



## Suspect Dead, Deputy Shot in Incident

By Ken Bustin  
Moorefield Examiner

A Grant County man is dead and a Grant County Deputy Sheriff injured following what police described as a "shooting incident" near Moorefield on Thursday night.

Jeremy D. Berg, 43, of Maysville was pronounced dead at the scene, according to a press release by West Virginia State Police Sergeant W. M. Roden, the Moorefield/Petersburg Detachment Commander.

The incident occurred along Route 220 North near Justamere Road in Hardy County, as the Deputy was transporting Berg to the Potomac Highlands Regional Correctional Facility in Augusta.

The Grant County Deputy, who was not identified in the police report, was shot in the arm and transported to an area hospital.

The Deputy has since been released, and is recovering.

At press time the investigation remained ongoing and the WVSP had not released further details.

Services and burial for Berg will be private, according to an obituary posted on Petersburg's Schaeffer Funeral Home website.

## Hardy County man guilty of firearms charge

By Stacy Bishop  
U.S. Attorney's Office

Gregory Stump, of Moorefield, was found guilty of a firearms charge on Thursday, March 31, United States Attorney William Ihlenfeld announced.

After a two-day trial, Stump, 52, was found guilty of one count of "Possession of Firearm with Obliterated Serial Number." Stump had a .45 caliber pistol with an obliterated serial number in April 2020 in Monongalia County.

Stumps faces up to 10 years of incarceration and a fine of up to \$10,000. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed will be based upon the seriousness of the offenses and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Zelda E. Wesley prosecuted the case on behalf of the government. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Morgantown Police Department investigated.

Chief U.S. District Judge Thomas S. Kleeh presided.



Photos by Simon Blodgett

Veterans Steven G. Vaughn, Gary Evans (Vietnam War Commemoration Chairman), Chester G. Pratt, Roger Champ, Raymond Redman, Larry Mowery, and Robert B. Cross salute the flag at Moorefield VFW Post 9606's Vietnam War Commemoration Ceremony on Tuesday, March 29, 2022.

## Welcome Home



From Left to Right, Vietnam Veterans Tom Denney, Bob Cross, Raymond Redman, Steve Vaughn, Gary Evans, Roger Champ, Larry Mowery and Chester G. Pratt are recognized for their service during the Vietnam War. Years of Middle East conflict has brought new focus to the men and women who did not receive ceremonies welcoming them home from their deployments. Thank you, Vets.

## Farms Work Wonders Honored with WV Governor's Arts Award

Farms Work Wonders was honored by Governor Jim Justice, the West Virginia Commission on the Arts and the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History as the recipient of this year's Arts In Education Award. Every two years, The Governor's Arts Awards celebrate excellence in the arts within West Virginia. This particular award recognizes the work of an organization that provides creative opportunities for students to participate in arts education.

"Few things impact the development of resilient and confident youth more than engaging in the process of creating works of art," said Shefa Benoit, Mission Director at Farms Work Wonders, who attended the award ceremony on behalf of the nonprofit. "The arts naturally provide a dual work-and-play environment where youth experiment with various roles, follow established rules, take risks and engage in a variety of decision-making opportunities. The arts allow youth to project a current vision into the future and see themselves capable of bringing it to fruition," she added.

Throughout the town of Wardensville and the region, the artwork and creativity of the Farms

Work Wonders youth employees, known as Junior Crew, can be seen. Whether it is the Winter Wonderland landscape of painted, abstract Christmas trees for the holidays, the "Welcome to Wardensville" mural that the Junior Crew designed and produced or the mobile student learning center they painted for Moorefield Elementary School, the arts play a major role in the Junior Crew's path of discovery.

"Art, in all of its various forms, is the epitome of curiosity and discovery - while also being constructive, positive and impactful for anyone who comes into contact with it," said Kelson Thorne, who sees the impact of art in the lives of the Junior Crew firsthand. "My goal is to help the Junior Crew discover passions, interests, and relationships that add meaning to their lives through art."

The latest addition to Farms Work Wonders is a state of the art glassblowing studio, Dakota Glass Works. Lessons learned through classes at Dakota Glass Works are transferable to everyday life. "We are excited about the new opportunities the glass studio provides. Glass-blowing teaches more than just how to make cups, bowls

or bottles. It teaches important life skills such as patience, learning from your mistakes and enjoying the small victories. This mindset and practice can truly benefit the youth as well as the community," said Byron Gaylord, the Dakota Glass Works Studio Director.

Even though events on the farm were canceled or scaled back over the past two years, Farms Work Wonders is planning a busy year of community activities, including the return of two of their most popular events. The Junior Crew will be actively involved in the planning and execution of Earth Day on the Farm (April 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) where they will be creating a new, outdoor farmstand as well as custom screen printing t-shirts. The month of May will have them organizing Art at the Garden Market during Memorial Day Weekend (May 28-29) where local artists will exhibit their work.

We'd also like to congratulate our friend and local artist, Jenn Lockwood of The River House (Capon Bridge, W.Va.), for her recognition as Artist of the Year.

## Examiner Co-Owner Dies at 85



Sam R. Fisher

"Hark now, hear the sailors cry  
Smell the sea and feel the sky  
Let your soul and spirit fly  
Into the Mystic..."  
~ "Into the Mystic," by Van Morrison

Sam R. Fisher, 85, died Friday, March 18, 2022, in hospice care at his home in Lovettsville, Va.

Sam was born January 27, 1937 in Cumberland Memorial Hospital, to the late Ralph E. and Katherine McCoy Fisher of Moorefield, then publishers of the Moorefield Examiner.

He was a 1954 graduate of Moorefield High School and received a Bachelor of Science in Journalism at West Virginia University in 1958.

While at WVU he joined Kappa Alpha Order social fraternity. In 1958 he joined the Moorefield Masonic Lodge #29 AF&AM. He remained a member until 1993.

In 1959 he attended the U.S. Naval Intelligence School and took the National Senior Intelligence Course. He also did graduate study in International Relations at American University.

Following graduation he went into the U.S. Navy in air intelligence and nuclear mission planning. During his active duty tour he was an intelligence officer and advisor to the Vietnamese Navy in the Mekong River Delta.

Upon his return he transitioned to the Naval Reserve, still in Naval Intelligence. He ultimately retired as a Lieutenant Commander.

Sam spent 3 years as the advertising manager at the family newspaper.

In 1966 Sam went to work for the Defense Intelligence Agency as an in-depth naval weapons systems analyst. As chief of the Communist World Navy Materiel Production Branch, he led analysis that first identified a major Soviet weapons systems program in its early stages. He went on to become a consultant, retiring from the DIA in 1993 and other work in 1994.

In 1963 Sam married Wendy Jennifer Andrews. They raised 3 children: Curt Andrew Schaber (Allison); Andrea Katherine Fisher (Robert McNeely); and Samantha Vivian Fisher, all presently living in Loudoun County. Five grandchildren also survive: Kate McNeely, Molly McNeely, Kristopher McNeely, Olivia Schaber and Sam Schaber; plus two great-grandchildren, August and Avery McNeely.

Additional survivors include his second wife, Christine O'Malley; his sister, Phoebe Fisher Heishman (David) Moorefield, W.Va.; nieces Hannah Heishman, Moorefield, and Hillary Heishman, Hamilton, N.J.; and nephew James Heishman (Jennifer),

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## West Virginia further strengthens state's election security

### Warner applauds Legislature and Governor for Keeping Future Voting Machines Disconnected from the Internet

Last Monday, Governor Jim Justice signed into law HB 4438 expanding the state's prohibition against voting machines connecting

to the internet. Secretary of State Mac Warner, who initially requested the legislation, thanked the Senate, House of Delegates, and Governor for their unanimous approval of the proposal in a bipartisan fashion.

According to Warner, all current voting machines used in the state's 55 counties do not connect to the internet. Warner said he requested the legislation to update a law that did not take into consideration new types

of machines and technology.

In West Virginia, voting machine manufacturers must be certified by both the federal U.S. Election Assistance Commission and the WV State Election Commission (SEC). The federal and state certification processes are substantial and rigorous, requiring all voting machines and upgrades to be vetted by multiple independent and bipartisan technology experts including a federally certified

Voting System Testing Laboratory and West Virginia computer experts of different political parties appointed by the SEC. State certification is prohibited if any system is not first certified by the federal U.S. Election Assistance Commission, and counties are permitted to purchase only those machines approved by the SEC.

"This legislation increases security for West Virginia elections by

ensuring that no voting machine in any county will ever be permitted to connect to the internet," Warner said. "This is yet another layer of security that builds voter confidence in the integrity and outcomes of our elections."

With the 2022 Primary Election right around the corner, citizens are reminded that all counties will publicly test their voting machines for logic and accuracy before the elec-

tion. The public tests typically take place in the county courthouse or annex, but interested citizens are encouraged to contact their local county clerk to confirm the date, time and location.

For more information about the upcoming May 10th Primary Election, visit the WV Secretary of State's website at GoVoteWV.com

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## OPINION

## MY UNBASED OPINION

BY DAVID O. HEISHMAN



## Celebrate National Library Week

When's the last time you visited the Hardy County Public Library? Maybe we should ask when's the last time you read a book?

Just think: To borrow a book from the Library doesn't cost you anything, unless you forget to return it. Of course, you might be a supporter of the Library by making a donation to them, but the point is that you don't have to unless you want to thank them for a job well done and want their services to continue.

What services, you ask? Well, they have a warm spot for children and provide play and reading time for them. They just brought back story time with Ella McInerney.

They maintain archives for people who want to do research. They have computers for public use and some savvy employees to help if you don't understand the world of technology. Hardy County is part of the state-wide Inter-Library network and can often get books on loan for you that they don't already have. Through the state they can access e-books for people who want to read on electronic devices, and audio books for reading on the go or for those who struggle with visual reading.

Other services include copying, faxing, lamination and notary (and that last one is free). There's a meeting room now open again; it is also free unless you're using the room for making money.

The Library staff maintains the Bishoff photo collection. Jennifer keeps the photo site interesting with pictures from not only the Bishoff collection, but also those more recently donated to the Library by the Hitt family and Mike Crites.

From a personal standpoint, we're delighted that they have the Moorefield Examiner on microfilm and that it is being digitized for easier usage. This includes Examiners back to 1940 and some, but not all, from the Twenties and Thirties. The digitizing is being done with grants through Potomac State.

The whole point is that your public library is a special place for readers, history buffs, and those of you who want your children to like books and reading.

Stop by the Library next time you are downtown in Moorefield. Head Librarian Carol Koontz plus Jennifer Bogan, Joan Degman and Ella will all help you find what you want. And if you just want to browse, that's also acceptable.

This is National Library Week. The theme is "Connect with Your Library," and we hope we've given you some reasons to do just that.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The indescribably hellish situation in Ukraine often wakes me in early morning, worrying about what more we should be doing. Especially for the siege and starvation of tens of thousands of citizens in Mariupol: What can we do, even on a personal level, to help end this ungodly tragedy? Nothing, really? Is that it? I refuse to accept that but am stumped.

Something we CAN do for sure is help make certain our nation is united in opposition to the unlawful invasion and occupation, and all the horrors being visited on Ukraine, with no justification whatsoever. There has indeed been fairly widespread unity here on that issue. But not by everybody. Anybody paying even modest attention to real news knows a lot about the hideous events happening over there every day.

One sees wrenching images of families – minus fathers, husbands, etc. left behind to fight – being displaced from their homes. Dragging a solitary suitcase behind them and fleeing to God knows where. Kids, even babies, old people. What is going on here? Why can't the "Civilized" world do more to stop it?

Still, against the backdrop of such unfairness of innocent people being ripped out of modest dwellings, we recently saw such an example of lack of empathy that words fail me. A former president, wrapped in the luxurious security of his Mar-a-Lago mansion, has taken this occasion to appeal to the enemy's leader to help dig up dirt on a political rival's relative. Sorry, I have no words.

Ray Daugherty  
Myersville, Md.

A year, maybe a couple of years ago, I wrote about dreams. I'd begun having more memorable dreams. Nothing violent or traumatic. Just bad night dreams.

I paid attention because symptoms of Parkinson's Disease, with which I've been diagnosed, may include hallucinations and delusions. Sources of information on Parkinson's I've read tell me that hallucinations are sensing (hearing, seeing, tasting touching) things that other folks don't notice. Delusions are believing things that are not true such as that some body intends to harm you or that your spouse is cheating on you, or that you have been cheated in some other way.

My principal worry in all this is that I'll harm somebody else through thoughts or actions brought about by a disease I'm unable to control. So far I've noticed nothing to worry about and nobody who knows me well has expressed alarm about any of my activities. I lump hallucinations and delusions together as daytime symptoms noticeable to folks around me, while nighttime dreams, though seemingly more vivid now,

occur only when I'm sleeping. I've seen nothing in Parkinson's literature which indicates more intense night dreaming is a disease symptom or a side effect of the dopamine therapy associated with the disease.

Most such dreams are just sort of blah. A few are worrisome. Those "bad" dreams are often associated with my experiences in Greenbrier Military School and West Virginia University. How many times have I dreamed about waking up at W.V.U. remembering that I was late for a test scheduled for that morning for which I hadn't studied. Many times I've awakened, kicking off covers to jump out of bed to get to class for the test.

Many of today's dreams involve searches through big doors in dark buildings for the room where tests are being given. I dream about large brick and concrete buildings constructed much like the "quadrangle" in which my room was located at Greenbrier. Concrete and masonry, four stories high, facing a central courtyard, with top three fronted by concrete and steel walkways ("stoops") accessed by ringing steel

stairs. Those top three, cadet quarters, were lettered A, B, and C, for the companies which occupied them. I lived on B Stoop.

Today, my mind is wrapped around a million stories I could tell about that place. It was like life is a loaf and my Greenbrier experience was a memorable whole slice.

A crumb of that slice. At Greenbrier, we had no bell system to announce times of beginning, ending, activities, eating or sleeping. We had "musicians of the guard." Boys played bugle or trumpet calls alerting everyone to times to change activities. Class changes were announced by horns blowing rather than bells ringing.

Duncan Harrison, a red haired musician, who, if I remember correctly, was from Winchester, Va., was our favorite musician. He had a collection of horns of which he was a master. I remember small cavalry bugles, a hand-full of bright tubing wrapped around one hand with no keys. There were regular "straight" bugles, several keyed trumpets and a long straight heralding trumpet with a large belled mouth.

Seemed like calls early in the day, especially Reveille, were fair fodder for snappy bugles. As day progressed he'd switch off to deeper, more modified tones of trumpets. I still tingle a bit when I remember Duncan Harrison standing under the lowering main flag pole blowing evening retreat as the flag came down, reared back, his long straight heralding trumpet pointed at the sky.

I remember helping "Herman," a tall thin guy from A Company, drag Harrison back across the third floor window sill over which he was slipping head first, when the broken frame of the window he was opening dragged him out. Chain smoking Major Jack Richardson, our chemistry teacher, exclaimed, "My God, Harrison. Whatcha doin' now?" as Harrison scrambled with one hand to stop his slide. Herman and I grabbed his belt, dragged him back in, he leaned the busted window frame against the wall, sat back down and Major Jack went on with his lecture.

As long as my dreams remind me of good times, I'll not worry too much about poor behavior.

## GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES

Fifteen Years Ago  
April 4, 2007

Allegheny Power announced it had filed a power line 500 kilowatt application with the Public Service Commission.

Avian Flu was confirmed in Pendleton County.

Moorefield could have West Virginia's first regional sewer treatment plant.

With a new well operational, Wardsville lifted its water-usage restriction.

Reymann Memorial Farms celebrated the 40th Annual Performance Bull Sale.

Lynette Sue Haines Crawford, 60, Fisher, died March 27... Ramona Kathleen Robinette Abbrell, 67, Kirby, died March 23.

Born to JF and Amber Anderson, a son, Jaxon Clark...to Raven L. and Paul L. Vinoski, a daughter, Emily Grace...to Mr. and Mrs. William Wade Waddy, a son, William Wade V.

Moorefield Boys beat Frankfort 14-4, Hampshire 8-5, Clarke County 14-1, Buffalo Gap 6-1 and lost to Martinsburg 3-2...East Hardy Boys beat Harman 20-0, Paw Paw 14-0, Pocahontas 15-5 and 10-1...East Hardy Girls beat Harman 17-0 and Tygart Valley 25-4 and lost to Petersburg 11-1 and Martinsburg 15-0 and 11-6... Moorefield Girls beat Frankfort 13-3, Hampshire 6-5, Pendleton 17-0 and lost to Berkley Springs 7-6, Martinsburg 6-1 and Lewis County 7-5.

Thirty Years Ago  
April 1, 1992

The Board of Education voted to close schools at Wardsville and Mathias. Students would attend the new East Hardy Early Middle School at Baker.

Governor Gaston Caperton announced a new stop light would be installed on South Main Street at Potomac Avenue to alleviate traffic congestion.

