Deputy Slated to Return to Duty Despite Open Criminal Investigation

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By Ken Bustin

A Hardy County Sheriff's Deputy who has been on paid administrative leave while under investigation since Dec. 2020 is scheduled to return to active duty in mid-May, following the release of the Special Prosecutor's - Grant County Prosecutor John Ours – report, which said that Ours found "no credible evidence" of criminal activity on the part of Deputy Tommie McCausley.

The Examiner published that report in its entirety last week.

isfied by the report issued by Ours, or to the release of his report a week Hardy County Sheriff Steven Dawson said that he was.

However, Ours issuing the report apparently does not actually mean the investigation has concluded. Corporal J. D. Carson of the West Virginia State Police Romney detachment, is the lead investigator into McCausley's case. He declined to comment on details of the investigation, but said Friday, "My report is not complete."

Last August, Ours had told the Examiner that the investigation was

Asked if he was completely sat- closed, a position he recanted just priago, explaining that he had satisfied himself about several issues raised in the investigation at that time, but that an additional issue had been subsequently brought to his attention that required additional evaluation.

> Although in that telephone interview, conducted when the report was released, Ours implied that his report was initiated by the conclusion of the investigation, when asked directly on Friday if the investigation remained

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Town of Moorefield levy rates to stay the same for 2022-2023

By Hannah Heishman

loorefield Examiner

The Moorefield Town Council followed up on previous decisions and conducted otherwise regular business at their meeting April 19.

levy rates for fiscal year 2022-2023. The levied funds come from property taxes and help fund the Town pool, the Park, street and sidewalk maintenance, and the Moorefield Police Department.

The levy has been in place for \$140,000.

years, and citizens will see no

City Clerk Rick Freeman told the Council there will be a referendum on the November ballot that could eliminate state personal property taxes. If voters opt to eliminate personal The Council approved the Town's property taxes, it will also eliminate any funding counties and communities receive from those taxes.

For Moorefield, losing those levied funds would mean that the \$268,000 the Town got this past year would be cut by more than half to

governments are not otherwise downsizing, Freeman said the money would be replaced by an increase somewhere else, such as the County possibly implementing a sales tax on top of the Town's sales tax.

The Council officially approved MPD Chief Stephen Riggleman's request for 11 new BodyWorn body cameras for approximately \$55,000.

Riggleman said the price was originally \$77,000, but BodyWorn

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et Sounds of





Community members celebrated spring with "Earth Day on the Farm Fest" hosted by the Wardensville Garden Market on Saturday, April 23. The all-day festival featured an instrument petting zoo, pictured above, led by The Cat and the Fiddle owner Dakota Karper. Attendees were able to freely play instruments, mostly fiddles, in a round circle jam session throughout the day. Pictured in the left photo, from left to right, is Dakota Karper, Chris Degrassi, Jim Morris, Brian Forehand, and Michelle Pellatt. In the photo to the right, Julius Bjornson (center right) gets into the music with Forehand (left) and Pellatt (behind) also joining in. According to Wardensville Garden Market Marketing Director Anne Kirk, over 300 people attended the event, which hosts felt was successful and "a really fun vibe." The event also included an open market farm stand, a kids zone, a variety of vendors, and a host of workshops. Workshops included a wild weed walk led by Leenie Hobbie, "art for all" from the River House in Capon Bridge, a talk on gardening and native herbs from Blooming Mountain Botanical Sanctuary, a raptor flight demonstration, a Canjo (can-banjo) workshop led by Jim Morris, a soap making demo with Wild Nettle Apothecary, and a radical home-scale sustainability workshop with Fawn's Head Grove.

Hardy young writers celebrated **Early voting starts Wednesday, April 27** for several statewide wins



Photo by Ken Bustin

Hardy County students did very well in the West Virginia Young Writers Contest. Pictured, from left to right, holding their certificates, are: Jackson See - Grade 3-4, first place county winner; J. J. Carr – Grade 11-12, third place county winner; L. J. Kesner – Grade 11-12, first place county winner; Brianna Walker, Grade 9-10, first place county winner; Madison Thompson, Grade 5-6, first place winner, and; Julianne Shifflett, Grade 11-12, second place county winner. The Examiner will be publishing some of their essays next week. Congratulations!

Hardy County Democratic Women sponsors meet-the-candidate gathering



Photo by Ken Bustin

The Hardy County Democratic Women sponsored at Meet the Candidates gathering last week, at Brighton, the home of Beth See. More than 60 people were in attendance, enjoying good food, drink and conversation, as they mingled with the candidates and engaged them in dialogue about their views. Those candidates making an appearance at the gathering included: candidate for U.S. House of Representatives Congressional District #2, Barry Lee Wendell; candidate for State Senate, Amanda Pitzer; candidates for State House of Representatives, Jameson Paul Freeman and B. J. Rinard; candidate for Hardy County Clerk, Kelly Shockey; candidate for Board of Education, Dixie Bean, and; candidate for County Commissioner, Greg Greenwalt.

Highly infectious Bird flu drives free-range hens indoors to protect poultry

By David Pitt

Associated Press

Is it OK for free-range chickens to not range freely? That's a question free-range egg producers have been pondering lately as they try to be open about their product while also protecting chickens from a highly infectious bird flu that has killed roughly 28 million poultry across the country.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends that chickens be moved indoors to protect against the more commercial breakouts then disease, but while some are keeping

their hens inside, not everyone agrees. John Brunnquell, the CEO of Indiana-based Egg Innovations, which contracts with more than 50 farms in five states to produce free-range and Spread of the disease is largely pasture-raised eggs, said any of his chickens in states with bird flu cases will stay in "confinement mode" un-

til the risk passes. least until early June," Brunnquell which have had at least once case of

we'll look to get the girls back out."

Bird flu cases have been identified in commercial chicken and turkey farms or in backyard flocks in 29 states, according to the USDA. blamed on the droppings of infected migrating wild birds.

The farms Brunnquell contracts with are in Illinois, Indiana, Ken-"We will keep them confined at tucky, Ohio and Wisconsin, all of said. "If we go four weeks with no bird flu. But some, like Mike Badger,

the executive director of the American they happen," Badger said. Pastured Poultry Producers Associa-

tion, are taking a different approach. Badger, whose Pennsylvaniabased nonprofit group has about 1.000 members across the country, believes birds kept outdoors are at and turkeys raised amid thousands of others in large, enclosed barns.

"We put them outside and they get in touch with the environment so I think they have a better immune system to be able to fight off threats as

Research has not clearly proven signifricant immune system differences in chickens housed outdoors versus indoors. And Badger speculates that lower density of animals, air movement and less sharing of less risk of infection than chickens equipment and staff in pasture-raised operations may contribute to a lack of virus infections

> bring hens inside to wait out the annual migration of wild waterfowl is a farm-to-farm decision "based on

the comfort level with the risk ac-

Commercial outdoor flocks make up only a small percentage of U.S. egg production. About 6 million hens, or 2 percent of national flock, are free-range and about 4.2 million hens, or 1.3% of U.S. egg production, are from pasture-raised chickens.

Chickens are categorized as free-He said the decision whether to range or pasture-raised primarily by the amount of time they spend out-

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Wednesday

Source: AccuWeather











Engaging with the Examiner

It's about time to remind folks how the Examiner works and how to engage with us.

Newspapers convey information. Reporters attend events, research topics and write factual articles and feature stories. The only opinions should be in quotes; the reporter's opinions are irrelevant and shouldn't be obvious.

The Examiner's page 2 is our primary opinion/editorial, or Op/Ed page. The editorial, Examiner Says, Letters to the Editor, and signed columns should all at least start on page 2. All of these are opinions, in part or whole, but theoretically based on facts.

Regular columns include David Heishman's Unbased Opinion and Fran Welton's Fran Wonders. Sometimes we have Carol Zuber's Mayor's Corner for Moorefield. In the works are a Wardensville-centric column and a politically liberal column. Columnists are unpaid, so no one can claim we told them what to write about, or what to say.

We'd love to have a liberal writer and a conservative writer tackle the same issue each week and present their respective sides, clearly, concisely and intelligently.

Letters and columns: As long as someone doesn't threaten, call for damage or injury, or write strictly personal attacks, it's going to run. Letters to the Editor must be signed; writers should include their names, locations, and phone numbers when they write us. We'll only print their names and locations. If we are concerned about something in a letter or column, we contact a lawyer. If we don't run your letter, we'll let you know why and you'll have a chance to fix it.

If you send us a letter or email, don't see it run, and don't hear from us, please contact us or send it again, because we either didn't get it, or didn't see it.

The First Amendment applies equally to everyone, regardless how much you disagree with them. Kindly remember: If you believe a writer's opinion is dangerous, the writer probably finds your opinion equally dangerous.

Letters to the Editor should not be more than about 200 words. We haven't said that for a while; letters received before April 27 won't be enforced, but letters or emails received on or after will. We'll work with you, and we'll even help edit it down without changing your content if you'd like.

Keep it clean. Attack opinions, not the person holding them. This is a family newspaper. Not too many kids read it, that we know of, but we'd like them to be able to without learning bad habits or consuming more of the past decade's name-calling lunacy.

Press releases are a final category. They're news, but often at least part public relations.

Read news thoughtfully. Ask us questions. Challenge us. You can even double-check us through things like meeting minutes. You can cover things yourself. You can reach us at 304-530-6397 and news@moorefieldexaminer.com. We're on South Main Street in Moorefield, or P.O. Box 380.

If you've got something happening that you want Hardy County to know about, let us know. We'll cover it if we can. Consider advertising, as well: Ads are what actually keep us publishing every week.

Finally: Last week Mike Mallow came back to West Virginia to tie up loose ends in Franklin, meet readers interested in his latest book, "Burning Without Knowing," at WordPlay, and turn in his Examiner computer. Mike is still going to help us with a few things, but he's mostly stepping back. Mike, thank you for all the years you've given Hardy County and the Moorefield Examiner. You've left a mark and some enormous shoes to fill. Blessings to you, Traci, and Hazel on your paths forward, and here's to many more words, stories, and books to come!

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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Sometimes, I think we are not talking about the same thing in the raucous debate we're having. My small contribution is to remind participants that belief and knowledge are very different things. (I have some of both as I'm sure everyone else does.)

Belief requires imagination and a fact or two. Knowledge requires facts and not as much imagination. When we assume that belief and knowledge are the same, we are talking around (not to) each other.

For example, the ancients believed the sun orbited the earth. Galileo knew the earth went around the sun. Gerald Connor

Baker, W.Va.

Dear Editor:

Your April 13 edition included a letter in praise of Alex Mooney. The name rang a bell, but even as a native West Virginian, I did not immediately recognize that name as one that on Mooney for his voting actions That rebuttal will need to await an-

had caught my attention previously in the context of National politics.

Then it hit me: Mr. Mooney was among the misguided, democracythreatening House members who went on record backing the futile Texas lawsuit that attempted to overturn the 2020 presidential election. He was joined by Representative Carol D. Miller of West Virginia's Third Congressional District.

Just to prove that was not a "one and done" occurrence, those same two also refused formal certification of some state-ratified electors during the late-night session following the infamous January 6 attack on our Nation's Capitol by pro-Trump supporters. And, their voting was based on what? Cockamamie, unproven theories of election fraud. Motivated by a burning desire to re-elect Mr. Trump

To the previous writer's credit, he did not attempt to heap more kudos

following the last election – actions other time.) that arguably were detrimental to our democracy and peaceful transfer of

On the other hand, he did make a point of Mooney's endorsement by former President Trump. I would question whether such an endorsement is positive or negative.

A major pre-occupation by Trump, should he somehow gain re-election, would be REVENGE against real or perceived enemies. If there is any doubt about that, just look at how he is doing that now with choices of primary endorsements. Anyone who thinks this revenge stuff is good for our country needs to step back, pay more attention, and make wiser choices. It affects all of us.

(P.S.: There was another letter, in your 4/20 edition, that named me and I have some things to say about it. But, I am out of time / space here; also, it is not good to mix responses.

Ray Daugherty Frederick County, Md.

Editor:

I've read a lot of nonsense in your paper, most of it under the column 'Fran Wonders', but the most recent issue is absolutely deplorable. You should be ashamed for providing a platform of ignorance to someone that has absolutely no credentials and is seemingly unwilling to educate herself before writing her articles.

Not only is it abundantly clear that the writer, Fran Welton, has no expertise on her chosen topic, but she clearly lacks any fundamental or legitimate understanding of what she is writing about! This is immediately clear when she confuses sexual orientation and gender identity, and immediately assumes that these have to do with 'sex."

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MY UNBASED OPINION

By David O. Heishman

of the past 20 years sitting at a table or desk in front of the dining room double window at my Big House near Wardensville. That's where and when I write My Unbased Opinions for the following week. When I'm not searching and destroying my computer keyboard, I'm looking out the window watching the world play.

First choice observations are nature related. Main bird feeder is centered in my view about 15 yards out. Mourning Doves, Cardinals, Blue Jays and Red Belly Woodpeckers are main attractions. Robins are "worming" heavily this morning between window and feeder.

A couple of yards beyond feeder is a walkway from lane to Big House's front door, little used by people since advent of automobiles, which require less space to park, unload and turn than horses and buggies required. Principal users of walkway now are squirrels and groundhogs. Squirrels cross front yard between garden and walnut trees. Groundhogs cross from dens under garden end of Big House

I've spent most Sunday mornings to dens under green shop building.

The squirrels are part of my weather prediction system. When they travel back and forth carrying walnuts fast and furiously, falling weather is likely close at hand. A series of Maples and a big Hackberry along their route provide handy refuge from Scoot's (my pet cat) attacks when she is ambitious enough to crouch in nearby bushes.

When I spy groundhogs crossing, I stand up, pick up rifle or shotgun and sneak around through breezeway so I can watch pig disappear down one den or the other. Occasionally he pauses before he dives. Usually I miss, but sometimes, I don't.

Bird feeder is large enough to obstruct my view of highway end of Big House's lane. That intersection is a popular place for turning traffic on State Route 259. My lane entrance has good turning sight distances and even though cramped by mail box it provides a pull off for driver changes, tire checks and occasional trash dumping. For folks traveling North out of Wardensville it is also a handy

turn for "oopsy misses" of Moore's Run Road and Industrial Park access.

Maple trees at both ends of lane frame distant buildings. Left side, about 600 yards away from Big House, an old concrete milking parlor and a little milk house, derelicts of a dairy, which ceased operation before I was born. A farm road, from Rt. 259, vicinity of end of Big House's lane intersection, passes between the dairy buildings and continues under a slope across the Maple frame to a small shiny rectangle, 750 yards distant, roof of my Doghouse cabin on the bank of Moore's Run.

I've written bunches of columns about Doghouse, so even though it remains one of my favorite places in the whole world, I'll let it alone today. I have something else to yammer on about.

Traffic on Rt 259, both North and South bound. Vehicles of all shapes and sizes and configurations. Everything from two-wheel motorcycles to 30-wheel construction equipment haulers. Yesterday, during a lunch settling pause in my desk chair, I

heard a tremendous roar approaching. Thirty (30) motorcycles, nose to tail in a single tight line rolled North out there. I think that if I'd been on one of those bikes close to middle of the line, I'd have felt claustrophobic.

Pickup trucks pulling trailers is big thing today. All sorts of trailers. Livestock and horse, flat beds, walkons, box beds, campers and dumps. A string of four big crew cabs pulling flats loaded with 4-wheelers just went by. Either there are a bunch of chunky black crew cabs these days or else there are a few which passed back and forth many times. Today, a beautiful day for automobile shows, mostly newer cars in tight groups. Fall is the time of older cars in same drab colors, proudly puttering along.

I sit here and watch the parade of gasoline-powered vehicles driven by proud owners and think about America building plug-in electric stations instead of gas pump islands. Maybe, but it will be a while yet before the familiar roar becomes a meek little

GLANCING BACKWARD

From the Moorefield Examiner Archives

Fifteen Years Ago **April 25, 2007**

Allegheny Energy, a partner with Dominion Power of Virginia to build a controversial high-voltage transmission across West Virginia, has linked up with American Electric Power to build an even higher volt-

age line across the state. The County Commission held a public meeting on the revised subdivision ordinance getting a taste of public comment before the June

The Board of Education approved a budget that was nearly half a million short what was expected to be funded.

High winds dropped a tree on power and telephone lines in Pendleton County near the line. It took out a large area of long distance phones in Hardy County.

Karen Sue Hose Carr, 48, Harrisonburg, died April 13...Zella Kohn Wilkins, 62, Mathias, died April 13... Helen Mae Weese Chamouris, 79, Frederick County, Va., died April 17...Wilma Catherine Malcolm, 72, Winchester, died April 10...Alberta Lyons Kuykendall, 80, Cumberland, died April 12...Carl Edgar Barger, 59, Maysville, died April 16...Edith Marie Culler Whetzel, 79, Milam, died April 13...Shirley Eye Wilson, 56, Rig, died April 16.

In baseball, Moorefield defeated Musselman 13-4 and East Hardy 6-2 while losing to Pendleton County 7-6. East Hardy beat Petersburg 14-1.

Thirty Years Ago April 22, 1992

East Hardy High School's drama class was to perform "Alice in Wonderland."

Dr. Sharon Erickson Harman, a teacher at Moorefield High School, was named a Tandy Technology Scholar. She was also named Outstanding High School Science Teacher in West Virginia.

Tanya Crites was named Miss Moorefield Senior High and Beth Fisher was crowned Miss Moorefield Junior High.

Over 2500 candidates will appear on county, state and federal positions.

Audrey Park Beam, 82, Bean Settlement, died April 13...Clay Lee Miller, 67, Capon Bridge, died April 15...Robert B. Shockey, 63, Middle River, MD, died April 13...Charles Thomas McDonald, 62, died April 12.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Mongold, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Smith, a daughter, Catherine Elizabeth...to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tate, a son, Patrick Ryan...to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Largent, a son, Justin Allen... to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bean, a son, Joshua Paul...to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hulver, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth.

