



## Second criminal investigation still open... Object of deputy's threat fears for safety

By Ken Bustin  
Moorefield Examiner

As Sheriff's Deputy Tommie McCausley continues training, preparing to return to duty, West Virginia State Police have confirmed that a criminal investigation into McCausley, involving an alleged threat to another former employee of the Hardy County Sheriff's Department, remains open.

On Thursday, State Police Sergeant Waylon Roden, the investigation's lead officer, confirmed that he had not yet made his report on the

matter to Special Prosecutor John Ours. Citing inability to discuss an active investigation, Roden declined to comment further.

Earlier this year, a Hardy County citizen provided a recorded conversation to State Police and the Hardy County Sheriff's Department. In the recording, McCausley allegedly made a death threat against a third person.

The Examiner has reviewed the recording, which has also been submitted as evidence in a pending civil suit against McCausley and Hardy County Sheriff Steve Dawson. In the recording, a voice multiple

sources identified as McCausley is heard saying, "...it's took everything I had in a year and two months - almost three months - not to put a bullet between somebody else's f---ing eyes..."

Although the recording does not identify the target by name, sources unanimously concluded that the statement's context made it clear that it was directed at David Maher, the former Hardy County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer and Technical Operator. Maher is also the person originally tasked by former Sheriff Bryan Ward with scanning the Sheriff's Department comput-

ers and devices for security issues. It was that scan that allegedly revealed a "back door" into one or more of the Department's computers and also allegedly turned up the files that launched the first investigation into McCausley.

Maier, as well, believes that the threat was directed at him. He said that he takes it very seriously, and fears for his life and safety and that of his family.

"When I heard the recorded statement made by Deputy McCausley, it caused great fear and anxiety that harm would come to me and my family," Maier said, adding, "I am also

concerned for my friends and anyone else connected to this case - or who knows the true facts of the case."

Maier and other sources even expressed concern that Examiner staff should beware of possible retaliation from McCausley or the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Dawson dismissed those warnings as "ridiculous," before directing the reporter not to make further calls to him for comment.

"You do your job and I'll do mine," Dawson said, adding that he would contact the Examiner with statements when there was anything newsworthy to report.

In response to further questions about the matter, Maier replied, "I am not able to discuss the matter any further due to the ongoing civil case involving the Hardy County Commission, the Hardy County Sheriff and Sheriff's Department, and Deputy McCausley."

That matter is expected to come before Judge Lynn Nelson in May or June.

Dawson said McCausley is scheduled to return to active service on May 14.

## W.Va. Legislature technology committee hears plans for residents' 'Digital I.D.' and digital government transformation

By Matt Young  
WVa. Press News Sharing

The West Virginia Legislature's Joint Committee on Technology met on Tuesday for the final time during April's Interim Session. The first item discussed was Senate Bill 527, intended to "supplement and amend appropriations to the Department of Administration, Office of Technology."

Mark Scott, cabinet secretary of the Department of Administration, provided testimony before the committee.

"The goal of SB 527 is to enable robust digital government transformation," Scott began. "One of the things we hear over and over again is that the citizens need an easier way of accessing data. One of the things that we can do for that is what's called 'Digital I.D.' - one user I.D., one password allows you to do all your governmental services."

Scott explained how the ability to complete multiple transactions simultaneously, such as renewing driver's, hunting or fishing, and home-business licenses, will make for a far more "user-friendly" experience.

"Also, we want to ensure that West Virginia is a good steward of technology funding - we're going to get an unprecedented amount of federal funding," Scott added. "We're going to make sure it is utilized right - in a structured and organized way."

Scott cited "use of technology through enterprise services," and "holistic cyber-risk management" as the intended usage for a portion of the federal funding. According to Scott, the most obvious challenge lies in maintaining the technology that the state is using.

"That's what folks see everyday," Scott said. "But in addition to that, there are a lot of other things that go into the technology - customer support, security

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Photo by Amelia Gagnon

Christopher Short and Madison Moyers landed in the top 10 of the DECA ICDC Virtual Business Retail competition.

## DECA: MHS' Moyers and Short earn a spot in international Top 10

By Amelia Gagnon  
Special to the Examiner

Meeting other students from Oregon, Texas, or even Spain wasn't an unusual occurrence for DECA members in Atlanta, Ga. this past week. They were there for the International Career Developmental Conference (ICDC), which is the highest level of competition for DECA students. In total, 17,500 high school students competed.

DECA is an organization that helps prepare high school students for marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. Moorefield High School

sent 17 students to Atlanta this year to compete, representing West Virginia.

The students in attendance were: Abigail Leininger and Amelia Gagnon in Business Law and Ethics Team Decision Making; Makenzie Keplinger and Grace Wratchford in Buying and Merchandising Team Decision Making; Sarah Weatherholt in Human Resources Management Series; Hayley Kuykendall in Quick Serve Restaurant Management Series; Malachi Zirk in Restaurant and Food Service Management Series; Allissa Biser and Malachi Hinger in Sales Project; Caden Blizzard and Albert Aleman in Virtual Business En-

trepreneurship; Madison Moyers and Christopher Short in Virtual Business Retail; and Levi Thompson in Virtual Business Entrepreneurship. The only team of three was Garrett Sions, Loy Kesner, and Jasmine Baldwin in the Student Based Enterprise (Retail) competitive group. Depending on the category each team/individual was in, they had an exam and a roleplay, or a pre-prepared presentation.

The students were given several opportunities to observe marketing, advertisement, and retail with Six Flags Amusement Park, Georgia Aquarium, the World of Coca-Cola, and even a

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## Community-wide baby shower to share resources, love in Wardensville May 14

By Patty Austin  
Capon Valley Neighbor to Neighbor

A Community Baby Shower will welcome all expectant and new mothers on Saturday, May 14 at the War Memorial Building shelter in Wardensville during the hours of 1-3:00 p.m.

Capon Valley Neighbor to Neighbor will host the Baby Shower, offering baby gifts and information, refreshments, and neighborly love. There will even be treats for the siblings. Information will be available about healthy babies and other helpful resources.

Neighbor to Neighbor is looking for families with children one-year-old and younger, and families who are currently expecting a baby. All are welcome to this first-time event for our community. JoAnn Spaid is heading up refreshments, including cupcakes made by Kathy Spaid. Karen Findley and her daughter are decorating.

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## DHHR Announces Emergency Energy Assistance Program for Low Income Residents

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) announced applications for the Emergency Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) will be accepted beginning today, Monday, May 2, 2022, through Friday, May 13, 2022, or until funds are exhausted. The federally funded program assists eligible state residents in paying home heating bills.

Residents whose primary source of heat is either gas or electricity must provide their shut-off notice when applying for Emergency LIEAP. Those using other primary heating sources or bulk fuel may qualify for assistance

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## W.Va. Legislature committee hears insight on drug abuse recovery, neighborhood concerns West Virginia lost 1,336 people to overdoses in 2020

By Autumn Shelton  
WVa. Press News Sharing

Members of the West Virginia Legislative Joint Committee on Health met in the Capitol on Tuesday where they listened to testimony from state experts on how to support both substance abuse recovery residences and those who live near them.

Huntington Mayor Steve Williams spoke before committee members about substance abuse recovery residences located in his city, once called "the overdose capital of America."

Williams said after taking office, he came "face to face with the level of addiction" present in his community.

"Without a doubt, the greatest existential threat that is facing our state, our communities and our citizens is the epidemic of addiction," Williams said.

He explained that everyone wants those struggling with substance abuse to get help, but that they don't necessarily want to live close to treatment facilities.

"The fact of the matter is, we need sober living facilities in our communities," Williams stated. "Those that

provide thoughtful, consistent service - it is absolutely amazing how they are able to transform lives."

However, the Huntington mayor noted there is growing "frustration in our neighborhoods."

"Individuals living in their homes are finding out that right across an alley from them, all of a sudden, a house is either purchased or rented. Then a bunch of people start moving in, and nobody has any idea as to what's going on," he said. In some instances, not even local officials know about the opening of recovery residences because they do not require business licenses, certificates of occupancy or require certain code inspections.

"Those who are just in it for the buck - moving into a building or a single family house and just throwing a bunch of mattresses down and saying this is a sober living facility - I don't want them in my city and neither would you."

He told legislators that public policy should require sober living facilities to at least be certified to meet fire and safety codes.

Jan Rader, director of the Mayor's Council on Public Health and Drug

Control Policy for the city of Huntington, added that she watched the drug epidemic unfold. As the city's former fire chief, she admitted she lost sleep worrying that a fire would break out in a sober living home due to lack of regulation.

Matt Winters, Huntington fire chief, shared that while there are a lot of state organizations involved in recovery, "not a single one of those organizations is involved in life safety."

"We need that open, honest discussion that says there's more to treating addiction than just treating the people," Winters said. "We have to protect those people while they are going through this incredibly difficult time in their lives."

Dr. Matthew Christiansen, Director of the Office of Drug Control Policy, was also present to speak before committee members.

He said that in 2020 the state lost 1,336 individuals to an overdose. These overdoses were largely due to an increase in the use of Fentanyl - a synthetic opioid.

To address this issue, Christiansen stated that several things have been

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## WVDNR warns public about nuisance bear behavior



By W.Va. DNR

To prevent nuisance bear activity around the state, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources is asking residents to secure or remove food, pet food, scraps, trash and other bear attractants around their homes.

"Deliberately feeding a black bear is illegal in West Virginia, but people

tend to forget that unintentionally feeding a bear can also cause serious problems for humans, their property and our state animal," said Colin Carpenter, black bear project leader for the WVDNR. "Once a bear gets a taste for human food, they become more of a nuisance and often have to be humanely killed for safety reasons."