Health care had emerged as a central issue in the Presidential campaign and in the state. Hardy County had been chosen for a pilot program to improve school health.

Nora Barger Berg, 83, Maysville, died March 25... William "Mac" Sites, 52, died March 27...Stanley W. Reynolds, 80, Baker, died March 27.

Susan Kay McDonald and W. Moray Vetter were married in Feb.

Forty-five Years Ago  
April 6, 1977

The cost of operating all county governments increased about 14

percent. The county increased over \$100,000 with the largest increase going to the Sheriff's budget. Moorefield's increases included a pay raise for the mayor and council.

Bill Clark, County Extension Agent, was awarded an Outstanding Performance Award at Jackson's Mill.

Parents of students attending Wardsville School complained to the Board of Education about language used by two teachers.

John W. Fisher, 74, Fisher, died April 1...Mark Edward Digruttlo, 16, Old Fields, died April 1...Rev. T. E. Painter, 63, Huntington, died April 1...Garlene Moyer Embrey, 63, Winchester, died March 31... Kenneth Holt Riggleman, 14, Gaithersburg, Md., died March 31 when struck by a vehicle...John Samuel Dove, 88, Bergton, died April 2.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schmitt, a son, Adam Pickard.

Moorefield defeated Mathias 23-9... Mathias defeated Circleville 9-8.

Sixty Years Ago  
April 3, 1962

A new timber firm, Branch Mountain Timber Farms, Inc., started operations and was to produce barrel staves, veneer logs, and saw timber. Starting with 43 men, the owners hoped to have 100 working by September.

Moorefield's assessed valuation increased about \$100,000 to \$3,610,025.

Weather observers reported over 37 inches of snow fell during March in Mathias and over 30 in Moorefield.

Moorefield seniors rehearsing "The Night of January 16th" were Sherry Carr, John Mathias, Jr., David Vance, Roger Crites, Gwen Bean, Bernadette Halterman, Douglas Wolfe, William Wirtz, Donna Garrett, David Mathias, Jean Simmons, John Burch, Dennis Carr, Danny Sherman, Edward Bean, James Webster, Karen Fogle, Linda Inskip, Mary Turner and Betty Fisher.

Ashby T. Weese, 86, Petersburg, died March 31...Alston Clyde Ours, 69, well known farmer and stockman, died March 29...Roy W. Reel, 86, Petersburg, died March 29...Nettie Sawyer Funkhouser, 87, Hummelstown, Pa., died March 17.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strickler, a daughter...to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Barr, a son, Frederick Earl...to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bean, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Earle, a son, Willard Lewellen, Jr...to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Culler, a son, Eston Lee, Jr...to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kile, a son,

Kenneth Lee.

Seventy-five Years Ago  
April 9, 1947

Wardsville firemen, unable to do their duties because of willing but untrained spectators, formulated rules and requested public cooperation. The public was asked to leave fire equipment alone at the fires unless requested to handle it, to stay off the fire trucks, not to follow trucks too closely, not to block roads, and to keep calm at a fire to eliminate confusion.

Keeley Construction of Clarksburg received the bid to grade, surface and finish the 3 1/3 miles from Moorefield to Harness Ford Bridge.

Local telephone service was unaffected by the nationwide telephone workers strike.

Alice Pembroke Ludwig, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ludwig, Arlington, was killed April 3 when she fell from a moving vehicle...Elwood N. Turley, 34, was killed April 1 when he was struck by a truck...Martha Lowry Stultz, 78, Mathias, died April 6...Mary Kimble Gum, 86, Petersburg, died April 2...deaths not reported during March included Edgar Judy Crites, Mary Feathered, and Mary Ellen Kelley.

Laurine Method and Harlan Tross were married April 5.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shubargo, a son, Harry Jr...to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuykendall, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Kirk James Armentrout, a daughter, Charlotte Margaret...to Mr. and Mrs. Elva Barr, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Huston Combs, a daughter, Jean Regina...to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Earle, a son, Ronnie Steve...to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Woodrow Eye, a daughter, Patsy Ann...to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Funkhouser, a son, Theodore Ashby...to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest William Hinkle, a daughter, Bonnie Virginia...to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Eugene Miller, a daughter, Ruth Golden...to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Luther Sager, a son, Donald Lee...to Mr. and Mrs. Price Cleveland Miller, a son, Rodrick Samuel...to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lee Webster, a son, Owen Jackson.

Ninety Years Ago  
April 7, 1932

The 1932 political campaign in West Virginia centered around the tax situation. Six Democrats and two Republicans were candidates for governor: Democrats: Judge H.G. Kump, Elkins; J. Alfred Taylor, Fayetteville; F. Witcher McCoullough, Hunting-

ton; Senator A. C. Herold, Sutton; Charles E. Hodges, Morgantown; and A. J. Wilkinson, Huntington. Republicans: T.C. Townsend, Charleston and M.Z. White, Williamson.

Sen. Alben W. Barkeley, Kentucky, had been selected for convention keynoter by the Roosevelt leaders in the Democratic campaign for the Presidential nominee.

A young Democrat organization had been formed in Hardy County. Officers elected were Harlan Calhoun, chairman; Harold Bean, Chester Haas, John Lee, vice chairmen; Katherine McCoy, secretary; Mrs. Frances Chambers, assistant secretary; John McNeill, treasurer; Lottie Lakin, assistant treasurer. State president George Jackson was present to address the newly formed group.

Pete Miller had purchased the farm formerly owned by Perry Whitmer.

Harvey Heishman had purchased the Annie V. Cline property at Wardsville.

Orvan Bean and family moved to their home on Franklin Street from the Natwick Mill.

George M. Markwood, 90, last of the McNeill Rangers, had died in Pittsburgh.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Hutter, a daughter at Dooley Hill.

105 Years Ago  
April 5, 1917

For the first time in the history of the valley, a tractor plow had been used when the International Harvester Company put on a big demonstration at the Gilkeson Farm near town.

Farmers of America were being urged by Secretary Houston to plant big crops so the country would not be handicapped by a food shortage in case of war.

President Wilson had appeared before Congress and asked that they recognize the state of war which Germany had thrust upon the nation. President Wilson declared, "We will not choose the path of submission."

The 12 Federal Reserve Banks had oversubscribed on 24-hour notice a 90-day loan to the government of \$50,000,000 at the rate of 2% a year.

E. A. Hawse was appointed assessor of the Moorefield District.

Idea Alice Riggleman and William Ranson Halterman had been married in Harrisonburg...Lula Mary Wilkins and Thurston Oliver Snyder had been married in Cumberland...Alice Allen and James Woodworth had been married.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L.J. See, twins, a boy and a girl...to Dr. and Mrs. O.V. Brooks, a son.

## EXAMINER SAYS

## Celebrate Library Week

An Associated Press story last week was more than interesting. Seems Fayetteville has 3 shuttered schools which are going to be transformed into a boutique hotel, apartments and town houses. Not bad for use of empty buildings, particularly school structures. Plus Fayetteville is close to the fast-growing tourist area around the New River Gorge Bridge, also the newest U.S. National Park. Donna and Bill Fisher have two daughters and their families who live in Fayetteville. This news should make it easier for them to find a place to stay in the event the two families (each with 3 children) get a bit crowded.

## Read a Book

Please take a moment to read Glancing Backward this week. In 1947, the Wardsville Firemen were apparently having problems with enthusiastic citizens at fires. We aren't sure, but we think that group was only formed about 1945. So the folks who lived in Wardsville just didn't know what they could or couldn't do to "help" the firemen. We suspect they soon learned that the best way to help the new fire company was to raise money or make donations for equipment. Anyway, we thought you would find the item interesting.

## Learn Something

Several weeks ago we came across a story called "pandemic-era design solution from the past." According to the writer the pandemic inspired some space saving creativity. The picture, with the article, showed a Murphy bed and yes, we know a lot of our younger readers have no idea what a Murphy bed is. So let us tell you... The fourth place we lived in San Francisco was a second story small apartment. It had a living room, bathroom, small dining room and a kitchen. When the landlord showed us the apartment I asked where the bedroom was and was immediately introduced to my first Murphy bed. It was built on springs that allowed it to be lifted into a closet. Convenient, space saving and made cleanup a quick job. We weren't sure about

the comfort, but after sleeping on the bed several nights we were sold on the idea. So there we were on the cable car line with a Murphy bed. How much more San Franciscan can you be? When we signed the lease we didn't ask if there were problems for people sleeping in Murphy beds when the earthquakes rattled us, but some months later we found out. It was not a serious quake, but it definitely woke us up. That bed on springs bounced us wide awake. Luckily we didn't have any more Mother Nature wake-ups. But we did like the Murphy bed. And we can see that it could be making a come back in Little Houses, because it's definitely a space saver.

Be Entertained

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## NEWS

# WVDEP accepting comments for Water Quality Standards Review

## Comments, recommendations, and any supporting scientific information accepted through April 15, 2022

By Terry Fletcher  
W.Va. DEP

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) Division of Water and Waste Management (DWWM) is accepting recommendations for revisions to Legislative Rule §47 CSR 2, "Requirements Governing Water

Quality Standards."

This rule establishes requirements governing standards of water quality for the surface waters of the state.

State water quality standards are developed to help protect and preserve water quality necessary to meet and maintain designated or assigned uses, such as swimming, recreation, public water supply, and aquatic life.

The WVDEP is accepting these recommendations for suggested rule changes in preparation for the Water Quality Standards Triennial Review, as required by the federal Clean Water Act. The WVDEP reviews these recommendations before determining changes that will be proposed in 2023 for the 2024 Legislative session.

The agency will accept comments, recommendations, and any supporting scientific information through April 15, 2022.

Comments, recommendations, and information can be sent via email to [WQSCComments@wv.gov](mailto:WQSCComments@wv.gov), or via regular mail to: Brian Bridgewater,

Water Quality Standards, DWWM West Virginia Department of Envi-

ronmental Protection, 601 57th St., S.E., Charleston, WV, 25304.

A public meeting is also scheduled for June 28, 2022, from 1 to 4 p.m. at WVDEP Headquarters in Kanawha City, located at 601 57th St., S.E. Charleston, WV 25304.

The public can attend virtually at the following link: [meet.google.com/vuu-kkyq-jwv](https://meet.google.com/vuu-kkyq-jwv); or by phone at 1-347-

554-7633 (PIN: 794 509 302#).

The meeting link and call in number are available in the Upcoming Events section of the WVDEP's homepage. For more WVDEP news and information, go to [www.dep.wv.gov](http://www.dep.wv.gov).

## Dolly Sods Wilderness Stewards Seeks Volunteers

Following on the enthusiastic response to its first season in 2021, the Dolly Sods Wilderness Stewards is looking for volunteers to greet and assist visitors at the trailheads of Dolly Sods Wilderness in the Monongahela National Forest, West Virginia. The "Trailhead Stewards" serve as resources for visitors, helping them have a safe and enjoyable wilderness experience while working to preserve Dolly Sods for future visitors. Dolly Sods Wilderness Stewards is a partnership between the USDA Forest Service and the West Virginia Highlands Conservancy.

The Trailhead Stewards help people entering the backcountry understand the unique nature of the wilderness, what to expect and how to prepare for the experience of a primitive area. They explain the rules and regulations for the wilderness and the principles of Leave No Trace™ practices. Trailhead Stewards often assist new visitors in planning a route or location that provides a "Dolly Sods experience" and works for their level of preparedness and available time. Stewards are stationed at the

busiest trailheads during the busiest times on weekends and holidays.

Being a Trailhead Steward requires no specific background, skills or expertise, other than a desire to support Dolly Sods. New Stewards receive training from staff of Monongahela National Forest and West Virginia Highlands Conservancy and work with an experienced Trailhead Steward for practice. There is no minimum time commitment, and those who live far away or who can only occasionally volunteer their time are welcome. West Virginia Highlands Conservancy provides a convenient means for volunteers to schedule themselves online for trailheads and shifts that work for their schedules. Stewards can join a private Facebook page and occasional gatherings for Stewards to share experiences and learning are planned.

One of the first Congressionally-designated wilderness areas in the eastern United States, Dolly Sods is a unique high elevation plateau containing habitat similar to areas of Canada. Its scenic qualities and rugged beauty have attracted a steadily

increasing number of visitors since its designation in 1974, and like many natural areas has seen a large influx of visitors during the pandemic. As a result, there has been increasing impact on its natural qualities and wilderness character.

Dolly Sods Wilderness Stewards was formed in 2021 to leverage volunteer action to assist the Monongahela National Forest with managing and protecting the wilderness character of Dolly Sods. By educating visitors about the values of wilderness and low impact practices the Stewards hope to preserve the wilderness for the enjoyment of future generations and avoid the need for restrictions on visitor access that have been implemented in other popular natural areas.

The Wilderness Stewards program also needs volunteers for other activities, such as maintaining trailhead registration boxes; monitoring encounters and opportunities for solitude on backcountry trails; taking a detailed inventory of campsites; and maintaining trails under the direction of Forest Service staff. Teams will be

forming for some of these projects in early summer.

The next training for Trailhead Stewards is tentatively planned for late May. For more information or to sign up, go to [www.wvhighlands.org](http://www.wvhighlands.org) or <https://bit.ly/3pBjijV>.

The USDA Forest Service Monongahela National Forest manages eight designated Wildernesses. This partnership with the West Virginia Highlands Conservancy is aimed at jointly implementing stewardship programs and projects to preserve Wilderness character within these special areas. For more information about Monongahela National Forest visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mnf>.

## Hardy County man sentenced for drug charge

By Stacy Bishop  
U.S. Attorney's Office

Matthew Curtis Delawder, of Moorefield, was sentenced today to 80 months of incarceration for a methamphetamine charge, United States Attorney William Ihlenfeld announced.

Delawder, 38, pleaded guilty in April 2021 to one count of "Distribution of Methamphetamine." Delawder admitted to selling methamphetamine in Hardy County in

October 2020.

Delawder was also ordered to forfeit three firearms, ammunition, and \$4942 in cash believed to be proceeds from the crime.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen D. Warner prosecuted the case on behalf of the government. The Potomac Highlands Drug Task Force, a HIDTA-funded initiative; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; and the West Virginia State Police investigated.

Chief U.S. District Judge Thomas S. Kleeh presided.

## FRAN WONDERS

By FRAN WELTON

By Fran Welton

Who is President Biden working for, the US, China, Russia?

Back when Obama was running for president, he appeared to be very critical of the United States and after winning the presidency he made a comment that has made me wonder numerous times and still does. I am paraphrasing here, that America was too big for our britches and needed to be taken down a notch. And this West Virginia Housewife wonders if that is how President Biden feels. It sure appears to me that he is working diligently to bring this country down, turning it into a completely socialistic poorer country.

After reading an article by Ed Rogers, February 23, 2015, The Insider: why would anyone think Obama loved America? Plenty of Reasons were mentioned in the article. I wonder more now than before if this is not Obama's third term by working through Biden. I remember in one of Biden's early news conference he said he confers with Obama every day, so now we know who one of his advisors is.

I have been wondering why President Biden seems to be more interested in keeping Xi and Putin in the loop with what he is doing than our European and NATO allies. In the article Obama is quoted as saying that he would and later did meet unconditionally with America's enemies, mentioned were Venezuela, Iran, and North Korea, and he was slow to condemn any of our enemies. I wondered then about Obama's lack of concerns for the US.

Today's wonder is why Biden thinks he has to do the same things. Of course he was helping Obama during those times so guess his working with some of the same leaders, Russia, Iran, Venezuela to purchase oil to meet our heating and manufacturing need should not surprise me. A lot of us have the same wonder as to why Biden wants to work through Russia to redo our original nuclear deal with Iran. It appears that Biden is doing, as did Obama, ignoring Israel and the Middle East completely with his dealings with Russia and Iran.

I wonder if Biden and our Democratic/Socialist Party think that their

working with Communist/Marxist countries to meet our fuel needs the US will come out with better deals than if using our own supplies. With Biden's "sanctions" he supposedly put on Russia, why can't our country supply the European countries with fuel, would it not put more hurt on Russia and make the US some money at the same time?

I can certainly understand the wonders as to why some of our allies were not taking calls from Biden. I wonder if there is really any country in the world today that trusts anything Biden, his cabinet members or the Democratic Congress says or does. With Biden's so called working relationship with Xi and Xi's working relationship with Putin and Putin's so called working relationship with Biden, I wonder just who will come out on top. I bet it will not be the United States until maybe after this year's elections.

*Editor's Note: Ed Rogers wrote "The Insiders," which appeared on the Opinion/Editorial page of the Feb. 23, 2015 Washington Post.*

## Potomac Valley Conservation District local work group meeting scheduled: April 13

The Potomac Valley Conservation District in cooperation with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will hold a local work group meeting to discuss conservation programs for 2022-2023 and provide guidance for the Focused Conservation Approach (FCA), and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The meeting will be held Wednesday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to noon at Brighton Park in Moorefield.