East Hardy lost to Hampshire 8-1 and defeated the School for the Deaf 17-5, Moorefield 5-4 and Eastern Mennonite 8-5 and 22-2.

Forty-five Years Ago April 27, 1977

J. Holmes Spence resigned as mayor of Wardensville. John Aylor

was appointed by the Town Council to fill the unexpired term.

Potomac Edison asked the Public Service Commission to rehear its request for a rate increase. The PSC had allowed about one-third of the original rate increase request.

Joseph Sterbutzel was named by the County Commission to oversee a \$50,000 HUD Housing grant to upgrade substandard housing.

Amour Allen May, 71, Bergton, died April 23...Bessie Sievers Dove, 72, Bergton, died April 19.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sheldon Palmer, a daughter.

Wardensville lost to Franklin 6-1, Paw Paw 6-5 and 14-4 and Moorefield 7-4...Mathias lost to Circleville 17-4...Moorefield defeated Keyser 3-2 and lost to Circleville 6-5.

Sixty Years Ago **April 25, 1962**

Moorefield FFA Chapter president Walter Wratchford presented Mayor W. D. Grafton with completed plans for the roadside park north of town. The land had been deeded to the town for 50 years by the Halterman family and the FFA took on the project of planning and building the park

with help from local businesses. Fire drills were conducted in the nine schools in the Moorefield area by the Fire Company. Firemen said the buildings were quickly and orderly evacuated.

Daylight Savings Time was to begin April 30, but church services would be held at Standard Time until May 6. Merchants voted to close Saturday night at 8 o'clock Standard Time year round.

James Orndorff, 86, Stephens City, Va., died April 16...Levi Perry Whetzel, 84, Fisher, died April 19... Russell Lee Walker, 71, Cumberland, died April 22.

Geraldine Faye Combs and Arnold Franklin Cline were married in April... Mrs. David H. Kuhn and William T. Bergdoll were married April 15.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Funk. a daughter, Lisa Ann...to Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Srout, a daughter...to A1/c and Mrs. Robert S. Stephens, a son, Kevin Derrick...Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bean announced the adoption of a daughter.

Moorefield defeated Franklin 4-2 and lost to Romney 4-3 and Circlev-

Seventy-five Years Ago April 30, 1947

By law all pre school children had to be immunized against Smallpox and Diphtheria. Dates for vaccination clinics were published.

Jean Fogle was crowned Miss Moorefield. Frances Halterman was second and Janet Rohrbaugh was third.

Capon Valley Fire Company named special fire-traffic police to manage traffic and people at fires. Rocco Feed leased the old Har-

dy County Milling Company. They planned to begin operations as a feed mill, contract chicken and turkey

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EXAMINER SAYS

Register today What a surprise! Not. With all the

efforts by various state legislatures to run schools, lives and having babies, it really isn't a surprise that book bannings and attempted book bannings, along with threats against librarians, have soared over the past year.

The American Library Association found that in 2021 there were 729 challenges at public schools and libraries. That affected nearly 1,600 books. You know something? If you

don't like a book's content, assuming you have read it, that really doesn't give you the right to request the removal of that book from a public library. What it does mean is that you Then leave it for others who may want to read it.

Otherwise, you can consider past book banners or burners and decide if you want to be among them. The Nazis burned tens of thousands of books, including those written by Ernest Hemingway, Helen Keller, H.G.

To Vote

We want to thank our friends, can ignore the book or its author. family, readers and all those who have sent notes or letters or emails to us about the death of our brother. Some of you we haven't heard from in ages. Some of you we hear from regularly. But, all of you have taken

time to send love and condolences. You are special for taking that time and the family truly appreciates your

Wells, James Joyce, Leo Tolstoy and thoughts and prayers. Only now, we would ask that if you have a special story or memory of Sam, and one you can share, please share it with us so we can give it to his children.

Absentee

If you want to help beautify Moorefield, join the Town and the Chamber in cleaning up or planting flowers. The day is May 2, a Monday, but individuals or businesses will be welcome to help



J&J's Janssen settles with W.Va. for \$99M in opioid lawsuit

By Leah Willingham Associated Press

West Virginia will receive \$99 million in a settlement finalized Monday with Johnson & Johnson's subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals Inc. over the drugmaker's role in perpetuating the opioid crisis in the state that has long led the nation in drug overdose deaths.

State Attorney General Patrick Morrisey said during a news briefing that he believes West Virginia's settlement is the largest in the country per capita with Johnson & Johnson's Janssen, which has faced opioid litigation in dozens of communities throughout the U.S.

The attorney general said the figure is reflective of the severity of the opioid crisis in West Virginia.

"We think it represents a major step forward to start to get money in the door to help West Virginians who have been devastated by the opioid epidemic," Morrisey said from his state Capitol office.

The settlement was announced at the start of the third week of testimony in the state's case against Janssen, Teva Pharmaceuticals Inc., AbbVie Inc.'s Allergan and their family of companies. The companies are ac-

cused of downplaying or failing to mention the risks of addiction associated with opioid use in West Virginia drugs' benefits.

In a statement Monday, a spokesperson for Johnson & Johnson and Janssen said the settlement is not an "admission of liability or wrongdoing" by the company.

"The company's actions relating to the marketing and promotion of important opioid prescription medications were appropriate and responsible," a news release read.

The company no longer sells prescription opioid medications in the U.S., according to the release.

Morrisey said West Virginia's cities and counties could start seeing the settlement money within 45 days.

The money will be used to help communities combat the opioid crisis. Meanwhile, he said the trial against Teva and Allergan is continuing as scheduled. "We will have no delay in our pursuit of accountability against Teva and Allergan and we'll be back in court now," he said.

Filed in 2019, the state's lawsuits accuse the companies of creating a public nuisance and violating the state's Consumer Credit and Protection Act.

Attorneys for the companies said during opening statements earlier this month that their individual prodwhile overstating the prescription ucts in question had considerably less than 1 percent of the market share in West Virginia, were medically necessary prescriptions, and could not have contributed to the state's opioid

> But, pharmaceutical marketing expert Matthew Perri testified that he "painstakingly" reviewed thousands of pages of marketing materials from the companies. He described a "paradigm shift" from the late 1990's to early 2000's in which the companies transitioned from marketing opioids as drugs designed for terminal cancer patients to drugs aimed at treating long-term pain.

> Perri testified that marketing materials used by sales representatives described drugs as "safe and highly effective" at controlling pain and "improving functionality and quality of life" for patients.

> "It took down the barriers that were there, and effectively lowered the bar" for the prescription of opioid medications, he said. "Opioids could be prescribed sooner in the treatment process, with less worry."

Dr. Katherine Keyes, director of

Epidemiology Training Program, that the opioid epidemic got so bad, testified last week that the influx of prescription opioids into communi- foster parents to care for children. He ties was the main driver of the state's said it also led to increases in pubdrug crisis - more than poverty, job lic health problems such as Hepaloss and other economic stressors.

were the gasoline that was poured directly on that kindling," Keyes said.

health officer, testified during a video

the state was having trouble finding titis B and HIV cases and neonatal "The economic conditions were abstinence syndrome, a withdrawal the kindling, but the opioid suppliers in newborns caused by exposure to drugs in the womb.

Gupta, who is now the White Dr. Rahul Gupta, the state's former House drug czar, recorded his testimony before he was named to his

Columbia University's Psychiatric deposition shown earlier this month White House position last fall.

Before the trial started, Morrisey's office announced the state settled part of the lawsuit involving another defendant, Endo Health Solutions, for \$26 million.

State and local governments, Native American tribes, unions, hospitals and other entities have filed more than 3,000 lawsuits involving the opioid epidemic in state and federal courts.

Geologist Peter A. Sullivan to Address the **Hardy County Historical Society on May 1**

Geologist Peter A. Sullivan will a member of West Virginia Public at 2 p.m. at the Hardy County Public Library. He earned a BS and an Coal Foundation, and past president MS in Geology from West Virginia of Appalachian Geological Society. University where he later served for some years as an adjunct geology professor.

Mr. Sullivan retired as a Vice Pres-West Virginia Public Broadcasting, od in West Virginia History.

speak on the topic of The Fairfax Broadcasting Foundation, member Line and Stone on Sunday, May 1, of Kanawha State Forest Foundation, past board member Forks of

Peter was born in Petersburg, West Virginia. He spent much of his early and adult years in Hardy County at the family cabin (Donny Cove) and ident of Geoscience and Evaluation acreage in the Dumpling Run area of at Greylock Energy Company. Over South Fork. He has also spent much the years, he has served on numer- time researching Pre-Civil War Hisous boards and served in leadership tory in the United States and the Fairpositions on many of them. He has fax Line and Stone, which represents served as past chairman of Friends of an interesting and little-known peri-



The public is invited to attend this event which promises to be both informative and entertaining.

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Community Jazz Ensemble to perform free concert at Potomac State College on April 28

By Debi Cruse

The Potomac State College/Community Jazz Ensemble will present a big band jazz concert on Thursday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church-McKee Arts Center at the Potomac State College campus in Keyser.

The band will perform a variety of big band jazz styles featuring arrangements by Nestico, Tomaro, Les Potts of the Buddy Rich Band.

The Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Fred Kesner, rehearses weekly at the College and is comprised of the area's finest jazz musicians. Saxophone section members include Richard Frush, Roger Henry, Brent Weber, Ed Cameron, and Mike Pfaff.

The trumpet section consists of Jon Bush, Aaron Nesselroade, Bill AuMiller, and Jay Moon. Play-

Hooper, Gordon Goodwin, and Bill Zeller, Rick Milne, Dan Moreland, and Herb Lambert.

> The rhythm section is composed of Tom Harrison (piano), Jim Roderick (bass), and Bart Lay (drum set). Many of the band's outstanding soloists will be featured as well, including vocalist Beau Hartman.

The concert is free and the public is encouraged to attend and support the live performance of jazz and big ing trombone are Will Nose, Lynn band music in our community.



News Briefs

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Moorefield on Friday, May 5. Donors will be taken at the Moorefield Church of the Brethren at 115 Clay Street from 12:30 until 5:30 p.m.

Both Power Red and whole blood donations will be taken. 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.

All of West Virginia's 55 counties offer early voting for this year's primary election, which is being held May 10. Early voting starts Wednesday, April 27, and continues through May 7, including the last two Satur-

days before the primary.

Voters may cast an early ballot at the county courthouse, annex, or a designated voting location during normal business hours. On Saturdays, voting will be from 9 a.m. to

More information about in-person and absentee voting and a list of early voting sites are available online at GoVoteWV.com. Voters can also check registration at the site.

UPDATE: According to AAA last week, the average price for regular gas in West Virginia was at \$3.944. The national gas price average was \$4.120 per gallon.

The slide in gas prices slowed to a crawl over concerns about increased global oil prices and the return of Old Fields was 3.98.

seasonal domestic gas demands.

The global oil market has seen lower prices since the U.S. and its allies agreed to significant releases of oil reserves.

"As the days get longer, the weather gets warmer, and pump prices dip from their record highs, consumers feel more confident about hitting the road," said Andrew Gross, AAA Spokesperson.

Across the state Charleston was high at \$3.995 and Weirton was low at \$3.794. Hardy County's gas average was \$3.994. Area prices were: Hampshire \$3.976, Mineral \$3.928, Grant \$4.024, and Pendleton \$4.099.

In Moorefield, Sheetz was at \$3.99, Exxon was \$4.00 and BP was \$4.00. Pure at Mathias was \$4.00. Kerr's Shell in Wardensville was \$4.00 as was BP at Baker. Sunoco at

Letters to the Editor -

Publishing this trash delegitimizes with the Joneses," woke folks, and the rest of the content you choose to others of being perverts, un-Ameripublish. Worse, it promotes ignorance and hate.

I don't care what this person's opinion is of the LGBTQ+ community, but perhaps someone should inform her that the trans community faces greater persecution than any other demographic in the US, and that ignorant, uneducated comments such as hers contribute to the hate and violence directed towards this community. I am writing to request the following:

1) Please pull Fran Wonders from vour paper.

2) Please issue a correction/retraction that directly addresses the inaccuracies published in her "column".

3) If compelled to publish on any issues related to sexual identity, gender identity, and/or gender expression in the future, please seek legitimate, scientifically backed information from experts.

> Brian Forehand Lost City

Dear Editor:

can, pro-China/Russia, and of hurt-Being one of the folks that Fran

"wonders" about, I felt compelled to respond. First, and I cannot believe I have to say this, I am NOT a pervert, I am NOT pro-China or pro-Russia, I am NOT interested in harming children, and I am most certainly NOT un-American. Here's what I am and what I do support. I'm a white, gay male who descends from Italian immigrants that arrived at Ellis Island. I'm a registered Democrat and am a full-time resident of Hardy County. I am, like most of you, interested in bettering my community and protecting it for future generations. Most importantly, I'm simply a person trying to live a good life, doing their best to deal with life's challenges, and ultimately trying to achieve happiness for myself and those I love.

I believe in democracy, and in free and fair elections. I believe in free speech. I believe that everyone should pay their taxes. I believe in having a strong national defense. I I was disappointed to read the believe in honoring our veterans. I Fran Wonders" columns from the believe in America's greatness and in April 6th and April 13th editions of the significance of the example it sets the Examiner. Among other things, around the world. I can't stand inflathese columns baselessly accuse tion, but also understand what is and Democrats, gays/lesbians, President isn't causing it. I believe that every-Biden, parent who want to "keep up one, no matter their station, should

have access to a quality education and to quality healthcare. I believe in free markets. I believe that Government should be there to give us a helping hand when we truly need it. I believe that the best solution to the crisis at the border is to fix our legal immigration system, not to build a wall. My list of beliefs goes on.

The point I'm trying to make is that, at my core, I believe in many of the same things that Fran does. While we may disagree on the finer details of how an education system should be run, on what the tax rate should be, or on how best to fix our immigration system, etc., those differences are precisely what makes America great – a free and fair competition of ideas, the best of which will positively impact the lives of everyone. You know what doesn't make America great? Openly and baselessly wondering whether those different from you, or those who have different ideas from you, are out to destroy America. So, Fran, I hope you wonder less about things that merely sow division and start wondering more about how you can promote a positive, constructive, and civil discourse that's aimed at solving Hardy County's problems.

John Rosato Lost City

Glancing Backward

supplier and begin a store.

Wardensville seniors were to present "Here Comes Hattie" with Melvin Whetzel, Jack Scott, James Evans, Patricia McKeever, Lula Smith, Joan Hopkins, Katherine Good, Genevieve Dove and Ruth Heishman.

Minerva Feller Saville, 83, Mc-Neill, died April 25...Lucretia Emswiller Wolfe, 65, died April 22 at McCoole...Lola Combs Saville, 52, Marlinton, died April 1.

Vada Elizabeth Helmick and John B. Mongold were married April 26... Esther Edna Cowger and William Rueben Mitchell were married April 26... Damie Riggleman and Carl Wratchford were married April 18.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lee Orndorff, a daughter, Jada Kay...to Mr. and Mrs. John G. Bott, a daughter...to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miley, a daughter, Mary Jane.

Moorefield defeated Romney 9-8 and Franklin 12-3, but lost to LaSalle 3-2.

Ninety Years Ago April 28, 1932

W. D. McCauley was elected president of the newly organized South Branch Valley Game and Fish Association. Arno Friddle was secretary-tresurer. Directors were John S. Barger, Jr. and W. H. Barger, Mineral County... A.C. Durst and T.C. Dickens, Hampshire County...Dr. John Grove and G. C. Hamilton, Grant County. Directors from Pendleton would be elected later.

The Boy Scouts at Mathias gave a Measuring Part and raised \$10.

H. L. Park and E. A. Pennington were working the roads in Bean Settlement. Dorsey Brill, 63, had died at his home at Star Tannery.

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105 Years Ago

April 26, 1917 Liggett Brothers, who had a plant here, were planning to open an ice cream plant at Petersburg.

M. W. Gamble had put in a concrete walk from the street to his home. A fifty-foot flag pole had been secured and raised on the plot of ground adjoining the South Branch Valley National Bank. A flag was to be raised with all appropriate ceremony. A wild rumor had been started to the effect that a German submarine

Bessie Belle Grady and Lester Tusing had been married...Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Allen had been married in Richwood.

was on its way up the South Branch.

It was proved to be unfounded.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Retired School Employees Meeting

Hardy County Retired School Employees Meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 28. The meeting will be in Wardensville at and minorities get priority). the Kac-Ka-Pon.

Singleton Honored

The Tamarack Foundation for the Arts and Wheeling's Stifel Fine Arts Center is honoring TFA's Master Artist Fellow Robert Singleton's work and artistic contributions with a virtual gallery exhibition of his Sixty Year Retrospective. Additionally, Kandi Workman wrote an essay about Singleton titled, "The Art of Living: 60 Propositions on Becoming." Singleton's work will be on display online from March 18 through April 30.

Wardensville Senior Lunch

All Seniors are invited to a lunch on Fridays at noon. The lunch is served in the basement of the United Methodist Church on Main Street in Wardensville, W.Va.

Extension Offerings Hardy County Extension has a few

programs coming up with some supplies to give away on a first-come, first-served basis (women, veterans,

Beginner Beekeeping is at the Extension Office on May 3 at 5 p.m. Participants can pre-order hive boxes to purchase at the workshop. First 15 participants get a package of bees, a hive knife and bee veil. This program will also be offered in Spanish if we have any interest.

Small Ruminant Management is at Wardensville's Reymann Memorial Farm on May 14, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Same as above; we will have electra-net fence and hoof trimmers to give to the first 15 participants.

Participants must pre-register at 304-530-0273 to be eligible for give-a-ways.

PVCD Board Meeting The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be

held by Teleconference ONLY. Call in instructions are posted on the District webpage: HYPER-LINK "http://www.wvca.us/district/pvcd.cfm" 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.