The peak of nuisance bear activity

in West Virginia occurs in May and June when natural food sources are scarce. High-energy foods, such as serviceberries, blackberries, raspberries and blueberries, do not become available until later in the summer, which is why hungry black bears can be found in residential areas in the spring.

"Bears that roam around residen-

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## Hardy County Schools May lunch menu

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 Wednesday, May 4 – Sloppy Joe on Bun, Cooked Carrots, Spiced Apples  
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 Friday, May 6 – French Bread Pizza, Variety of Beans, Applesauce

Monday, May 9 – Crispy Chicken Tenders, Sauce Dipper, Steamed Broccoli, Applesauce  
 Tuesday, May 10 – SCHOOLS CLOSED – ELECTION DAY  
 Wednesday, May 11 – Chili Na-

chos, Baked Potato, Mandarin Oranges, Snack Bag  
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 Friday, May 13 – Pepperoni Roll, Marinara, Cooked Carrots, Fruit Cup  
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 Tuesday, May 17 – Tangerine Chicken, Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Peaches  
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 Thursday, May 19 – Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Homemade Rolls, Applesauce  
 Friday, May 20 – School-Made

Pizza, Orange-Glazed Sweet Potatoes, Pears  
 Monday, May 23 – COOK'S CHOICE  
 Tuesday, May 24 – COOK'S CHOICE  
 Wednesday, May 25 – COOK'S CHOICE  
 Thursday, May 26 – COOK'S CHOICE  
 Friday, May 27 – (LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!!) COOK'S CHOICE  
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 \*Lunches are served with fresh fruit and garden bar often contain-

ing prepared salads and dressings, as well as a variety of low fat/FF milk (NOTE: Pre-K students will not receive grain-based desserts or flavored milk, according to CACFP meal pattern requirements.)  
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DENNIS RAY CRITES



Dennis Ray Crites, age 63, of Fisher, passed away Monday morning, April 25, 2022, at the Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, Va. Born on April 27, 1958, in Fisher, he was the son of the late Walter Ray Crites and Mildred Estelle Reel Crites. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Wayne D. Crites and Wendell Crites; a sister, Elva Bobo; a special great niece, Stacey Crites; a great nephew, Ricky Bobo; and two nephews, Blaine Bobo & Eddie Crites. Dennis worked for Pilgrims Pride,

Cook Plant for 41 years before retiring. He enjoyed family cookouts, and collecting models of jeeps and tractor and trailers. He loved to tinker on vehicles, going on family excursions, being the "family comedian," and making everyone laugh. Surviving is a sister, Loretta Hibbard of Fisher; a brother, Ronald Crites of Kingwood, W.Va.; four nieces; five nephews; a special great niece who helped him with his health needs, Trina Dunsmore; a special great nephew, Justin Crites, who stayed with him and helped him

enormously. Also, numerous great nieces, great nephews, and cousins. Public Graveside Services were conducted on Thursday, April 28, at the Hutter-Woerner Cemetery in Fisher. Pastor Harold George officiated. Interment followed. Condolences, shared memories, and photos may be left on Dennis's Tribute Wall at www.fraleyfuneral-home.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Fraley Funeral Home in Moorefield.

MAXINE W. GODLOVE

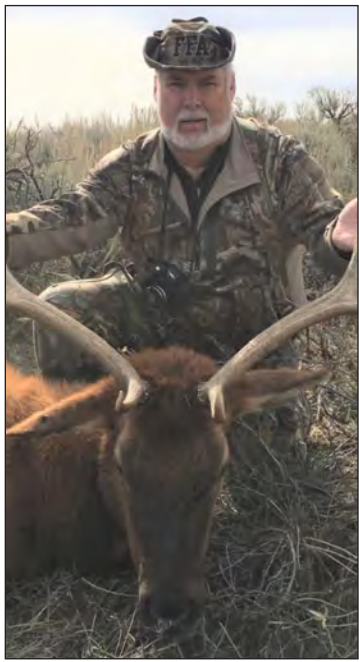


Maxine Whitacre Godlove, 92, of Wardensville, died on Monday, May 2, 2022 at the Winchester Medical Center. Maxine was born on November 11, 1929 in Capon Bridge, the daughter of the late Cletus A. and Corene Oates Whitacre. She owned and operated See's Grill with her husband Ray in Wardensville, a bookkeeper at Jewel Box in Winchester, and a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Wardensville. Maxine enjoyed camping, traveling, gardening, and being with her family.

Maxine married C. Ray Godlove on December 23, 1954 in Winchester. Ray died on December 11, 2020. Surviving is: a son, Robert B. "Bobby" Godlove (Theresa) of Strasburg; a daughter, Teresa A. "TC" Wilson (Phil) of Key West, Fla.; two grandchildren, Melissa and Matthew Hulver; five great-grandchildren; and a niece, Vicki Adams. She is preceded in death by: a daughter, Sandra K. Orndorff; a sister, Virginia Mae Lovett; and a grandson, Todd Orndorff. Family will receive friends at the

Giffin Funeral Home & Crematory in Capon Bridge on Thursday, May 5, 2022 from 12-1 p.m. A private graveside service will be held at Fairview Cemetery in Gore. Memorial contributions may be made to the Capon Springs Fire & Rescue, PO Box 366, Capon Springs, WV 26823 or St. Peter's Lutheran Church, PO Box 87, Wardensville, WV 26851. To view Maxine's tribute wall, please visit www.giffinfuneralhome.com.

KENNETH R. 'KENNY' THORNE



Kenneth Richard "Kenny" Thorne, age 68, of Petersburg died Saturday, April 30, 2022 in Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore. Kenneth was born July 10, 1953 in Petersburg and was a son of the late Richard Jacob Thorne and Eula Adaline (Cleaver) Thorne. In addition to his parents, Kenneth was preceded in death by one sister, Eulajean A. Sites. Kenneth is survived by his wife, Lisa Brashear Thorne; one daughter, Kenytha Strawderman (Kennie) of Petersburg; one son, Kirk R. Thorne (Natasha) of Petersburg; one step son, Jordan Brashear of Petersburg; one step daughter, Stephanie Bauer

and fiancé Ashton Barr of Maysville; four grandchildren, Arielle Thorne, Nick Simpson, Abbygail Thorne and Kennedy Strawderman; two step grandchildren, Trevan Keen and Lauri Brashear; one brother, Eddie Thorne (Melba) of Petersburg; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Also surviving is his furry friend Duchess. Kenneth retired from South Branch Valley Railroad after 25 years and later worked part time for Potomac Eagle. Kenneth was a lifetime member of the Moorefield Volunteer Fire Company No. 46 for 30 years and was a member of the Pe-

tersburg Volunteer Fire Company No. 400. He was an avid hunter and loved to travel. Family will receive friends Tuesday, May 3, 2022 from 3:30 – 6 p.m. at the Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg. A funeral service will begin at 6 p.m. with Pastor Craig Howard and Pastor Rick High. An inurnment will be private. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Moorefield Volunteer Fire Company No. 46 or Charity of the Donor's Choice. Online condolences www.schaefferfuneralhome.com

NANCY RUTH WRATCHFORD



Nancy Ruth Roark Wratchford, age 80, of Ocean Springs, Miss., formerly of Moorefield, passed away April 26, 2022 at her residence. Born October 31, 1941, in Kansas City, Mo., she was the daughter of the late Helen Roark and granddaughter of the late Beulah and Bill Carter. Nancy was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Wayne F. Wratchford, in April 2005, and by two sons, Steven R. Wratchford and Franklin W. Wratchford. Surviving are two daughters, Vickie (Jerry) High of Purgitsville, and Christine (Todd) Hunt of Ocean Springs, Miss.; a son, David (Jaime)

Wratchford of Cleveland, Tenn.; six grandchildren, Beth High of Purgitsville; Chris Pollan (Brooke) of Ocean Springs, Miss.; Echo Wratchford of Dothan, Ala.; Christopher Wratchford of Dothan, Ala.; Josh Wratchford of Cleveland, Tenn.; and Katie (Dustin) Watkins of Cocee, Tenn.; and four great-grandchildren, Sydney Kimble of Purgitsville, Rhys Pollan of Ocean Springs, Miss., and Khloe and Kalila Wratchford of Dothan, Ala. Nancy loved to travel and was able travel extensively as an Air Force Wife. She loved playing BINGO, card games and two-stepping. She

will be greatly missed by her friends and family. A Celebration of Life will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 5, 2022, at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel, 107 Washington Street with Pastor Lynn Rohrbaugh officiant. The family will receive friends from 9 a.m. until time of services. Private Interment will be at Walnut Grove Gardens. Due to the current COVID-19 recommendations, wearing of masks and social distancing by individuals unvaccinated is recommended. Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on Sharon's Tribute Wall at www.fraleyfuneralhome.com.