The local work group includes representatives from cooperating federal, state, and local conserva-

tion organizations and is open to all farmers, agricultural producers, and forest owners/managers. If you have thought about applying for one of the programs NRCS has to offer or have questions about what might be available to you, this meeting is a great opportunity for you to learn more. As part of NRCS's locally led process of administering programs, public comments will be sought from attendees on how to best prioritize USDA dollars for your local area.

The Potomac Valley Conservation District covers Grant, Hardy, Pendleton, Mineral, and Hampshire Coun-

ties. NRCS District Conservationist, Sarah Taylor-Goldizen, and her staff work from the NRCS field offices in Petersburg, Moorefield, and Franklin and District Conservationist, Christi Hicks, and her staff work in Keyser and Romney NRCS field offices.

If you need an accommodation to participate in this activity or event, please contact Nan Kimble at 304-284-7546, or by e-mail at [NRCS.WVStateOffice@usda.gov](mailto:NRCS.WVStateOffice@usda.gov).

For more information contact Sarah Taylor-Goldizen at 304-703-8624 or Christi Hicks at 304-276-5636.

## NEWS BRIEFS

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in the Baker area on Wednesday, April 6. Donors will be taken at East Hardy High School from 8:30 a.m. until 2 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 need for blood, so please consider giving the gift of life.

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Local governments in West Virginia can now use online payment services for their constituents, state Treasurer Riley Moore said. Moore announced his office has launched the new platform, called WV Go-Pay. The legislature last year passed a bill proposed by Moore requiring

all local governments to offer online payment options. The system features credit and debit card payment options, electronic financial transactions and direct deposits. "People will no longer have to take time off work to go to a local courthouse or city hall to pay for government services, and with our WV Go-Pay platform, they will avoid some of the high service fees currently charged by some places," Moore said in a news release.

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According to AAA last week, the average price for regular gas in West Virginia was at \$4.069. The national gas price average was \$4.225 per gallon. Since Monday, the national average for a gallon of regular gasoline has decreased by two cents. The drop in gas demand, alongside

growth in total stocks, contributes to price decreases. If demand continues to decline as gasoline stocks continue to build, the national average will likely continue to move lower. Crude prices will likely reverse course amid news that the U.S. will release 1 million barrels of oil per day from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Across the state Beckley was high at \$4.103 and Wheeling was low at \$3.975. Hardy County's gas average was \$4.299. Area prices were Hampshire \$4.122, Mineral \$4.068, Grant \$4.299, and Pendleton \$4.299. In Moorefield, Sheetz, Exxon and BP were still at \$4.30. Old Fields Sunoco, Pure at Mathias, Kerr's Shell in Wardensville and BP at Baker were also \$4.30.

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## MAYOR'S CORNER

By CAROL ZUBER, MAYOR OF MOOREFIELD

Living in a rural setting exposes you to so many marvelous things – the natural world and the texture of small-town life, and the exhilarating experience of open space. Living in a small town, I knew everyone, and everyone knew me. Living in a small town, one of the keys to survival was our "imagination." Growing up on "Pownell Farm," located on North Main Street, was an excellent place to stimulate a young child's imagination. There I had the benefit of exploring the river that ran behind my house. The river that offered sweet relief on hot, humid summer days, the place that, later in my teenage years, offered a place to go to clear my mind and the same river that would destroy everything I knew as

home and my town. I remember as a young adult thinking Moorefield is gone forever. Following the flood, I learned firsthand about loving your neighbor and what teamwork really meant. What was a disaster was later a witness to the people of Moorefield of their love for their home and their town. Faith, a little muscle, and the desire to build back Moorefield was the common thread that bound the people of the area together. Growing up in Moorefield was a blessing that has taken me a lifetime to realize. Imagination was a part of my daily life growing up. What I thought I was missing by living in a small town, after attending college it became clear that I had missed nothing at all. I still wondered, Where would

I go? What exciting place would I plant roots and call home? Strange as it may seem I returned home to Moorefield. I returned home to the place that shaped me into the person I am today. Home to where my heart lives, home to the place where everyone knew my name and home to the town that I love. My hometown is a beautiful and safe place to live. It is a place that offers a peaceful life. I returned to the place that in my childhood imagination was the greatest place on earth, Moorefield. I am hometown proud.

\*\*\*\*Revitalize Moorefield meeting was a success. Next meeting is April 11 at 4:30 at the Moorefield Town Office. Please use the side door. Everyone welcome.



## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### 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 in the Stifel Fine Arts Center from March 18 through April 30.

### Library Celebration

Please join the Friends of the Library at the Chamber of Commerce After Hours event at the Library on Wednesday, April 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. The event is being held to celebrate National Library Week, and to kick off the FOL's Spring Fund Drive.

### WVAG Representative

Richard Dennis, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with Patrick Morrissey's W.Va. Attorney General's office, will be at the Hardy County Senior Center, 409 Spring Ave., Moorefield on April 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### PVCD Public Meeting

The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting is Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at 7 p.m. The meeting is by Teleconference ONLY. Call-in instructions are posted on the District webpage: [www.wvca.us/district/pvcd.cfm](http://www.wvca.us/district/pvcd.cfm) or by contacting the office at 304-822-5174. The meeting agenda will be available three days before the meeting; 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.

### PHBA Meeting

The Potomac Highlands Beekeepers Association (PHBA) meets Thursday, April 14 at 7 p.m. at the Bank of Romney Community Center, 165 E Main Street, Romney, WV (across the street from the Sheetz in Romney). Meetings are open to the public and no prior experience in beekeeping is required. If you are interested in learning about beekeeping, a beginner or an experienced beekeeper, this is a forum where you can learn and exchange beekeeping information. We hope you join us! This is our third meeting of 2022, so please join us as spring is just about to be sprung!

### Author Visit

Mike Mallow returns to Hardy County to celebrate his fourth novel's release at Wardensville's WordPlay on Saturday, April 16 at 4 p.m. "Burning Without Knowing" is set in West Virginia. When

a band of copper thieves is exposed, the leader sends his daughter in search of a legendary crime lord. The college student unknowingly wanders into a power vacuum forcing her into the fray between corrupt officials, psychotic criminals, trigger-happy women, and a reclusive publisher who may hold the key to the madness. Mallow's previous book, "In a Country Dark," and "Burning..." will be available for purchase and signing on April 16. The event will be on WordPlay's side porch at 50 West Main Street, Wardensville. Free and open to the public; no registration required. For more information, contact WordPlay at [info@wordplaywv.com](mailto:info@wordplaywv.com), 304-897-2233.

### 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 or call (304) 822-5174. Information also available online at: [www.wvca.us/district/pvcd.cfm](http://www.wvca.us/district/pvcd.cfm)

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

## OBITUARIES

## PRESTON DAILEY POLAND



Preston Dailey Poland, age 70, from River Road in Fisher, passed away Wednesday evening, March 30, 2022, at the E.A. Hawse Nursing and Rehab Center in Baker after losing his battle to brain cancer.

Born on September 9, 1951, in Kirby, he was a son of the late Dailey Lee Poland and Eythel Marie Kline Hose. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Ellen (Kline) Hose.

Preston worked at Pilgrims Pride Refrigeration for 45 years up to the time of his illness. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, especially in his earlier years. He enjoyed coon hunting

with his father-in-law, Glenn Ours, and hanging out with the "Tannery Gang" and planting his garden in the summer. Known to lend a helping hand whenever needed, he never met a stranger and, most importantly, he enjoyed spending time with family and friends. His grandchildren were his pride and joy and he was a huge impact in their lives.

Surviving is his wife, Carol Jean Ours Poland; a daughter, Jennifer Poland (Fred) Whetzel of Moorefield; three grandchildren, Tanner Whetzel, Jaiden Whetzel and Levi Whetzel; a brother, Elmo (Mary) Poland of North Laurel, Md.; a sister, Betty

(Allen) Racey of Rio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were conducted on Sunday, April 3, 2022, at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel at 107 Washington Street in Moorefield. Pastor Lynn Rohrbaugh officiated.

Interment followed at the Ours family cemetery, in the Rough Run area of Grant County.

Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on Preston's Tribute Wall at [www.fraleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.fraleyfuneralhome.com).

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

## HELEN VIRGINIA KIFER



Helen Virginia Kifer, age 78, of Moorefield, passed away on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at her home. She was born on July 10, 1943, in Manassas, Va., and was a daughter of the late Walter Carlos Dolby and Mattie Elizabeth (Delp) Dolby.

In addition to her parents, Helen was preceded in death by her husband, James Kifer, in 2012; one son, Edward Alben Kifer; two sisters, Mildred Ann Mullins and Mattie Mae Jackson; and one infant granddaughter, Sherie Renee Pratt.

Helen is survived by one daughter, Helen Teresa Kifer of Moore-

field; two sons, Jimmy (Shannon) Kifer of Old Fields and Doug Dolby of Moorefield; eight grandchildren; four great grandchildren; two sisters, Janet (Jimmy) Osborne of Dallas, N.C. and Rita (Billy) Mullins of Pound, Va.; one brother, Walter C. (Karen) Dolby of Middletown, Va.; numerous nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Kathy Roup.

Helen was employed by the former Raygold Industries and retired from Hester's Industries after 27 years. She was a member of Harper's Chapel Brethren Church. Helen's greatest joy was spending time with

her family.

A funeral service was held on Friday, April 1, 2022 in the chapel of the Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg. Pastor Shannon Earle officiated. Burial was in Olivet Cemetery in Moorefield.

Memorial donations may be made to the family, c/o Helen T. Kifer, 1583 Lost River State Park Road, Moorefield, WV, 26836.

Arrangements were handled by Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg.

## MICHAEL T. COAKLEY

Michael T. Coakley, 75, of Old Fields, passed away on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, Va.

Born December 18, 1946, in Germany, where his father was deployed, he was the son of the late Thomas and Mabel Coakley.

Mike worked for many years as a carpenter, property manager, and cemetery operations manager for Elmore Funeral Home and Elmore Ltd. He had a bachelor's degree in political science and was a jack-of-all-trades who thrived on helping people.

Mike had a strong faith and believed that he was supposed to work for Jesus in all that he did. He believed with all his heart that America was the greatest country in the world and the best place to live.

He is survived by his wife, Pam Pell, of Old Fields. According to his

wishes, Mike will be cremated and no services are planned at this time.

Elmore Funeral Home in Moorefield is honored to be assisting his family with the arrangements for their co-worker and friend.

## ALMA LOUISE DISPANET SHIPE



Alma Louise Dispanet Shipe, 93, of Mathias, died April 2, 2022 at the Hampshire Center in Romney.

She was born May 9, 1928 in Mathias, the daughter of the late Guy Franklin and Gladys Ketterman Dispanet.

Alma worked many years for National Fruit and later retired from Rockingham Poultry. She was a member of the Mathias Church of the Brethren.

On May 30, 1949 she married Woodrow Wilson Shipe, Sr., who preceded her in death Aug. 26, 1991.

Surviving are sons, Woodrow

W. Shipe, Jr. and wife Jackie Diane Harner Shipe of Massanutten, Va., Timothy B. Shipe and wife Shayna of Mathias; a daughter, Sheila L. Bland of Mathias; five grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and a sister, Bernice Miller and husband Willie of Mathias; and a daughter-in-law, Donna Mae Shipe.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, James E. Shipe; sisters Thelma Delawder, Lucille Strawderman, Minnie Kline, Shirley Hottinger, and Joyce Strawderman; brothers Guy Franklin Dispanet and an infant brother; son-

in-law, Lloyd "Jim" Bland; and daughters-in-law Sandra Shipe and Roselynn Shipe.

Rev Jonathan Hedrick conducted a memorial service Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at the Mathias Church of the Brethren. Burial will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to either the Mathias Church of the Brethren, 137 Upper Cove Run Rd, Mathias, WV 26812; or to the Mathias-Baker Vol. Fire Dept., PO Box 59 Mathias, WV 26812.

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

## Sam R. Fisher

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Moorefield; a great niece, Caitlyn Leona and great nephew, Avery Ogden Heishman.

Sam was an avid sailor who loved sailing on the Chesapeake Bay. He spent time at Dam 16 in Pendleton County hunting and fishing. He loved to read.

While living in Fairfax, Sam volunteered at the Newseum, a museum dedicated to news and journalism, promoting free expression and the First Amendment. He also volunteered at the Fairfax Museum, for Meals on Wheels, and on the Fairfax Police Chief's Advisory Council.

Sam began visiting a friend, Wal-

ter, in a Fairfax nursing home. The visits led to him regularly checking on a number of other patients there. From all reports he was a welcome visitor, leaving a trail of entertained elders behind him.

Sam was cremated; he will be inurned at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date.

Condolences may be sent to Samantha Fisher, 19016 Yellow Schoolhouse Road, Bluemont, VA 20135.

Memorials may be made to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, 6 Herndon Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403.

## AGE IN ACTION

## Mathias &amp; Wardensville: Home Delivered Only

To cancel or order a lunch call 304-530-2256, OPTION 2 or 6  
Lunch served from 12:00- 12:30  
PLEASE CALL BY 9:30 A.M. TO ORDER A MEAL.

Monday, April 11: Steak-um sub, onion rings, cucumber and tomato salad, and pineapple.

Tuesday, April 12: Lasagna, side salad, garlic bread, peas, and pudding.

Wednesday, April 13: Easter and Birthday Meal. Ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, roll, coleslaw, pickled egg, and apple slices.

Thursday, April 14: Sausage, pancakes w/syrup, hash browns, stewed tomatoes, pears, and orange juice.

Friday, April 15: Good Friday; Center closed.

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 staff is 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 appreciated.

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

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

## DONATIONS NEEDED

Hardy County Committee on Aging is participating in the AmazonSmile program. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices and convenient shopping features as on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com). The difference is when customers shop at AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)), the AmazonS-

mile foundation donates 0.5 percent of purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organizations selected by customers. Please remember us as you do your online shopping. AmazonSmile is an easy and convenient way to donate to your local Senior Center. Donations are used to offset the expenses of our nutrition program, which provides on-site meals, as well as home-delivered meals to eligible seniors in Hardy County. For more information, please call us at 304-530-2256 Option 5 or stop by the Senior Center at 409 Spring Ave., Moorefield, W.Va. Thank you for your support!

WE HAVE ENSURE. The price has increased: regular is \$25.50, plus is \$27.50.

Flavors available are chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, and butter pecan. Regular and Plus in same flavors. The cost has increased. We only accept checks for Ensure, no cash: Sorry for the inconvenience. Any questions, call the center at 304-530-2256 Option 6.

## ITEMS TO LEND OR GIVE

We have the following items available:

To Lend: Walkers, wheel chairs, bath benches, and potty chairs.

To Give: Incontinent briefs.

## MEDICARE HELP

Part D, prescription drugs; Part A, hospital; Part B, Doctor; Part C, advantage plans. Call 304-530-2256 Option 4 Extra help through Social Security, Department of Health and Human Service.

## HCCOA NEEDS HOMEMAKER AIDES

Aides provide services in the home of eligible participants. Please call us at 304-530-2256 Option 1 or 3 for more information.

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

**Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church**  
Rt. 55, Moorefield, WV  
304-434-2547  
Saturday Mass 5:00 PM  
Sunday Mass 8:00 AM

**Moorefield Seventh-Day Adventist Church**  
504 Trough Road  
Moorefield, WV  
Sabbath School – 9:30 a.m.  
Worship – 11:00 a.m.  
304-703-8997

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Rev. Brad Taylor

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- Wednesday Night Service at 7:00 p.m.

10 Queens Drive  
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(304) 434-2073  
[www.rigassemblyofgod.org](http://www.rigassemblyofgod.org)

**WALNUT GROVE Church of the Brethren**  
Rt. 55 East, Moorefield just before Corridor H exit

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**Churches and Organizations**  
Have an Easter service or event?

Let us know and we'll list it on our Easter pages in the April 13 edition of the Moorefield Examiner

Let us know by Friday, April 8 at 3 p.m.  
[emailclassifieds@moorefieldexaminer.com](mailto:emailclassifieds@moorefieldexaminer.com)  
or stop in at 132 S. Main St., Moorefield

## W.Va. Senior Legal Aid shares story of identity theft and elderly exploitation

By Deb Miller

WVa.SeniorLegalAid

Facing the painful and unexpected reality that he had already been bilked of at least \$30,000, Jerry had thought financial exploitation involved only scammers from some faraway place.

But, those closest to us actually

have far easier access to the information needed for financial exploitation because we know and trust them. Anyone with income or assets of any age can be a victim, according to Federal Trade Communication statistics.

Especially those who live on fixed incomes, like Social Security or SSI benefits, need to look out for their future well-being by planning for fi-

ancial protection.

Looking back, the fast pace of change had made it more difficult and frustrating for Jerry to handle his finances the way he used to. He neglected checking his bank statements and other account records. His wife had died less than a year before, and he was still sad and lonely.