EWVCTC Pinning Ceremony

The 2022 nursing graduates of Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College's Nursing Program will be honored at 7 p.m., Friday, May 6, at a Pinning Ceremony. The event, which the public is invited to attend, will be held at the Moorefield High School auditorium. For more information about Eastern's Nursing Program, visit easternwv.edu.

EWVCTC Commencement

Thomas Striplin, Ed.D, president of Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College, invites the community to attend the college's Commencement Ceremony, to be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 7, at Moorefield Middle School's gymnasium. The commencement speaker will be Superintendent Sheena Van

Conservation Poster Contest

The Potomac Valley Conservation District is seeking entries for the 2022 Conservation Poster Contest. The theme of this year's contest is: "Healthy Soil / Healthy Life." Students in grades K–12 are encouraged to participate. The age categories are: K-1; 2-3; 4-6; 7-9 and 10-12. The deadline to submit posters is May 27, 2022. For more information on the contest or to obtain an entry form, please contact the Potomac Valley Conservation District office at 500 East Main St., Romney, WV

also available online at: www.wvca. us/district/pvcd.cfm

or call (304) 822-5174. Information

Conservation Photo Contest

The Potomac Valley Conservation District seeks entries for the 2022 Conservation Photo Contest. The contest is open for adult and youth amateur photographers in West Virginia. There are four categories: Conservation Practices, Close Up Conservation, Conservation in Action, and Ag./Conservation Across America. Photos must be taken within the state of West Virginia. The deadline to submit photos is May 27, 2022. For more information on the contest or to obtain an entry form, please contact the Potomac Valley Conservation District office at 500 East Main St., Romney, WV or call (304) 822-5174. Information also available online at: www. wvca.us/district/pvcd.cfm

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 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. 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 has a 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

SCHOOL

Moorefield High School Band Students Participate in the 2022 Shepherd University Honor Band and Region IX Honor Band





Lumia, Dominic Lumia, Grant Sherman, and erholt, and Melody Yokum. Carson Whetzel

participated in the 2022 Shepherd University Honor Band at Martinsburg High School Jan. 28 Honor Band in Shepherdstown Jan. 14 through and 29, 2022. Students participating were Sicily 16, 2022. Students participating were Cameron Dunn, Lindsey Hose, Kevin Molen, Sarah Weath-

Students were nominated by their band di-Five Moorefield High School band students rector and were selected for their exceptional were Dr. Mark McCoy (Shepherd University Director of Athletic Bands at West Virginia

Bands such as these are some of the best instrumental music experiences that our state has to offer. It is truly a privilege and an honor to tle, Ind., and former chair of the Department of

Four Moorefield High School band students were selected to participate in the 2022 Region IX musical ability and leadership qualities. Honor Honor Band) and Dr. Cheldon Williams (Region IX Honor Band). Dr. McCov is a former President of DePauw University in Greencas-Music at Shepherd University. Dr. Williams is The conductors of the Honor Bands this year currently the Associate Director of Bands and

Congratulations to these students for being outstanding representatives of **Moorefield High School** and our community!



Moorefield Elementary February Students of the Month are Tsion Yilma Austin Klar and Damon Crites

Moorefield Elementary celebrates students \$1000 Donation given to Eastern's Foundation



Regina Hamm, CPA, located in Cumberland, Md., recently made a \$1,000 unrestricted scholarship donation to the Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College Foundation to support an annual scholarship for students attending the community college, which is located in Moorefield, W.Va. Pictured are Dr. Tom Striplin (left), Eastern's president, and Becca Gordan (right), accountant for Regina Hamm, CPA.

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CONFIDENCE-COMMITMENT-COMPASSION-CLOSE TO HOME!

WVCBP Now Accepting Applications for **2022 Virtual Summer Policy Institute**

The Summer Policy Institute (SPI) participants work in small groups to siderations, SPI 2022 will take place WVCBP and the American Friends Service Committee that brings together highly qualified traditional students, graduate students, and polipolicy knowledge, leadership skills, and networks.

Attendees participate in interactive sessions where they learn the basics and build their organizing and advocacy skills. Throughout the institute,

is an annual convening hosted by the identify and develop policy proposals to shape the future they want to see in West Virginia, culminating in team "policy pitches" to state legislaand non-traditional undergraduate tors and policy professionals. Many SPI attendees have gone on to concy-curious people of all ages to build tinue advocating for their policy idea and to hold internships with West Virginia non-profits and in state gov-

This year's SPI theme is "Growof data, policy, and state government ing a West Virginia that Works for

Due to ongoing public health conmay be interested.

virtually via Zoom from July 28 to July 30. For more info, visit https:// wvpolicy.org. There is no cost to attend. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our team at summerpolicyinstitute@gmail.com with any ques-

We will be accepting applications through May 1. People of all ages are welcome to apply, so please feel free to share with any folks you think

WVSOM camp for high school students will focus on pharmacology

In a year when the West Virginia disciplines, and discovering how terns. (WVSOM) is observing the 50th anniversary of its founding, one of the school's most beloved outreach programs is also celebrating a milestone. WVSOM's Just Say KNOW educational camp is now in its 10th year.

Just Say KNOW was established in 2013 and is designed to introduce ninth- through 12th-graders and recent high school graduates to science- and medicine-related concepts. The event has had different focuses during its history, such as Just Say KNOW to Anatomy and Just Say camps have drawn virtual partici-KNOW to Neuroscience — but the 2022 camp will return to its initial theme of Just Say KNOW to Drugs, from Greenbrier County and other with participants learning about areas of West Virginia. pharmacology.

SOM biomedical sciences faculty member who serves as director of Just Say KNOW, said pharmacology — the branch of medicine centered on how medications interact with the body — represents an essential part of learning about health care.

"In celebration of the program's 10th anniversary, we wanted to bring it back to how it was originally conceived," Boudreaux said. "Pharma-

School of Osteopathic Medicine those disciplines work together aids in the understanding of positive treatment goals."

Just Say KNOW is built on handson activities and games in addition to brief lectures, discussions and quizzes. This year's activities will also include osteopathic manipulative treatment demonstrations and a tour of WVSOM's Fredric W. Smith Science Building.

Boudreaux said the program is designed to nurture an interest in health care among young people. Past pants from as far away as Colorado, along with on-campus participants

"Just Say KNOW showcases WV-Crystal Boudreaux, Ph.D., a WV- SOM and osteopathic medicine to high school students who are already thinking about their career paths. With this year's camp presented as a hybrid learning experience, we hope to again have campers from across the U.S. as well as in person," she

Karen Wines, a biomedical sciences faculty member who co-directs the program, explained that the camp is taught by WVSOM students with cology integrates several scientific assistance from undergraduate in-

"The student interns are a vital component of the program's success. While the theme and curricula are overseen by faculty advisors, the content is developed and delivered by medical students," Wines said. "Having WVSOM students and undergraduate interns present content provides a more relatable and engaging experience for participants."

On-campus registration is limited to 20 students, and those attending in person must wear face masks. Virtual attendees will need an internet connection to participate and will receive a Webex link about one week before the program begins.

Just Say KNOW to Drugs is sponsored by the WVSOM Rural Health Initiative and the WVSOM Founda-

The camp will take place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 13-17, and can be attended virtually or in person on the WVSOM campus in Lewisburg. Students must register by submitting a brief essay about their interest in the program along with a teacher recommendation. The materials should be submitted to cboudreaux@osteo.wvsom.edu by May 15.

COMMUNITY

Martinez crowned Miss Moorefield 2022 Living the dream



Photos by Sweet Lemon Photography

On March 19, the Miss Moorefield Pageant was held in the high school auditorium.

Guest MC was former Moorefield High School graduate Aaron Michael, assisted by Miss Moorefield 2021, Alexandria Wyman.

Andrey, Natalia and their daugh-

ter, Uliana, outside their Stoney

It is clear Andrey and Natalia

Peter Wood is a board member

of the Friends of the Cacapon Riv-

er with a mission to preserve, pro-

tect, and promote the environmental

health and scenic character of the Ca-

capon River and its watershed.

came here for the river and stayed for

Creek Store in Largent.

Miss Moorefield 2022. She was also Miss Photogenic.

The queen's court are as follows: First runner-up, Keyra Fisher (also voted People's Choice); Second runner-up, Allissa Biser; Third runner-

Coraymalis Martinez was crowned up, Chloé Weikle; and Fourth runnerup, Jadelyn Hinger.

Miss Congeniality was Madalynn

The Junior Class would like to extend appreciation to all who helped make the pageant a success!



River life: Along the **Cacapon at Stoney Creek Store in Largent**

By Peter Wood Friends of the Cacapon

First in a 6-part series appearing every 2 months about the people along the Cacapon/Lost River and their love for the river.

"That's some mighty big chickens that you have there," declared some campers at the Stoney Creek Store campground when a few domesticated turkeys wandered into their

Natalia and Andrey own and run the Stoney Creek Store along the Cacapon River and the adjoining campground. With the campers, "You get a lot of stories, wild stories."

"People come here for the river," Andrey answered when asked about the success of the store and campground in Largent. Natalia and Andrey purchased the store in 2014 so they could move full-time to their cabin along the river and raise their daughter Uliana in the country.

The store really helped them get to know the community. "We would not have met as many people without the store," they say. Natalia also works with local artists to display and sell their products.

Natalia, Andrey and their daughter are just one of the many families that live, work and play along the Cacapon River, a scenic 81-mile-long river crossing through Hardy, Hampshire and Morgan counties.

The river meanders through farmland, mountains and flood plains, tying together the people — from business owners, farmers and lifelong residents to paddlers, fishermen and naturalists.

"I wish more people knew it as a recreational river," Andrey said, highlighting the abundant fishing, boating, wildlife and scenery of the Cacapon River. Of course, domesticated turkeys are not the usual animal sightings at the campground right next to the clear waters of the Cacapon River.

Natalia chimed in, "You can see the river animals here. We have seen an otter family, duck families and beavers right there.3

After fishing, tubing and swimming all day, campers at the Stoney Creek Store campground can fall asleep to the peaceful sounds of the Cacapon River. From kayaking to kids catching crayfish, visitors enjoy the river life along the 800 feet of Cacapon River shoreline. (Campers can book the sites online through

hipcamp.com.) Andrey also hosts tubing trips where folks put in upriver and end back at the Stoney Creek Store. There they can grab a meal or pick up snacks, fixings for s'mores or their favorite beverage.

"They don't have to travel far for recreational drinks," Andrey said with a grin glancing at the beer cooler. And when the locals pop into the store, every transaction is a conversation — about their grandchildren's visit or a gentle reminder that "you need to wear your hearing aid."

Located in the northern end of the Cacapon River watershed just at the edge of Morgan County, Stoney Creek Store sits along Route 9 between Paw Paw and Berkeley Springs, where Stoney Creek meets

the Cacapon River. In fact, the creek runs under the floorboards of the store. Stepping on the porch you can hear Stoney Creek splashing its way to the Cacapon River. It is a good place to enjoy the river life.

Yurcaba honors heritage, presents about Ukraine

On April 9, 2022, Hardy County resident Professor Nicole A. Yurcaba gave a presentation about the current war in Ukraine at the Bridgewater Retirement Community in Bridge-

Yurcaba presented to an audience of 73 residents. During her presentation, Nicole shared several of the poems she has written in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. She discussed the war from the perspective of a member of the Ukrainian diaspora who has family currently fighting in the war.

She also provided residents with insights about humanitarian aid and military supply efforts by other countries, including the response of NATO, the US, and the EU. Nicole concluded the presentation by sharing information about the various organizations to which people can donate in order to support the Ukrainian military and Ukrainian refugees.

A Ukrainian-American of Lemko origin, Nicole focuses her research on the indigenous tribes of Western Ukraine, specifically the Lemko and Hutsuls. She is an internationally respected book reviewer for the US-Irish journal Sage Cigarettes and the New Hampshire University.



US-based journals Colorado Review, Southern Review of Books, and Tupelo Quarterly.

In collaboration with the Polish-Ukrainian journalist Ian Kurtz White, she writes a column focused on the latest music releases on vinyl from the Eastern European and European music scenes for Ecoustics. Yurcaba teaches poetry at Southern

Bv Connie Sherman

Moorefield native Aaron Michael Steach has certainly come a long way from learning to cut a pattern on the floor of his friend's basement. I sat down with Aaron while he was in town for a rare visit with family and friends and to serve as the Master of Ceremonies for this year's Miss Moorefield pageant.

Aaron, who recently finished sixth out of 16 designers, competed in Season 19 on Bravo's popular television reality series Project Runway where contestants compete in challenges to create clothes based on a theme. Contestants are given a budget for materials, and are limited on time to design, create and sew a complete look for their model, which is then judged by a celebrity panel following each week's runway show. Each week a contestant is eliminated until only a few contestants remain. Aaron finished in the top three designers on six episodes (more than any other designer) this season and was eliminated the first time he finished in the bottom three.

His designs received rave reviews from some of the biggest names in today's world of fashion.

"I surprised myself. I did better than I expected. I did better than most expected," Aaron told Christian Siriano, the Project Runway mentor.

Throughout the journey, Aaron stayed true to himself, remaining positive and upbeat while adding a light touch of humor. He was considered to be this season's fan favorite con-

"If I goof up, I goof up. I think when you can own your mess, you quickly learn how to clean it up if it happens again," Aaron said, referring to the design for which he was eliminated from the show just after celebrating his 40th birthday with fellow designers.

Aaron was raised by his grandparents, the late Lyle and Grace Steach of Moorefield. He credits a high school experience for the beginning of his love of design and fashion. Aaron learned how to properly use a sewing machine during high school and used this as the foundation on which he started his early career in fashion. Following a brief time in college, Aaron ended up in Morgantown where he created his own costumes and outfits for drag queen pageants because, buying them was too expensive, and Amazon and Ebay were not around at

In a short period of time, he was creating outfits for countless others. Aaron relocated to Jackson, Missis-



sippi so he could be closer to his sister and his nephews, and worked as a hotel manager. It was at that time that he received calls from contestants from RuPaul's Drag Race, and he found his way back behind a sewing machine.

Aaron auditioned for Season 18 of Project Runway, but wasn't chosen as a contestant; little did he know his fashion career was about to take off anyway. He received an invitation to showcase at New Orleans Fashion Week, and his little white dress was a hit! Following his success in New Orleans, Aaron contemplated auditioning for Project Runway Season 19. On the last day before the deadline he submitted his application at 4:41 pm and at 4:49 pm he got the call that he had been chosen for an interview.

Then came the pandemic, and taping of the show was suspended. It was close to a year later that the extensive interview process, which included a psychiatric evaluation, began with the show's producers and Bravo network representatives.

Aaron shared with me the funny story of how he was in a doctor's office when he received the call that he was chosen as a contestant for the show, so his nurse was the first person to hear the good news.

Aaron's exposure from being on the show has been life changing, and has provided him with many opportunities to advance his career. He made a friend and client in Gizelle Bryant from "The Real Housewives of Potomac" while working with her through a show challenge, and his working relationship with her continues.

His primary focus now is on creating his own brand. He will go to market in a few weeks with a bridal line that focuses on high end lace and silk fabrics, a pageant/social line and angora/cashmere cardigans.

Aaron said it best when he says of his experience on Project Runway, "How many people get to grow up and live their dream, and I got to do that." I have no doubt that we will be seeing his designs in the future and I look forward to following his career.



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OBITUARIES

KENNETH EDWARD ANDERSON



85, of Morningside Drive in Moorefield, passed away Thursday afternoon, April 21, 2022, at his residence traveling to Colorado to pursue large with his family at his side. Born on Dec. 5, 1936, in Fisher, he was a son of the late Roy Raymond Anderson years, Betty Joan Cosner Anderson; and Mildred Marie Stevens Ander- a daughter, Melinda (Eric) Turner son Mongold. The last member of his immediate family, he was preceded in death by four brothers and

Ken was a 1955 graduate of Moorefield High School, a Veteran of the U.S. Air Force, and had retired after serving as the minister for 50 years at the Franklin Church

his spare time, watching sports and westerns on television, and hunting, game animals.

Surviving is his loving wife of 56 of Moorefield; a son, Steven Anderson of Moorefield; a daughter-inlaw, Melissa Anderson of Franklin; three grandchildren, Cody Turner and Kaylee Turner, both of Moorefield, and Alayna Alexis Anderson of Franklin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were conduct-

Kenneth Edward Anderson, age of Christ. He enjoyed gardening in ed on Monday, April 25, 2022, at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel at 107 Washington Street in Moorefield. Michael Phillips and Gregory B. Meikle officiated. Interment followed with Military Graveside Rites accorded by the U.S. Air Force and Moorefield Veteran's Honor Guard at Olivet Cemetery.

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

Arrangements are under the direction of the Fraley Funeral Home in Moorefield.

DEBRA KAY POLING



Debra Kay (Evans) Poling went to be with her Lord and Savior on January 22, 2022, at her residence in Old Fields with her family at her side. Born on April 13, 1954, she was the daughter of Agnes Elizabeth Hawse Evans and James Richard "Pud"

Evans, as well as the little sister of closet for her costume jewelry and Nancy Taylor and Kathy (Michael) Snyder.

Debbie was married to the love of her life and high school sweetheart, Daniel Milford Poling, for 46 years and had two children, James Lindsey "JL" Poling of Old Fields and Katie (Matt) See of Morgantown. The joys of her life were her granddaughters, Miss Mollie Elizabeth and Emilie Edna (aka – "Emie the Elf") See.

Debbie retired in October after a long career with the 22nd Judicial Court and Hardy County Probation offices. We thought she would be heading out to Morgantown to frequently knock on her son-in-law's door, but it turns out the Lord had other plans, which we suspect may be that of the official Heavenly yard sale organizer and bake sale locator. She loved yard sales and clearance racks. And, jewelry. She loved jewelry so much that there is a dedicated

other treasures.