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A Question Answered Leads To More Questions

By Woodrow G."Jay" Simmons  
Often when researching history, finding the answer to one question will lead to other questions. That is what happened when Mark Michael Ludow, a Registered Professional Archaeologist from Alexandria, Va. visited Olivet Cemetery in Moorefield. Assisted by Michael Kelly Kehoe, a Civil War historian from Stevens City, Va., they were there to use Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) to survey the area around the Monument to Confederate War Dead located there. Ground Penetrating Radar is a way of determining if soil has been disturbed, in this case if someone had been buried. It is non-invasive and no digging or probing is done, so the ground is not disturbed at all. The survey was done using a GPR cart that looks like a small gas-powered lawn mower, but it has no motor or blade and is pushed along the ground by hand. Ground Penetrating Radar works by transmitting pulses of ultra-high frequency radio waves down into the ground

through an antenna. The transmitted energy is reflected back to the antenna from any buried objects or differences in the density in the soil they pass through. The signals are then sent back to the GPR unit where they are amplified and stored and then can be used to plot or map the land it passes over to show any changes in the composition of the soil as would happen if someone had been buried. GPR can be used to detect levels as deep as approximately 32 feet depending on soil conditions and the size and types of objects being detected. Sites of burials are often surveyed to depths of six feet. The Monument stands in the middle of what has come to be called the Confederate Circle, which contains stones with the names of many of the men listed on the Monument. The Monument is inscribed with the names of seven Confederate units that many Hardy County men served in. Ninety-four of the men listed on the Monument served in these units. It also has the names of 17 men listed as Strangers. These were men who died in Hardy County but were not from Hardy

County. In addition it says there are 14 men whose names are unknown. These men also died in the county. The total men honored by the Monument is 125. Surrounding the Monument are 62 stones. Fifty-two have names of men on them and another 10 have only C.S.A. UNKNOWN on them. It was thought that some of these stones may be memorial stones honoring men who were actually buried elsewhere. Also it was thought that spaces without stones may have been left without burials to allow people to walk up to the Monument to read what is inscribed on it without walking on soldiers graves. Mr. Ludow's work shows that neither of these theories are right. His work shows that there are indeed graves associated with each stone around the Monument, as well as another 23 graves that have no markers for a total of 85 graves surrounding the Monument. This means that the burial sites of 40 of the men on the Monument are unknown. Some are buried in the 23 newly found graves, some in family cemeteries and

some in mass graves either on the battlefields where they were killed or in Union Prisoner of War camps. While this survey shows that every stone marks a grave, it does raise other questions. The first question is, who are the men in the newly discovered graves? While the names of men who could be in these graves can be narrowed down through research, who is in which grave would be almost impossible to do. The second question is why the graves are not marked. There could be several reasons. One might be that the graves were originally marked with wooden markers that rotted away before they could be replaced with stones. Possibly the Memorial Association that erected the Monument in 1873 ran short of money before they could install stones. Or possibly by the time the Winnie Davis chapter of the United Daughter of the Confederacy started installing stones on the graves of Confederate soldiers in the 1930s, the exact names and location of these graves had been lost. See photo on page 7

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## Bear Activity

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tial areas are less likely to stay if they do not find anything to eat, so that's why we remind folks every year to take responsibility for their property by removing or securing food attractants before a bear finds them."

### Tips For Preventing Nuisance Bear Activity

Keep garbage secure in a garage or storage building and only place cans out for collection on the morning of pick-up, not the night before.

Seal food scraps that produce an odor in a plastic bag before placing them in the trash.

Don't place food scraps in a compost pile during the summer.

Don't let outside pet food stay out overnight.

Take down bird feeders and clean

and store them until late fall.

Store livestock feed in bear-proof containers or inside a secure building.

Keep bears out of beehives and chicken houses by installing an electric fence.

Feeding bears and wildlife in general should be avoided. Coming into contact with wild animals can transmit diseases, lead to increased predation, result in habitat destruction around the feeding site, cause ethical concerns and harm the animal's overall health. Carpenter says following practical and common-sense recommendation for reducing human-bear conflicts is the best way to make sure that state's animals remain wild.

To learn more about black bears and how you can prevent nuisance activity, visit bearwise.org.

## Community Baby Shower

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Neighbor to Neighbor is accepting donations of new baby items to share, so it truly is a gift from the community people. Things needed include diapers, diaper bags, formula, toys, strollers, car seats, blankets, clothes, and anything else that a baby will need.

Kelly Hambleton, a very caring young lady, has already knitted 30 baby caps! Donations may be dropped off at the Kac-Ka-Pon Restaurant in Wardensville where they are kindly holding a collection box. If anyone would like for items to be picked up, call Tom and Patty Austin at 304-874-4345.

If you don't have time to shop, but

would like to help, you may make a cash donation, checks payable to Capon Valley Neighbor to Neighbor. It is also hoped that businesses will contribute toward the shower. Collected funds will then go toward purchasing baby items.

All donations should be made by May 13. Neighbor to Neighbor is a 501(c)(3) organization, so all gifts are tax deductible.

What better way to welcome a new life into the world than to shower the family with love and special gifts! We can nurture these families with heartfelt goodness, setting the stage for a lifetime of community fellowship.

## Potomac State College names Jesse Dove as finalist for WVU Student Employee of the Year



Student employee finalists were recently selected from the Keyser, Morgantown and Beckley campuses, for West Virginia University's Student Employee of the Year. Jesse Dove, a student from Baker, W.Va., was chosen as the Potomac State College finalist and was recognized during Student Employee Appreciation Week. Dove is currently working on his bachelor's degree in business management and is employed at the campus recreation center under the guidance of Kara Hotchkiss (right) and Ivy Rodeheaver (left), who nominated him for the award. All finalists from each campus received a one-time scholarship, prizes and more. Several businesses donated prizes, including Queens Point Coffee, Domino's Pizza, Foxes, Walmart and Martins.

## Legislature: Drug Recovery

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implemented statewide including reducing the prescribing of opioids, distributing naloxone and expanding treatment programs.

For individuals who are not ready to enter treatment, law enforcement diversion programs are being utilized.

In 2021, Christiansen said that over 500 people involved in law enforcement diversions went into treatment. Additionally, Quick Response Teams, who intervene after an overdose, are in 35 West Virginia counties to offer support and make referrals to recovery residences.

Looking forward, Christiansen

noted that the state should "curtail the practices" of residence recovery operators who are "taking advantage of vulnerable individuals," but that the state should "be acutely aware that we can't limit the practices of the good operators who are also serving those people."

He added that his office advocates using existing laws, including limiting out-of-state recruiting, deceptive marketing, patient brokering, kick-back schemes, Medicaid fraud, code enforcement and fire building codes, to begin recovery residence regulation.

He concluded that the state should

also look into licensing programs that "look more like treatment programs and less like single family houses," and he recommended training for recovery residence operators to "bring everyone up to a standard level of expectation of what it takes to run a quality recovery residence."

Emily Birkhead, executive director of the West Virginia Alliance for Recovery Residences, told committee members that there are 188 certifiable residences in the state with approximately 2,200 beds, and 38 Oxford houses.

The National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR) provides

best practice guidance for recovery residences, Birkhead continued. NARR assigns recovery residence levels based on care provided, ranging from a level one (lowest level of care) to level 4 (highest level of care). When a recovery home is reviewed, administration, physical environment, recovery support and a good neighbor policy are all considered.

"We want them to be assets to the neighborhoods that they are in," Birkhead noted. "For good quality programs, they do become an asset."

## Canine Beauty Pageant a Great Success

It was a festive Friday night at Moorefield High School. An audience of nearly a hundred watched with interest and amusement as canines and owners dressed and groomed "to the nines" waltzed across the stage at the Auditorium to their favorite tunes. There was no doubt, they were really "Puttin' on the Dog."

Twenty-five canine contestants, representing a wide spectrum of breeds, put their best foot forward in an effort to be chosen the winner.

Emcee Harley Staggers, III introduced each canine contestant, and read entertaining biographies of each. Charlotte Bowman of Wardensville, Jan Meadows of Romney and Brian Steffan of Lost River served as judges. With so many out-

standing contestants, the judges did not have an easy time of it!

After a lot of deliberation, Gracie Rohrbaugh was crowned the MHS Canine 2022 with runners-ups and special awards going to Chloe Neal, Cassidy Pearce, Winston See, Goose Marie Hinger-Miller, Brady Smith, Romeo Simmons, Buddy Taylor, Otis T. Campbell Thorne, and Miah Thorne and Louie Tater Williams.

Special music, before the show and during intermission, was provided by Moorefield High School students Mauricio Mena, Seth Hose, Lindsey Hose and Ben Barr.

A good time was had by all, and many were overheard remarking, as they filed out of the auditorium after the show, that they hoped it would become an annual event.

## Confederate Soldier Receives New Grave Marker in Olivet



A new marker was added this week to a grave in the "Confederate Circle" of Olivet Cemetery in Moorefield, that of Confederate war veteran Sgt. Andrew Jackson Tabor, thanks to the efforts of Theron Keller of Fredericksburg, Virginia. Tabor was Keller's "3xG grandfather," says Keller with a grin, who noted that the original marker misspelled his surname as "Taber." Tabor was killed in the Battle of Moorefield on August 7, 1864, when Confederate troops commanded by General John McCausland were returning from having burned the town of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and were overrun by Union troops under the command of General William Averell. Keller became interested in adding the marker after learning of similar efforts to better identify and mark graves in Virginia. Above, left to right, Carl Fenton of Alexandria, Virginia, Keller, and Gary Swaim, also of Alexandria, had just finished the task.



Photos taken by Charlotte Bowman

And the winner is... Gracie Rohrbaugh, a clear favorite of the audience as well as the judges, drawing enthusiastic applause from those in attendance.



The winners and runners-up take a bow - sort of - at the conclusion of last Friday night's canine beauty pageant at Moorefield High School.

## This week in West Virginia History

May 4, 1896: The Children's Home Society was formed by a group of Charleston ministers at the YMCA. Their goal was to place orphaned and neglected children with caring families rather than crowd them into county poorhouses.

May 5, 1923: A fire started by welders working on a new swimming pool destroyed most of Luna Park, an amusement park in Charleston. Although Luna's owners announced that they would rebuild, the park never reopened.

May 5, 1923: Golfer Bill Campbell was born in Huntington. He won more than 30 championships over a seven-decade career and is considered one of the best amateur players in history.

May 6, 1812: Activist and physician Martin Robison Delany was born in Charles Town. In February 1865, he was commissioned as a major in the U.S. Colored Troops. He was the only

African-American Civil War officer to be given a field command.