Jerry's lack of interest in financial paperwork had allowed his grand-

daughter Ana to clean out most of his bank account without his knowing it. He had always trusted her.

Without his permission, Ana had set up new credit card accounts in his name and run up high charges. She had a lot of computer savvy and took advantage of him and the merchants. She had no intention of paying for

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## AT THE LIBRARY

### Easter Craft at the Library

The library will be hosting an Easter Craft for kids on Saturday, April 9 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mark your calendar and join us for some Easter fun!

### National Library Week

Libraries continue to serve as lifelines for millions during the pandemic, connecting people to opportunities, resources, and assistance. This National Library Week, April 3-9, visit your library online or in-person to learn how you can connect to technology, multimedia content, educational program, and more.

### Fund Drive 2022

Each year, Friends of the Library sponsors a fund drive during National Library Week (April 3-9) in support of the Hardy County Public Library.

The Library is a center for education, information, and entertainment for adults and children throughout the county — and beyond. Our local library serves as a public resource center that enriches the lives of its us-

ers in a multitude of ways and adds value to the community at large.

Since the pandemic has abated to a fair extent and people are finding their way back into the regular rhythm of their lives, our meeting room is seeing increased use. A significant echo effect has become very noticeable — and problematic — in this room, requiring the installation of acoustic panels to fix the issue. There are also a few lighting deficits that need to be addressed, as well. This year's fund drive aim is to meet those goals and make the meeting room more user-friendly for everyone.

If you would like to donate, please make your checks payable to the Friends of the Library, Hardy County, Inc. and mail your contribution to 102 North Main Street, Moorefield, WV 26836. You can also drop it off in person.

All donations of support are greatly appreciated — no matter the amount.

### New Fiction

*What Happened to the Bennets* by Lisa Scottoline — In the wake of

a violent carjacking by members of a dangerous drug-trafficking organization, the Bennett family now have targets on their backs and are given the option to enter the witness protection program. But when Jason — the suburban dad just trying to protect his family — learns a shocking truth, he has to take matters into his own hands.

*The Long Weekend* by Gilly MacMillan — A group of women travel to the most remote place in England for a weekend escape, only to discover a startling note that one of their husbands will be killed before they return home.

*The Wedding Veil* by Kristy Woodson Harvey — Across generations, four women are bound by a beautiful wedding veil and a connection to the famous Vanderbilt family.

*Fear Thy Neighbor* by Fern Michaels — After years of drifting from one small Florida town to another, Allison Marshall believes she's found the ideal place to settle down on Palmetto Island, but soon discovers that the locals have a dark secret, and she must either stay and join them or risk escaping.

*Young Mungo* by Douglas Stuart — Growing up in a housing estate in Glasgow, Mungo and James are born under different stars and should be sworn enemies if they're to be seen as men at all. Yet against all odds, they become best friends and fall in love. But Mungo must survive a traumatic event in order to get back to a place of safety — a place where he and James might still have a future.

*The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn — In 1937, in the snowbound city of Kiev (now known as Kyiv), wry and bookish history student Mila Pavlichenko organizes her life around her library job and her young son — but Hitler's invasion of Ukraine and Russia sends her on a different path. Given a rifle and sent to join the fight, Mila must forge herself from studious girl to deadly sniper — a lethal hunter of Nazis known as Lady Death.

*Death by Chocolate Chip Cupcake* (Death by Chocolate; 5) by Sarah Graves — Jacobia "Jake" Tiptree and Ellie White, owners of the Chocolate Moose Bakery, are hired to cater a retired film star's party in what's rumored to be Eastport, Maine's most

haunted house. But when a freak autumn storm traps everyone, it sets the stage for a killer's planned spree.

*The Deep* by Alma Katsu — Surviving the sinking of the Titanic, Annie takes a job as a nurse on the Britannic before encountering a fellow survivor who forces her to reckon with past demons.

### New Easy Readers

*The Library Fish* by Alyssa Satin Capucilli — When snow prevents Mr. Hughes from opening the library one day, book-loving Library Fish finds a way to entertain herself and her bookmobile friend.

*Perfectly Pegasus* by Jessie Sima — Nimbus, a lonely pegasus, searches for a fallen star to wish for a friend and meets a unicorn named Kelp along the way.

*Waiting for Mama* by Gianna Marino — It's deep winter in the Antarctic and a little penguin baby waits in the cold and snow for its mama to return from her long journey to find food. But all the while, the baby is protected and kept warm by its papa, until Mama returns with food...and love.

*Chez Bob* by Bob Shea — A lazy alligator comes up with a plan to lure his prey by opening up a restaurant for birds — until he realizes that birds are even better as friends.

*Snail's Ark* by Irene Latham — As a large storm approaches, snails Esther and Solomon make their way to the ark.

*Out of a Jar* by Deborah Marcerro — Llewellyn, a little rabbit overwhelmed by his emotions, hides away his feelings in glass jars, until he discovers life is more colorful when he sets his emotions free.

*Midnight & Moon* by Kelly Cooper — A girl and her horses learn to communicate from each other and eventually save each other in ways, both small and large.

*Everything Will Be OK* by Anna Dewdney — A little bunny learns that while some days can feel more sad than happy, there's always a bright spot on the horizon.

*The Year We Learned to Fly* by Jacqueline Woodson — By heeding their wise grandmother's advice, a brother and sister discover the ability to lift themselves up and imagine a better world.

# Annual W.Va. Trout Fest in Franklin set for May 6-8

By Ken Bustin

Moorefield Examiner

Mark your calendars: The 16th Annual West Virginia Trout Fest is scheduled for May, 6, 7, and 8 this year. After two years of hiatus due to COVID, this popular annual event is back.

Hosted by the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Visitors Bureau, the festival kicks off with Miss W.Va. Trout Fest at 6 p.m. on April 23.

This year's competition will welcome girls ages 9-21 years old, residing across West Virginia.

The remainder of the festival takes place two weeks later on May 6, 7 and 8, when the Pendleton County Chamber welcomes back radio host Chris Lawrence.

Friday evening's activities consist of the Annual Fish Fry, Minnow Children's Pageants, and the craft show and food vendor openings.

Saturday morning is when the majority of the excitement happens.

Trout Rodeo begins at 8 a.m., followed by a day full of local vendors, musical performances, a performance by Raymond's Gymnastics Studio, a 5K race sponsored by the Economic Development Authority, an expanded kids' conservation area, a newly-added pet show, a talent show, and more!

Spend your Mother's Day closing out Trout Fest with some delicious food, church in the park and local gospel music.

"We still have vendor spaces available for anyone wishing to participate," says Chamber & CVB Director Ciara Lambert. "And we are also actively looking for any non-profit who wishes to collaborate with the Festival board and do a fundraiser during this event," she said, adding, "We recognize how tough the past two years has been for all non-profits."

"Not only do we want to build the festival yearly, we also want to utilize all area resources and 'be local' for all of the festival needs," Lambert promised.

"We also encourage any local citizens who wish to volunteer and participate to contact us, as well," Lambert said.

"We have several ways in which you can be active and play a positive role for the betterment of our community during the festival," she explained. Lambert's email address is director@pendletoncountywv.com.

"Trout Fest plans are still evolving, so be sure to check out social media often for all updates regarding the weekend's events. You will soon start seeing all things 'fishy' pop up around (Franklin), with our window decorating contest once again taking place April 6. That is always one of my personal favorite events, I love seeing the creativity flow!" Lambert said, with an enthusiastic grin.

Planning for the event is still ongoing. The next Trout Fest meeting is scheduled for March 30 at 5:30 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce office. Any members of the public who wish to be involved are encouraged to attend.

# Eastern marks 23rd anniversary

## College community gathered March 21 to celebrate

By Thomas Striplin

Eastern WVCTC

Staff, students, and members of the community met March 21 on the campus of Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College to celebrate the school's 23rd anniversary.

Eastern, founded on March 21, 1999, originally operated from the basement of the Hardy County

Courthouse, and later used the Harco Building (now known as the Summit Center building) near Moorefield Middle School. In 2008, the college moved to 316 Eastern Drive, located between the Moorefield and East Moorefield exits of Corridor H (U.S. 48/WV 55).

At the celebration, Greg Greenwalt, chairman of the college's Board of Governors, and Thomas Striplin, president of Eastern, spoke brief-

ly about the college's history and achievements. The anniversary event included refreshments and live music by a classic rock band that featured college employees.

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College, based in Moorefield, serves six counties in the Potomac Highlands with a variety of programs. For more information, email [askeastern@easternwv.edu](mailto:askeastern@easternwv.edu) or call 304-434-8000.

# Sobriety Checkpoint to be held April 8

By First Sergeant P.B. Cork

WVa. State Police

On Friday April 8, 2022, from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m., members of the West Virginia State Police will be conducting a sobriety checkpoint in Hardy County, located in Moorefield, on U.S. 220 beneath the U.S. Route 48

overpass in the vicinity of Weimer Chrysler Dodge. The secondary location will be located on U.S. 220 in Grant County in Petersburg along the 400 block of Virginia Avenue.

The primary purpose of the checkpoint is to educate the motoring public about the effects of driving impaired either by alcohol, drugs, or both. During the checkpoint, drivers

will be checked for any other traffic infractions as well. This project is funded through the Commission on Drunk Driving Prevention.

This message is being published as an effort to remind drivers not to drink and drive and to increase awareness of the hazards of intoxicated driving.

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# Duffey UMC sticks to the plan for a successful AWANA year

By Connie Sherman

Standing in agreement of their slogan, “Stick to the Plan,” the Duffey United Methodist Church’s Children and Youth Ministry team began planning meetings in July 2021 in preparation to resume the AWANA program after being unable to hold club meetings due to the pandemic. Lead by AWANA Commander Kelly Moran, the team was committed to a full AWANA club year despite any challenges that they may have to face. Tuesday, March 29, was the closing ceremony that marked the end of the first post-pandemic AWANA club year. Speaking to a full sanctuary, Moran praised the success of the club year and, “how gathering together is something that we will no longer take for granted.” Club members, teachers, helpers and parents all agreed it was a great year!

Some changes this club year included having the Duffey Youth and the new 6th grade Young Disciple Club meet on Monday nights. The regular AWANA clubs continued meeting on Tuesday evenings, however the schedule was changed in an



effort to separate classes during large group time, and all other activities, lessons and snacks were held in the individual classrooms. Despite the changes, it was a successful year with an average of 40 children attending the AWANA program, six kids in the Young Disciple club and

around 25 youth each week.

The name AWANA is an acronym for “Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed” which comes from 2 Timothy, chapter 2 verse 15 of the Bible. Children pre-school age through the 6th grade learn the importance of learning and memorizing scripture.

The mission of AWANA is to “teach boys and girls the gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him.” Duffey UMC will begin registration in late summer for next year’s program and all children are welcome.

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Horseshoe’s summer season includes teen leadership and entrepreneurship camps, Adventure Camp for 7 – 12 year olds, and Youth Opportunity Camps which are free of charge for income-eligible boys and girls. From outdoor recreation to team building challenges to creativity and technology in our new MakerSpace laboratory, the Horseshoe experience offers growth, challenge, and adventure for all. Our outdoor setting and commitment to health and safety guidelines make quality programs possible in the age of COVID-19.

For more information, call Horseshoe at (304) 478-2481, e-mail horseshoe@yla-youthleadership.org or write Horseshoe Leadership Center at 3309 Horseshoe Run Rd, Parsons, WV 26287-9029. Limited positions available.

## THIS WEEK IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY

By Michael Keller

WV Humanities Council

Charleston WV – The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

April 6, 1938: The Civilian Conservation Corps established Camp Kanawha in the Kanawha State Forest. The CCC removed all of the abandoned houses, coal tipples, and other structures no longer in use, and constructed roads, the forest superintendent’s residence, office, maintenance building, and picnic shelters.

April 6, 1944: Guitarist David Morris was born in Ivydale, Clay County. With his brother John on fiddle, the Morris Brothers founded music festivals, supported union and environmental causes, and promoted West Virginia traditional music nationwide.

April 7, 1927: A. James Manchin was born in Farmington. In 1984, Manchin ran for state treasurer, but he fell into trouble once elected. With a stock market downturn in 1987, Manchin bore much of the blame when the state lost nearly \$300 million in investments.

April 7, 1947: Medal of Honor recipient Thomas W. Bennett was born in Morgantown. Believing it was wrong to evade the draft while others had to serve in Vietnam, he volunteered as a noncombatant medic. He was killed by gunfire while trying to drag a wounded soldier to safety.

April 8, 1891: The town of Paw Paw was incorporated. Strategically located on the Potomac River, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and the C&O Canal, Paw Paw was named for the banana-like pawpaw fruit that grows in the area.

April 8, 1951: An Air National Guard transport plane crashed near Kanawha (now Yeager) Airport, killing 21.

April 9, 1900: Physician Margaret Byrnside “Dr. Maggie” Ballard was born. She actively pursued her interest in genealogy and local history and was one of the founders of the Monroe County Historical Society.

April 10, 1848: John Kenna was born in Kanawha County. In 1883, the state legislature elected him to the U.S. Senate, unseating the powerful Henry Gassaway Davis. Kenna is one of two West Virginians memorialized by a statue in the U.S. Capitol.

April 10, 1932: Entertainer Blaze Starr was born as Fanny Belle Fleming in Wayne County. The owner of a burlesque club rechristened her “Blaze Starr.” She became known as “Queen of the Strippers.”

April 11, 1821: Congressman Jacob Beeson Blair was born in Parkersburg. Blair was the first West Virginian to be told by President Abraham Lincoln of Lincoln’s support of the admission of West Virginia into the United States.

April 11, 1909: Writer Hubert Skidmore was born at Laurel Mountain in Webster County. In his novels, Skidmore depicted stoic endurance by mountain people in the face of



John Kenna

misfortune and economic exploitation by outside interests.

April 12, 1865: The 36th Virginia Infantry, known as the Logan Wildcats, disbanded. The Confederate company was created at Logan Courthouse on June 3, 1861, and consisted of about 85 men. The company saw its first action in the Battle of Scary Creek in Putnam County.

April 12, 1885: Photographer George James Kossuth was born. After he opened his Wheeling studio in 1909, he achieved broad fame for



Blaze Starr

his insightful portraits of many of the world’s celebrities, including Richard Strauss, Jascha Heifetz, Leopold Stokowski, Clarence Darrow and Richard Nixon.

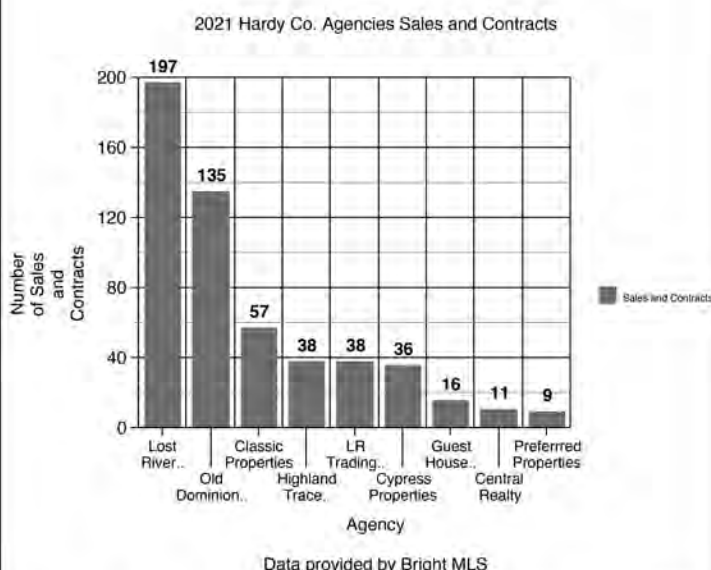
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**This is a partial listing and does not include anywhere near all items that are to be sold!**

1935 Chevy Truck with original in-line 6 motor; 1973 Volkswagen Beetle with motor; 1968 Pontiac GTO with 389 engine Model 68-242; 1953 Ford Car 4 Door W/ Flathead V8 3 on the tree; Datsun with motor; 1981 Datsun with Turbo Engine (Turbo intact); Oldsmobile Cutlass with 330 Motor; Metropolitan; 1964 Ford Fairlane with 289 small block engine; 1968 Ford Mustang straight 6 Cylinder; 1957 Chevy Bel Air Hardtop with Manual Transmission; 40s Chrysler with flathead 6 motor; Trailerblazer; 1999 Dodge Ram 1500 4x4 Pickup with 5.2 Litre 318 Motor Drives and runs great; 2005 Ford Triton F-150 Drives and runs great; 1955 4 Door Chevy Car with 350 motor; 1954 Ford Car with Chevy 350 motor; Toy Truck Custom Deluxe Chevy; Early 1920s Nash w/ 6 cylinder (Fully Restored); Metropolitan with 4 cylinder Motor; Pre '47 Model Ford Truck with 350 Chevy Small Block Engine; Firebird with 350 engine; Kawasaki Bulcun 1500 with 19k miles; LLBallo Scooter; 1970s Honda Trail 90 in good condition as well as parts and frame to second bike; 1988 Yamaha 250 Motorcycle; Car Hauler Trailer; Utility Trailer with tool box; Kabota Riding Lawn Mower; Old School Bus; Caterpillar Dozer.