She was an active member of the Moorefield Church of the Brethren. where she dedicated a lot of her time and a fraction of her endless energy to efforts, such as leading the children's story, teaching Sunday school, helping with meals and serving on boards. Her church family was a tremendous source of support throughout her time of illness.

Debbie leaves behind countless friends and friends-like-family. She truly adored the people she worked with throughout her career, beginning with circuit court judges and attorneys and most recently, her Hardy County Probation Office family including her best buddies Pam and

Debbie left an impression on everyone she met. Everyone who ever met her has their favorite story about their time with Deb. She showed her love in many ways, one of which included showering those she loved with gifts and favorite foods.

A Celebration of Deb's Life will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at Brighton Park at 644 Fisher Road in Moorefield at Shelter No. 4. Attendees are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs. In the unlikely event of foul weather, it will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Moorefield Church of the Brethren. Please keep checking the event page on Facebook for updates, "Deb Poling - Celebration of Life"

Memorials may be made in her memory to the Moorefield Church of the Brethren, 115 Clay Street. Moorefield, WV 26836. Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on Deb's Tribute Wall at www.fraleyfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Fraley Funeral Home in Moorefield.

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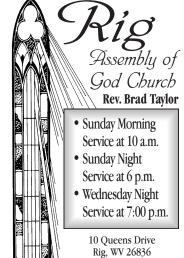
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JOSEPH M. 'JOE' WHALEN

Joseph Michael "Joe" Whalen, 82, ball, baseball and football in Camp of Lost River, died Saturday, April 16, 2022, at the Blue Ridge Hospice Facility in Winchester.

Shamokin, Pa., the son of the late John W. and Josphine Toderoski Whalen. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and a member of the Catholic faith. Joe spent 25 years as the Maintenance a sister, Peggy Whalen of Harris-Director for the City of Greenbelt, burg, Pa.; three grandchildren, James Md. and 10 years at Georges in Ed- E. Chaney, Lauralee Chaney (Jeremy

Springs, Md., and was a Notre Dame fan. He enjoyed singing and listening to music, and was an amateur histo-Joe was born Aug. 30, 1939 in rian who collected Civil War relics.

> Joe married Wanda G. St. Clair on Jan. 27, 1960 in Clintonville, W.Va.

Surviving with his wife of 62 years is a daughter, Annette M. Chaney (Kelly McKinney) of Wardensville; inburg, Va. Joe coached basket- Morris) and Alexis M. McKinney; visit www.loygiffin.com.

and one great-grandchild, Brantley

He is preceded in death by a broth-

er: John W. Whalen, Jr. and a sister: Patsy Deysher. Services will be privately held.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 West Cork Street, Winchester, VA 22601 or Mathias-Baker Vol. Fire Co., PO Box 59, Mathias, WV

To view Joe's tribute wall, please

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Friday, May 6: Tuna salad on lettuce leaf withcrackers, candied carrots, and pears.

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

Meals are to be eaten here at the center. People under the age of 60 are welcome to come eat with us at a cost of \$5.25 per meal. "That's A Deal." Any donation over \$5.25 would be greatly appre-

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

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This Week in West Virginia History

April 27, 1978: An accident at the Willow Island Power Station on the Ohio River killed 51 men. The scaffolding that had been erected for use in the construction of a new cooling tower collapsed, sending them

plunging to the ground. April 28, 1914: An explosion at the Eccles No. 5 mine in Raleigh County killed 174 men. The mine connected with Eccles No. 6, operating in another coal seam, and nine men in No. 6 died of injuries and of afterdamp, the deadly gas left after a mine explosion.

April 28, 1920: The Monongahela National Forest was created by presidential proclamation. It is the only national forest completely within the boundaries of West Virginia.

through the Benwood coal mine south of Wheeling, killing 119 miners.

April 29, 1863: Confederate General William E. "Grumble" Jones waged a battle at Fairmont that involved a force of 500 regulars, home guards, and volunteers. The Confederates prevailed, burning the personal library of Francis Pierpont, governor of the Restored Government of Virginia, and exploding an iron railroad bridge across the Monongahela River.

April 30, 1871: Coach Fielding Harris "Hurry-Up" Yost was born in Marion County. He was a tackle on West Virginia University's football team in 1895 and 1896, while earning a law degree. In 1901, Yost's first season as coach at University of Michigan, the Wolverines compiled an 11-0

April 28, 1924: An explosion ripped record, including the 49-0 defeat of Stanford in the first Rose Bowl.

April 30, 1927: An explosion roared through the Federal No. 3 mine owned by New England Fuel and Transportation Company of Everettville, Monongalia County. The explosion, the subsequent fire, and gas in the mine killed 97 men.

May 1, 1788: Pendleton County was created from Rockingham, Augusta, and Hardy counties. The county was named for Virginia statesman Edmund Pendleton (1721–1803).

May 2, 1900: State founder Waitman Willey died in Morgantown. Willey is remembered for the Willey Amendment, which provided for the emancipation of slaves as a precondition for the creation of West Virginia.

May 2, 1925: Flying saucer investigator Gray Barker was born in Riffle, Braxton County. Barker became interested in unidentified flying objects in the 1950s after investigating the sightings of the Flatwoods Monster.

May 3, 1843: U.S. Postmaster General William Lyne Wilson was born in Smithfield, Jefferson County. Wilson joined President Cleveland's cabinet as postmaster general in 1895. In the following year, he introduced Rural Free Delivery in Jefferson County, an experiment which was quickly instituted nationwide.

May 3, 1917: Fire destroyed the West Virginia Preparatory School in Keyser. The school was rebuilt, and it evolved into the institution now known as Potomac State College.



Left: an image from the Eccles mine disaster that killed a total of 183 people in the Number 5 and Number 6 mines. The explosion occured on

Right: A portrait of Fielding Harris "Hurry-Up" Yost. Yost was born In Marian County and played on WVU's football team before later becoming a coach. He served as coach for the University of Michigan, taking the team to vistory with an 11-0 record and a 49-0 win over Standford in the first Rose Bowl.



AT THE LIBRARY

New Fiction

Death of the Black Widow by James Patterson (Reg. Print, Audiobook) - On his first night with Detroit PD, Officer Walter O'Brien is called to a murder scene. A terrified twenty-year-old has bludgeoned her kidnapper with skill that shocks even O'Brien's veteran partner. The young woman is also a brilliant escape artist. Her bold flight from police custody makes the case impossible to solve-and, for Walter, even more impossible to forget. By the time Walter's promoted to detective, his fascination with the missing, grayeyed woman is approaching obsession. And when Walter discovers that he's not alone in his search, one truth is certain. This deadly string of secrets didn't begin in his home city but he's going to make sure it ends

Dream Town (Archer; 3) by David Baldacci (Reg. Print, Lg. Print, Audiobook) - Private investigator and World War II veteran Aloysius Archer heads to Los Angeles, the city where dreams are made and shattered, and is ensnared in a lethal case of a screenwriter who finds herself in

Kingdom of Bones (Sigma Force; 22) by James Rollins (Reg. Print, Audiobook) – When an insidious phenomenon spreads from a cursed sight in the African jungle called the Kingdom of Bones, scientific warriors Commander Gray Pierce and Sigma Force must head off a global catastrophe and uncover the shattering secret at the heart of the African

Pay Dirt Road by Samantha Jayne Allen – An unlikely private investigator searching for a missing waitress finds herself identifying with the victim in increasing, unsettling ways, and realizes she must confront her own past if she wants to survive this homecoming.

Beautiful by Danielle Steel - A famous young model has her appearance forever altered and loses the people she loves most in a terrorist attack, and changes the course and purpose of her life after reading a revealing letter that accompanied her mother's will.

The Children on the Hill by Jennifer McMahon – Lizzy Shelley, the host of the popular podcast Monsters Among Us, is traveling to Vermont,

where a young girl has been abducted, and a monster sighting has the town in an uproar. She's determined to hunt it down, because Lizzy knows better than anyone that monsters are real--and one of them is her very own sister.

New Non-Fiction and Bios

Riverman: An American Odyssey by Ben McGrath – The story of Dick Conant, an American folk hero who, over the course of more than twenty years, solo canoed thousands of miles of American rivers--and then in 2016 disappeared off the coast of North Carolina

Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty by Anderson Cooper - Cooper explores the story of his legendary family and their outsized influence

New YA Fiction

Wakers (Side Step; 1) by Orson Scott Card – Seventeen-year-old Laz Hayerian wakes up on an abandoned Earth to discover that he and his companion Ivy Downey are clones, and they must work together--combining their talents to sense and step into and out of timestreams--to save humanity from imminent extinction.

League of Liars by Astrid Scholte Four teens caught up with the illegal use of magic band together to devise the ultimate jailbreak.

The Rumor Game by Sona Charaipotra – At Foxham Prep, a posh private school for Washington, D.C.'s elite, a rumor gains momentum as it collects followers on social media, pulling three girls into its path--Bryn, who wants to erase all memories of the mistake she made last summer; cheer captain Cora, who desperately wants to believe in her boyfriend's faithfulness; and shy Georgie, newly hot after a summer at fat camp and ready to reinvent herself--but who can stop a dangerous rumor once it takes on a life of its own?

All My Rage by Sabaa Tahir – A family extending from Pakistan to kingdom--but their family history is California, deals with generations of far more complicated and mysteriyoung love, old regrets, and forgive-

Gallant by V. E. Schwab - Olivia Prior has grown up at the grim Merilance School for Girls with no past except for her one treasure, her mother's journal, so when a letter arrives inviting her to come home to ruinous to find out about her family.

The Lost Dreamer by Lizz Huerta – A lineage of seers defiantly resists the shifting patriarchal state that would see them destroyed.

A Thousand Steps Into Night by Traci Chee - When a girl who's never longed for adventure is hit with a curse that begins to transform her into a demon, she embarks on a guest to reverse the curse and return to her normal life, but along the way is forced to confront her true power

Into the Bloodred Woods by Martha Brockenbrough - On his deathbed King Tyran divides his land between his twin children, first-born Ursula and Albrecht...but Albrecht wants it all and makes war on his sister, becoming a tyrant to his own ous than he knows, and Ursula has powerful allies in the living forest that surrounds their lands, including her aunt Esme who has been in hid-

All of Us Villains (All of Us Villains; 1) by Amanda Foody – Every generation, seven families select a manor, Gallant, she seizes the chance champion to compete in a tournament to the death for control of high

magick--the most powerful resource in the world--but this year, a salacious tell-all book draws reporters, tourists, and government agents to Ilvernath to watch the bloody curse unfold and some of the champions are determined to thwart their destinies and rewrite their stories.

Skin of the Sea (Of Mermaids and Orisa; 1) by Natasha Bowen - Transformed by the goddess Yemoja into a Mami Wati, an African mermaid charged with collecting the souls of those who die at sea, Simi goes against the gods to save a living boy, Kola, from drowning.

A Far Wilder Magic by Allison Saft - Sharpshooter Margaret Welty and alchemical apprentice Weston Winters form an unlikely team competing for glory in a magical fox hunt-- while she wants to lure her mother home, Wes needs the prize money to support his family and his political aspirations.

The Book of Living Secrets by Madeleine Roux - Two girls transport themselves into the world of their favorite book only to encounter the sinister alternate reality that awaits them.

Moorefield Levy Rates

price down.

He said the price is also less for the cameras themselves, and more for software and access to the companies digital cloud storage.

"We've been using cameras for 10 years," Riggleman said. "Our guys are really good about using them."

Riggleman also confirmed that Town police sergeant Kevin Helmick and his K9 partner, Riso, assisted the Hardy County Sheriff's Office with

didn't really need and brought the busts, which included approximately six pounds of marijuana and a pound of mushrooms.

> The Council approved USDA Draw #33 for the water plant project, which will actually cover expenses from February.

It provides \$136,990.95 for Triton Construction and \$2759 for Gwin Dobson and Foreman. The total is \$139 749 95

Public Works director Lucas Gagnon said he's still waiting for quotes

eliminated some add-ons the Town one of the County's largest-ever drug to replace the South Branch intake

"Supplies are backing everything up," he said. "Pumps are hard to come by.'

The Council approved a request from Kriston Strickler, representing the Heritage Weekend committee, to close North Elm Street from Winchester Avenue to Washington Street from 12-4 p.m. on Saturday of Heritage Weekend for children's

They approved use of the park-

ing lot in the northeast corner of Winchester Ave. and Main Street for Heritage Weekend signs, food, and craft vendors.

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They also approved placing temporary signs beside the roads at each Town entrance.

The next Moorefield Town Council meeting is May 3 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall on Winchester Ave. The public is encouraged to attend; social distancing is observed, and masking is optional.

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McCausley ·

Reached for comment Monday morning, Dawson confirmed that he was aware that the investigation remained open. Asked if he saw any problem with McCausley returning to duty while a criminal investigation remained open, Dawson said that the Special Prosecutor, Ours, recommended to the State Police that the investigation be closed, and that he did not see any problem with Mc-Causley returning to service despite

Separate but related, earlier in

open or closed, Ours said, "I don't 2022 a Hardy County citizen provid-

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ed State Police and the Hardy County Sheriff's Department with an audio recording of a conversation he says took place between himself and Deputy McCausley and in which Mc-Causley made comments seeming to threaten the life of a third individual.

Attempts to determine if that investigation is resolved or remains open were unsuccessful. West Virginia State Police Sergeant Waylon Roden, the lead investigator in this matter, was unavailable for comment until after publication.

Bird Flu Update

doors and space they are provided.

Free-range chickens typically must have at least 21.8 square feet (2 square meters) of roaming space outdoors and remain out until temperatures drop below around 30 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 1 degree celsius according to the American Humane Association, which certifies egg operations.

Pasture-raised chickens typically must have 108 square feet (10 square meters) outdoors each and remain outside most of the year except during inclement weather. The certifying organizations have protocols for high-risk situations and allow for temporary housing indoors - a time period not specifically defined once a farm documents an outbreak near an outdoor flock. Certification agen-

had infections during the last big outbreak in 2015, and he hasn't had any cases this year. Farmers in Europe have been dealing with the bird virus longer than those in the U.S., with cases reported as early as last December.

The United Kingdom has ordered free-range hens to be housed inside to protect them from the avian flu, and that has forced changes to how those eggs are labeled in stores. Free-range packaging is still used but must be marked with an added label of "barn eggs," according to a communications representative for the British Free Range Egg Producers Association.

Each egg also is stamped with a No. 2 that denotes "barn" rather than No. 1 for "free-range." For U.S. consumers, it means the free-range eggs erage of \$4.39 a dozen last week, up cies monitor farms to ensure they they buy at a premium price could from \$3.65 the week before. don't use bird flu as an excuse to come from a chicken being temporarily kept inside. But producers say ies and other food products soared to of replenishing flocks and resuming Brunnquell said none of his farms they think people who pay more for a record high on April 8. So-called production.

pasture-raised or free-range eggs have animal-welfare concerns and don't want the chickens to be endangered by the virus.

Brunnquell also noted that the certification agencies monitor farms to ensure they don't use bird flu as an excuse to keep birds inside too long.

Eggs of all kinds have grown costlier recently thanks to bird flu concerns and a national spike in food costs. Last week, prices for conventional eggs increased by 40 cents per dozen to \$1.47 while cage-free egg prices rose 3 cents to \$2.40 per dozen, according to the USDA. Organic eggs, which are from chickens required to have access to the outdoors, were selling for a national av-

The price of eggs used by baker-

breaker eggs, which will later be broken by processors and sold in containers weighing up to 50 pounds, peaked at \$2.51 per pound, said Karyn Rispoli, egg market reporter for Urner Barry, a New Jersey-based food commodity market research and analytics firm. Many of the egg layers that have died from bird flu were on farms contracted to provide breaker eggs used as food product ingredients, Rispoli said.

Bird flu likely will remain a problem for at least several more weeks as migrating waterfowl will remain on the move in the Mississippi Flyway until June. In the past, warmer weather and the end of migration brought an end to bird flu cases, allowing turkey and chicken farmers to begin the months-long process

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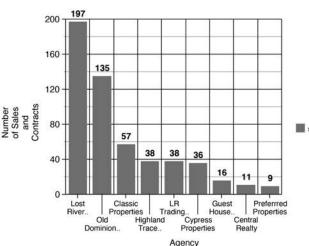
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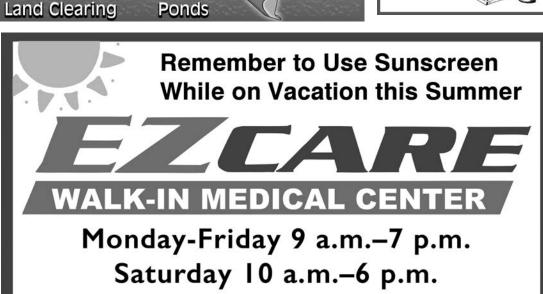
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More scenes from Earth Day on the Farm Fest



On the left, Alyssa Rexroad (front), Hannah Pike (middle), and William Cowgill (back) help gather vegetables for Trish Thompson (right front) and Linda Gilbert (right back) who were shopping at the farm market stand on site. A variety of vegetables and greens were sold throughout the event.



Pete Hobbie set up a station where he demonstrated his craft of carving wooden spoons by hand. Hobbie was one of many vendors and artisans set up at the event who showcased a variety of goods from spoons and soap to jewelry and homemade drinks.



Byron Gaylord, the studio coordinator for Dakota Glassworks talks to a visitor, Gary Smucker, about his work and the studio classroom.



Alyssa Rexroad waters plants at the Garden Market's open market stand.



From left to right, Alexis Whitacre, Taylor Mowrey (behind), Emma Whitacre, and Claude Jones play a variety of strong instruments in the old time circle.

llinator stations started at Eastern W.Va. Community and Technical College





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Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College has begun

planting pollinator beds to help native species that rely on flowers and other flora. Seeds for the flower beds were provided by West Virginia University Extension, and Eastern provided the soil and supplies to help erect the new stations. Pictured above, from left to right, are the participants: WVU Extension forestry agent Dave Mc-Gill, WVU Extension wildlife agent Sheldon Owen, volunteer Donna Barr, volunteer Harlan Barr, Eastern's Mass Bio Coordinator Maya Paul, and Jennifer Sunryder, also with Eastern. The group planted the seeds on Wednesday, April 20, on Eastern's campus.