May 6, 1968: A continuous miner machine at the Gauley Coal & Coke Saxsewell No. 8 mine cut into an adjacent mine, which was filled with water. The resulting flood drowned four miners and trapped 21 others.

May 7, 1857: William Alexander MacCorkle was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, on his father's plantation. He served as West Virginia's ninth governor.

May 7, 1928: The Keith-Albee Theater opened in Huntington. The opening program featured a comedy called "Good Morning, Judge," a newsreel, and five stage acts. But the theater itself, with its elaborate interior, clearly was the star of the evening.

May 7, 1983: The New River Gorge National Park and Preserve began operations when the first visitor center opened near Fayetteville.

May 8, 1864: Clarence Wayland Watson was born in Fairmont. Watson was a prominent coal baron and served in the U.S. Senate from 1911 to 1913.

May 8, 1998: Senator Jennings Randolph died at the age of 96. He was first elected to Congress in 1932 and served for 40 years.

May 9, 1843: Confederate spy "Belle" Boyd was born in Martinsburg. On July 4, 1861, Belle shot a Yankee soldier and started her spy career.

May 9, 1863: Confederate raiders arrived at Burning Springs, Wirt County. There they set fire to 150,000 barrels of oil, oil tanks, engines for pumping, engine houses, wagons, and oil-laden boats.

May 10, 1908: The first official observance of Mother's Day was held at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton and simultaneously in Philadelphia. The holiday resulted from a vigorous campaign

by Anna Jarvis who wanted to commemorate the spirit of her mother's work as a social activist.

May 10, 1960: John F. Kennedy defeated Hubert Humphrey in the West Virginia primary. It dispelled the widely held belief that being a Roman Catholic was a crippling handicap for a presidential candidate.

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Professional services will include (1) preparation of bidding and contracting documents, (2) participation in the evaluation of bids received, and (3) monitoring and inspection of construction activities to insure compliance with plans and specifications. Procurement of said services shall be in accordance with Chapter 5G of the Code of West Virginia. Contracts are to be awarded on a fixed fee basis. All consultants interested in being considered for this project must submit a proposal detailing qualifications, technical expertise, management/staffing capabilities and related prior experience.

The aid of the competitive process is to objectively select the firm who will provide the highest quality of service at a realistic fee. Accordingly technical qualifications and experience will be weighed heavily. Selected respondents will be interviewed and the firm judged most qualified will be asked to prepare a final proposal which would include fees for said services.

Please submit all requested information no later than 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 11, 2022, to Angie Curl, Region 8 Planning and Development Council, 131 Providence Lane, Petersburg, West Virginia 26847. Interested firms should contact the Region 8 PDC at www.regioneight.org/projectopportunities, for a copy of the proposal format.

Attention is directed to the fact that the Town will undertake the project with State and Federal funds. The selected firm will be required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246, Section 109 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Conflict of Interest Statement and Access to records provisions and all other requirements as related to federally funded projects.

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Betsy Orndoff-Sayers, Mayor 4/27, 5/04

## IN THE Family COURT OF HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA TO:

PERRY MARK DIORIO SR. Magistrate Court Case No.: 22-MI 60-00019 Respondent's Name (First/Middle/Last) 230 TURNAROUND LANE Family Court Civil Action No.: 2-2--D-V-18 Respondent's Street Address (Please do not list PO Box #) MATHAIS, WV 26812 Respondent's City/ State I Zip 11/13/1958 Respondent's Date of Birth ORDER OF PUBLICATION (PROTECTIVE ORDER/ HEARING DATE)

1. The object of this suit is to obtain protection from the Respondent. 2. The object of this publication by Class I legal advertisement is to notify Respondent of the PROTECTIVE ORDER prohibiting the above-named Respondent from having contact with certain individuals. This Order may affect property and other rights of the Respondent. Violating this Order may subject the Respondent to criminal sanctions. The Respondent is strongly encouraged to obtain a copy of this Protective Order and Petition from the Circuit Clerk of the county listed above. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: If appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of the Petition and Order may be obtained at the Hardy County, Circuit Clerk's office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until May 16, 2022.

A Final Hearing is scheduled for the 16th day of MAY, 2022, at 9:00 A.M., before the Hardy County Family Court.

Issued this 25th day of April, 2022 at 12:42 PM. (Date I Time) FDVOPEP: Order of Publication (EPO/ TEPO) W/Q 11 10SV-09 Cb-cult Clerk Review Date: 07/01/2011; Revision Date: 07/01/2011; HIWVSCA Approved: 07/14/2011 Docket Code(s): FDOPH 5/04

## Fiduciary Notice

The account of the estate of Alvin Kenneth Thompson is before the undersigned for an interim Accounting. Dated this the 20th Day of April, 2022

William H. Judy, III 4/27, 5/04

## Notice of Ancillary Filing without any Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees

Notice is hereby given that the following foreign will or affidavit of heirs has been filed in the Hardy County Clerk's Office at 204 Washington Street, Room 111 Moorefield, WV 26836-0200, and no appointment or administration is being made pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code 44-1-14b.

An interested person(s) objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this state must file a statement with the Hardy County Commission through the County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of first publication or 30 days of service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not timely filed, the objection is forever barred. The County Commission upon receiving any timely objection thereto shall schedule a hearing or hearings thereon and order relief, if any, it considers proper including, but not limited to, an order directing that full and complete ancillary administration of the estate of the nonresident decedent be made in this state.

First Publication Date: Wednesday, April 27, 2022

DATE FILED 04/19/2022

ESTATE NAME: ERNEST ALBERT DUCKETT JR 3204 PEPPERCORN ROAD NEW BERN NC 28562-4940 AFFIANT SHARON LOUISE

DUCKETT 1413 DAMSEL LANE ANNAPOLIS MD 21403-1259 ATTORNEY WIL-

LIAM H BEAN BEAN AND BEAN PO DRAWER 30 MOOREFIELD WV 26836-0030

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 04/19/2022

Gregory L Ely Clerk of the Hardy County Commission 4/27, 5/04

## REQUEST FOR BIDS

Hardy County Parks & Recreation Commission 644 Fisher Keller Rd. Moorefield, WV 2683

Seeking bids for a 40'x80' pavilion constructed as per WV-ENG-65 and WV-ENG-83 drawings, 10' open ends and side walls, 6"x6" PFF post 10' OC with concrete under and around, 4/12 pitch scissor trusses 2' OC with 2' overhang, colored metal roof and gable ends, soffit and fascia finished. All materials, labor and equipment must be included in this bid.

Bidder must provide documentation of construction of a minimum of 10 buildings, this size or larger, constructed as per WV-ENG-65 and WV-ENG-83 drawings. Copies of WV-ENG drawings available at our office, call 304-357-3457 with questions or for more details. Bids must be received at our office by 12:30 p.m., 5-18-22 and project must be completed within 3 months of bid award date. HCPRC is an Equal Opportunity employer and reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

5/4, 5/11

## The Region VII Workforce Development Plan Available for Public Review

The Region VII Workforce Development Board has prepared a draft Workforce Development Plan modification for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024. The Plan states goals and outlines the Board's planning and operational processes. Public participation is important to the process of preparing a sound workforce development plan. Citizens can review the Plan modification April 29, 2022 through May 29, 2022 online at https://wvregion7workforce.org/resources/policies/, the Martinsburg WorkForce WV Career Center, 202 Viking Way, Martinsburg, WV, and the South Branch Workforce WV Career Center, 151 Robert C Byrd Industrial Park Road, Suite 2, Moorefield, WV. You can obtain a copy of the Plan modification or additional information by contacting WIOA staff at (304) 530-5258 or tjanmeter@region7workforce.org.

The Workforce Development Board will receive written comments on the Plan until May 29, 2022. Please forward comments to the Region VII Workforce Development Board Executive Director, 151 Robert C Byrd Industrial Park Road, Suite 2, Moorefield, WV 26836 or e-mail comments to tjanmeter@region7workforce.org.

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- Stockmanship and Stewardship Training (6) June 17, 2022



## BEEF QUALITY ASSURANCE CERTIFICATE

Friday, June 17 - 8-10 a.m.  
 Tri County Fairgrounds, Petersburg, WV

\$15

The Beef Quality Assurance Certificate course is offered as part of Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College Agricultural Innovation Workforce Training and Certifications. Upon completion of this certificate, you will obtain **2 contact hours.**

This course is instructed by **Kevin Shaffer** from **WVU Extension.**



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The Stockmanship and Stewardship Training is offered as part of Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College Agricultural Innovation Workforce Training and Certifications. Upon completion of this certificate, you will obtain **6 contact hours.**

This course is instructed by **Ron Gill** from **Texas A&M Extension.**



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 East Hardy High School Cafeteria  
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Primary Election  
Hardy County, WV  
May 10, 2022  
REPUBLICAN PRECINCT 1

FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
(Vote for ONE)

MIKE SECKMAN  
West Union Doddridge Co.

SUSAN BUCHSER-LOCHOCKI  
Morgantown Monongalia Co.

DAVID B. MCKINLEY  
Wheeling Ohio Co.

RHONDA A. HERCULES  
Wheeling Brooke Co.

ALEXANDER X. MOONEY  
Charles Town Jefferson Co.

FOR STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
14TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
(Male)  
(Vote For Not More Than TWO)  
Two males can be elected and two females can be elected, but not more than two people (male or female) of any one county can be elected.

ANGELA M. IMAN  
Mount Storm Grant Co.

WM. J.R. KEPLINGER  
Moorefield Hardy Co.

JAMES LOUGH  
Keyser Mineral Co.

JAY TAYLOR  
Grafton Taylor Co.

STEPHEN GARTH SMITH  
Old Fields Hardy Co.

FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
86TH DELEGATE DISTRICT  
(Vote for ONE)

BRYAN C. WARD  
Fisher Hardy Co.

FOR STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
14TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
(Female)  
(Vote For Not More Than TWO)  
Two males can be elected and two females can be elected, but not more than two people (male or female) of any one county can be elected.

VICKIE HAMMOND  
Kingwood Preston Co.

JOYCE M. JENNINGS  
Tunnelton Preston Co.

Write-in, If Any

FOR STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
14TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
(Male)  
(Vote For Not More Than TWO)  
Two males can be elected and two females can be elected, but not more than two people (male or female) of any one county can be elected.

DAVE SYPOLT  
Kingwood Preston Co.

BRUCE A. KOLSUN  
Parsons Tucker Co.

STEPHEN GARTH SMITH  
Old Fields Hardy Co.

JAY TAYLOR  
Grafton Taylor Co.

Write-in, If Any

Write-in, If Any

Primary Election  
Hardy County, WV  
May 10, 2022  
REPUBLICAN PRECINCT 1

FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
(Male)  
(Vote for ONE)

NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED

Write-in, If Any

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
(Vote for ONE)  
Not more than one resident of any magisterial district may be elected.

DAVID "JAY" FANSLER  
Mathias Lost River Dist.

GREG GREENWALT  
Old Fields Old Fields Dist.

Write-in, If Any

FOR COUNTY CLERK  
(Vote for ONE)

TREVOR SOUTHERLY  
Moorefield

Write-in, If Any

FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
(Female)  
(Vote for ONE)

NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED

Write-in, If Any

FOR SENATORIAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
14TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
(Male)  
(Vote for ONE)

NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED

Write-in, If Any

FOR SENATORIAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
14TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
(Female)  
(Vote for ONE)

NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED

Write-in, If Any

FOR DELEGATE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
86TH DELEGATE DISTRICT  
(Female)  
(Vote for ONE)

NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED

Write-in, If Any

Primary Election  
Hardy County, WV  
May 10, 2022  
REPUBLICAN PRECINCT 1

FOR DELEGATE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
86TH DELEGATE DISTRICT  
(Male)  
(Vote for ONE)

NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED

Write-in, If Any

OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE HARDY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

NONPARTISAN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
(Vote For Not More Than THREE)  
Maximum eligible to be elected from districts:  
Moorefield (1), South Fork (2), Capon (1), Old Fields (2), Lost River (2)

MELVIN F. SHOOK JR.  
Baker Lost River Dist.

DIXIE BEAN  
Moorefield Old Fields Dist.

DOUG HINES  
Moorefield Moorefield Dist.

Write-in, If Any

Write-in, If Any

Write-in, If Any

OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT

FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR  
POTOMAC VALLEY DISTRICT  
(Vote for ONE)

RONALD L. MILLER  
Baker

Write-in, If Any

DISTRICT TICKET

FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
CAPON DISTRICT  
(Female)  
(Vote For ONE)

SHERRI HOF  
Wardensville

Write-in, If Any

FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
CAPON DISTRICT  
(Male)  
(Vote For ONE)

NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED

Write-in, If Any

TOWN OF WARDENSVILLE MUNICIPAL ELECTION MAY 10, 2022

FOR MAYOR  
(Vote for ONE)

BETSY ORNDOFF-SAYERS  
Wardensville

Write-in, If Any

Primary Election  
Hardy County, WV  
May 10, 2022  
REPUBLICAN PRECINCT 1

FOR CITY COUNCIL  
(Vote For Not More Than THREE)

EDWARD R. KLINOYSKI  
Wardensville

CHARLOTTE BOWMAN  
Wardensville

Write-in, If Any

Write-in, If Any

Write-in, If Any

DISTRICT TICKET

FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
LOST RIVER DISTRICT  
(Female)  
(Vote For ONE)

HEATHER LEE MILLS  
Mathias

Write-in, If Any

FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
LOST RIVER DISTRICT  
(Male)  
(Vote For ONE)

NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED

Write-in, If Any

FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OLD FIELDS DISTRICT  
(Female)  
(Vote For ONE)

BREANNA MALCOLM  
Moorefield

Write-in, If Any

FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OLD FIELDS DISTRICT  
(Male)  
(Vote For ONE)

STEPHEN GARTH SMITH  
Moorefield

Write-in, If Any

FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
SOUTH FORK DISTRICT  
(Female)  
(Vote For ONE)

JOYCE L. SCHETROM  
Moorefield

Write-in, If Any

FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
SOUTH FORK DISTRICT  
(Male)  
(Vote For ONE)

ROB CLASS  
Moorefield

Write-in, If Any

Primary Election  
Hardy County, WV  
May 10, 2022  
NONPARTISAN PRECINCT 1

OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE HARDY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

NONPARTISAN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
(Vote For Not More Than THREE)  
Maximum eligible to be elected from districts:  
Moorefield (1), South Fork (2), Capon (1), Old Fields (2), Lost River (2)

MELVIN F. SHOOK JR.  
Baker Lost River Dist.

DIXIE BEAN  
Moorefield Old Fields Dist.

DOUG HINES  
Moorefield Moorefield Dist.

Write-in, If Any

Write-in, If Any

Write-in, If Any

OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT

FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR  
POTOMAC VALLEY DISTRICT  
(Vote for ONE)

RONALD L. MILLER  
Baker

Write-in, If Any

TOWN OF WARDENSVILLE MUNICIPAL ELECTION MAY 10, 2022

FOR MAYOR  
(Vote for ONE)

BETSY ORNDOFF-SAYERS  
Wardensville

Write-in, If Any

FOR CITY COUNCIL  
(Vote For Not More Than THREE)

EDWARD R. KLINOYSKI  
Wardensville

CHARLOTTE BOWMAN  
Wardensville

Write-in, If Any

Write-in, If Any

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NOTE:  
THE TOWN OF WARDENSVILLE ELECTION WILL ONLY BE ON BALLOTS FOR TOWN RESIDENTS

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DISTRICT TICKET

FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MOOREFIELD DISTRICT  
(Female)  
(Vote For ONE)

NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED

Write-in, If Any

FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MOOREFIELD DISTRICT  
(Male)  
(Vote For ONE)

JOSEPH ROY DODD  
Moorefield

Write-in, If Any

NOTE:  
THE TOWN OF WARDENSVILLE ELECTION WILL ONLY BE ON BALLOTS FOR TOWN RESIDENTS and the COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL ONLY BE ON THE BALLOTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE PARTY DISTRICTS.

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DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT 1

NATIONAL TICKET	
FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)	
<input type="checkbox"/> BARRY LEE WENDELL Morgantown Monongalia Co.	<input type="checkbox"/> CANDI SISLER Terra Alta Preston Co.
<input type="checkbox"/> ANGELA J. DWYER Martinsburg Berkeley Co.	<input type="checkbox"/> DEANNA B. ARMENTROUT Keyser Mineral Co.
STATE TICKET	
FOR STATE SENATOR 14TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)	
<input type="checkbox"/> AMANDA JO PITZER Thornton Preston Co.	<input type="checkbox"/> RITA MCCROBIE Bretz Preston Co.
FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 86TH DELEGATE DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)	
<input type="checkbox"/> BRADLEY "BJ" RINARD Wardensville Hardy Co.	<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any
<input type="checkbox"/> JAMESON PAUL FREEMAN Moorefield Hardy Co.	<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any
FOR STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 14TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Female) (Vote For Not More Than TWO)	
Two males can be elected and two females can be elected, but not more than two people (male or female) of any one county can be elected.	
<input type="checkbox"/> RANDY TICHNELL Thornton Preston Co.	<input type="checkbox"/> MICHAEL MCLINTOCK Hendricks Tucker Co.
<input type="checkbox"/> JASON A. ARMENTROUT Keyser Mineral Co.	<input type="checkbox"/> DALE MCCRAY Terra Alta Preston Co.
<input type="checkbox"/> MIKE MANYPENNY Grafton Taylor Co.	<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any	<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any

Primary Election  
Hardy County, WV  
May 10, 2022  
DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT 1

FOR DELEGATE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 86TH DELEGATE DISTRICT (Male) (Vote for ONE)	
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any	
OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE HARDY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION	
NONPARTISAN BOARD OF EDUCATION (Vote For Not More Than THREE) Maximum eligible to be elected from districts: Moorefield (1); South Fork (2); Capon (1); Old Fields (2); Lost River (2)	
<input type="checkbox"/> MELVIN F. SHOOK JR. Baker Lost River Dist.	<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any
<input type="checkbox"/> DIXIE BEAN Moorefield Old Fields Dist.	<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any
<input type="checkbox"/> DOUG HINES Moorefield Moorefield Dist.	<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any
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<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any	<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any
OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT	
FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR POTOMAC VALLEY DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)	
<input type="checkbox"/> RONALD L MILLER Baker	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any	
DISTRICT TICKET	
FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CAPON DISTRICT (Female) (Vote For ONE)	
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any	
FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CAPON DISTRICT (Male) (Vote For ONE)	
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any	
TOWN OF WARDENSVILLE MUNICIPAL ELECTION MAY 10, 2022	
FOR MAYOR (Vote for ONE)	
<input type="checkbox"/> BETSY ORNDOFF-SAYERS Wardensville	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any	

Primary Election  
Hardy County, WV  
May 10, 2022  
DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT 1

COUNTY TICKET	
FOR CIRCUIT CLERK (Vote for ONE)	
<input type="checkbox"/> KELLY J. SHOCKEY Moorefield	<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Vote for ONE) Not more than one resident of any magisterial district may be elected.	
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any	
FOR COUNTY CLERK (Vote for ONE)	
<input type="checkbox"/> GREGORY L. ELY Moorefield	<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any
FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Female) (Vote for ONE)	
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any	
FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Male) (Vote for ONE)	
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any	
FOR SENATORIAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 14TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Female) (Vote for ONE)	
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any	
FOR SENATORIAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 14TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Male) (Vote for ONE)	
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any	
FOR DELEGATE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 86TH DELEGATE DISTRICT (Female) (Vote for ONE)	
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any	

Primary Election  
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May 10, 2022  
DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT 1

FOR CITY COUNCIL (Vote For Not More Than THREE)	
<input type="checkbox"/> EDWARD R. KLINDOVSKI Wardensville	<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any
<input type="checkbox"/> CHARLOTTE BOWMAN Wardensville	<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any	<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any	<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any	<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any
DISTRICT TICKET	
FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SOUTH FORK DISTRICT (Female) (Vote For ONE)	
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any	
FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SOUTH FORK DISTRICT (Male) (Vote For ONE)	
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any	
FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SOUTH FORK DISTRICT (Female) (Vote For ONE)	
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, If Any	
FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SOUTH FORK DISTRICT (Male) (Vote For ONE)	
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	
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# The Ultimate Spring Cleaning Checklist



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Spring is the perfect time to clear out unused items and give forgotten corners a good scrub. However, setting out to clean your entire house can be a challenging task that requires patience and organization.