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## OBITUARIES

# Summit Financial Group reports earnings

Summit Financial Group, Inc. ("Company" or "Summit") (NASDAQ: SMMF) reported continued strong financial results for the fourth quarter of 2021, including growth in earnings, net interest income, revenue, and commercial and total loans to new record levels, while maintaining sustained asset quality strength and expense discipline.

The Company, which serves commercial and individual clients across West Virginia, the Washington metropolitan area, Virginia and Kentucky through Summit Community Bank, Inc., grew fourth quarter 2021 net income applicable to common shares to \$12.4 million, or \$0.95 per diluted share. Earnings increased 2.8 percent from \$12.0 million, or \$0.92 per diluted share, in the third quarter of 2021 and 20.5

percent from \$10.3 million, or \$0.79 per share, in the fourth quarter of 2020. For the year ended December 31, 2021, Summit grew earnings by 44.1 percent to \$45.1 million, or \$3.47 per share, from \$31.3 million, or \$2.41 per share in 2020.

"We believe we have some of the best bankers in the markets we serve, which has been key to our ability to accelerate organic loan growth through the fourth quarter and position us well with significant commercial new business pipelines heading into 2022," said H. Charles Maddy, III, President and Chief Executive Officer. "We also continued to manage the balance sheet to maximize profitability while maintaining our low operating expense advantage relative to peers."

## Highlights for Q4 2021

Total loans, excluding mortgage warehouse lines of credit and Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP") lending, increased 6.4 percent, or 25.7 percent annualized, during the quarter and 20.9 percent during the year.

Commercial loans excluding PPP lending increased 8.6 percent (34.4 percent annualized) during the quarter and 34.3 percent during 2021.

Net interest income increased 2.8 percent from the linked quarter and 10.0 percent from the year-ago period, primarily due to loan growth and lower funding costs.

Net interest margin ("NIM") increased 2 basis points to 3.49 percent from the linked

quarter, as yield on interest earning assets increased 3 basis points while the cost of funds increased 1 basis point. Summit remains strategically well positioned for a rising rate environment.

Revenue from net interest income and noninterest income, excluding gains and losses on debt securities and equity investments, grew 6.2 percent from the linked quarter and 11.7 percent from the year-ago quarter.

Incurred \$1.5 million provision for credit losses in the quarter compared to none in the linked quarter and \$3.0 million in the year-ago quarter; period-end allowance for loan credit losses equaled \$32.3 million, or 1.17 percent of total loans and 254.4 percent of nonperforming loans.

Grew pre-tax, pre-provision earnings

10.5 percent from the linked quarter and 9.6 percent from the year-ago quarter.

Achieved an efficiency ratio of 49.04 percent and annualized non-interest expense of 2.02 percent of average assets.

Reduced property held for sale by 20.8 percent during the quarter and 36.8 percent from December 31, 2020.

Reduced nonperforming assets ("NPAs") to 0.63 percent of total assets, excluding restructured assets, down 4 basis points during the quarter and 53 basis points from December 31, 2020.

Issued \$75 million of growth capital through the private placement of 3.25% Fixed-to-Floating Rate Subordinated Notes due 2031.

## Highlands Bankshares, Inc. Announces Year End 2021 Results

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. (OTC: HBSI) announces results of operations for the year end 2021.

Highlands Bankshares, Inc., the parent company of The Grant County Bank and Capon Valley Bank, posted year ended 2021 earnings of \$4,935,000 or \$3.69 per share of common stock outstanding (EPS), compared to \$3,341,000 or \$2.50 EPS for the same period of 2020.

On February 8, 2022, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend to shareholders of \$0.45 per share. The dividend was payable to all shareholders of record as of February 25, 2022 and was paid on or about March 4, 2022. Based upon the current market price and annualizing the dividends paid to shareholders this quarter, Highlands' current dividend yield is 4.09%.

Return on average assets (ROAA) increased in 2021 to 0.95%, as compared to 0.70% in the same period of 2020. The return on average equity (ROAE) increased to 8.30% at December 31, 2021, as compared to 6.02% at December 31, 2020.

Total assets, as of December 31, 2021, increased \$42,941,000 to \$518,423,000 compared to December 31, 2020. Total liabilities increased \$39,860,000 as of December 31, 2021 to \$458,988,000 compared to December 31, 2020 as a result of deposit growth.

Shareholders' Equity at December 31, 2021 was \$59,425,000 or \$44.45 per outstanding share, compared to December 31, 2020 of \$56,344,000 or \$42.14 per outstanding share.

Jack H. Walters, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the holding company, stated, "We are very pleased with the performance we achieved in 2021 and proud of our ability to support businesses and individuals across the Potomac Highlands during challenging times. We remain focused on our goals of supporting our communities, being an exemplary employer, and providing fair returns to shareholders."

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. is listed on the OTC market under the symbol HBSI (<http://www.otcmkt.com>) and is the holding company for The Grant County Bank and Capon Valley Bank. Highland's subsidiary banks operate twelve banking locations in West Virginia and Virginia and offer credit insurance through its wholly-owned subsidiary, HBI Life Insurance Company.

## The Grant County Bank announces retirement of Kathy Kimble and Allen Evans from Board of Directors

Grant County Bank announced that Kathy Kimble and Allen Evans have retired from The Grant County Bank Board of Directors, effective December 31, 2021.

Kimble, a retired retail business owner, served on The Grant County Bank Board of Directors for 32 years, after being appointed in 1989. She also served as a member of the Highlands Bankshares, Inc. Board of Directors from 2001-2020.

Evans, who served in the West Virginia House of Delegates from 1990-2018, is a former poultry farmer by trade, and joined The Grant County Bank Board of Directors in 1995.

George Ford, Grant County Bank president,

said, "Kathy and Allen's service and dedication to The Grant County Bank, and specifically community banking, will be greatly missed and we will always be grateful for the significant contributions they have made. The Grant County Bank has been fortunate to have their service for the past many years and we extend best wishes to them both in the future."

### About Grant County Bank

The Grant County Bank was chartered as a West Virginia state bank on August 6, 1902 and began operations on August 15 with its first office

in Petersburg, W.Va. Our mission of providing financial services and products to families, small businesses and the agricultural community has served both our customers and the bank well over the years.

Subsequently, The Grant County Bank has expanded its marketplace throughout the Potomac Highlands and now operates a total of seven offices in six counties. After more than a century of continued service, The Grant County Bank is truly "Committed to The Communities We Serve" and is a subsidiary of Highlands Bankshares, Inc., also headquartered in Petersburg.

## First United Corporation announces Second Quarter 2022 dividend

First United Corporation (NASDAQ: FUNC) announces that its Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$1.15 per share that will be payable on May 2, 2022 to holders of record of the Corporation's common stock as of April 18, 2022.

About First United Corporation  
First United Corporation is the parent company of First United

Bank & Trust, a Maryland trust company with commercial banking powers. The Bank's wholly-owned subsidiaries include OakFirst Loan Center, Inc. and OakFirst Loan Center, LLC, both of which are finance companies, and First OREO Trust and FUBT OREO I, LLC, both of which were formed for the purposes of holding, servicing and dispos-

ing of the real estate that the Bank acquires through foreclosure or by deed in lieu of foreclosure. The Bank also owns 99.9% of the limited partnership interests in Liberty Mews Limited Partnership, which was formed for the purpose of acquiring, developing and operating low-income housing units in Garrett County, Maryland and a 99.9% non-

voting membership interest in MCC FUBT Fund, LC, an Ohio limited liability company formed for the purpose of acquiring, developing and operating low-income housing units in Allegany County, Maryland. The Corporation's website is [www.mybank.com](http://www.mybank.com).

## Farm Credit of the Virginias releases 2021 Annual Report

In March, Farm Credit of the Virginias, a financial cooperative serving Virginia, West Virginia, and western Maryland, released its 2021 annual report, highlighting strong financial positioning. The Association made great strides in carrying out its mission to support agriculture and its rural communities, and remained focused on helping customer-owners navigate a difficult agricultural and economic environment.

Farm Credit of the Virginias' 2021 annual reports were mailed to stockholders and customer-owners in March. To view the report, visit

<https://www.farmcreditofvirginias.com/about/financial-reports>

According to the report, Farm Credit of the Virginias' total loan volume at the conclusion of 2021 was \$2.03 billion. In December, the cooperative surpassed \$2 billion in loan volume, marking a major growth milestone. The total loan volume was \$159.2 million greater than the previous year, representing an 8.51% growth margin. Net income at the conclusion of 2021 was approximately \$49.6 million, of which \$20.4 million is attributable to special patronage from AgFirst. In 2021,

net income was \$16.6 million greater than budget projections.

Each year, the Farm Credit of the Virginias Board of Directors approves an appropriate level of patronage dividends, carefully balancing the operational goals of the cooperative with the desire to return as much cash to members as possible. In April 2021, the association distributed a considerable patronage dividend resulting from the strong financial positioning of 2020. Farm Credit of the Virginias delivered \$40 million to customer-owners in Virginia, West Virginia, and western Maryland in

2021, providing customer-owners a source of stability during a time of uncertainty.

Farm Credit of the Virginias CEO, Brad Cornelius, said, "Looking ahead, our number one priority remains to meet the lending needs of our agricultural constituents and the rural communities we serve, come what may. Farm Credit of the Virginias will remain leaders in our field, through good times and bad, by providing extensive local knowledge and agricultural expertise, competitive rates, excellent customer service and leveraging our strong financial

position to provide attractive patronage dividends. We are grateful for our loyal customer-owners and the great industry we serve."

About Farm Credit of the Virginias

Farm Credit of the Virginias provides over \$2 billion dollars in financing to more than 12,000 farmers, agribusinesses and rural homeowners throughout Virginia, West Virginia and western Maryland. Farm Credit is a cooperative capitalized largely through investments made by farmers, ranchers and the rural homeowners and businesses

that borrow from them. In fact, as part of a nationwide network they are the largest single provider of agricultural credit in the United States and have been for over 100 years. Farm Credit helps maintain and improve the quality of life in rural America and on the farm through its constant commitment to competitive lending, expert financial services and for facilitating and sharing knowledge and resources through the Farm Credit Knowledge Center. For more information, visit [www.FarmCreditofVirginias.com](http://www.FarmCreditofVirginias.com).

## Public Service Commission and GO-WV host gas pipeline safety seminars

By Susan Small  
PSC of WV

The Public Service Commission of West Virginia and the Gas and Oil Association of West Virginia (GO-WV) are holding Pipeline Safety Seminars in Charleston on April 5 and Bridgeport on April 7.

The one-day seminars are free of charge to operators and will focus on a review of Federal and State requirements and recent developments in the industry. Featured speakers at the conference will include the PSC Gas Pipeline Safety Division and representatives of the industry. Lunch will be provided to participants.

"The purpose of the seminars is to ensure all regulated pipeline operators in West Virginia understand and comply with pipeline safety regulations to ensure the safety and integrity of West Virginia's pipelines," according to PSC Chairman Charlotte Lane, who is scheduled to speak at the Charleston seminar. "Anyone who works in the pipeline industry will benefit from this seminar and we encourage all to attend."

The Public Service Commission is responsible for the inspection and enforcement of Federal and State pipeline safety regulations for 96 natural gas and hazardous liquid pipeline operators with approximately 14,000 miles of intrastate pipelines.

GO-WV is a non-profit corporation with 600 member companies working to promote and protect the oil and natural gas industry in West Virginia.

Details and online registration are available at: <https://govw.com/events/2022-pipeline-safety-seminar/>

The quarterly meeting of the **Hardy County LEPC** will be held on **April 11, 2022 at Hardy County 9-1-1 Center.** The meeting will start at **7 p.m.** A copy of the **Agenda** may be obtained from the **Office of Emergency Management.**

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## SPORTS

# No joke, Cougars rally from eight run deficit to defeat defending champs

By Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

Three time Class A defending state champion Moorefield looked true to form starting the Hardy Boys Hardwood Classic with a home run en route to a 9-1 advantage on April Fool's Day, but it was no joke how the Cougars quickly licked their wounds overcoming adversity of a myriad of errors putting the ball into play to commandeer a 12-10 victory for the first time over the Yellow Jackets in five years.

"I told them not to give up. We committed eight errors in one inning, but told them not to give up. I knew we could hit, just like in practice. I told them to keep on dealing and we would get back in this" East Hardy coach Tyler Mongold remarked.

"Kollin was big for us tonight. We had two starters missing and he is normally our designated hitter, but I had him playing in the field, too. He stepped up in both roles. We settled down and battled back. Noah gave up that home run, then struck out the next kid. I like to see him battle. I've never seen as many errors as we made and still be in the

game. I am proud of how our guys battled and got back into the game. We are slowly coming around and putting the barrel on the ball. Putting the ball in play and seeing what happens is all I can ask of them. This was definitely the biggest win of my career,"

Moorefield leadoff batter Tyson Arnold took East Hardy pitcher Noah Sager to the yard with a solo home run creating the initial edge.

This was the first regular season loss to a Class A team for the Yellow Jackets in four seasons.

Sager countered with a strikeout to Coleman Mongold before Karson Reed flew out to right field.

Bryce Hines drew a walk for the Yellow Jackets and was able to steal around to third base with the help of passed balls and an error, but was stranded on a strikeout to Garrett Strickler.

Moorefield pitcher Garrett Strickler put East Hardy down in order by inducing groundouts by Noah Sager and Brandon Jones which were fielded by Mongold and Hines, then threw a strikeout to Dawson Price.

It was a sloppy defensive second inning for the Cougars as Moorefield took advantage of six errors to garner seven runs.

Moorefield's Alex Miller singled into left field and Ryan McGregor bunted safely for a single, then Michael Cost reached base on an error to load the bases.

Sager earned a strikeout for the first out coming to Gavin Wolfe.

Arnold connected for an RBI single with the help of an error in center field where the ball ricocheted off the glove, then nearly got caught near second base as Cost was still there and had to dash back to first base in the nick of time.

Mongold executed an RBI bunt single as the momentum continued.

Reed plated three runs on a fielder's choice error and advanced to third base on the sequence as the Yellow Jackets built a 6-nil advantage.

Hines was tagged out on a grounder which gave time for Reed to cross home plate.

Strickler and Miller reached the bases on errors and Hines scored on the latter error for an 8-0 lead before a groundout by McGregor

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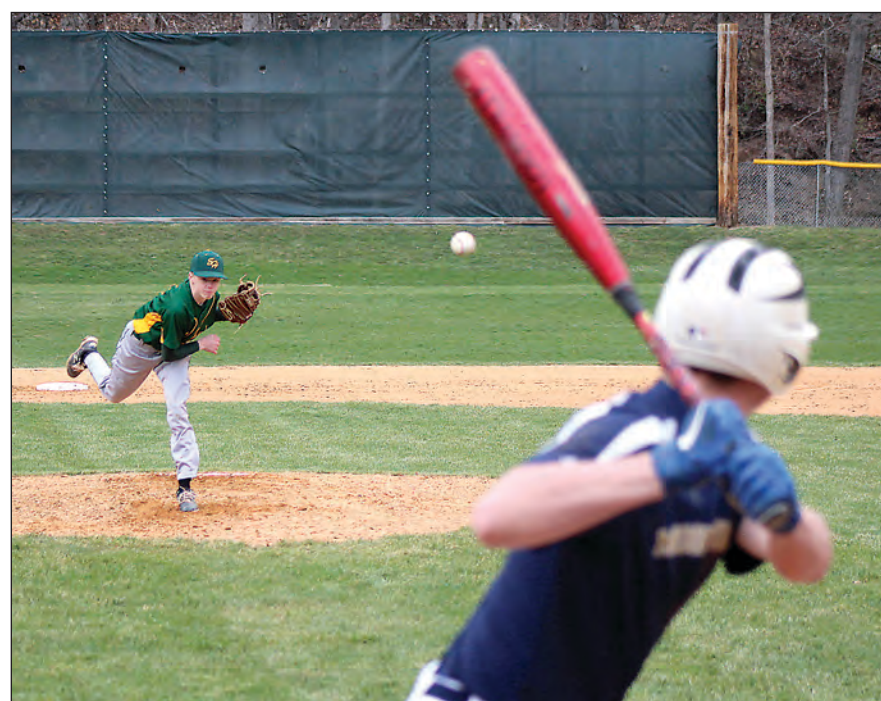


Photo by Carl Holcomb  
East Hardy pitcher Noah Sager throws a strike to Moorefield's Bryce Hines during the Hardy Boys Hardball Classic in Baker on Friday night.



Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield's McKenna Crites slides towards third base as Keyser's Alyson Smith prepares to make a tag.

## Moorefield trips Wildcats in no-hitter shutout

By Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

The Yellow Jackets swarmed George Hott Field for five runs in the opening frame to establish a comfort zone and two-pitchers combined for a no-hitter to oust Pendleton County in a 9-nil shutout capped off with a double play on Wednesday.

Moorefield starting pitcher Michael Cost recorded eight strikeouts in four innings allowing only three walks and Gary Weese finished off the no-hitter with defensive assistance.

"We definitely have been focusing a lot more on our hitting in practice and guys have been working really hard. It's great that it showed up early in the game, so we could get some runs and everybody could relax and we could settle in de-

fensively," Moorefield skipper Wade Armentrout noted.

"It was a no-hitter tonight, a combination between [Michael] Cost and [Gary] Weese. It was a really good performance keeping the ball around the plate and our defense has been working really hard. We had some great defensive plays out there. [Gavin] Wolfe covered a lot of ground out there and was able to track down a lot of fly balls. That really helps your defense when your pitchers are throwing a lot of strikes, because it brings a lot of rhythm to the game. We know we have to get better defensively and we have been working hard to get better, so it was good to end the game with that big defensive play."

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## Jackets' blunders elevate Keyser

By Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

Moorefield Softball pitcher Amber Williams was throwing a no-hitter through three innings before the wheels fell off as the Golden Tornado took advantage of errors and made connections to commandeer an 11-2 victory at Sager Field on Wednesday.

"I believe [Amber Williams] she did [no-hitter] until the third or fourth inning. We had some defensive errors behind her that hurt. Amber did very well. After the errors, they started to hit the ball more and eventually hit a home run. Soon after that, I had to pull her and put Emily [Kuykendall] in. We beat ourselves defensively tonight and waited too long to get the bats going," Moorefield coach Bridget Sions noted.

Williams started the game putting Keyser down in order with a strikeout to Morgan Pratt, then shortstop McKenna Crites caught a pop-up by Alyson Smith and Alexa Shoemaker popped out to Williams retiring the side.

McKenna Crites grounded out on a bunt fielded by Keyser catcher Tayler Likens, then Daleny Crites executed a bunt single and stole around to third base as the Yellow Jackets had a runner in scoring position.

Moorefield's Emily Kuykendall was issued a walk by Keyser pitcher Charity Wolfe.

The Yellow Jackets baserunners were left on the pond as Wolfe struck out Allie Biser and Marissa Ward.

Keyser's Rylee Mangold flew out to Moorefield left fielder Breanna Green making a leaping catch to begin the sec-

ond inning.

Wolfe drew a full-count walk from Williams but was stranded as Likens flew out to Ward in center field and Williams snared a line drive from Averi Everline.

The Yellow Jackets failed to reach the base path again as Carlee Haines grounded out to Wolfe, then Sterling Kump and Malina Price struck out.

Williams kept the Golden Tornado off the bases in the third inning with a strikeout to Alyvia Idleman before inducing groundouts from Ivy Bromhal and Pratt, which were fielded by Biser and Kuykendall.

Moorefield's Aryana Wachter popped out to third baseman Alyson Smith for the first out.

McKenna Crites crushed a double to

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Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield third baseman Tyson Arnold receives a pass from Karson Reed and prepares to make a game ending double play tag on Pendleton County's Caleb Armentrout.

## East Hardy rally falls short in extra innings against Bishop Walsh



Photo by Carl Holcomb

Bishop Walsh pitcher Chloe Greise reaches to tag East Hardy baserunner Victoria Ames as she dives to home plate in Baker.

By Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

Bishop Walsh Softball held an early lead, but the Cougars rallied to force extra innings before the Spartans finished off East Hardy 11-6 in eight innings on a snowy and chilly Friday night.

This was originally supposed to be a doubleheader, but the second game was rescheduled due to the longevity of the first contest and frigid weather.

"We were extremely pleased with our players battling back in the latter innings to get tied to push into extras. I was hoping the contest would have been more consistent across, but that's softball," East Hardy coach Kelly Heishman stated.

"Some creativity got us in scoring positions and we managed to capitalize on useful at-bats to bring runners in to match our opponents' runs. The final inning was the heartbreaker,

our pitcher, with the defense behind her, battled hard to limit additional runs crossing the plate for the opponent, but those five runs in the top of the eighth inning sealed the deal and the quick sand was too deep and thickening quickly, for our young ladies to dig out of the bottom of the inning to post more runs."

East Hardy center fielder Madison Heishman tracked down a fly ball by Bishop Walsh leadoff batter Ariana Herrera to commence the game.

Cougars starting pitcher Gabby Miller induced a groundout by Bishop Walsh's Jenn Witt which was collected by first baseman Autumn Crites.

Courtney Adams delivered a solo home run to put the Spartans up 1-nil, then Bailee Greise reached base on an error.

Chloe Greise singled into right field for Bishop Walsh as the sisters were aboard.

East Hardy shortstop Victoria Ames located a blooper by Brooke Adams and fired to third

baseman Jace Thompson, who alertly made the tag at third base.

The Cougars went down in order during the bottom half of the frame as Addison Armentrout flew out to center field, then Bishop Walsh pitcher Chloe Greise caught a pop-up from Heishman and struck out Bryce Miller.

Gabby Miller struck out Bishop Walsh's Gigi Jessi to start the second inning prior to a single by Cathy Cessna.

Ale Puerto notched an RBI double to put the Spartans ahead 2-0.

Crites snared a line drive by Herrera, then Witt flew out to Thompson.

In the bottom of the second inning, East Hardy's Gabby Miller popped up to Bishop Walsh shortstop Brooke Adams.

Ames garnered a single into left field and Crites followed with a single into right field to place runners on the corners.

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# Petersburg grounds Yellow Jackets



Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield's Korbin Keplinger steals second base as Petersburg's Mickala Taylor receives the pass from the catcher at Sager Field.

By Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

Petersburg pitcher Samantha Colaw tossed a complete game with seven strikeouts and the bats started to come alive for the Vikings in the fourth inning and a home run capped off a 5-1 victory over the Yellow Jackets in Moorefield on Tuesday.

"That was a good ball game, but a quick ball game. I was very proud of them for holding it tight, until the fourth inning. I am very proud of our defense tonight. Our defense looked a lot better today, than the past couple of games. We just got our hits together too late. I pulled them together and told them they are swinging at too many balls. I don't know if why it was until the seventh inning where they started focusing on the good strikes. That's one thing we need to work on moving forward is to swing at strikes and not at balls. I am hoping that helps a lot. It was a good game," Moorefield coach Bridget Sions commented.

Moorefield starting pitcher Emily Kuyk-

endall jammed Petersburg leadoff batter Mackenzie Kitzmiller into a pop-up caught by second baseman Allie Biser.

Moorefield third baseman Korbin Keplinger fielded a grounder off the bat of Brooklynn Rohrbaugh and tossed to first baseman Amber Williams for the second out.

Braylee Corbin reached base on an error in right field and made it to second base for the Vikings, then the baserunner was stranded on a pop-up by Colaw to Biser.

Moorefield's McKenna Crites singled into center field then Colaw responded with a strikeout to Daleny Crites.

Colaw issued a walk to Kuykendall and Carlee Haines came in as a courtesy runner.

Biser popped out to first base for the second out, then both runners were left on the pond as Marissa Ward's laser was snatched by Vikings second baseman Mackenzie Kitzmiller.

Petersburg went down in order during the second inning as Mickala Taylor's shot into center field was caught by Ward.

Hannah Hamric grounded out to Biser

and Kennedy Kaposy struck out.

The Yellow Jackets didn't have much luck in the bottom half of the frame as Sterling Kump grounded out to Colaw, Williams grounded out to shortstop Mickala Taylor and Malina Price grounded out to first baseman Hannah Hamrick.

Ward caught another fly ball in the third inning from Petersburg's Caitlyn Cooper, then Jaslyn Shook reached base on an error and advanced to second base on the sequence.

Kitzmiller was thrown out at first base on a dropped third strike call as catcher Malina Price made the toss to Williams.

Kump tracked down a fly ball in left field off the bat of Rohrbaugh for the third out.

Colaw induced two groundouts sandwiching a strikeout to keep the Yellow Jackets off the base path in the third inning (Keplinger, M. Crites, D. Crites).

Corbin crushed a double into right field in the top of the fourth inning to get some offense going for the Vikings.

Colaw lined out to McKenna Crites at shortstop as the baserunner remained at sec-

ond base.

Taylor ripped a double into left field, but Kump fired the ball back to keep Jazlynn Mowery from going home.

Hamric smacked a sharp grounder to second base and an error allowed two runs to come home as Petersburg took a 2-nil edge. Kaposy singled into left field and Cooper drew a walk to load the bases, then Kuykendall struck out Shook.

Kitzmiller grounded out to Biser as the Yellow Jackets escaped further damage.

Moorefield couldn't get on the bases as Colaw sandwiched two strikeouts around a groundout (Kuykendall, Biser, Ward).

Rohrbaugh reached base on an error for the Vikings in the top of the fifth inning, then Corbin delivered an RBI double into center field to increase the lead 3-0.

After a single by Colaw, Williams came in to pitch for the Yellow Jackets and recorded a strikeout against Taylor.

Petersburg's Mowery scored on a passed ball to make it 4-0 prior to Williams striking out Hamric and Kaposy.

Colaw struck out Kump, then Williams

flew out in right field foul territory to Abigail Alt and Price grounded out to Kitzmiller as Moorefield came up empty again.

The Vikings went down in order during the sixth inning as Williams sandwiched two strikeouts around catching a pop-up.

Keplinger singled for the Yellow Jackets, but was stranded on a groundout and two strikeouts.

Corbin hammered a solo home run in the top of the seventh inning with one out to give the Vikings a 5-nil advantage.

Two groundouts fielded by Biser surrounded a single from Taylor to close out the side.

Colaw issued a leadoff walk to Biser in the bottom of the seventh inning, then Ward singled into center field for the Yellow Jackets.

Kump advanced the runners on a ground-

out. Williams recorded an RBI groundout to deny a shutout as Moorefield got on the scoreboard, 5-1.

Price grounded out to Kitzmiller to end the game as Petersburg claimed the victory.

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Cost garnered a dropped third strikeout on leadoff batter Alden Rexrode as catcher Alex Miller made the throw to first baseman Karson Reed.

Pendleton County's Clayton Kisamore struck out for the second out by Cost.

Cost issued a walk to James Vincell, then garnered a third strikeout coming to Wildcats batter Landon Colaw.

Colaw issued a leadoff walk to Moorefield's Coleman Mongold to commence the bottom of the first inning.

Tyson Arnold was beamed by a pitch and Karson Reed followed with a bunt single to load the bases for the Yellow Jackets.

Moorefield's Bryce Hines ripped a two-run producing double into left field for a 2-nil edge.

Colaw countered with a strikeout to Garrett Strickler, but the Yellow Jackets weren't done scoring.

Moorefield's Ryan McGregor executed a sacrifice bunt to extend the lead, 3-0.

Alex Miller crushed an RBI triple into right field as the Yellow Jackets kept buzzing.

Guyan Kahangirwe came in as the baserunner for Miller, then Cost executed an RBI single to create a 5-0 advantage.

Moorefield's Gavin Wolfe notched a single on a bunt and a fielder's choice by Mongold ended the inning.

The Wildcats went down in order during the second inning on two groundouts sandwiching a strikeout.

After a strikeout to Arnold, Reed was given a walk for the Yellow Jackets.

Hines smacked an RBI single into left field as Moorefield went up 6-0.

Strickler hit into a fielder's choice

out at second base.

McGregor launched the ball into left field and the ball was dropped as the error provided time for Strickler to score boosting the Yellow Jackets advantage to 7-nil.

Pendleton County pitcher Cameron Beachler committed a balk which sent McGregor to second base, then Miller popped out to first baseman Alden Rexrode.

The Wildcats failed to reach the bases in the third inning as Jayden Roberson's fly ball was caught by Wolfe in center field, then Cost struck out the next two batters.

The Yellow Jackets had a quiet third inning as all three batters grounded out (Cost, Wolfe and Mongold).

Kisamore fouled off a bunch of pitches in the top of the fourth inning for Pendleton County before a popup was corralled by Reed.

Cost issued a full-count walk to

Vincell, then struck out Colaw.

Brayden Beachler drew a walk for the Wildcats, but the side was retired on a strikeout from Cost to Cameron Beachler.

Pendleton County pitcher Alden Rexrode had help from the outfield defense as three fly balls were caught off the bats of Arnold, Reed and Hines.

Moorefield pitcher Gary Weese induced back-to-back groundouts fielded by Arnold in the top of the fifth inning.

Pendleton County's Josiah Kimble was ruled out for interference running on the wrong side of the base line.

Kisamore came in to pitch for the Wildcats in the bottom of the fifth inning and issued a walk to Strickler, then McGregor hit into a double play as Strickler didn't slide into second base on the fielder's choice and that was determined to be interference

causing McGregor to be ruled out.

Miller followed that sequence with a groundout to second base.

Pendleton County's Rexrode was hit by a pitch from Weese to begin the sixth inning.

Kisamore hit a shallow fly ball into center field where Wolfe made a diving catch and turned it into a double play as Rexrode was tagged out trying to return to first base and Vincell's hit was ensnared by Wolfe to close the side.

Cost was given a walk and stole second base, then Wolfe popped out in the bottom half of the inning.

Mongold ripped an RBI single into center field to give the Yellow Jackets an 8-0 lead.

There was a break in the action as the Pendleton County dugout summoned the umpire to ask a truck driver to turn the lights off in the right field foul territory area.

Arnold belted the ball into left

field where it was dropped, then Reed hit into a fielder's choice out at second base.

A balk sent one more run across home plate for the Yellow Jackets building a 9-0 lead prior to a strikeout to Hines.

A grounder in the seventh inning by Colaw was fielded by Mongold, but sailed high above Reed at first base and into the bleachers as the umpire awarded second base.

Wolfe caught a fly ball hit by Brayden Beachler for the first out.

Pendleton County's Cameron Beachler hit into a double play as Weese fielded the ball and threw to first baseman Karson Reed, who fired across to third baseman Tyson Arnold making the game ending tag as the Yellow Jackets preserved the

9-0 no-hitter.

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ended the side. East Hardy's Levi Mongold grounded out to begin the bottom of the second inning, then Gabe Henderson was issued a walk.

Strickler tossed a strikeout to Nate Smith for the second out, then Henderson advanced around to third base on passed balls.

Kollin Quarles garnered an RBI single into left field to put the Cougars on the board, 8-1.

East Hardy's A.J. Swisher singled prior to both runners being stranded on a strikeout to Logan Sager.

East Hardy shortstop Dawson Price made a stop in the dirt on his knees and lost the ball as Cost reached on the error in the third inning.

Noah Sager struck out Wolfe, then Moorefield responded with a double to the left field fence by Arnold.

Mongold ripped the ball off the leg of Noah Sager on the mound as one run scored for a 9-1 lead.

After a stolen base, both runners were stranded on a pop-up and fly-

out. "It was good to get an early lead, but we have to be able to build on that and get better. [East Hardy] They played well. We have to be ready to play in every position. We have to keep getting better and keep practicing. It is early in the season, but we need to practice more," Moorefield coach Wade Armentrout stated.

East Hardy's Noah Sager singled

past the dive of Moorefield third baseman Bryce Hines, then Strickler collected his fourth strikeout coming against Jones.

Price flew out to Wolfe in center field, then Sager was caught stealing by catcher Alex Miller.

Strickler was hit by a pitch in the fourth inning and the Yellow Jackets stranded the runner on three fly balls.

Henderson drew a walk with one out and stole second base before advancing on a groundout by Smith.

Quarles recorded an RBI single up the middle as East Hardy cut the deficit to 9-2.

Hines made a diving stop on a sharp grounder by Swisher and bobbed the ball on the throw attempt giving the Cougars a pair of baserunners.

Hines collected a groundout to end the frame off the bat of Logan Sager.

Sager remained on the mound for East Hardy in the fifth inning and Moorefield's Gavin Wolfe reached base on an error during a bunt.

Arnold flew out to left field for the first out, then Mongold was hit by a pitch.

Reed advanced the runners on a sacrifice bunt and a wild pitch plated a run for the Yellow Jackets, 10-2.

Strickler was given a walk to load the bases, then Sager escaped further damage with a strikeout to Miller.

East Hardy started its epic rally with seven runs scored in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Moorefield relief pitcher Gary

Weese stepped to the mound and started off by hitting Smith with a pitch on a 2-1 count.

Jones singled down the left field line, then Price connected for an RBI single up the middle.

Weese countered with a strikeout for the first out.

The Cougars responded as Henderson unleashed an RBI single into center field.

Smith plated two runs on an error during a bunt as East Hardy closed the gap 10-6.