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Yellow Jackets hurdle mistakes defeating East Hardy

By Carl Holcomb

Moorefield Examiner

The Yellow Jackets overcame early blunders trailing 5-1 by buzzing back with timely hits and capitalizing on miscues from East Hardy in rallying for an 8-5 Hardy Boys Hardball Classic victory at George Hott Field on Wednesday which avenged a previous collapse against the Cougars.

East Hardy commandeered a comeback for a 12-10 win in Baker, but this time around it was Moorefield's turn to flip the switch with the new lights on the field shining brilliantly in the win.

"We show a lot of pride in our- on it. You don't need to think about Noah Sager, then struck out Brandon selves and made really good plays the past. Everybody held their comwhen we needed to tonight. In the fourth inning, we showed a really good refuse to lose mentality. We made good things happen," Moorefield coach Wade Armentrout com-

"There's always going to be mistakes in a game and that's just life and you've got to learn to overcome things when things aren't going perfectly for you. It's how you respond to that. We take risks every time we are out there and making some type of mistake, but what is key is how you recover from it and don't dwell

posure and had a good start from Karson [Reed] and [Michael] Cost has done a fantastic job in every role for us. He threw a lot of strikes. We got a lot of hits when we needed them and built on that and good things happened.'

Moorefield senior pitcher Karson Reed got his first start of the season on the mound and tossed five strikeouts in two and a third innings and allowed three hits, but blunders enabled some Cougars runs.

Reed issued a game opening free pass to East Hardy leadoff batter

East Hardy's Dawson Price connected for a single into left field and Reed countered with a strikeout to Levi Mongold.

Gabe Henderson launched the ball into right field where the ball was dropped allowing Sager to score and advanced to second base on the sequence as the Cougars took a 1-nil edge with Price holding up at third

A wild pitch from Reed opened the door for Price to come home giving East Hardy a 2-0 lead, then Kollin

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Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield's Karson Reed swings at a pitch from East Hardy's Nate Smith during the Hardy Boys Hardball Classic at George Hott Field.



East Hardy's Bryce Miller stretched for the catch before Frankfort's East Hardy catcher Emma Heishman had an expression of frustra-Emma LaRue arrived at first base during the Bub Riggleman Memo- tion observing the ball ricochet out of her glove during a diving atrial Softball Tournament at Sager Field in Moorefield.



tempt against Frankfort in the Bub Riggleman Tournament.



East Hardy pitcher Gabby Miller prepared to throw the ball in the strike zone against the Falcons during the Bub Riggleman Memorial Softball Tournament in Moorefield.

Cougars clawed past Frankfort in Bub Riggleman opener

By Carl Holcomb Moorefield Examiner

Frankfort took an initial 2-0 lead and the Cougars responded with eight runs in the first inning, then the Falcons rallied to tie the game before East Hardy unleashed a three-run 16-10 win in Bub Riggleman Memorial Softball Tournament on Friday

at bats and we were seeing the ball. Our game focus on the base path got us extra bases and plated runs when needed," East Hardy coach Kelly Heishman remarked.

"We had a few mental defensive a strikeout to LaRae Grove. blast by Gabby Miller en route to a errors in the game midway, but was able to get redemption for those as innings went on. We got to utilize for the initial lead, then Raley Nestor

"I was pleased with the productive styles the opposition's hitter would see that benefited our club down the stretch.

> East Hardy pitcher Gabby Miller allowed a leadoff single by Frankfort's Avery Noel and countered with

Frankfort's Adison Pritts hammered an RBI triple into right field

our pitching depth to help change the smacked an RBI groundout with the throw back home not in time as the Falcons went up 2-0.

> Miller fielded a bunt for the last out of the side.

East Hardy leadoff batter Autumn Crites crushed a double to the center field fence off Frankfort pitcher Leah a groundout from Madison Heish-

Emma Heishman ripped an RBI Pratt delivered a two-run producing double to the left field fence as the Cougars cut the deficit to 2-1.

East Hardy tied the game as Miller notched an RBI single just past the dive of the shortstop.

Mackenzie Blair was issued a walk, then Addison Armentrout White and advanced to third base on smashed an RBI double to give the Cougars a 3-2 edge.

The momentum continued as Tori

double and scored on an error going for third base to make it 6-2.

East Hardy's Victoria Ames was hit by a pitch then Jace Thompson connected for an RBI double in left field to boost the lead to 7-2.

After a free pass to Crites, Frankfort sent in Aubrie Root to pitch and Madison Heishman hit into a field-

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Yellow Jackets survive marathon battle over North Marion

By Carl Holcomb Moorefield Examiner

The Yellow Jackets buzzed ahead for a 6-2 lead, but North Marion rallied to tie the game before a three run blast by Sterling Kump helped stave off a comeback by the Huskies as Moorefield garnered a 14-12 victory in the Bub Riggleman Memorial Softball Tournament on Friday after-

Bub Riggleman was instrumental in starting softball in the Moorefield

hosted by Moorefield: East Hardy, Tucker County, Hedgesville, Pendleton County, Frankfort, Greenbrier West, Independence, Washington, Berkeley Springs, Tyler Consolidat-

ed, North Marion and Musselman. "After the season we had with snow and sleet, I kept checking the

area and was a mentor to current forecast for this weekend. To have Moorefield Softball coach Bridget sunshine here today, it is just a great day to play softball and so nice to There were 13 teams participat- have all these teams here. All the ing in the Bub Riggleman Memo- coaches were thankful for the weathrial Softball Tournament this season er," Moorefield coach Bridget Sions

> "Bub [Riggleman] was one of my very first softball coaches. He brought softball into our area and his daughter was a really good friend of mine, so just to be able to do this for him is something very special to

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Sibert hurls 11 K's ruining Mongold, Karson Reed, Branson game. They come early to practice to

By Carl Holcomb

It was a bittersweet game on Thursday at George Hott Field as Strasburg pitcher James Sibert fanned 11 Yellow Jackets during a 14-2 victory which crashed Moorefield's senior night ceremony.

Moorefield Baseball honored its eight seniors with special recognition: Matthew Delawder, Bryce Hines, Ryan McGregor, Coleman the scenes that nobody might see in a

See, Garrett Strickler and Gavin Wolfe.

"One game never characterizes what those guys have done and what they have accomplished. They work hard and are a great group of guys and great teammates with each other. Those are the things they will take with them in life," Moorefield skip-

per Wade Armentrout stated. "They do the little things behind

help the young kids, throw extra batting practice to each other, those are the kind of things. They work hard and have great team camaraderie. We got behind in the count today and had to make defensive swings. It is always difficult when you get behind in the count. We just have to put the ball in play more, when it is earlier in the count "

It was a rocky start for the Yellow

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Moorefield pitcher Carlee Haines reached down to make a tag as North Marion's Jaylen Schell slid across home plate for a score during the Bub Riggleman Memorial Softball Tournament at Sager Field.



Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield Baseball senior Coleman Mongold hammers the ball for a single into center field against Strasburg at George Hott Field on Thursday.

Moorefield Yellow Jackets rally to edge the Silver Knights

By Carl Holcomb

Moorefield Examiner

Tyler Consolidated lanced the Yellow Jackets with four runs, then pecially with four starters being out. Moorefield rallied to commandeer a Riggleman Memorial Softball Tournament on Friday.

"We came out and they got ahead early, but we didn't give up. We kept fighting every single inning and there the game with the leadoff batter Leah

came out on top. They had a very good day and I am proud of them, es-Our starters returned for this game, 6-5 victory in the nightcap of the Bub but these girls can roll with whatever we throw at them. I am proud of them and they beat the heat, Moorefield coach Bridget Sions noted.

The Silver Knights commenced

in the end we had a lot of good hits Loudin hitting a pop-up off Mooreand good plays defensively and we field pitcher Emily Kuykendall and the ball fell in between three Yellow Jackets converging on it.

An error allowed Loudin to reach third base and scored on a sacrifice bunt by Hailey Sandy, giving the Ty-

ler Consolidated a 1-0 lead. Kuykendall issued a walk to Briann Templeton before striking out Braeden Wall and Heavner collected a groundout to retire the side.

Moorefield's McKenna Crites bunted for an out fielded by Tyler Consolidated catcher Shelby Thomas, then Sterling Kump flew out in center field.

Kuykendall was hit by a pitch from Silver Knight Braeden Wall and courtesy runner Hannah Snyder came in at first base.

Moorefield's Carlee Haines singled into left field, but both runners were stranded on a groundout by Ma-

Kuykendall started the second inning throwing strikeouts to Tyler Consolidated's Ashlee Spencer and Tanley McEldowney.

Lexus Rocchio singled for the Silver Knights into left field and advanced to second base on a throwing error, then Thomas hit an RBI single in center field for a 2-nil edge.

Loudin crushed an RBI triple and Sandy followed up with an RBI dou-

ble and was thrown out trying for a triple as Tyler Consolidated boosted the advantage to 4-0.

Moorefield's Daleny Crites executed a bunt single and Amber Williams reached base on a pop-up error. Marissa Ward and Wachter hit into fielder's choice outs at third base.

The Yellow Jackets were going to be denied a score as McKenna Crites

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ners aboard.

Moorefield defeats East Hardy

Quarles grounded out.

East Hardy starting pitcher Nate Smith had a pitch hit into right field by Moorefield leadoff batter Karson Reed which was tracked down by A.J. Swisher.

Moorefield's Coleman Mongold reached base on an error and scored on an RBI double rocketed into left field by Tyson Arnold to cut the deficit in half, 2-1.

Smith gave Bryce Hines a walk to load the bases for the Yellow Jackets, then Alex Miller hit a pop-up causing an out on the infield fly rule.

Moorefield's Ryan McGregor hit into a fielder's choice out at third base to retire the side as the Cougars escaped further damage.

Smith reached base on an error in the top of the second inning for East Hardy, but was stranded on three consecutive strikeouts by Reed to Logan Sager, J.W. Teets and Noah Sager.

Moorefield's Adam Landes grounded out to Teets at second base, then Guyan Kahangirwe hit a pop-up caught by shortstop Dawson Price.

Gavin Wolfe drew a walk for the Yellow Jackets and managed to steal around to third base with the help of an error, but couldn't be brought home as Reed flew out.

Entering the third inning, the Cougars hopped on base with a double smashed by Jones and Price tapped

smashed a two-run producing single

and the throw home was late with the

catcher making the punch out at sec-

ond base with the lead chopped down

and allowed a leadoff double by

Templeton prior to inducing two

Tyler Consolidated's Spencer re-

Kump caught a pop-up in foul ter-

Kuykendall reached base with an

Rocchio singled on a short ground-

er rolling towards second base in the

top of the fourth inning, then ad-

error on a pop-up, then Haines flew

out and Price hit into a double play.

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groundouts.

Crites for a 5-3 lead.

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vanced on a groundout.

Moorefield's Amber Williams

Moorefield rallies to victory -

delivered an RBI double, then Kump Kump caught a line drive before a

came in to pitch in the third inning catches by Williams and Haines.

Loudin made a bunt single and was stranded on a flyout.

the ball up the middle for a single Henderson. and stole second base before the bases were juiced on a walk to Levi

Henderson hit into a fielder's choice out at home, then Quarles drew a walk to plate one run for a 3-1

The Yellow Jackets brought in southpaw Michael Cost to the pitching mound and he jammed Smith into a pop-up caught by first baseman Ryan McGregor.

East Hardy's Logan Sager smacked a two-run producing single into right field with the aid of an error putting the Cougars ahead 5-1.

Reed made a diving catch in left field to retire the side off the bat of

Moorefield's Coleman Mongold singled into left field for the initial baserunner, but was left on the pond as Arnold flew out and Smith induced back-to-back groundouts by Hines and Miller with Mongold reaching third base safely to deny a double play on the former.

After a flyout in the top of the fourth inning, East Hardy's Brandon Jones singled up the middle and Price garnered a single in center field and advanced to second base on the

Both baserunners were stranded as Cost tossed a strikeout to Levi Mongold and induced a groundout by

Moorefield went down in order on

Williams tossed a strikeout to be-

Breanna Green commenced the

gin the fifth inning, then allowed

a single by Romana Rice prior to

bottom half of the fifth inning for

the Yellow Jackets with a walk and

McKenna Crites singled into center

A sacrifice bunt by Kump ad-

After a strikeout by Haines, Price

vanced the runners, then Kuykendall

sent the game-tving run home on an-

other miscue and a strikeout ended

to start the sixth inning, then Tyler

Consolidated's Loudin singled and

plated one run on an error.

groundout retired the side.

two groundouts and a flyout.

McGregor reached base on an error for the Yellow Jackets and Landes belted the ball into right field as McGregor dashed to third base for runners on the corners.

Kahangirwe plated McGregor with the assistance of an error and Wolfe notched a sacrifice fly as Moorefield cut the deficit to 5-3.

The rally continued for the Yellow Jackets as Reed was issued a walk, then Coleman Mongold smashed a game-tying two-RBI triple into right

Arnold connected for an RBI single into left field with the help of an error giving Moorefield a 6-5 edge.

East Hardy's Noah Sager came to the pitching mound and recorded a flyout and strikeout to end the frame.

"Just got to eliminate mistakes, thought we hit the ball well, just left too many people on the bases," East Hardy coach Tyler Mongold re-

Smith and Logan Sager delivered back-to-back singles with one out for the Cougars.

After a pop-out, Noah Sager drew a walk to load the bases before the baserunners were stranded on the pond as Cost induced a groundout from Price.

McGregor was issued a free pass and Landes reached base on the error for the first two Moorefield baserun-

After a pop-out by Williams, Ward

Crites reached base on an error as

Kump made the game-winning

RBI single going up 6-5 and the last

out was made on that play at third

Williams closed out the game for

the Yellow Jackets for the win, put-

ting the Silver Knights down in order

on a groundout to Kuykendall, a line

drive catch by Kump and a flyout to

Daleny Crites to seal the 6-5 win at

the Bub Riggleman Memorial Soft-

County 10-4 on Saturday, then lost in

the semifinals to eventual runner-up

Washington won the Bub Riggle-

Championship with a 14-nil victory Cam Noland.

man Memorial Softball Tournament

Moorefield defeated Pendleton

ball Tournament.

the Yellow Jackets threatened.

was issued a walk and Green flew out

to left field.

Kahangirwe hit an RBI groundout to extend the lead 7-5 before Sager countered with a strikeout to Wolfe.

Reed swatted an RBI single into center field as the Yellow Jackets went up 8-5.

After a stolen base, Coleman Mongold reached base on an error and the Cougars got out of the jam on a strikeout to Arnold.

Price flew out in left field to start the sixth inning for East Hardy, then Jordan Teets reached base on an error despite a kneeling stop by third baseman Bryce Hines.

Henderson hit into a fielder's choice and Cost struck out Quarles to quell a potential rally.

Sager put the Yellow Jackets down in order on two groundouts and a fly-

Smith launched the ball into shallow center field where it was tracked down by second baseman Coleman Mongold for the initial out of the seventh inning.

Logan Sager's long ball was snatched by Wolfe in center field, then J.W. Teets reached base on an

The Cougars failed to score as Moorefield closed the game catching a fly ball by Noah Sager to seal the 8-5 win to even the series.

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The Yellow Jackets had three players named to the Bub Riggleman All-Tournament Team: McKenna Crites, Carlee Haines and Sterling Kump.

in five innings over the Eagles.

Joining the Moorefield trio on the 2022 Bub Riggleman All-Tournament Team were: Emma Heishman, East Hardy; Avery Townsend, Pendleton County; Allison Gray, Berkeley Springs; Braeden Wall, Tyler Consolidated; Avery Noel, Frankfort; Delany Buckland, Independence; Musselman's Sara Munsen and Addison Miller; Hedgesville's Brenna Collis, Shay Darlington, Laken Copenhaver and Faith Cooper; Washington's Chloe Constantino, Maddy Ruffner, Anna Sedlock and Gabby Bibb. The Bub Riggleman Tournament MVP was Washington catcher

Continued from page 1B East Hardy claws past Frankfort er's choice out at third base.

East Hardy's Emma Heishman collected another score producing double to build an 8-2 advantage.

Root walked Miller, then Blair popped out to end the first inning with the bases loaded.

After a flyout, the Falcons got a baserunner on a walk given by Miller

Carlee Kesner went down on strikes looking, then Miller walked Morgan Weimer.

Frankfort's Avery Noel garnered an RBI double to the center field fence to cut the deficit to 8-3, but Miller responded with a strikeout. After two groundouts, Ames

smashed an inside-the-park home run (triple) with the help of an error to give the Cougars a 9-3 lead.

Thompson poked in a single and Crites recorded another double, but the East Hardy runners were stranded on a flyout.

East Hardy pitcher Jessica Dove allowed a leadoff single by Pritts in the third inning which ricocheted off Thompson's glove at third base.

Dove issued a walk before notching a strikeout for the first out.

Root connected for an RBI single into center field as the Falcons made

An infield fly rule was in effect as the ball dropped between the infielders, then Dove walked Kesner.

The Cougars brought in Tori Pratt to pitch, then there was a timeout for the grounds crew to repair an issue in the pitching circle.

Weimer hit into a fielder's choice out at third base with the bases load-

After a groundout, East Hardy got on base on a sharp grounder by Miller which was saved on a dive at shortstop without time to make a

Blair reached base on an error before both runners were stranded on a groundout and pop-up.

Frankfort started the fourth inning with a walk given to Noel, then East Hardy catcher Emma Heishman had two remarkable diving plays nearly making a catch before Grove finally drilled the ball for a blooper into shallow left field.

Pritts delivered a two-run producing single for the Falcons and advanced to second base on the throw to make it 9-6.