To help you reach every nook and cranny, consider this handy checklist from the experts at Best Pick Reports.

### Kitchen

As one of the most used rooms in the home, the kitchen builds up a lot of dirt and grime. If you cook regularly, your kitchen is ground zero for all sorts of messes. In addition to wayward crumbs that could attract pests, you have to contend with bacteria that can cause illness and accumulated grease.

**1. Service Major Appliances:** Spring is an opportune time to deal with any issues you may have been putting off, including having major appliances serviced. For example, if your fridge makes excessive noise or wavers in temperature or your oven heats unevenly, it's important to have a home services professional take a look and provide an expert opinion that can save you money in the long run.

**2. Clear Out Cabinets:** Spring cleaning isn't just about washing – it's also the perfect time to get rid of things you don't need. In the case of your kitchen, that means taking a thorough inventory of the cabinets and pantry.

Be sure to check expiration dates on every package. While it may be OK to use some dry goods a short time past the printed "best by" date, you should get rid of anything that's more than a year expired. This is also a perfect time to clear out items you'll never eat, like gifted condiments or candies. You can donate anything non-perishable that's still within its "best by" date to your local food bank.

### Bathroom

Most people clean their bathrooms regularly since this room can pose serious bacteria risks. However, your annual deep cleaning is the perfect time to address issues that aren't visible to the naked eye or have fallen by the wayside.

**1. Clear Pipes:** Plumbing professionals recommend you get your pipes checked regularly to prevent clogs. Spring cleaning is a great opportunity to hire an expert to tackle slow-moving drains and give your plumbing its annual checkup. This is especially important if you live in an area that reaches freezing temperatures, as your pipes may have been affected during the winter.

**2. Eliminate Grime:** If you have hard water, you may notice a buildup of lime or mineral deposits in your shower or sink. There are several grime-fighting products you can pick up at the store to make your metal fixtures shine once more. For tougher stains, such as those under the toilet bowl lip, you can use gel or scrub with a pumice stick.

### Closets

For many people, the closet is a place to store items you don't quite know what to do with. In some cases, closet clutter can get so bad you may even forget things, only to be surprised when they resurface months or years later.

The spirit of spring cleaning may compel you to roll up your sleeves and start on projects you've been procrastinating tackling. Consider putting closet reorganization at the top of that list.

**1. Sort Clothing:** Before you can properly reorganize, you need to see what you have. Start by separating items into piles:

- Warm weather clothes and accessories
- Cold weather clothes and accessories
- Clothes and accessories you haven't worn for a year or more

To make room in your closet, donate items you no longer wear. If you have more clutter than you know what to do with, there are professional organizers who can help you sort items, designate storage areas and label containers. They're also skilled at nudging clients to be honest about whether it makes sense to keep a particular article of clothing or not.

**2. Store Seasonal Items:** When you've let go of possessions you aren't actually using, you're typically left with two piles. The first is items you can wear in current weather and the second is items appropriate for a different season.

You can store this season's items in your closet and store winter clothes somewhere out of the way, such as under the bed, on high closet shelves or in outdoor storage. If you have the right tools, you can also vacuum seal seasonal items for additional space.

### Forgotten Spaces

Deep cleaning areas of your house you regularly use is great, but you also need to give some TLC to the spaces you rarely think about.

**1. Assess the Attic:** If you have an attic space, now is the time to go through any boxes and determine what you can part with. While you're up there, be on the lookout for any signs that pests have made your attic their home, such as:

- Destroyed insulation
- Nesting
- Excrement

Be sure to call in a professional if you find any sign of pests.

**2. Assess the Basement:** Your basement deserves similar treatment. In the subterranean areas, you'll also want to keep an eye out for water damage. Basements are at risk of flooding, which can lead to mold and mildew. If you notice signs of mold, make sure to call a professional for safe removal.

Now is the time to get your spring cleaning checked off so you can enjoy the beautiful weather. If you need a professional for any of these services or findings from your cleaning, check out [bestpickreports.com](http://bestpickreports.com) and [fivestarrated.com](http://fivestarrated.com) for experts in your neighborhood.

## Tips for Disinfecting Your House

With bacteria and viruses able to spread easily, it's essential to disinfect your home to help you and your family stay healthy. While these steps can become part of your everyday routine, be sure to put some elbow grease into it during spring cleaning.

### Wipe Down Frequently Touched Surfaces

While there's no harm in sanitizing everything in your kitchen, the real threat is frequently touched surfaces. Make sure to give these common touch points a thorough wipe down:

- Light switches
- Doorknobs
- Faucet handles

### Use Effective Products

Not all household cleaning products are formulated to kill germs. To eliminate threats of illness, make sure your cleaning supplies contain one of the following:

- 70% alcohol
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# Turn your yard into a vacation-worthy oasis

Warm weather means more time to relax outdoors. For those homeowners lucky enough to have entertaining spaces outside, spring and summer provides plenty of opportunities to enjoy fresh air under the sun or stars.

Over the last few years, families have become especially familiar with what works about their yards and where there is room for improvement. Pandemic-related travel restrictions and early stay-at-home mandates resulted in plenty of time spent in backyards on staycations. Even though many such restrictions have been lifted, homeowners may have seen the benefits of having functional respites right outside their doors.

A backyard renovation can cost anywhere from \$5,000 to \$50,000. The American Society of Landscape Architects suggests homeowners budget the cost of a major landscaping project at between 5 and 10 percent of their home's value. Large or small, here are ways to make an outdoor oasis at home.

## Create living privacy

Living in close proximity to neighbors may make privacy harder

to come by. Wood or vinyl fences, however effective, may not provide the all-natural look many people desire. Vertical gardening, which trains easy-care vines like English ivy, Clematis or various climbing roses to grow on trellis or fencing adds greenery and privacy. Hedges and fast-growing shrubs also can be used for natural barriers.

## Install a pool

Pools are the ultimate spots to cool off on hot days. An elaborately shaped inground pool can blend in with the landscape and offer the ultimate hang-out zone. However, above-ground pools also serve the purpose and are more budget-friendly. Stock tank pools are popular among those who want minimal pool expenditure or have small spaces to work with. Stock tanks are metal vessels traditionally used as watering holes for livestock. They also can be "adult kiddie pools" when combined with some plumbing. Galvanized steel frames make them sturdy. With floats and other accessories, they can become the perfect oasis.

## Provide outdoor atmosphere

Create a bespoke bistro vibe by using freestanding planters and posts along with hanging lights to make an intimate outdoor hangout spot at night. For those with permanent structures, like a deck or a gazebo, lights can be strung across the area or on railings or edging.

## Extend the living space

Decks and patios can help make outdoor entertaining areas more comfortable by eliminating the need to sit on the grass or gravel. Plus, they add another "room" to the home. When paired with weatherproof patio furniture, such as sofas, loungers and tables, a private seating area can be crafted and utilized for any number of entertaining desires.

## Hang a hammock

Few things evoke feelings of relaxation better than a hammock. Fitted between two trees (or two posts if trees are sparse), a hammock is an ideal place to grab a nap or read a book.

Additional oasis-inspired ideas include outdoor kitchens, letting up lanterns, cascading water features, and bird feeders to attract the sounds of nature.



# Keep groundhogs out of the garden this year



Keeping groundhogs at bay is a goal for many homeowners, and the following are some simple ways to do just that.

Groundhogs take center stage on February 2nd. Individuals across the country anxiously await the news of whether one of these furry fellows sees his shadow or not — the latter indicating that an early spring is on the horizon.

Once Groundhog Day has come and gone, the humble groundhog regains its status as unwanted intruder.

Groundhogs invade lawns and gardens in search of fruits, vegetables and ornamental plants. Groundhogs also can make extensive burrows under the soil ripping up the landscape and potentially threatening the foundation of a home. Keeping groundhogs at bay is a goal for many homeowners, and the following are some simple ways to do just that.

Make sure it's a groundhog

Before taking any steps to repel groundhogs, first make sure it's really these fuzzy critters who are wreaking havoc. Signs of a groundhog infestation include:

- Feathery tops of carrots have been removed.
- A large hole, around 10 to 12 inches wide, under or near a storage shed or other structure with mounds of dirt outside of it.
- Tomatoes with large bites taken out of them.
- Newly damaged plants noticed in the after-

noon (deer eat garden plants at night).