Quarles sliced the ball underneath Hines and Mongold made the save, bobbling the ball for an error.

After a strikeout, Logan Sager was given a walk and Noah Sager was hit by a pitch with the base loaded to send one run home.

Jones delivered a two-run producing single as the Cougars pulled within one run, 10-9.

Two runners were stranded on a groundout by Price.

Swisher chased down a fly ball in right field hit by McGregor to begin the sixth inning.

Moorefield's Adam Landes grounded out on a bunt fielded by Sager which was his 100th pitch of the game.

Wolfe was given a walk and Arnold was hit by a pitch before a line drive was snatched by Logan Sager.

Arnold came in as the pitcher for the Yellow Jackets and issued back-to-back full-count free passes to Levi Mongold and Henderson, then Smith

advanced the runners on a sacrifice bunt.

Quarles came up big with a game-tying RBI double into left field and the Cougars weren't done pouncing back.

Swisher smacked the lead changing RBI single into left field to create an 11-10 edge.

Logan Sager notched an RBI groundout on a slow rolling bunt to give East Hardy a 12-10 lead.

Noah Sager was hit by a pitch, then the runners were stranded on a fly out.

East Hardy sent Dawson Price to the mound as the closer in the seventh inning.



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SPORTS

**LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY**

Photos by Carl Holcomb

The Hardy County Little League teams held Opening Day on Saturday with 511 kids playing on the fields. Moorefield Little League has 29 teams with 370 kids and East Hardy County Little League has 14 teams with 141 kids ready to have fun and learn the fundamentals.



**East Hardy vs Bishop Walsh Softball**

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A steal attempt by Ames was denied as Bishop Walsh catcher Ariana Herrera tracked down a passed ball and threw back to pitcher Chloe Greise applying the tag as Ames crashed with a face plant at home plate.

Greise made a diving catch on a pop-up by Emma Heishman and the face mask was jarred off during the sequence.

Courtney Adams started the third inning with a double into left field for the Spartans.

East Hardy right fielder Tori Pratt had the ball ricochet out of her glove off a hit by Bailee Greise, but Adams was thrown out trying to score.

Chloe Greise grounded out to Crites and the throw to third base wasn't in time for a double play attempt.

Brooke Adams flew out to Pratt to retire the side.

Bishop Walsh's Chloe Greise struck out Jace Thompson prior to walking Jenna Combs, who was thrown out at first base.

Armentrout and Madison Heishman drew walks to put runners back

on the pond for the Cougars, but a strikeout to Bryce Miller ended the scoring opportunity.

During the fourth inning, Bishop Walsh's Jessie bunted back to Gabby Miller, who made the toss to Crites at first base.

Miller struck out Cessna looking at the pitch, then Puerto grounded out to Armentrout.

Entering the bottom of the fourth inning, East Hardy's Gabby Miller and Ames were given free passes.

Courtney Adams came in as the pitcher for the Spartans, then Crites struck out.

East Hardy's Emma Heishman hammered a two-run producing triple to tie the game at 2-2.

Heishman was stranded as Thompson popped up and Combs grounded out.

Herrera reached base on an error at third base to begin the fifth inning and Witt's sharp grounder wasn't fielded cleanly by Armentrout, but managed to corral it in time to make the out at first base.

Courtney Adams crushed a two-run home run to put Bishop Walsh back on top 4-2.

Miller sandwiched two strikeouts around hitting a batter to escape the inning.

East Hardy went down in order on two groundouts and a flyout.

The Spartans didn't get on base in the sixth inning as Miller induced a groundout and pitched two strikeouts.

Ames singled and was thrown out trying to advance to second base, then Crites was issued a walk from Adams.

East Hardy's Emma Heishman delivered another triple which sent Crites home as the deficit was cut to 4-3.

Thompson flew out and Combs went down swinging for a third strike as Heishman remained on base.

The Spartans got that run back in the top of the seventh inning as Herrera belted a solo home run, 5-3.

Witt grounded out, then Courtney Adams walked and Miller countered with a strikeout to Bailee Greise and the side was retired on a catch by Ames moments after Adams scored.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, East Hardy's Bryce Miller was issued a walk with two outs.

The Cougars pounced for some momentum as Gabby Miller singled just past the shortstop.

Ames was given a walk to load the bases.

Crites delivered a three-run producing double into left field as Ames just narrowly beat the throw home to tie the game at six runs apiece and forced extra innings.

Crites was left aboard on a groundout by Emma Heishman and it was time to enter the eighth inning.

Bishop Walsh's Brooke Adams drew a walk, then Jessie reached base on an error and Adams came home as the ball eluded Crites to take a 7-6 lead.

Miller notched her eighth strikeout of the game, then Witt singled and Adams grounded out.

The Spartans kept attacking with the help of errors to build an 11-6 advantage.

The Cougars failed to mount a comeback again as Thompson and Combs struck out and Bishop Walsh finished off the extra innings affair on a line drive catch at third base off the bat of Pratt.

**Moorefield vs Keyser Softball**

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the left field fence for the Yellow Jackets, but was caught stealing by Keyser catcher Tayler Likens and a strikeout to Daleny Crites ended the frame.

Keyser got things moving in the fourth inning scoring seven runs starting with the help of two consecutive errors putting Smith and Shoemaker on the pond.

Both runners advanced on a wild pitch, then Smith scored on a passed ball.

Williams issued a walk to Mangold as the Golden Tornado had runners on the corners.

Wolfe hammered a three-run home run to put Keyser ahead 4-nil.

Likens popped out to Kuykendall, then Everline singled past Biser at second base.

Williams fielded a grounder for the second out prior to Keyser's Bromhal drawing a walk.

Kuykendall came in to pitch for the Yellow Jackets, then Keyser's Pratt made an RBI single.

Bromhal came home on a passed ball and Smith garnered an RBI single into center field as the Golden Tornado went up 7-nil.

Kuykendall settled down and struck out Shoemaker to end the side.

Moorefield went down in order as Wolfe struck out Kuykendall and induced groundouts from Biser and Ward.

Keyser didn't reach the bases in the fifth inning as Mangold ground out to McKenna Crites, first baseman Amber Williams caught a pop-up by Wolfe and Likens struck out.

The Yellow Jackets struggled to connect as Wolfe sandwiched strikeouts to Haines and Price around a fly out by Kump.

Nothing happened for the Golden Tornado in the sixth inning as Crites

and Biser fielded groundouts and Kump caught a fly ball in left field.

Moorefield was sent packing for the dugout in the bottom half as Wolfe struck out Korbin Keplinger and Daleny Crites around a groundout from McKenna Crites.

Kuykendall issued a walk to Pratt in the top of the seventh inning, then the Golden Tornado's Smith and Shoemaker hit back-to-back fielder's choices for outs.

Mangold singled and Wolfe reached on an error to load the bases for Keyser.

Likens smacked a two-run producing single to create a 9-0 lead.

Everline reached on an error, then Makayla Gillaspie plated two runs on an error as the Golden Tornado extended the lead to 11-nil and Biser caught a pop-up to elude further damage.

The Yellow Jackets found a little rhythm in the bottom of the seventh inning, but it was too little to surmount a comeback.

Kuykendall ripped a double into center field and Biser was issued a walk.

Ward hit into a fielder's choice with courtesy runner Breanna Green being thrown out on the way to home plate from Wolfe to Likens.

Haines smashed an RBI triple into right field as Moorefield jumped on the scoreboard, 11-1.

Kump kept the momentum going with an RBI single to make it 11-2, but a fly ball from Price was corralled in right field as the Golden Tornado sealed the win to reach ten wins on the season at 10-1 overall.

Moorefield rebounded from this loss with a win against Tucker County on Friday (9-1) and two more victories on Saturday against Frankfort (9-3) and Mountain Ridge (13-3) in Short Gap to improve to a 5-5 record.

**THE OLD MASTER**

By JAY FISHER



April is now here. It started with the Final Four(s), and will end with the NFL Draft. In between, there will be plenty of spring sports action. For WVU, the biggest sports news was all off the court.

It was long overdue, but Bobby Huggins has been named to the Basketball Hall of Fame. He got the call this week, and was honored during the Final Four semifinal games. His resume is very impressive, and he has over 900 wins, taken two different teams to the Final Four, all while never coaching a "blue blood" team. With Coach K's retirement, Huggins will be the second winningest active coach. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor, Coach Huggins.

Meanwhile, the transfer portal some comings and goings. Sean McNeil officially decided to leave as a grad transfer, but WVU did pick up a point guard, Erik Stevenson from South Carolina. He will have one year of eligibility. He definitely has potential to help a lot next year. He's a dead eye free throw shooter, and after playing for Frank Martin, he is very much used to Huggins' style (Martin and Huggs are friends and Martin used to coach for Huggins). There will be more roster additions, and it will be interesting to see how WVU fills those open spots.

In football, Spring Practice is going on, and there really isn't too much on-the-field news to report.

Coaches and players are still saying the right things. However, there was a bombshell when defensive lineman Ahkeem Mesidor announced he was transferring. Mesidor was not practicing this spring since he is recovering from offseason surgery, but he had been at team meetings and the like. This one really caught Neal Brown and the staff off guard - so much so, that Brown actually held a press conference about it. The portal has changed things in college sports, and not necessarily for the better. I have plenty of thoughts about the current state of college sports, but those deserve their own column(s). When things slow down, I'll vent at that time.

The women's basketball team has its new coach: Dawn Plitzewitz. She comes to WVU from South Dakota, where she was a three-time Summit League Coach of the Year. She also just won the Kay Yow National Coach of the Year, which is awarded to a Division I coach who displays great character on and off the court. At South Dakota, she won over 80% of her games over six seasons, and this year took her Coyote team to the Sweet 16. They beat Ole Miss and Baylor by double digits (at Baylor), and lost to Michigan by 3 points. Earlier in her career, she won a Division 2 National Championship at Grand Valley State. She brings a very impressive resume to WVU, and on

paper, it looks like a very good hire.

Meanwhile, in actual competition, the gymnastics team competed at its NCAA Regional in Norman, Oklahoma, and ran into a buzz saw against Arizona. WVU had a very good meet, but it wasn't enough to overcome a Wildcat team that nearly hit its season high score. Congrats to the women on a successful season.

With that, the winter sports season is over. WVU has five sports that are considered "Spring" sports. The busiest is baseball.

The baseball team opened up its conference schedule this weekend against #12 TCU. They will have a Big 12 series every weekend through May 21, with a handful of mid-week non-conference games. The Big 12 tournament will be the last weekend in May.

As for the games against TCU - it was a heck of a series. WVU won the opener 3-2. It was a pitchers' duel, and the Horned Frogs led in the ninth 2-1. The Mountaineers tied the game by stealing home, and on that play, an error allowed another run, and WVU held on in the bottom of the ninth to pull out a win. West Virginia led most of the way in the second game, but this time TCU pulled off the comeback, and WVU lost 5-4. In the rubber game, WVU jumped out to an early lead like they did in game two, but this time they held on and won 5-2. That give the Mountaineers

a series win on the road against a Top 15 team. Well done.

Track & Field also has a fairly full calendar. They have meets scheduled each weekend in April, although they don't necessarily send all athletes to each meet. Their focus will be on the May 13-15 Big 12 Championship, with an eye on NCAA Regionals at the end of May.

The golf team has wrapped up its regular season, and their next competition is the Big 12 Tournament. The Big 12 is exceedingly tough: Oklahoma and Oklahoma State are 1-2 in the latest poll, and five teams are in the Top 20. WVU does have a good bit of talent, led by Mark Goetz. If the Mountaineers can click on all cylinders, they have a Top 25 ceiling. But if just a few golfers are off, then West Virginia could easily end up at the back of a very good pack at Big 12's.

The remaining two teams don't get much attention, but the Tennis team is improving. The Big 12 has five teams ranked in the Top 25, and eight in the Top 50, so wins are very hard to get. That being said, they seem to be getting closer to their first conference win in four years. Their conference championship is at the end of this month. The rowing team, like the track team, has an event each weekend in April, and they will have their Big 12 Championship on May 15.

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Real Estate 45,436,840 25.00 113,592 Personal Property 55,611,518 139,029 Public Utility 4,011,458 10,029

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA COUNTY OF HARDY MUNICIPALITY OF MOOREFIELD I, James R. Freeman II, 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.

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Continued from page 4B EXECUTRIX KAREN BOYD 15 WESTWOOD CT NEWMAN GA 30263-4830 ESTATE NAME: STEVEN ALLEN KIMBLE ADMINISTRATRIX KAREN SUE KIMBLE 11191 LINICE CREEK HIGHWAY MAYSVILLE WV 26833-8501 ATTORNEY: JAMES P GEARY II GEARY AND GEARY 104 NORTH MAIN STREET PETERSBURG WV 26847-1520 ESTATE NAME: DONALD GERALD EYE ADMINISTRATRIX SHARON E EYE 900 LEE STREET MOOREFIELD WV 26836-1084 ATTORNEY: KAREN L GARRETT GARRETT & GARRETT PO BOX 510

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA RONALD C. WHETZEL, Petitioner, vs. JACK E. COLLIS and MILDRED ANN HOWARD Respondents. CIVIL ACTION NO.: 22-C-9 ORDER OF PUBLICATION STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF HARDY, to wit: The object of the above styled Civil Action is to Petition the Court to request a Court Order, wherein the Court terminates and releases a "Lease Agreement" entered into between Ronald C. Whetzel and Kimberly D. Whetzel Carter, as Lessors, and Jack E. Collis and Mildred Ann Howard, as Lessees; with said "Lease Agreement" being dated November 5, 1994 and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia in Deed Book 232, at Page 674.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES GENERAL GOVERNMENT County Commission \$1,153,159 County Clerk 475,445 Circuit Clerk 176,004 Sheriff - Treasurer 249,022 Prosecuting Attorney 499,558 Assessor 282,963 Assessor's Valuation Fund 138,000 Statewide Computer Network 52,000 Agricultural Agent 100,398 Elections - County Clerk 101,695 Circuit Court 2,050 County Administrator 95,822 Custodial 140,679 Courthouse 240,260 Other Buildings 5,853 Microfilm 9,000 Regional Development Authority 10,000 Planning & Zoning 104,814 Litigation Reserve 250,000 Contributions to Comms/Authorities 30,000 TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT 4,071,722 Sheriff - Law Enforcement 1,036,192 Sheriff - Service of Process 29,716 Regional Jail 887,613 Emergency Services 69,490 Communication Center - - Fire Department - - Fire Coordinator - - Ambulance Authority 1,500 Flood Control 9,000 TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY 2,033,511 HEALTH AND SANITATION Local Health Department 112,700 TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION 112,700 CULTURE AND RECREATION Parks & Recreation 207,699 Visitor's Bureau 25,000 Library 102,217 TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION 334,916 Public Transit 5,000 TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES 5,000 CAPITAL PROJECTS - TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY - Total Expenditures \$6,557,849

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whereabouts, Ronald C. Whetzel is unable to give Jack E. Collis and Mildred Ann Howard, as Lessees, proper notice that they have violated said "Lease Agreement" and therefore same is null, void and, all liabilities associated therewith, released. It appearing, by Affidavit filed in this action, that there may be persons who could have an interest or may be affected by the decisions in this action and whose whereabouts/location/ addresses are unknown to the Petitioner; it is hereby Ordered that each person who claims to have an interest in said property appear and serve upon Petitioner's attorney, James O. Heishman, whose address is 204 North Elm Street, Moorefield, WV 26836, an Answer or other defense to the Petition filed in this action on March 28, 2022; otherwise, judgment by default may be taken against them at any time thereafter. A copy of said Petition with a more particular description of the subject property can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office located in the Hardy County Courthouse at 204 Washington St. #111, Moorefield, WV, 26836. Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 22 day of March 2022. Circuit Clerk of Hardy County Kelly J. Shockey By: Deborah J. Hines, Deputy 4/6, 4/13, 4/20/22 ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE FAMILY COURT OF HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA IN THE MATTER OF: C.D. and A.D. Civil Action No. 19-FIG-17 THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS: PETITION TO SET ASIDE GUARDIAN To the above named Respondent: It appearing by affidavit in this action that after diligence to determine the address of James Davis, residency is unknown, it is hereby ordered that James Davis serve upon Hardy County Circuit Clerk whose address is: 204 Washington ST., Moorefield, WV 26836 an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition for Appointment of Guardian filed in this action, on or before May 2, 2022. If you fail to do so, thereafter judgment, upon proper hearing and trial, may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office, Entered by the Clerk of said Court on this 1 day of April, 2022. Kelly Shockey Clerk of Court by Mary Brennskaag 4/6, 4/13/22

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON CASE NO. 21-0857-E-CN MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY, public utilities Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Internal Modification at Coal Fired Generating Plants Necessary to Comply with Federal Environmental Regulations and Surcharge. AMENDED NOTICE OF FILING AND EVIDENTIARY HEARING On December 17, 2021, Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company (collectively, Companies) requested that the Commission approve an environmental compliance program to meet effluent limitation guidelines (ELG) at Ft. Martin and Harrison power stations, as described in the filing, and implementation of an associated cost recovery Surcharge to recover costs. Details of the proposed project construction and proposed Surcharge can be found on the Commission's website at http://www.psc.state.wv.us. The ELG compliance plan is needed to comply with ELG rules issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and involve water treatment for bottom ash and flue gas desulfurization processes. The proposed plan is needed for those power plants to operate beyond 2028. The incremental revenue increase due to the Surcharge is estimated to be initially \$6,545,986 in 2024 when the Surcharge begins and is expected to total \$26,154,891 by 2026 when all the installations are complete. The Surcharge is proposed to be reviewed annually by the Com-

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through a U.S. Department of Education Title III Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP) grant. Request for Proposal RFP No. 14395 and any appendices are posted at https://easternwv.edu/business-office/invitation-for-vendor-bids/. Proposals may be emailed to bidreceipt@easternwv.edu or submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to Eastern WV Community and Technical College, 316 Eastern Drive, Moorefield, WV 26836. Send to the attention of Dr. Thomas Striplin, President/ATTAIN Evaluation Service. Proposals must be submitted on or before May 4, 2022, at 3:00 PM ET. For more information, contact Dr. Thomas Striplin at thomas.striplin@easternwv.edu or 304-434-8000 ext. 9227 INVITATION TO BID (Newspaper Advertisement) EASTERN WEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE Title III Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP) Grant Advising, Technology, Training, and Innovation (ATTAIN) Evaluation Service Request for Proposal RFP NO. 14395 Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is currently accepting bids to retain the services of an external evaluation service provider to establish a framework or model to measure the impact that the Advising, Technology, Training, and Innovations (ATTAIN) student success program has on student retention and graduation rates. ATTAIN is funded



# Wedding Guide

## How to give weddings a modern touch



There's no shortage of ways for couples to give their weddings a modern touch.