The Cougars attempted to turn a double play with a groundout and toss to third base, but the ball was jarred loose.

A pickoff attempt developed into a Falcons run to cut the deficit to 9-7, man was selected to the Bub Rigglemoments after a strikeout, then East man All-Tournament Team.

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Hardy retired the side on a groundout. Ames singled past the diving third baseman and stole second base before being thrown out at third base

on another steal attempt. Thompson popped out and Crites grounded out to end the inning.

Beginning in the fifth inning, a walk was issued by Pratt to White prior to a single by Kesner.

Miller returned to the pitching circle and the Falcons scored twice on back-to-back RBI groundouts from Weimer and Noel to tie the contest

East Hardy's Madison Heishman singled into left field and Emma Heishman reached base on an error and advanced to second base on the

After a strikeout to Miller, the Cougars regained the lead 10-9 on a sacrifice fly from Blair before a flyout ended the frame by Jenna Combs.

Frankfort went down in order during the sixth inning as Miller jammed the first batter into a pop-out and collected a pair of strikeouts.

After a flyout, East Hardy loaded the bases as Ames was hit by a pitch prior to Thompson and Crites receiving walks.

A little frustration caused two runs to score on the bases loaded walk to Madison Heishman as the pitcher threw the ball down allowing a second run to cross the plate.

Frankfort sent White back in for pitching duties and East Hardy's Emma Heishman smacked an RBI single into left field.

East Hardy's Gabby Miller obliterated a three-run home run to create a 16-9 advantage.

Blair singled and was left on base on a pop-up and flyout.

Root doubled off Miller in the seventh inning for the Falcons, then Miller countered with a strikeout to

Kesner advanced Root on a groundout, then Root scored on a wild pitch to make it 16-10.

Frankfort's Weimer reached base

on an error and Noel was issued an intentional walk before a fly ball was caught by Pratt to end the tournament opener as the Cougars sealed the 16-10 win. The Cougars lost the second game

of the tournament to Hedgesville 5-1.

East Hardy defeated North Marion 6-2 on Saturday morning during the second session of the Bub Riggleman Memorial Softball Tournament and finished the day with a 4-0 loss to Musselman.

East Hardy catcher Emma Heish

Correction: Pendleton County shortstop Avery Townsend was misidentified as Avery Thompson in the Moorefield Softball military veterans appreciation game story and photo caption in the Wednesday, April 13, edition of the Examiner. The Examiner regrets the mistake.

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Williams induced two groundouts Hedgesville 13-2.

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Moorefield staves off North Marion

me. We want to put on a good tournament, not only for his memory, but for his family. They meant a lot to us. I had four of my starters missing today and had four freshmen on the field. They did a really good job and Carlee Haines stepped up and pitched very well. Sterling Kump hit her very first high school home run and that was a big deal and she pitched some. They stepped up and got the job done. I am very proud of them.'

It looked like Moorefield starting pitcher Carlee Haines would have the first out on a catch by left fielder Aryana Wachter, but there was interference by catcher Malina Price allowing North Marion's Izzy Brescoach to get on board.

Haines fielded a bunt by Angelina Collins for the first out, then a stolen base and error sent the runner to third base and a walk was issued to Adriana Floyd.

North Marion's Ashley Winans crushed a two-run producing single for the initial 2-nil edge, then fielder's choice and strikeout retired the

Brescoach gave Moorefield leadoff batter McKenna Crites a free pass, then Sterling Kump flew out to center fielder Alyssa Kincaid.

Haines was given a walk and Price was hit by a pitch to load the bases for the Yellow Jackets.

A pickoff error allowed the first Moorefield run to score, then Seanna Heavner was hit by a pitch.

Brescoach struck out Moorefield's Korbin Keplinger for the second out, but walked Marissa Ward which sent the game-tying run home.

Moorefield's Hannah Snyder smacked a two-RBI single to create a 4-2 lead.

Aryana Wachter delivered a tworun double with the help of an error in right field to boost the Yellow Jackets advantage to 6-2.

Crites reached base on an error and Kump was hit by a pitch to load the bases again, but the runners were stranded on a flyout by Haines.

The Huskies started to rally in the second inning and loaded the bases on a single by Kincaid and two

A run scored on a dropped third strike as the catcher threw to first base, then Haines notched another strikeout

North Marion's Adriana Floyd ripped a two-RBI single into left field to slice the deficit to 6-5, then the Yellow Jackets collected a fielder's choice out on a tag by Crites.

Price flew out to left field and an RBI single as the Yellow Jackets Heavner's line drive was snatched by the shortstop for the first two outs.

The Yellow Jackets remained patient earning two walks to Keplinger and Ward, but the runners were left aboard the pond on a pop-out by

Haines issued a walk to North Marion's Maci Singleton to begin the third inning, then Moorefield brought in Sterling Kump to pitch.

Singleton stole around the bases and scored on a passed ball for the Huskies, tying the game at 6-all.

Crites caught a line drive, then Kump gave a free pass to Kincaid. Kump sandwiched two strikeouts

around another walk to retire the Wachter launched a deep shot into

left field for the Yellow Jackets and the ball ricocheted off the glove for a double. Crites bunted into a fielder's

choice and Wachter made the dive back to second base.

Kump hammered a three-run dinger to give Moorefield a 9-6 lead.

Haines bunted into an out, then Price drew a walk and advanced on a sacrifice bunt by Heavner.

Keplinger singled down the third base line and Ward followed with

took a 10-6 edge and a pop-out ended the frame

Kump hauled in a pop-up before issuing a walk to the Huskies' Floyd in the fourth inning.

North Marion's Ashley Winans singled and advanced to second base on the late throw to third base.

Singleton plated a run on an error to cut the deficit to 10-7.

North Marion's Brooke Toothman was given a free pass to load the bases then Kincaid hit into a fielder's choice out at home plate on a throw by third baseman Carlee Haines.

A walk to Alivia Bryan sent one run home for the Huskies to make it 10-8 and a groundout ended the side.

Wachter drew a walk for the Yellow Jackets and advanced to third base on a failed pickoff attempt, then a fielder's choice bunt by Crites kept her at bay as Crites dashed to second

Kump smashed a two-run producing double into left field with the help of an error giving Moorefield a 12-8 lead

After a flyout by Haines, Kump tagged up and headed to third base. Price connected for an RBI sac-

rifice fly caught on a dive in center field to boost the lead to 13-8

Heavner was issued a walk and Keplinger was hit by a pitch, but the runners were stranded on a pop-up

After a groundout, North Marion's Collins singled into center field in the fifth inning

Floyd drew a walk from Kump, then Winans notched an RBI sacrifice fly with the throw home going

Singleton smacked an RBI single to Haines at third base and narrowly beat the throw to cut the deficit to 13-10 and a groundout by Haines ended the side.

Snyder bunted into an out with the first baseman doing the splits, then Wachter singled with the throw arriving late and being dropped.

Crites advanced Wachter on a sacrifice bunt, but a flyout from Kump left her on the pond.

Kincaid grounded out back to Kump to begin the sixth inning for the Huskies, then Bryan walked. North Marion's Javlen Schell sin-

gled into center field, then Haines

Brescoach. Collins hit an RBI single for the Huskies, then Floyd walked on a full-count and Winans was given an intentional free pass to load the bases

and a wild pitch sent a run home to close the gap 13-12.

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The Yellow Jackets escaped fur-

ther damage as Haines induced a groundout to retire the side. Haines reached base on an error

and advanced to second base on the sequence for Moorefield. After a flyout. Haines stole third

base and scored as the pitcher dropped the ball for a 14-12 edge. Heavner drew a walk and Keplinger was hit by a pitch, then

Ward struck out. Snyder was given a free pass to load the bases, but the pond re-

mained full as Wachter's line drive was caught at third base. Haines issued a walk to Toothman, then Kincaid singled into right field and advanced to third base on an er-

ror as the Huskies were in scoring

Haines responded with a strikeout and jammed the next batter for a popup caught by Crites. returned to pitch and struck out

position in the seventh inning.

Moorefield senior pitcher Emily Kuykendall arrived from Berkeley Springs in time to get the save, inducing a groundout for the final out as the Yellow Jackets won 14-12.

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Strasburg defeats Moorefield during senior night

Jackets as Strasburg leadoff batter Miller and McGregor around a flyout load the bases. Brady Neary reached base on an error, despite a save in the dirt by third baseman Bryce Hines as the throw from his knees went awry and above the leap of first baseman Karson Reed.

Moorefield pitcher Ryan Mc-Gregor walked Strasburg's Tanner Jenkins, then Sibert's grounder was stopped on a dive by shortstop Tyson Arnold, but the fielder's choice throw to third base wasn't in time.

The Rams took a 1-nil lead as Hayden Fravel plated one run on a fielder's choice out at third base with the bases loaded.

Reed caught a pop-up and Arnold recorded an out on a fielder's choice throw to Coleman Mongold to get out of the jam.

Sibert jammed Reed into a pop-up snatched by shortstop Jenkins.

Mongold connected for a single into center field for the Yellow Jack-

Strasburg turned a double play as Sibert recorded a strikeout and there was interference at the home plate on the steal attempt throw to second

McGregor used two fastballs and a change-up to garner a strikeout on Strasburg's Griffin Turpen to commence the second inning.

Reed made a leaping catch on a laser from Strasburg's Jacob Goldfielder Adam Landes caught a fly ball from Peyton Dean.

Moorefield went down in order as

Neary crushed a triple into left field to start the third inning for the Rams, then Jenkins smacked an RBI single in the same direction.

Sibert hammered an RBI triple into the right center gap as Strasburg went up 3-nil.

Arnold ensnared a low line drive on his knees and Mongold caught a pop-up for the second out, but Strasburg wasn't finished as Kendal Sine connected for an RBI single into left field creating a 4-0 edge before the side was retired on a catch by Reed along the fence.

Sibert struck out Landes to begin the bottom half of the third inning, then the Yellow Jackets responded with a single hit by Guyan Kahangirwe into left field.

Wolfe went down swinging as Kahangirwe successfully stole second

After advancing to third base, Kahangirwe scored on an RBI single by Reed which slipped past third base to cut the deficit to 4-1.

Mongold reached base on an error, but the runners were left on the pond as Sibert fanned Hines

Goldsmith was hit by a pitch and

McGregor collected a strikeout on or to a flyout by McGregor. Neary, then the umpire ruled a balk smith for the second out and the to advance the runners and there was Rams went down in order as left a lengthy argument by coach Wade a single by Strasburg's Griffin Tur-Armentrout trying to get an explana-

Two more timeouts were called,

Sibert hit into a fielder's choice out at home plate for the second out. Fravel crushed a three-run producing triple to the left center field fence as the Rams boosted the advantage

"James [Sibert] did a great job on the mound. He came out with a good game plan and attacked the strike zone all night. He went out there and battled and that's what we needed, especially with three games this week. Brady [Neary] has been battling a finger injury since the first week of practice, so it was good to see him come out and get some big hits. He makes solid contact. Our guys hit the ball very well tonight. Corridor H affords us the opportunity to come here to play Moorefield. We have a good relationship with Moorefield. We go back and forth. It is nice competition and it is nice for us to get out of our normal school schedule. We learn something about ourselves and about other people when we come here," Strasburg coach Jay Barnes commented.

After another walk was given, McGregor closed the side fielding a

Moorefield failed to get a baser-Dean drew a walk to give the Rams unner aboard in the bottom half as two baserunners in the fourth inning. Delawder and Arnold struck out pri-

> Moorefield pitcher Adam Landes pen to start the fifth inning.

Turpen stole second base and advanced to third base on a balk, then Sibert sandwiched two strikeouts to then McGregor walked Jenkins to Landes recorded a strikeout on Gold-

smith.

Dean notched an RBI single for the Rams into right field and Neary singled into center field.

Strasburg's Lucas Martinez garnred an RBI groundout to extend the lead to 9-1, then Mongold caught a

Sibert caught a pop-up by Landes, then Kahangirwe grounded out with a tag at first base and Wolfe struck out as Sibert collected his ninth strikeout in the game.

Strasbourg didn't add to the lead in the sixth inning, despite a leadoff single from Fravel as a fielder's choice, strikeout and groundout took care of the chances.

Reed was jammed for a pop-up, but it was lost in the lights at first base for the single blooper.

After a fielder's choice out by Mongold, Hines singled up the mid-

Moorefield's Alex Miller plated Mongold on an error as the Yellow Jackets cut the deficit to 9-2, but the runners were stranded on two fly balls.

"It means so much to represent this community and represent the fellow team members who have been here. I take it with pride every time I come out here on the baseball field. I am not playing for myself, but for Society and plans to study criminal my teammates and everybody in this justice at West Virginia University community. It was very special to see stepped up to the mound and allowed everybody who supports us here today," Moorefield senior Bryce Hines remarked.

Strasburg started the seventh inning with a walk and a hit batter, then Neary pulverized a two-run producing triple into right field. After a strikeout by Landes,

Moorefield brought in Gary Weese to pitch. Sibert wasted little time on deliv-

ering a towering RBI triple into right field to boost the Rams lead to 12-2. Fravel connected on a blooper

falling between several defenders for an RBI single, then Walker Conrad hit a single.

The Rams took a 14-2 lead on an RBI groundout by Jules Duran.

Sibert closed out the game sandwiching two strikeouts around making a razzle-dazzle bobbling catch on a pop-up as Strasburg crashed the senior night party 14-2.

"It means a lot. We have a lot of pressure on us for winning three state championships. It means a lot that we are out here doing it. I was happy to see all the support today," Moorefield senior Gavin Wolfe noted.

The Yellow Jacket seniors have been the backbone of the team and have some good plans for the future.

Delawder was this season's homecoming king, a member of the state champion wrestling squad, team captain and 100-win club member, earned the Future Farmer's of America state degree as a chapter officer, a member of the National Honor along with entering the ROTC pro-

Hines was a member of two baseball state championships, had an appearance at the boys basketball state tournament and now plans to play baseball for Alderson Broaddus University and study clinical psychol-

McGregor won two baseball state championships, earned a state golf team runner-up plaque, took a trip to the boys basketball state tournament and future plans are to move to Florida and attend a trade school.

Mongold was a member of the two-time state baseball championship teams and had an appearance at the boys basketball state tournament and plans to study wind energy technology in college.

Reed garnered two state baseball championships, state DECA champion, state golf runner-up finish and an appearance at the boys basketball state tournament and future plans are to play collegiate baseball and study sports business management.

See is the valedictorian of the MHS Class of 2022, a Golden Horseshoe winner, two-time state baseball champion and now plans to study mechanical and aerospace engineering at WVU

Strickler is a two-time state baseball champion, DECA state champion and National Honor Society member and his future endeavors are to become a journeyman electrician with an HVAC license.

Wolfe was a member of the twotime state baseball championship team, earned the Josh Reider award, selected as a member of the NHS and plans to attend James Rumsey Technical Institute to become a certified electrician.

Moorefield seniors have many accolades which couldn't all be listed, but have great involvement overall.

Results: Moorefield Tennis vs. Frankfort

Frankfort Boys Tennis 5,

field) 2

Moorefield 2 Boys No. 1 Singles: Landon Moorehead (Frankfort) 8, Alex Lopez (Moore-

Boys No. 2 Singles: Kyle Shumaker (Frankfort) 8, Lian Mung (Moorefield) 2 Boys No. 3 Singles: Levi Malcolm (Moorefield) 8, Charlie Steele (Frank-

fort) 0 Boys No. 4 Singles: Carson Jewell (Frankfort) 8, Hunter Mongold (Moore-

Boys No. 1 Doubles: Moorehead/Jewell (FHS) 8, Lopez/Malcolm (MHS) 3

Boys No. 2 Doubles: Shumaker/ Steele (FHS) 8, Mongold/Hayes Sherman (MHS) 2 Boys No. 3 Doubles: Moorefield 8-0

Forfeit Frankfort Girls Tennis 4,

Moorefield 3 Girls No. 1 Singles: Jadelyn Hinger (Moorefield) 8, Erin Clark (Frankfort) 3 Girls No. 2 Singles: Madalynn Clayton (Moorefield) 8, Natalie Fong (Frank-

Girls No. 3 Singles: Sophie Lord (Frankfort) 8 Jocelyn Taylor (Moore-

(Frankfort) 8, Courtlynn Ault (Moorefield) 2 Girls No. 1 Doubles: Clark/Love (FHS) 8, Hinger/Taylor (MHS) 1

Girls No. 4 Singles: Mikenna Love

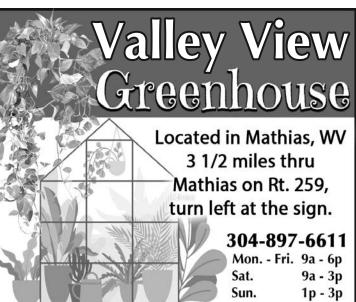
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(FHS) 8, Erika McCauley/Baylee Coleman (MHS) 2 Girls No. 3 Doubles: Sicily Dunn/ Chloe Neikle (MHS) 8, Hallie Long/Ma-

rissa House (FHS) 2. Hinger won the Potomac Valley Conference No. 1 girls singles championship







Rams stampeded **East Hardy**

Photo By Carl Holcomb

East Hardy catcher Logan Sager applied a tag on the Rams' Reckart Reece, but couldn't stop the 14-nil onslaught by Southern Garrett. Will Moon tossed 11 strikeouts in the Rams win and allowed only two singles by East Hardy's Dawson Price and Kollin Quarles.