- Wide teeth marks on plants and bark.
- Tracks in the dirt that show four-clawed toes on the front paws and five on the back.

Once you've determined it's a groundhog that is causing damage, you can try these strategies to keep them away.

- Harvest your garden frequently to remove opportunities for groundhogs to prey on produce. They're particularly attracted to cantaloupes, cabbage, green beans, cucumbers, zucchini, and corn. They also like the tender greens from lettuce. Consider using raised garden beds so groundhogs will not have easy access.

- Groundhogs prefer camouflage around their burrows. Mow the lawn, pull weeds and clean up brush piles to deter groundhogs.

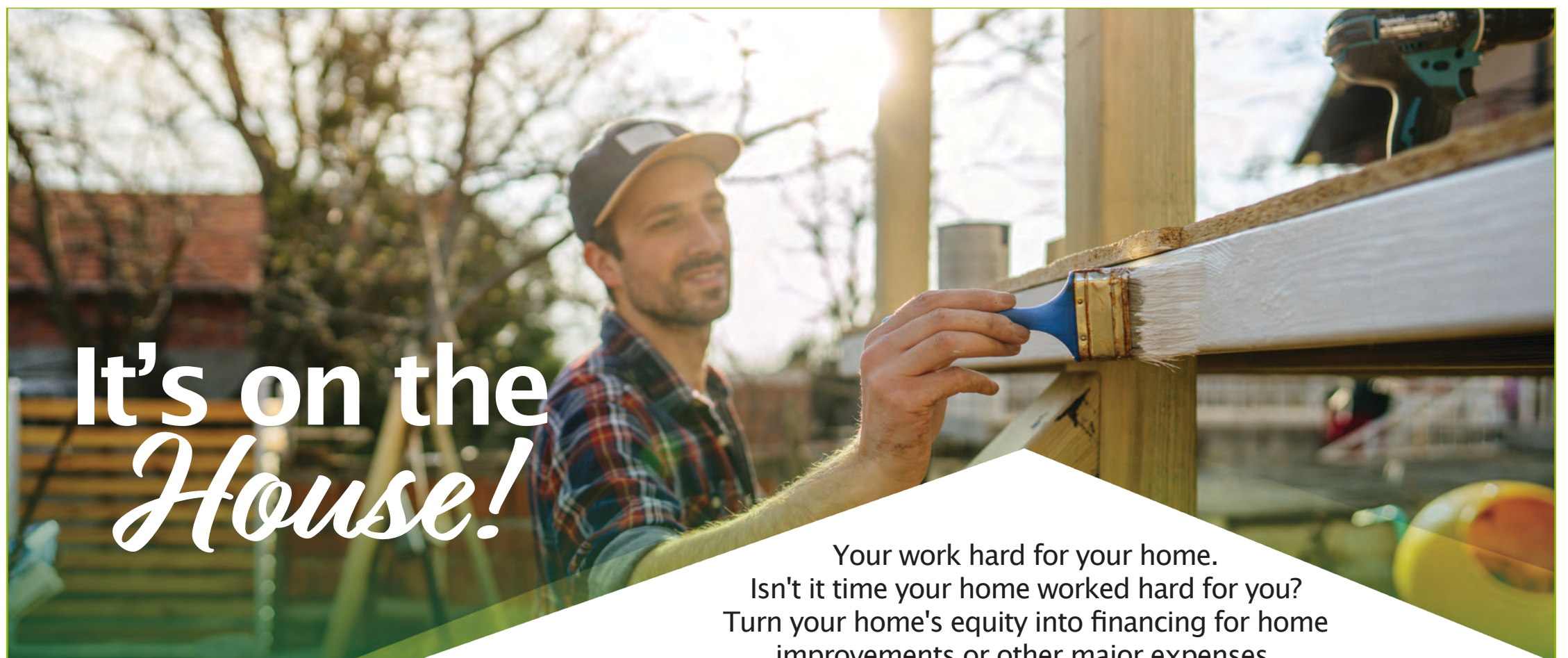
- Keep groundhogs from burrowing under structures by burying chicken wire a foot underground and bending it at 90-degree angles away from structures or the garden.

- Apply safe repellents that use essential oils or flavors and scents that groundhogs do not like. Epsom salt is believed to repel groundhogs.

- Call animal control to have a groundhog relocated. Animal trapping professionals can live trap and release a groundhog elsewhere. Don't try to trap a groundhog yourself, as they can be feisty and bite or scratch if scared.

# Explaining easements, setbacks and CCRs

Property setbacks as well as easements and conditions, covenants and restrictions (CCRs) must be considered before renovating an existing home or building a new one. Setbacks are mandated buffers between surveyed property lines and permanent structures. Easements are legal designations that enable individuals or entities to use portions of a person's property for physical access or to build on it for one reason or another. Easements may be owned by utility companies for gas lines or government agencies when sidewalks are on a private property. Additional examples of easements include greenbelt conservation easements, beach easements or view easements, according to The Spruce, a home and lifestyle resource. CCRs include rules established by many planned communities, subdivisions and planned unit developments. CCRs, easements and property setbacks can affect which type of renovations are allowed on particular plots and may affect the issuance of permits. It's essential to learn about property easements, CCRs and setbacks in advance and discuss them with contractors when drawing up preliminary plans. Your property deed or plat map as well as the local building inspection offices can highlight any regulations that may be in effect on your property and if they may affect future projects.



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## Popular insect repellent plants

Homeowners choose plants for their properties based on a number of variables. Some may be into growing their own foods, while others desire their gardens to be an awe-inspiring mélange of bright colors and alluring scents. There's no wrong reason to plant a fresh garden, but some plants offer extra benefits, such as repelling insects.

Insects can be a nuisance and a threat to individuals' overall health. According to the American Academy of Family Physicians, insect-borne diseases are viral and bacterial illnesses that develop from insect bites. Mosquitoes, sand flies and fleas are some examples of insects that can pass on disease. Fever, chills, headache, and muscle soreness are just a few of the more common symptoms linked to insect-borne diseases.

The good news for avid gardeners is that certain plants can help repel insects and provide the additional benefits like fresh food and aesthetic appeal that so many people love.

- **Basil:** The aroma of fresh basil is enough to compel any gardener to make a place for it in their garden. But there's more to fresh basil than its scent, as the Farmers Almanac notes it can be used to repel mosquitoes and moths.

- **Lavender:** Fleas, flies, mosquitoes, and moths are not fans of this aromatic and colorful member of the mint family. Bees tend to be drawn to lavender, a durable plant that many garden centers recom-

mend in areas prone to drought or hot summers without much precipitation.

- **Mint:** Mint is another plant that is instantly recognizable for its aroma. But mint lovers may not realize that it's also great for keeping ants at bay. Mint also can be used to repel mosquitoes, but gardeners with no experience planting mint should plant it in pots. That's because the Farmers Almanac notes mint is an especially aggressive spreader that can quickly take over a garden. Separating mint in pots can prevent it from bullying its way into other plants' domains.

- **Lemongrass:** Lemongrass is a tropical grass that's so fragrant it's often used in perfumes. Lemongrass contains citronella, which many people associate with repelling mosquitoes. A potted lemongrass plant can repel these unwanted guests, keeping them away from decks, porches and/or patios all summer long.

- **Chrysanthemums:** The Farmers' Almanac® recommends using chrysanthemums, which repel a range of insects from bedbugs to fleas to ants, as border plants around a home. That's because they contain the natural insecticide pyrethrin, which can serve as something of an insect-repelling boundary around a home.

Insects are unwanted guests around a home each spring, summer and fall. Certain plants can help repel insects and serve as an eco-friendly alternative to insecticides.

# How to corral spring allergies

Spring is synonymous with rebirth. Each spring, flowers begin to bloom again, grass starts to grow and people from all walks of life rekindle their love affair with the great outdoors. Spring also marks the return of a familiar foe: allergies.

Seasonal allergies can put a damper on even the most welcoming spring day. After all, a day soaking up the sun isn't so relaxing when it's also spent sneezing and confronting allergy symptoms like congestion, runny nose and watery eyes. Thankfully, it's possible for seasonal allergy sufferers to have their spring and enjoy it, too.

- **Pay attention to seasonal allergy trackers.** Seasonal allergies are now easier to track than ever. For example, Pollen.com is an easily accessible and free site that allows visitors to type in their ZIP codes and access daily allergy reports for their towns and cities. Visitors also can see five-day forecasts that can help them plan trips and other outdoor excursions. Weather.com also offers free allergy reports and forecasts. Individuals with seasonal allergies can make use of these sites and plan their activities based on the information they provide.

- **Stay indoors when allergen levels are especially high.** The Mayo Clinic notes that there are several things individuals can do to reduce their exposure to seasonal allergy triggers. That includes staying indoors on dry, windy days. This doesn't mean



It's possible for seasonal allergy sufferers to have their spring and enjoy it, too.

individuals need to lock themselves indoors all spring. But it's important that seasonal allergy sufferers recognize that some days might be too much to handle. Rain helps clear pollen from the air, so individuals who are avoiding the outdoors on days when pollen counts are high should be able to get outside after a good rain without triggering an attack.

- **Maintain clean air indoors.** The great outdoors is not the only place where allergens percolate. The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of Amer-

ica notes that improving air quality in a home can reduce allergy triggers. Air conditioners can prevent outdoor allergens from entering a home, so utilize units on warm spring days when you might otherwise open the windows. Open windows and screen doors provide easy entry points for allergens like pollen, so turning on the AC when outdoor allergen counts are high can make seasonal allergies more manageable.

- **Consider treatments.** Over-the-counter treatments like antihista-

mines, nasal sprays and decongestants provide most individuals with sufficient relief from their seasonal allergies. If OTC remedies are ineffective, treatments such as allergen immunotherapy and a consultation with an allergen may be necessary.