No two weddings are the same. Some couples go to great lengths to personalize their weddings, while others make a few minor tweaks to traditional components to make ceremonies and receptions more reflective of their style and the sentiments they hope to convey.

Embracing modern trends is one way couples have looked to set their weddings apart from traditional ceremonies. There are no rules governing weddings, and that affords couples

certain freedoms as they seek to incorporate a modern sensibility into the festivities. For example, couples can modernize certain components of their weddings while remaining loyal to more traditional elements, or they can fully embrace a modern aesthetic. That choice of how modern to make a wedding is up to the couple tying the knot, but the following are some ways to give weddings a modern touch.

- Leave a small carbon footprint.

Eco-conscious couples can embrace an environmentalist ethos when planning their weddings by doing everything they can to eliminate waste and promote conservation. Send electronic invitations and save-the-date cards in lieu of paper alternatives and choose a reception venue that serves only locally sourced food and beverages. In lieu of wedding favors, which tend to be individually wrapped, make a donation in guests' names to a local environmen-

tal group and share that information with loved ones. When picking a hotel for guests, find lodging that incorporates sustainability into its day-to-day operations.

- Retire certain traditions. Couples need not feel pressured to incorporate traditions that no longer reflect modern sensibilities. It's up to couples to determine which traditions to retire, but customs like the garter toss and bouquet toss may no longer resonate with modern couples or their guests. In addition, brides who want to be walked down the aisle by both of their parents, as opposed to just their father, should not hesitate to do so.

- Look for a modern venue. One of the most awe-inspiring ways to give a wedding a modern touch is to choose a venue that reflects a modern aesthetic. Vaulted ceilings, white walls and floor-to-ceiling windows can create a clean, modern feel. Outdoor ceremonies also can create a modern ambience.

- Adjust your attire. Black tuxedos and white wedding dresses are among the first things to come to mind when imagining traditional weddings. Couples can stay formal but embrace a more modern look by choosing more colorful tuxes for grooms and groomsmen and picking a wedding gown with a flair of color. Brides also can allow bridesmaids to pick their own bridesmaid dresses to expand the modern look even further.

## Navigating an interfaith wedding ceremony

Celebrating family histories and traditions is a major component of weddings. During a wedding, two families come together and begin to merge their unique takes on life.

When couples tying the knot come from the same cultural or religious backgrounds, fitting the pieces together may be relatively easy. However, when a wedding must incorporate two different religions — each with its specific traditions and requirements — a couple may not know where to start. These tips may help the process along.

### Communication

It is important to open a dialogue with all involved parties at the onset to be able to craft a ceremony and subsequent celebration that aligns with the faiths of the couple and their families. This dialogue shares what everyone expects. Ask everyone to rank the rituals they would like to be included by order of importance, and then use this as a guide when planning the ceremony.

### Discuss options

Certain houses of worship may be strict in regard to what they allow during interfaith ceremonies. Conservative congregations may even frown upon marrying outside of one's religion. That may spark an entirely new conversation about converting so couples can be married in the eyes of the church, temple or mosque. More reformed places may be open to blending certain traditions from both faiths. Couples often lean toward having one officiant from each faith at the ceremony to incorporate key rites into the wedding.

### Neutral ground

Interfaith couples may opt to have the ceremony at a neutral location so they do not appear to be paying favor to one faith over another. Determine if religious officiants can oversee the ceremony outside of a place of worship and still have the marriage recognized by the tenets of that faith.

### Secular officiant

In instances when it may seem like there are too many obstacles to having faith-guided ceremonies for in-



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terfaith weddings, wedding planners may suggest some creative solutions, including working with a secular officiant. Traditions such as lighting a unity candle or blending two different sands together to signify the blending of two faiths and families can be part of the ceremony, suggests the lifestyle company Sheerluxe.

### Give others tasks

Couples may be unfamiliar with each other's religious traditions. Sharing faith-specific wedding planning tasks can help couples and their families become more familiar with these customs.

Interfaith weddings require extra planning and finesse, but millions of couples get married in such ceremonies every year.

## Your wedding timeline guide

Wedding planning involves many movable pieces that ultimately need to come together on the big day. Planning is typically a months-long process, and adhering to certain monthly benchmarks can help couples stay the course.

Brides magazine offers that the perfect engagement period is 12 to 14 months, which affords ample time to get organized and work with vendors. With that in mind, here's a 12-month timeline for couples getting ready to say "I do."

### 12 months out

At the start of the planning process, establish your budget, hire a wedding planner (optional), choose the wedding party, pick a date, and start to assemble a cursory guest list. This also is a great time to begin touring venues to get a feel for potential ceremony and reception locales.

### 11 months out

Now is the time to get a firm handle on the theme and scope of the wedding. Start picking wedding colors and overall design. Also, interview and hire vendors, such as photographers, bands and videographers. These vendors tend to book up quickly as wedding season draws near, so it's never too early to book them.

### 10 months out

This is a good time to start shopping for a wedding gown because it might take some trial and error to find the perfect dress. You also can start shopping for wedding party attire at this time. Check with formal-wear vendors to see how long it will take for the gowns to arrive in the shop for alterations. If you haven't already done so, be sure to book the wedding venue.

### 8 months out

Reception halls may have their own schedules, but you should think about setting your menu at this time, including deciding if you will host a seated dinner, a buffet or something else.

Eight months out also is a good time to finalize the guest list and send save-the-date cards.

This also is a good time to visit stores to create registry gift lists.

### 6 months out

Meet with potential florists and other vendors, like transportation companies and hotels, to secure these arrangements. Your place of worship also may require certain classes or preparatory meetings, so be sure to inquire about these.

Meet with a makeup and hair stylist and book a trial. Choose attire for groomsmen and give them a deadline for fittings and orders. If you will not be getting married in a place of worship, hire an officiant at this time.

### 4 months out

Grooms traditionally arrange the honeymoon, so this is a fine time to get those travel plans in order. If you need passports, you should secure them as early as possible, and no later than four months prior to the wedding to ensure processing times. Book cake tastings and order the cake if it is not part of the venue food and beverage package. If you haven't already done so, the bride should have an initial gown fitting, and wedding invitations should be ordered at this time.

### 2 months out

Secure your wedding license and buy wedding party gifts. Address and mail the wedding invitations. Undergo a second gown fitting and work with the seamstress for the final fitting date just before the wedding. Finalize any song selections with the DJ or band.

The final details will occur in the last weeks before the wedding. Buy all the small accessories and items, undergo final fittings and check in with all vendors for final payments and to ensure they are on schedule. Notify the reception hall of the final guest count.

Once the wedding day arrives, couples who have done their best to stay on schedule can relax and have a great time with family and friends.

# Picture perfect wedding day photography tips

Metro

Few things document weddings more effectively than photographs. Carefully curated wedding albums and portraits hung on walls serve as daily reminders of a couple's special day.

Photography is often left in the very qualified hands of professional photographers. However, couples can pitch in to make their photos really pop. These picture pointers from industry insiders can help couples put their best smile forward.

## Leave ample time

A carefully orchestrated timeline can ensure photos are the best they can be. Why? Because a couple who is relaxed and not overwhelmed will notice that attitude translates to their photographs. When planning wedding timelines, couples should leave ample opportunities for getting dressed, chatting with the wedding party and going through various photography settings to grab great photos, advise the experts at Martha Stewart.

## Put together a short list

The photographer will have his or her ideas of which shots to cover, but a couple with specific goals in mind should relay that information to their photographer. For example, if a grandparent is getting up in years, request some solo photos of that person so you can look back on happy times together. Certain couples want to be snapped posing with a beloved pet. Putting that on the list helps ensure it will happen.

## Enlist a family photo coordinator

If the photographer does not have his or her own assistant, recruit someone who is assertive to help wrangle everyone for the family shots. Attempt to get family photos when family members are relaxed but not too far ruffled by dancing or having a good time.

## Play your style safe

A wedding day is not a time for the bride or groom to try a dramatic new style, according to photographer Amanda Lamb. Resist the urge for a daring cut or color. It's also likely not the place to try out new facial hair or heavy makeup. A couple unaccustomed to the way they look may be shy in front of the camera.

## Delve into the details

Prepare wedding details, like gowns, shoes, accessories, etc., in advance to save time once the photographer arrives, suggests Desi Mendoza, a pro from Dez and Tam Photography. Invest in a beautiful hanger for the wedding gown as well, because you may want to photograph that on its own.

## Learn to pose

Couples can practice posing in front of mirrors to get a feel for body positions that put them in their best light. A photographer's advice in regard to posture is invaluable as well. Create space between arms and the body and learn how to angle the body so you look your best.

Photos will capture wedding day memories forever. Couples can put themselves in the best positions for success by following some photography guidelines.



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## How to take the hectic out of your wedding day

Weddings are among the most complex events many people will ever plan. Couples often try to go the extra mile in an effort to make the day memorable for themselves and their guests. That pressure can make a wedding day feel a little frenzied. Thankfully, there are various ways to ensure the vibe of the big day is happy and not hectic.

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## Consider a package deal

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## Explore various wedding styles during planning

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Every wedding is different, even if many share some common components. As couples plan their weddings, learning about some popular wedding styles can help them create a ceremony that suits them.

## Classic wedding

Classic weddings are the storybook traditional weddings that many people dream about for years. Key elements include a tuxedo for the groom and a white gown for the bride. Formal attire is reserved for the rest of the wedding party. The ceremony is conducted in a place of worship before everyone retires to a fancy catering hall for the reception. Traditional weddings also may include the time-honored customs like toasts, cake cutting, bouquet toss, and parent-child dances.

## Beach wedding

Beach weddings often are casual, laid back affairs. Dresses may be less structured and flow with sea breezes, while guys may even don shorts with linen shirts or jackets. Guests can expect the party to be much more free-flowing and the traditions of classic

weddings may not be part of the celebration.

## Bohemian wedding

Free-spirited individuals may dive head first into a bohemian style wedding. According to wedding planner David Tuter, a boho wedding is casual and comfortable. It tends to come off chic but appears that way with minimal effort. Decor is typically humble and blends harmoniously with nature. A boho wedding may take place outdoors or in another less traditional venue, such as a farmhouse or botanical garden. Wedding party attire may be mismatched and showcase each person's individual style.

## Modern wedding

Brides and grooms who crave contemporary and current trends may prefer a modern wedding. Graphic color schemes, clean lines and minimalist flowers might be part of a modern wedding. Attire may be angular and edgy, and the venue may run the gamut from sleek museum to a city rooftop.

## Destination wedding

Couples who love to travel and



don't want to worry about the minutiae of wedding planning may find a destination wedding is a good fit. Destination weddings last more than one day and focus on relaxation, activities and lots of fun. Destination weddings tend to be less formal and less traditional than classic weddings. Due to the remote locations, destination weddings also can be

smaller and more intimate, as many invitees may be unable to attend. Yet those who can attend often get to enjoy tropical islands or mountain retreats.

Wedding styles are as unique as the people getting married. Choosing a theme that has the right feeling can help couples make the most of their special days.

## A wedding planner can be a couple's best asset

The average cost of a wedding today is enough to make a sizable down payment on a home. According to The Knot's 2019 Real Weddings Study, the average wedding in the United States cost \$33,900 in 2019, though the price tag can vary widely from state to state. Canadians spend similarly, with Canadian Buzz stating a modest wedding will cost between \$25,500 and \$30,000 CAD, but more likely around \$42,400 CAD.

Though love may not cost a thing, weddings certainly do. One of the best ways to maximize wedding budgets and ensure that all that money is well spent is to enlist the services of a wedding planner. Wedding planners wear many hats, which underscores how valuable they can be.

## Sounding board

An experienced wedding planner can help couples keep their worries at bay. Countless decisions must be made when planning a wedding, and some couples may feel as if they

need to micromanage their nuptials. A wedding planner can take tasks off of couples' plates and serve as a sounding board as couples try to make the best decisions.

## Financial guru

A wedding planner may help couples score insider deals and will know when a vendor's price is on target or inflated. That savvy saves couples money in the long run. Wedding planners also can advise on ways to save money and allocate funds so couples' biggest priorities get the financial attention they deserve.

## Problem solver

Wedding planners step in to save the day when hiccups threaten to derail plans. A planner will know what to do should a gown become torn or if a vendor fails to respond to calls on the day of the wedding. Removing some stressors allows couples to relax and more fully immerse themselves in their weddings.



## Idea generator

Pulling together ideas from every corner requires a creative eye. Couples can rely on a professional wedding planner to help with brainstorming and putting different elements together. He or she likely has seen a vast array of celebrations and can make suggestions based on what's worked before.

## Time saver

Wedding planners already have a bevy of industry contacts and can pull together wedding details in much less turnaround time than couples with no wedding planning experience.

Wedding planners are invaluable resources who wear multiple hats as they help couples plan the wedding of their dreams.

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## Fun ways to utilize social media in your wedding

Young couples tying the knot today grew up with social media, so it's no great surprise that so many want to utilize various platforms when planning their weddings. In fact, the Brides 2018 American Wedding Survey found that 87 percent of brides turned to the social media platform Pinterest for inspiration when planning their weddings.

On the surface, modern wedding ceremonies and receptions may look similar to the nuptials of yesteryear. However, engaged couples have increasingly incorporated social media into their weddings, and the following are some fun and creative ways to embrace that trend.

- Create a social media photo booth. Guests may take more pictures at modern weddings than the photographers who were hired to document the happy couple's big day from start to finish. Social media boards are digital screens that display social media walls. Live event social media boards collect and curate content from social media channels and display it on a single digital screen. Users, in this case a couple's guests, simply use a predetermined hashtag when posting photos and the images are then displayed on digital screens in real time. This can be a fun way to engage guests during the reception.

- Live stream the wedding. Live streams became very popular during the pandemic, when couples getting married had to pare down their guest lists in order to adhere to social distancing guidelines. But live streams can continue to be used after the pandemic, as there will always be guests who can't make it to the wedding. Facebook Live was a go-to social media platform for live streaming



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weddings during the pandemic, and it can be utilized to involve loved ones in the festivities even if they can't be there in person. Live streaming via social media may be especially useful for couples who want to enjoy destination weddings, which tend to be small affairs due to travel constraints.

- Hashtag the wedding. A couple-specific hashtag can serve as something akin to a wedding album, only it's one everyone can easily access

via the couple's chosen social media platform. Encourage guests to hashtag photos from the wedding so everyone can have a good time looking back on the ceremony and reception once the day has come and gone.

- Plan with your party. Social media can be as fun, inclusive and useful when planning the wedding as it can during the wedding itself. Brides and grooms can create their own private Pinterest boards and share them with the wedding party.

Everyone can then use the private board to bounce ideas off each other. Couples can infuse a little fun into the Pinterest board by encouraging their groomsmen and bridesmaids to post outrageous outfit ideas or submit sing-along song requests to be played during the reception.

Social media is a big part of modern couples' lives, so it makes sense for them to find fun ways to incorporate various platforms into their weddings.

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