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PUBLIC NOTICE / HEARING TOWN OF MOOREFIELD

TOWN OF MOOREFIELD
MAY 3, 2022 7:00 p.m

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Moorefield, a municipal corporation, will hold a public hearing before the final vote on the proposed amendment, 2022-1, to the Moorefield City Code. The principal object of which is to amend the current ordinance to provide for the deletion of the section relating to loitering, dealing with persons under the influence of beer or drugs while in the park, dealing with domestic dog waste within the park, mandatory helmets for juveniles while making use of skates, and changing wording to gender neutral to Chanter 15.1 of the Moorefield City Code, 1975, as amended ing to gender neutral, to Chapter 15.1 of the Moorefield City Code, 1975, as amended.
The final vote on adoption of said proposed ordinances shall be held in the Council
Chambers of the Town of Moorefield in Inskeep Hall at 206 Winchester Ave

FIDUCIARY NOTICE

The account of the Estate of Alvin on is before the undersigned for

Interim Accounting.

Dated this 20th day of April, 2022.

William H. Judy, III,ĮFiduciary Commissioner

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The Region VII Workforce Development Plan Available for

Public Review

The Region VII Workforce Development Board has prepared a draft Workforce Development Plan modification for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024. The Plan states goals and outlines the Board,Åôs planning and operational processes. Public participation is important to the process of preparing a sound workforce development plan. Citizens can review the Plan modification April 29, 2022 through May 29, 2022 online at https://wvregion7workforce.org/resources/policies/, the Martinsburg WorkForce WV Career Center, 202 Viking Way, Martinsburg, WV, and the South Branch Workforce WV Career Center, 151 Robert C Byrd Industrial Park Road, Suite 2, Moorefield, WV. You can obtain a copy of the Plan modification or additional information by contacting WIOA staff at (304) 530-5258 or tjvanmeter@region7workforce.org. The Workforce Development Board will receive written comments on the Plan until May 29, 2022. Please forward comments to the Region VII Workforce Development Board Executive Director, 151 Robert C Byrd Industrial Park Road, Suite 2, Moorefield, WV 26836 or e-mail comments to tjvanmeter@region7workforce.org. Region VII Workforce Development Board is an Equal Opportunity Program/Employer. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. to individuals with disabilities

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON
At a session of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA in the City

of Charleston on the 8th day of April 2022.
CASE NO. 2 I-0673-PWD-42R
HARDY COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT
Rate Filing with rates in effect subject to refund.
COMMISSION ORDER

The Commission Orders the Hardy County Public Service District to publish notice of

BACKGROUND On September 8, 2021, Hardy County Public Service District (District) filed an application to increase its rates, proposing a rate increase of less than 25% of gross revenues pursuant to W. Va. Code§ 24-2-4a.

On October 19, 2021, the Commission referred this proceeding to the Division of Ad-

On February 18, 2022, the ALJ issued a Procedural Order that set this matter for hearing on April 5, 2022, in Moorefield, Hardy County, West Virginia.

On February 18, 2022, the Commission rescinded the October 19, 2021, Referral Order.

On March 15, 2022, the Commission rescheduled the evidentiary hearing to May 2,

2022, at the Commission hearing room in Charleston, West Virginia DISCUSSION Tariff Rule 10.1.1.f., of the Commission Rules for the Construction and Filing of Tariffs 150 C.S.R. 2, the District the give notice of the hearing, in the form of Attachment A included with this Order, by making publication once a week for two successive weeks. The first publication is to be made not more than thirty days nor less than fifteen days be-fore the date of the hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation in each of the counties in which service is provided. Proof of publication must be provided to the Commission on

FINDING OF FACT The District has not published notice of this proceed CONCLUSION OF LAW

or before the date of the evidentiary hearing.

1. The District should provide public notice of this proceeding as required by Tariff Rule 10.1.1.f.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Hardy County Public Service District provide notice of the scheduled evidentiary hearing by publishing a copy of the Notice of Hearing, attached to this Order as Attachment A, by making publication once a week for two successive weeks, the first publication to be made not more than thirty days nor less than fifteen days before the date of the hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation in each of the counties in which service is provided.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Hardy County Public Service District file proof of the publication required by this Order with the Commission on or before the scheduled

nearing date.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Executive Secretary of the Commission serve a copy of this Order by electronic service on all parties of record who have filed an e-service agreement, and by United States First Class Mail on all parties of record who have not filed an e-service agreement, and on Commission Staff by hand delivery.

A True Copy, Teste,
Karen Buckley, Acting Executive Secretary

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA

CHARLESTON
CASE NO. 21-0673-PWD-42R
HARDY COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT
Rate Filing with rates in effect subject to refund.
NOTICE OF HEARING ATTACHMENT A

A hearing will be held by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia in this matter on May 2, 2022, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The hearing will address the proposed increased rates, tolls, and charges by Hardy County Public Service District for furnishing water service to 2,052 customers of Hardy

The proposed increased rates and charges will produce approximately \$350,913 annually in additional revenue, an increase of approximately 24.79%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

(\$) INCREASE Residential based on 3.000 gallons \$ 6.03 15.47% Commercial based on 15,000 gallons Industrial based on 24,600 gallons \$ 46.71 \$ 65.85 Public Authorities based on 20,700 gallons \$60.46

The District has no resale customers. The District has no resale customers.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. The requested rates and charges went into effect subject to refund on the date the utility filed its rate application and are subject to change (increase or decrease) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. If the Commission approves lower rates, the utility will be required to make customer refunds. Each class may receive an increase or decrease greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than systems. A complete copy of the proposed rates as well as that are greater or less than average. A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the utility to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to customers at the offices of the utility.

Hardy County Public Service District

MUNICIPALITY OF WARDENSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA **Regular Current Expense Levy** FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

Certificate of Valuation

CLASS I	Assessed Value For Tax Purposes	Rate/\$100	Levied
Personal Property	0	12.50	0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	0		0
CLASS II Real Estate	\$ 6,156,790	25.00	
Personal Property	184,650	23.00	
Total Class II	\$ 6,341,440		
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$3,642,890	50.00	\$18,214
Personal Property	1,320,325		6,602
Public Utility Total Class IV	1,266,208 \$ 6,229,423		6,331 \$ 31,147
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 12,570,863		\$ 47,001
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Assessed Value			
for Tax Purposes			
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations &	5.00%	2,350	
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Project	2.00%	893	

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA **COUNTY OF MUNICIPALITY OF Hardy** Wardensville

Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)

(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)

Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes

Total Projected Property Tax Collection

Less Assessor Valuation Fund

, Jackie McGinnis, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 21 day of March, 2022

Jackie McGinnis Recorder 4/20, 4/27 2c

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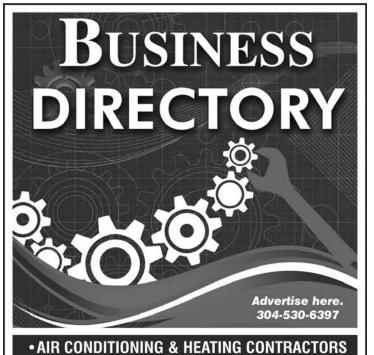
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This position is permanent, full-time, day shift position. Interested applicants may send their cover letter and resume to: Megan Pugh, WVDHHR, 53 Kiess Drive, Petersburg, WV 26847. Must apply online with WVDOP before being hired.

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ODD COUPLES MIXED LEAGUE 04/12/2022

TEAM STANDINGS: Vetter's Guns & Ammo 88.5 - 39.5, WELD 86 - 42, Strike Force 76.5 -51.5, Livin on a Spare 68.5 – 59.5, Split Happens 67 - 61, The Tidy Bowlers 61 - 67, Country Cars & Trucks 60.5 - 67.5, Terminators 52 - 76, Lucky Strikes 49 - 79;

HIGH GAME MEN (SCRATCH): Troy Mc-Greevy 265, Terry Wratchford 246, Richie Burgess 235, Tyler Halterman 225;

(HANDICAP): Troy McGreevy 285, Pete Luttrell 260, Terry Wratchford 258, Tyler Halterman

HIGH SERIES MEN (SCRATCH): Jon Hedrick 630, Pete Luttrell 616, Terry Wratchford 589, Tyler Halterman 255;

(HANDICAP): Pete Luttrell 724, Tyler Halterman 674, Jon Hedrick 657, Larry Ware 642;

HIGH AVERAGE (MEN): Jon Hedrick 208.51, er Earle 194.68;

HIGH GAME WOMEN (SCRATCH): Emily

Stark 201, Dee Anna McDonald 182, Teresa Sullivan 176, Denise McGreevy 169; (HANDICAP): 277, Zachary Arbaugh 268, Larry Walp 267, Ty-Emily Stark 254, Andrea Landis 241, Teresa Sullivan 240, Suzie Hawkins 234; HIGH SERIES WOMEN (SCRATCH): Emily

Stark 561, Dee Anna McDonald 506, Teresa Sullivan 470. Denise McGreevy 460: (HANDICAP): Emily Stark 720, Teresa Sullivan 662, Andrea 711, Larry Walp 657, Tyler Halterman 655, Zach-Landis 627, Dee Anna McDonald 620:

HIGH AVERAGE (WOMEN): Carissa Michael 179.28, Dee Anna McDonald 171.96, Emily Stark 154.84, Denise

McGreevy 154.21;

THURSDAY NIGHT MENS LEAGUE

04/14/2022

TEAM STANDINGS: Vetter's Mini Mart 73.5 Richie Burgess 196.83, Ed Wompler 196.14, Rog- - 46.5, Builders Center 72 - 48, Strike Force 57 -63, Country Cars & Trucks 56.5 – 63.5, Petersburg Oil Company 54 – 66, Golden Lanes 47 - 73;

HIGH GAME (SCRATCH): Bradley Vetter ler Halterman 247, Richie Burgess 217; (HANDI-CAP): Bradley Vetter 297, Zachary Arbaugh 294, Larry Walp 287, Tyler Halterman 272, Jeremy Vetter 244;

HIGH SERIES (SCRATCH): Bradley Vetter ary Arbaugh 624, Richie Burgess 620; (HANDI-CAP): Bradley Vetter 771, Tyler Halterman 730, Larry Walp 717, Zachary Arbaugh 702, Jeremy Vetter 689;

HIGH AVERAGE: Jon Hedrick 211.40, Terry Wratchford 211.17, Gary Leatherman 202.53, Roger Earle 202.13, Richie Burgess 201.60, Larry Walp 195.98;



THE OLD MASTER

By Jay Fisher

The weather felt a bit like summer, but it was actually the conclusion of spring practice for WVU football. While Moorefield was knocking off Greenbrier West in baseball, the football team was having its Spring Game a few miles away.

It was a typical spring scrimmage - both offense and defense were played fairly basic schemes, and rules kept it from being a "true" game situation (many plays were whistled dead before an actual tackle was made). Still, we can—and do—make some conclusions based on what we see.

First, I did like what WVU was doing on offense. It became clear from early on that the offense would not be afraid to throw the ball downfield. I like this. One of the things that my very amateur brain did not like about the recent offenses was that they would stretch the field horizontally but not vertically. Defenses played up tight and dared WVU to throw down the field, and rarely did the Mountaineers take up that offer. Now, there may have been some personnel limitations (for example, the quarterback usually needs a little bit of time for a longer pass play to develop), but it was maddening to this fan. This year, it definitely looks like WVU will not be afraid to go deep. Hopefully, that will loosen up the short and intermediate passing game as well.

Of the three quarterbacks, I though Goose Crowder looked the best on Saturday. Neal Brown indicated that it was Crowder's best performance of the Spring. For me, Nicco Marchiol was #2, with Garrett Greene #3. Greene had a few iffy throws in the first quarter, which is why he was my #3, but he did improve as the game went on. It's important to stress that this was essentially one practice of 15 in the spring, and you can't anoint a favorite or write someone off based on just one practice. But that is how I saw the quarterback performances for this one practice. That being said, everyone should expect that JT Daniels will be the starter when WVU opens the season.

Overall, I thought the defense was OK. The secondary appears to still be very much a work in progress. The linebackers aren't as experienced but seem more athletic that last year, which should be a positive in the long run. It is still likely that WVU will try to add at least one more defensive back who can contribute this fall through the transfer portal, and also at other positions.

Speaking of the transfer portal, WVU has been active there in men's basketball. After seeing the bulk of the roster leave through graduation or the portal, Bob Huggins is now adding to the roster. We had already seen guard Erik Stevenson announce he is coming from South Carolina (and it was officially announced this week). The Mountaineers also added another Power 5 guard, Joe Toussaint from Iowa. WVU also hit the JUCO ranks for a pair of big men: Mohamed Wague, a 6-10 forward, and Jimmy Bell, Jr, another 6-10 forward. One thing that seems a bit concerning is that none of these four are exactly known for offensive prowess. So a big question for next year is still, "who the heck is going to score for WVU?" There is still room for more additions, so hopefully they will add some offensive punch.

The baseball team dropped their series at Top 10 Texas Tech this past weekend. The opener was a good game, with WVU falling by 7-5. The second game was a rough one, losing 12-2. However, in the third game, the Mountaineers broke a close game wide open with a ten run ninth inning to win 15-4. So WVU has had back-to-back series with two Top 10 teams, and held their own. (Don't forget, they won a series against TCU, who was Top 10 at the time) They have shown they belong in the upper tier of the Big 12, and they are probably a Top 20-30 team at least. There is one more "big" series against a Top 10 team, and that is Texas. But before the Longhorns come to Morgantown next weekend, WVU head to Kansas this weekend for a series with the Jayhawks. KU is currently last in the Big 12, so this is a series the Mountaineers must take care of business. Obviously, you want a sweep, but a series win is the absolute minimum to keep momentum going.

Also, the NFL Draft is this week. The first round is Thursday night, the second and third rounds are Friday evening, and the final four rounds are Saturday. On the NFL.com draft site, they list only one Mountaineer, Leddie Brown. That means that he is probably the only WVU player who might hear his name called. If he does, it will be in the late rounds; otherwise, he will sign as a free agent with some one shortly after the draft. There are a few Mountaineers who likely won't be drafted, but have a chance to sign a free agent deal as well. Those would be Alonzo Addae, Scottie Young, and Sean Mahone.

Finally, a bit of bad news for ex-WVU pitcher John Means. The ace of the Baltimore Orioles has an injured elbow and will need Tommy John surgery. That means he is out for the year. The good news is that many pitchers come back from this injury as strong as they were before. Good luck to him on the surgery and rehab process.

HARDY COUNTY BASEBALL & SOFTBALL RECAPS

By GameChanger Media

East Hardy Baseball 15, Tucker County 3

East Hardy Varsity Cougars blew out Tucker County 15-3 on Tuesday.

In the first inning, East Hardy Varsity Cougars got their offense started. Levi Mongold singled on a 1-1 count, scoring two runs.

East Hardy Varsity Cougars scored six runs in the third inning. East Hardy Varsity Cougars batters contributing to the big inning included J.W Teets, Noah Sager, Brandon Jones, Gabe Henderson, and Mongold, who all drove

Sager was credited with the victory for East Hardy Varsity Cougars. The

pitcher went two innings, allowing two runs on two hits and striking out one. Mongold and Jordan Teets entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief. Teets recorded the last three outs to earn the save for East Hardy Varsity Cougars. Ethan Rosenan led things off on the pitcher's mound for Tucker County.

The pitcher surrendered ten runs on nine hits over three innings, striking out one. Reese Poling threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen.

East Hardy Varsity Cougars scattered 13 hits in the game. Sager, Mongold, Jones, and Dawson Price all had multiple hits for East Hardy Varsity Cougars. Mongold and Sager each collected three hits to lead East Hardy Varsity Cougars. East Hardy Varsity Cougars tore up the base paths, as three players stole at least two bases. Sager led the way with two.

Blake Adams led Tucker County with one hit in two at bats.

Tygarts Valley Baseball 6, East Hardv 0

East Hardy Varsity Cougars struggled to get their offense going on Thursday, getting easily dispatched by Tygarts Valley, 6-0.

A single by Brandon Jones in the first inning was a positive for East Hardy Varsity Cougars.

Matthew Pratt got the start for Tygarts Valley. The pitcher lasted seven innings, allowing three hits and zero runs while striking out ten.

Nate Smith was on the pitcher's mound for East Hardy Varsity Cougars. The hurler surrendered six runs on nine hits over six innings, striking out three and walking one.

Jones, Noah Sager, and Levi Mongold each collected one hit to lead East Hardy Varsity Cougars.

Tygarts Valley had ten hits in the game. Noah Armstrong, Kaden Moore, and Pratt all had multiple hits for Tygarts Valley. Armstrong went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Tygarts Valley in hits. Tygarts Valley didn't commit a single error in the field. Riley Tackett had the most chances in the field with eight.

Tygarts Valley Baseball 5, East Hardy 4

East Hardy Varsity Cougars fell to Tygarts Valley 5-4 on Thursday on the final play of the game. The game was tied at four with Tygarts Valley batting in the bottom of the eighth when Brandon Mahoney drew a walk, scoring

East Hardy Varsity Cougars lost despite out-hitting Tygarts Valley nine to

East Hardy Varsity Cougars took an early lead in the second inning when Noah Sager singled on a 0-2 count, scoring one run.

In the bottom of the first inning, Tygarts Valley tied things up at one. Kaden Moore grounded out, scoring one run.

After East Hardy Varsity Cougars scored one run in the top of the third, Tygarts Valley answered with one of their own. East Hardy Varsity Cougars scored when an error scored one run for East Hardy Varsity Cougars. Tygarts Valley then answered when Moore singled on a 1-2 count, scoring one run.

Moore toed the rubber for Tygarts Valley. Moore went seven innings, allowing four runs on nine hits, striking out seven and walking zero.

