARTHUR W HALTERMAN, ARTHUR C HALTERMAN, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property. You will take notice that PURNELL ENTERPRISES, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000002, LOT 24A 3.23 AC SEC 2 GRETCHEN ACRES HALTERMAN, located in CAPON, which was returned delinquent in the name of MONK CLARENCE J, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Hardy County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 6th day of November, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2022 will be as follows:
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\$127.17
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2021 following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.
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Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.
\$388.17
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Steven Dawson, Sheriff and Treasurer of Hardy County.
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NOTICE OF REDEMPTION (2020-S-00000016 - Hardy County - NATHAN WALTERS)
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You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2022, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Return this letter and both certified funds to the WV State Auditor's Office County Collections Office, County Collections Division, 1900 Kanawha Blvd East Building 1, Room W-114, Charleston, West Virginia, 25305.
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2/16, 2/23, 3/2 3c

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TO: CLARENCE MONK, CLARENCE MONK, CLARENCE J MONK, CLARENCE MONK, CLARENCE J MONK IN CARE OF RACHEL MILLER, ARTHUR W PARTNER, ARTHUR C HALTERMAN, ARTHUR W HALTERMAN, ARTHUR C HALTERMAN, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property. You will take notice that PURNELL ENTERPRISES, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000002, LOT 24A 3.23 AC SEC 2 GRETCHEN ACRES HALTERMAN, located in CAPON, which was returned delinquent in the name of MONK CLARENCE J, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Hardy County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 6th day of November, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2022 will be as follows:
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\$897.47
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.
\$388.17
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Steven Dawson, Sheriff and Treasurer of Hardy County.
\$1,645.11
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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until March 09, 2022 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):
Call Contract State Project Federal Project
004 2020001635 S385-STR/JP-22 00 STP-2022(006)JD PAVEMENT MARKINGS D-5 STRIPING VARIOUS
COUNTY: BERKELEY, GRANT, HAMPSHIRE, HARDY, JEFFERSON, MINERAL, MORGAN
DBE GOAL: 10 % OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.
REMARKS:
Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must submit electronically with their bid a Proposal Guaranty Bond for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.
The West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.
The West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.
WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Division of Highways
Kenneth T. Given for
Gehan M. Elsayed, P.E., Ph.D.
Chief Engineer of Programs and Performance Management
Deputy State Highway Engineer
2/23, 3/2 3c

\$35.00
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NOTICE OF REDEMPTION (2020-S-00000009 - Hardy County - ARAHS TACTICAL LLC)
TO: BONNIE L MURPHY, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property. You will take notice that ARAHS TACTICAL LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000009, LOT R1 BEAN ET AL, located in MOOREFIELD CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of MURPHY BONNIE L, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Hardy County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 6th day of November, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2022 will be as follows:
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\$719.99
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\$573.32
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\$812.04
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.
\$0.00
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TO: FRANCIS E WARD, JR., DORTOTHY WARD, FRANCIS E WARD, JR., DORTOTHY M WARD, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property. You will take notice that NATHAN WALTERS, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000016, 1.03 AC WARD located in CAPON, which was returned delinquent in the name of WARD FRANCIS E JR & DOROTHY, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Hardy County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 6th day of the delinquent taxes made on the 6th day of November, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2022 will be as follows:
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\$367.07
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\$497.32
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\$821.24
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.
\$172.52
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\$1,858.15
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Notice of Ancillary Filing without any Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees
Notice is hereby given that the following foreign will or affidavit of heirs has been filed in the Hardy County Clerk's Office at 204 Washington Street, Room 111 Moorefield, WV 26836-0200, and no appointment or administration is being made pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code 44-1-14b.
An interested person(s) objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this state must file a statement with the Hardy County Commission through the County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of first publication or 30 days of service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not timely filed, the objection is forever barred. The Hardy County Commission upon receiving any timely objection thereto shall schedule a hearing or hearings thereon and order relief, if any, it considers proper including, but not limited to, an order directing that full and complete ancillary administration of the estate of the nonresident decedent be made in this state.
First Publication Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022
DATE FILED 02/14/2022
ESTATE NAME: MAE FRANCES CORBIN 5716 TREMONT DRIVE ALEXANDRIA VA 22303-1237
AFFIANT: JOYCE CORBIN 8840 CAMFIELD DRIVE ALEXANDRIA VA 22308
Subscribed and sworn to before me on 02/14/2022
Gregory L Ely
Clerk of the Hardy County Commission
2/23, 3/2 2c

PUBLIC NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF WARDENSVILLE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE
Notice is hereby given that the WardenSVille Town Council, at its meeting on Monday, February 14, 2022, approved the following proposed ordinance on first reading: Amendment 22-01, "Salaries of Elected and Appointed Officials" making adjustments to the salaries of officials to be effective with the next elected or appointed term of those officials.
Final review and public hearing of this ordinance shall take place during the regular meeting of WardenSVille Town Council on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the WardenSVille Visitor and Conference Center, 301 East Main Street (right-hand entrance), WardenSVille W.Va. Notice is hereby given that any interested party may appear before Council during this meeting to be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance in its entirety may be inspected at WardenSVille Town Hall, 25 Warrior Way, WardenSVille W.Va., Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
2/23, 3/2 2c

PUBLIC NOTICE
West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water and Waste Management
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304
Telephone: (304) 926-0495
Fax: (304) 926-0496
Petition for the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Environmental Compliance and Modernization, Upgrade, and Improvement Program and related Surcharge for Coal-fired Boilers at Electric Power Plants.
NOTICE OF FILING AND EVIDENTIARY HEARING
On December 17, 2021, Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company (collectively, Companies) requested that the Commission approve an environmental compliance program to meet effluent limitation guidelines (ELG) at Ft. Martin and Harrison power stations, as described in the filing, and implementation of an associated cost recovery Surcharge to recover costs. Details of the proposed project construction and proposed Surcharge can be found on the Commission's website at http://www.psc.state.wv.us.
The ELG compliance plan is needed to comply with ELG rules issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and involve water treatment for bottom ash and flue gas desulfurization processes. The proposed plan is needed for those power plants to operate beyond
2028. The incremental revenue increase due to the Surcharge is estimated to be initially \$6,545,986 in 2024 when the Surcharge begins and is expected to total \$26,154,891 by 2026 when all the installations are complete. The Surcharge is proposed to be reviewed annually by the Commission beginning September 2024. The Surcharge estimated rates for 2024-2026 by rate schedule are shown below:
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Residential 0.5% 1.4% 2.0%
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Industrial 0.4% 1.2% 1.7%
Streetslighting 0.1% 0.3% 0.4%
0.5% 1.3% 1.9%
This matter is scheduled for an evidentiary hearing on June 1, 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 March 14, 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
2/23 1c

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Rate Schedule 2024 ELG Surcharge 2025 ELG Surcharge 2026 ELG Surcharge
Residential 0.5% 1.4% 2.0%
Commercial 0.5% 1.4% 1.9%
Industrial 0.4% 1.2% 1.7%
Streetslighting 0.1% 0.3% 0.4%
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This matter is scheduled for an evidentiary hearing on June 1, 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 March 14, 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.
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