Sager was on the hill for East Hardy Varsity Cougars. Sager allowed three hits and two runs over five and a third innings, striking out seven. Dawson Price and Levi Mongold entered the game as relief, throwing one and two-

thirds innings and two-thirds of an inning respectively. Sager started the game for East Hardy Varsity Cougars. The pitcher al-

lowed three hits and two runs over five and a third innings, striking out seven East Hardy Varsity Cougars collected nine hits. Nate Smith, Price, and Brandon Jones each managed multiple hits for East Hardy Varsity Cougars. Jones, Price, and Smith each managed two hits to lead East Hardy Varsity

Bishop Walsh Softball 5, East Hardy 0

5-0 loss to Bishop Walsh Varsity Spartans on Monday. Bishop Walsh Varsity Spartans took the lead on an error in the first inning. Bishop Walsh Varsity Spartans got things moving in the first inning, when

an error scored one run for Bishop Walsh Varsity Spartans. A single by Autumn Crites in the first inning was a positive for East Hardy

Chloe Greise took the win for Bishop Walsh Varsity Spartans. The righty

allowed four hits and zero runs over seven innings, striking out 12. Gabreanna Miller took the loss for East Hardy Cougars Varsity. The pitcher surrendered five runs on ten hits over five and two-thirds innings, striking out

Makenzie Blair went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead East Hardy Cougars Var-

Bishop Walsh Varsity Spartans collected ten hits on the day. Izzy Kendall, Bailee Greise, and Jennifer Witt each managed multiple hits for Bishop Walsh Varsity Spartans. Bishop Walsh Varsity Spartans didn't commit a single error

Pendleton County Softball 14, East Hardy 2

in the field. Kendall had the most chances in the field with 13.

recover in a 14-2 loss to Pendleton County on Tuesday. Pendleton County scored on a single by B Beachlee, a single by J Smith, a single by K Gardner, and a double by A Hess in the first inning.

The East Hardy Cougars Varsity struggled to put runs on the board and had a tough time defensively containing Pendleton County, giving up 14 runs.

In the first inning, Pendleton County got their offense started when Beachlee singled on a 1-1 count, scoring one run. A Vance earned the victory in the circle for Pendleton County. The hurler

surrendered two runs on eight hits over five innings, striking out four.

Tori Pratt took the loss for East Hardy Cougars Varsity. The righthander allowed six hits and seven runs over one inning, striking out one and walk-

East Hardy Cougars Varsity racked up eight hits on the day. Madison Heishman, Emma Heishman, and Gabreanna Miller each managed multiple hits for East Hardy Cougars Varsity. Miller, Heishman, and Heishman each collected two hits to lead East Hardy Cougars Varsity. East Hardy Cougars Varsity didn't commit a single error in the field. Heishman had the most chances in the field with seven.

Pendleton County tallied 14 hits in the game. Townsend, Smith, Beachlee, Gardner, and Hess all collected multiple hits for Pendleton County. Pendleton County was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. N Hedrick made the most plays with five.

Petersburg Softball 11, East Hardy 0

East Hardy Cougars Varsity fell behind early and couldn't come back in an 11-0 loss to Petersburg on Thursday. Petersburg took the lead on an error in the first inning.

The East Hardy Cougars Varsity struggled to contain the high-powered offense of Petersburg, giving up 11 runs.

Petersburg got on the board in the first inning when an error scored one run for Petersburg.

Sammy Colaw earned the victory in the pitcher's circle for Petersburg. Colaw lasted five innings, allowing zero hits and zero runs while striking out seven and walking one.

Jessica Dove took the loss for East Hardy Cougars Varsity. The righty allowed four hits and six runs over two and a third innings, striking out one.

Petersburg racked up ten hits in the game. Sissy and #1 each managed multiple hits for Petersburg. Sissy went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Petersburg in hits. Petersburg was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Sissy had the most chances in the field with five. Petersburg tore up the base paths, as two players stole at least two bases. #1 led the way with two.

Petersburg Softball 8, East Hardy 0 East Hardy Cougars Varsity had a tough time generating runs on Friday, EAST HARDY BASEBALL RECAP

East Hardy opened the game scoring ten runs in the first inning en route to defeating the Wildcats 15-2 on Friday in Franklin.

The Cougars got on base quickly as leadoff batter Noah Sager smacked a single into right field against Pendleton County pitcher Landon Colaw.

Colaw issued a walk to Brandon Jones before loading the bases for the Cougars by hitting Dawson Price with a pitch.

East Hardy's Levi Mongold hit a sharp grounder to Pendleton County shortstop Cameron Kisamore, but the throw home wasn't in time on the fielders choice plating the first run.

East Hardy's J.W. Teets and Nate Smith poked back-to-back RBI singles into left field for a 3-nil edge.

Colaw responded with a strikeout on East Hardy's Kollin Quarles, then Logan Sager flew out to center fielder James Kimble.

A bases loaded free pass to Gabe Henderson scored another Cougars run, then Noah Sager kept the momentum going plating an additional run on an error at third base to make it 5-0.

East Hardy's Brandon Jones garnered a two-run producing single on a laser past the shortstop.

Price launched the ball into right field and it was mishandled allowing two runs to score on the error and it turned into an inside-the-park home run as Price made the trip home to extend the advantage to 10-nil.

The Cougars added one more run in the second inning on a sacrifice fly by Noah Sager.

Pendleton County got on the scoreboard in the third inning as Kimble executed a sacrifice fly.

East Hardy recorded four runs in the fourth inning starting with Quarles reaching base on an error and Logan Sager smashing a double into left field. Henderson delivered a two-run producing single with the help of an error

on the throw from center field to create a 13-1 lead. Jones plated Henderson with the help of an error on a sharp grounder to the first baseman to put the Cougars ahead 14-1.

East Hardy loaded the bases again on a walk and hit batter, then J.W. Tets hit an RBI groundout for a 15-1 lead.

The Wildcats netted one more run in the fifth inning on a bases loaded walk, but the game ended on a strikeout by East Hardy's Nate Smith to seal

Noah Sager was the winning pitcher for the Cougars going two innings with three strikeouts and allowed zero hits. East Hardy's Levi Mongold and Damien Dellinger contributed two strikeouts apiece in their appearances on the mound.

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dropping their game with Petersburg 8-0.

A single by Bryce Miller in the third inning was a positive for East Hardy Cougars Varsity.

Sammy Colaw led the Petersburg to victory on the rubber. The hurler allowed three hits and zero runs over five innings, striking out five and walking

Tori Pratt took the loss for East Hardy Cougars Varsity. The righty went East Hardy Cougars Varsity fell behind early and couldn't come back in a four innings, allowing four runs on four hits, striking out two and walking

> Petersburg hit two home runs on the day. Brooklyn had a long ball in the third inning. Taylor had a dinger in the fourth inning.

Gabreanna Miller, Miller, and Makenzie Blair each collected one hit to lead East Hardy Cougars Varsity

Taylor went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Petersburg in hits. Petersburg didn't commit a single error in the field. Corbin had five chances in the field, the most on the team.

Moorefield Softball 4, Tucker County 1

Moorefield Lady Jackets Varsity was victorious over Tucker County, 4-1 Moorefield Lady Jackets Varsity got on the board in the first inning. Emily Kuykendall singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run.

Amber Williams was the winning pitcher for Moorefield Lady Jackets Varsity. The hurler went seven innings, allowing one run on five hits and striking out seven.

Ava Shaffer took the loss for Tucker County. The bulldog allowed nine hits and four runs over seven innings, striking out six and walking zero.

Moorefield Lady Jackets Varsity saw the ball well today, racking up nine East Hardy Cougars Varsity watched the game slip away early and couldn't hits in the game. Sterling Kump, Kuykendall, and Malina Price all managed multiple hits for Moorefield Lady Jackets Varsity. Kump went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Moorefield Lady Jackets Varsity in hits.

> R Felton led Tucker County with two hits in three at bats. Tucker County didn't commit a single error in the field. C Gooden had seven chances in the field, the most on the team.

Keyser Softball 8, Moorefield 0

Moorefield Lady Jackets Varsity couldn't keep up with Keyser Golden Tornado and fell 8-0 on Wednesday

One bright spot for Moorefield Lady Jackets Varsity was a single by Malina Price in the fifth inning. R. Mongold was the winning pitcher for Keyser Golden Tornado. The hurl-

er surrendered zero runs on one hit over five innings, striking out ten and walking zero.

Carlee Haines took the loss for Moorefield Lady Jackets Varsity. The righthander went three and a third innings, allowing five runs on two hits and striking out two.

Price led Moorefield Lady Jackets Varsity with one hit in two at bats.

Keyser Golden Tornado saw the ball well today, racking up seven hits in the game. A Shoemaker and C Wolfe each managed multiple hits for Keyser Golden Tornado. Keyser Golden Tornado didn't commit a single error in the field. T Likins had the most chances in the field with ten.

Moorefield Baseball 21, Tucker County 0

Garrett Strickler had all the right stuff on Monday for Moorefield Yellow Jackets, allowing zero runs and besting Tucker County by a score of 21-0 Moorefield Yellow Jackets secured the victory thanks to 13 runs in the fourth inning. Bryce Hines, Alex Miller, Adam Landes, Myers Chayse, Kahangirwe Guyan, and Ryan McGregor each had RBIs in the big inning. Moorefield Yellow Jackets fired up the offense in the first inning.

Hines grounded out, scoring one run. Moorefield Yellow Jackets notched 13 runs in the fourth inning. Moorefield Yellow Jackets batters contributing to the big inning included Hines, Miller, Landes, Chayse, Guyan, and Mc-Gregor, all driving in runs in the inning. One bright spot for Tucker County was a single by M. Kisamore in the fourth inning. Strickler earned the win for Moorefield Yellow Jackets. The pitcher went five innings, allowing zero runs on one hit, striking out 11 and walking one. Kisamore took the loss for Tucker County. The bulldog surrendered ten runs on nine hits over three innings, striking out six. Moorefield Yellow Jackets tallied 21 hits on the day.

Strickler, Miller, Tyson Arnold, Coleman Mongold, McGregor, and Guyan all managed multiple hits for Moorefield Yellow Jackets. Strickler led Moorefield Yellow Jackets with four hits in five at bats. Moorefield Yellow Jackets didn't commit a single error in the field. Miller had 12 chances in the field, the most on the team. Kisamore went 1-for-2 at the plate to lead Tucker County in hits. Tygarts Valley Baseball 4, Moorefield 2 Moorefield Yellow Jackets Continued on page 7B

Continued from 6B stayed in it until the end, but Tygarts Valley pulled away late in a 4-2 victory on Tuesday. Tygarts Valley trailed 2-1 in the bottom of the fifth inning when an error scored two runs for Tygarts Valley. Moorefield Yellow Jackets lost despite out-hitting Tygarts Valley seven to five. In the bottom of the third inning, Tygarts Valley tied things up at one.

Tygarts Valley scored one run when Brandon Mahoney singled. Mahoney earned the win for Tygarts Valley. The hurler allowed six hits and two runs over seven innings, striking out ten and walking one. Gary Weese took the loss for Moorefield Yellow Jackets. The righthander surrendered three runs on zero hits over two innings, striking out two. Bryce Hines started the game for Moorefield Yellow Jackets. Hines allowed five hits and one run over four innings, striking out three Moorefield Yellow Jackets tallied seven hits in the game. Coleman Mongold, Adam Landes, and Tyson Arnold each collected multiple hits for Moorefield Yellow Jackets. Arnold, Landes, and Mongold each collected two hits to lead Moorefield Yellow Jackets.

Tygarts Valley collected five hits. Matthew Pratt and Mahoney each managed multiple hits for Tygarts Valley. Moorefield Baseball 5, Tygarts Valley 4; Moorefield Yellow Jackets wins contest against Tygarts Valley on Tuesday, 5-4 Tygarts Valley fired up the offense in the first inning. Matthew Pratt doubled on a 2-2 count, scoring two runs. Moorefield Yellow Jackets pulled away for good with three runs in the third inning. In the third Garrett Strickler doubled on a 1-0 count, scoring three runs. Michael Cost got the win for Moorefield Yellow Jackets. The southpaw allowed eight hits and four runs over six innings, striking out nine and walking one.

Gary Weese threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen. Weese recorded the last three outs to earn the save for Moorefield Yellow Jackets. Riley Tackett took the loss for Tygarts Valley. The pitcher surrendered five runs on four hits over seven innings, striking out eight. Ryan McGregor, Bryce Hines, Adam Landes, and Strickler all had one hit to lead Moorefield Yellow Jackets. Tygarts Valley had eight hits in the game. Derrick Gear and Garrett Gibson each racked up multiple hits for Tygarts Valley. Musselman Baseball 11, Moorefield 1; Moorefield Yellow Jackets fell behind early and couldn't come back in an 11-1 loss to Musselman on Thursday. Musselman took the lead on a home run in the first inning. The Moorefield Yellow Jackets struggled to contain the high-powered offense of Musselman, giving up 11 runs. Musselman got on the board in the first inning. J. Myers hit a solo homer. Musselman scored five runs in the sixth inning. The big inning for Musselman came thanks to doubles by Myers and D. Straus, a single by T. Boor, and by T. Baylor. Myers took the win for Musselman. The fireballer surrendered one run on five hits over six innings, striking out 12 and walking one.

Tyson Arnold took the loss for Moorefield Yellow Jackets. Arnold went four innings, allowing six runs on nine hits and striking out four. Kahangirwe Guyan, Arnold, Alex Miller, Coleman Mongold, and Gavin Wolfe each collected one hit to lead Moorefield Yellow Jackets. Musselman totaled 14 hits in the game. Boor, B. Hartman, A. Moberly, T. Wolfe, Myers, and Straus each had multiple hits for Musselman. Boor went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Musselman in hits. Moorefield Baseball 14, Pocahontas County 1; Ryan Mc-Gregor was brilliant on the hill on Friday, as McGregor threw a no-hitter to lead Moorefield Yellow Jackets past Pocahontas County 14-1.

Moorefield Yellow Jackets secured the victory thanks to eight runs in the third inning. Garrett Strickler, Coleman Mongold, Tyson Arnold, Bryce Hines, McGregor, and Adam Landes all drove in runs in the frame. Moorefield Yellow Jackets opened up scoring in the first inning. Moorefield Yellow Jackets scored one run when Arnold doubled. Moorefield Yellow Jackets tallied eight runs in the third inning. The offensive onslaught came from singles by Strickler, Mongold, Arnold, Hines, and Landes and an error on a ball put in play by McGregor. McGregor led the Moorefield Yellow Jackets to victory on the mound. McGregor allowed zero hits and one run over five innings, striking out six and walking one. D. Gibb took the loss for Pocahontas County. The pitcher surrendered 14 runs on 16 hits over four innings, striking out three and walking one. Moorefield Yellow Jackets saw the ball well today, racking up 16 hits in the game. Alex Miller, Gavin Wolfe, Strickler, Mongold, Arnold, and Hines all managed multiple hits for Moorefield Yellow Jackets.

Miller led Moorefield Yellow Jackets with three hits in three at bats. Moorefield Baseball 5, South Harrison 2; Moorefield Yellow Jackets stole the lead late in the game in a 5-2 victory over South Harrison on Saturday. The game was tied at two with Moorefield Yellow Jackets batting in the top of the sixth when Ryan McGregor singled on a 1-1 count, scoring one run. Gary Weese led the Moorefield Yellow Jackets to victory on the mound. The pitcher lasted four innings, allowing one hit and two runs while striking out four and walking one. Karson Reed threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen. Reed recorded the last six outs to earn the save for Moorefield Yellow Jackets. Layton Wageman took the loss for South Harrison. The hurler surrendered five runs on nine hits over seven innings, striking out six and walking one. Garrett Strickler started the game for Moorefield Yellow Jackets.

Strickler lasted one inning, allowing one hit and zero runs while striking out one and walking zero Moorefield Yellow Jackets tallied nine hits. Reed

and Adam Landes each managed multiple hits for Moorefield Yellow Jackets. Landes and Reed each managed two hits to lead Moorefield Yellow Jackets. Moorefield Baseball 7, South Harrison 3; Moorefield Yellow Jackets managed through a push by South Harrison in the fifth inning where Moorefield Yellow Jackets coughed up three runs, but Moorefield Yellow Jackets still won 7-3 on Saturday.

The big inning for South Harrison came thanks to an error on a ball put in play by Dylan Richards and Ty Finster and a single by Josh Thomaschek. Moorefield Yellow Jackets fired up the offense in the first inning, when Dane Tate's wild pitch allowed one run to score for Moorefield Yellow Jackets.

Moorefield Yellow Jackets put up three runs in the seventh inning. Moorefield Yellow Jackets scored its runs on an RBI single by Bryce Hines. Michael Cost earned the victory on the mound for Moorefield Yellow Jackets. Cost allowed four hits and three runs over five innings, striking out five and walking one. Hines threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen. Hines recorded the last six outs to earn the save for Moorefield Yellow Jackets. Tate took the loss for South Harrison. Tate went six innings, allowing four runs on five hits, striking out three and walking one. Moorefield Yellow Jackets tallied eight hits in the game. Karson Reed and Alex Miller each had multiple hits for Moorefield Yellow Jackets. Reed went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Moorefield Yellow Jackets in hits.

0427 OAK SUMMIT **OUTLET LOCAL** BUSINESS ADDS OUTLET

LOCATION

By Connie Sherman

Michael & Bethany Thomas are excited to announce the opening of The Outlet at their Oak Summit Auction Complex located at 4265 Rig Road, Moorefield. Thomas recently made a live announcement on the Oak Summit Facebook page telling his customers that due to issues with Facebook live, a decision was made to open an outlet store in the main building located in Rig.

He stressed to his customers that Facebook live auctions would continue to be held at the complex at least monthly, as well as live auctions.

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0420 Highland **Bankshares FQ22**

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. Reports 2022 First Quarter Earnings And Declares Quarterly Dividend

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. (OTC: HBSI) announced unaudited earnings of \$917,000 for the first threemonth period ended March 31, 2022. This represents a decrease of 12% from the \$1,046,000 earned during the same period in 2021. On a per share basis, net income was \$0.68 for the first three months of 2022, compared to earnings of \$0.78 per share for the three months ended March 31 2022

On April 12, 2022, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.45 per share to be paid on May 6, 2022 to all shareholders of record as of April 29, 2022. Based upon the current market price and annualizing the dividends paid to shareholders this quarter, Highlands' current dividend yield is 4.09%.

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