Seasonal allergies can spoil an otherwise welcoming spring day. But there are many ways for individuals to corral their seasonal allergies and still enjoy spring sun.

## How to corral a crabgrass infestation in your yard

A well-manicured lawn adds undeniable curb appeal to a property. Homeowners who take pride in their lawns should know that they can take that pride all the way to the bank, as investing in a pristine lawn can provide a significant return at resale.

A 2019 report from the real estate experts at HomeLight found that a \$268 investment in lawn care service can add \$1,211 at resale. That's a 352 percent return on investment.

Homeowners can capitalize on a pristine lawn even further by tending to their own lawns. Crabgrass is one lawn problem that can compromise the look of an otherwise lush lawn. Thankfully, crabgrass can be con-

trolled without much effort.

### Identifying crabgrass

Crabgrass is a weed that grows in areas of a lawn that are bare or where the grass is thin. Crabgrass gets its name from its appearance, as it grows from the center outward and mimics the look of crab legs emerging from the center shell.

### The growth of crabgrass

The University of Minnesota Extension notes that crabgrass is an annual plant. That means a crabgrass infestation that's problematic once the mercury rises in the summer will die out in late fall or early win-

ter. But crabgrass germinates in the spring, so homeowners will want to take steps to prevent it long before it becomes an eyesore in summer.

### How to corral crabgrass

The UME notes that application of a pre-emergent herbicide before crabgrass seeds can germinate is an effective way to eliminate it. The timing of that application can be tricky, as jumping the gun and applying the herbicide too early can prove fruitless. The same goes for applying herbicides too late. Crabgrass will likely still grow if the herbicide is applied too early or too late. UME recommends applying a pre-emergent

herbicide when soil temperatures approach 55 F.

Home Depot notes that a chemical treatment may be applied after crabgrass has already grown in, but this option requires careful application to avoid killing surrounding healthy grass.

Crabgrass can be pulled out by hand, but such an approach can be physically daunting. That's especially so because crabgrass thrives when the weather is hot and dry. So homeowners who intend to pull crabgrass by hand can decrease their risk of dehydration or heat-related illness by drinking plenty of water and pulling the grass during morning or evening.

# Six ways to make your garden more successful

Homeowners enjoy gardening for many different reasons. In addition to adding beauty to a property, gardens can offset grocery costs by yielding tasty produce. They also offer important habitats and food sources for both insects and animals.

While growing a vegetable or flower garden can turn into a rewarding hobby, or even a passion, gardening also can be overwhelming — particularly when the results are less than stellar. Novice gardeners have scores of resources at their disposal, including the advice of gardeners who have made mistakes and learned from them. The following guidance can make home gardens that much more successful.

### 1. Start small

You may have visions of an expansive garden growing rows of crops or acres of flowers. But it is smart to start small and build on what you find successful, which includes plants that thrive in your lawn and garden.

This also is beneficial if you are unsure of vegetable yields. Several blooming plants producing bushels of crops can be overwhelming, especially if you can't get to harvesting or cooking them in a timely fashion.

### 2. Assess the soil

Plants need nutrient-rich soil to encourage extensive root systems and produce strong, hardy plants, according to the gardening re-

source GrowVeg. Nourish soil with organic matter, such as manure, compost, shredded leaves, and natural mulch. Add this organic matter in the off-season to give it enough time to be incorporated into the ground before spring. You can have your soil tested for pH and other characteristics that make it friendly or averse to plants at a local garden center.

### 3. Arm yourself with knowledge

Do you know how deeply to plant seeds and how far apart to space plants? Are you aware of the sunlight needs of certain flowers or plants? If not, read the packaging and do your research so your plants have the best chance of not only sprouting, but also surviv-

ing. Many people prefer to start seedlings indoors in late winter and then transfer those plants outdoors when they are stronger and more established.

### 4. Sit in your yard and observe

Watch the way the sunlight dances over areas of your landscape. Take note of which areas get the most sun and shade. This will help you plan what to plant and where to plant it. Vegetable gardens tend to need ample sunlight to bear pick-worthy produce. You can give plants a leg up by growing them in optimal conditions.

### 5. Choose hardy varieties

Certain plants have been bred to thrive in your climate, including heat-tolerant plants for climates with sweltering summer sun. Consult with a local gardening center to figure out which plant zone you are in and which plants will do best within that zone.

### 6. Use rainwater

Rainwater contains fewer contaminants and additives than tap water, which can benefit garden plants. Collect rainwater in rain barrels and use irrigation systems to deliver it to the garden.

Home gardens can yield many gifts, from flowers to fruit. Beginners can utilize some time-tested strategies to increase their chances of planting a successful garden.



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# Tree Talk

## 4 tips for planting trees

**FAMILY FEATURES**

**T**rees are virtually everywhere you turn, from your own backyard to nearby parks and forests where you enjoy hiking. They provide shade and beauty, and some even bear fruit. Beyond all the immediate benefits, you may be surprised to discover trees are also a critical key to the future.

These facts and tips from the book "Now is the Time for Trees" offer practical insight on the importance of trees and how to nurture one from selection to planting and beyond.

A compelling and ever-growing body of evidence generated by scientists, health care professionals, conservationists, humanitarians and both public and private corporations supports the critical importance of trees and their impact on the human condition. Trees filter pollutants out of the air and water and provide protection for people and communities from dangerous heat and flooding. They lower urban temperatures, reduce energy bills and sequester carbon to slow the rate of climate change.

When you plant a tree in your yard or neighborhood, that tree goes to work filtering out pollutants, intercepting stormwater and capturing carbon. With proper placement, that tree can also help lower household energy use by as much as 20%.

You can engage in the tree planting movement and make a difference by planting trees around your home and surrounding community with these tips.

**Consider the Growing Region**

Choosing a tree that will flourish in your growing region is fundamental to becoming a successful tree planter. Start by getting familiar with the growing conditions of your planting site, including factors like sunlight, soil condition and room to grow.

The amount of available sunlight at your planting location will determine which tree species will be successful. Most trees require full sunlight for proper growth and flowering. Some do well in (or even prefer) partial or light shade, but few perform well in dense shade.

Before you plant, get your soil tested by a lab to evaluate what's happening underground. Test results, which are usually returned in a couple of weeks, provide a complete analysis of nutrients, possible contamination and pH (alkalinity or acidity), as well as directions for correcting problems.

Be conscious of overhead or underground utilities, pavement, buildings, other trees, traffic intersections and other factors that may impact your planting space.

**Shopping for a Tree**

When choosing which kind of tree to plant, be conscious of details like size, flowering, color (including how colors may vary through the seasons) and your view from inside the house. While shopping, you can rely on plant labels to learn details about a tree's growth pattern, sun requirements, watering needs and soil requirements.

Two common styles of trees are container-grown trees, which spend their entire nursery lives growing in a container, and ball-and-burlap trees, which grow in the ground until they achieve a targeted size.

A well-tended container-grown tree has been carefully monitored and moved into larger containers as the plant grows. Be wary of a tree with roots that circle or twist within the container, which may cause roots to die. For a ball-and-burlap tree, look for a firm, securely tied root ball that is large enough to support the mature tree; it should be about 10-12 inches wide for every inch of trunk diameter.

**Prepare Your Planting Site**

Properly preparing your planting site is one of the best things you can do to get your tree off to a strong start. Before you plant, make sure your tree is thoroughly hydrated by watering the container or root ball several hours before proceeding. When planting a tree into a lawn, remove a circle of grass at least 3 feet in diameter where the tree will go to reduce competition between turf and fine tree roots.

**Start Digging**

Dig a broad, shallow planting hole with gently sloping sides 3-4 times wider than the diameter of the root mass and the same depth. Mound removed soil on a tarp for easy backfilling. Loosening the soil on the sides of the hole allows roots to easily expand and establish faster, but don't disturb soil at the bottom of the hole.

Once the tree is positioned, replace the soil while firmly but gently tamping the original soil around the base of the root ball to stabilize it. Create a water-holding basin around the tree by building up a ring of soil and water to settle roots. Spread protective mulch 2-4 inches deep in a 3-foot diameter around the base of the tree, but not touching the trunk.

Find more tips to successfully plant and care for your trees at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).



**The Power of Trees**

From backyards to tropical rain forests, trees provide the necessities of life. Trees clean air and water, provide habitats for wildlife, connect communities and support human health.

- Trees are a proven affordable, natural way to pull carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere.
- Trees filter water and slow storm surge and flooding in cities.
- Trees provide shade, cooling cities by up to 10 degrees, which can help prevent heat-related deaths.
- Neighborhood trees can reduce stress, improve overall health in children and encourage physical activity.
- Trees support wildlife and aquatic life by providing habitats and helping keep waterways healthy, which ensures ecosystem balance and promotes biodiversity.
- Trees and other forest life work together to ensure a clean source of drinking water, buffer against extreme weather, provide medicines, offer outdoor recreation and enrich human culture.

**A Handy Guide for Planting Trees**

A rally cry against climate change, "Now is the Time for Trees" is an inspirational and informative guide that explains the important role trees can play in preserving the environment.

Author Dan Lambe, CEO of the Arbor Day Foundation, offers compelling reasons to plant more trees while providing simple, actionable steps to get involved, choose the right tree and achieve planting success. For each book sold, the foundation will plant a tree in a forest in need.

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## HARDY COUNTY SPORTS

# East Hardy outlasts Moorefield on big game-winning hit

By Carl Holcomb  
*Moorefield Examiner*

A backyard brawl with see-saw scoring kept the fans glued to their seats, then a towering shot by East Hardy's Tori Pratt eluded the Yellow Jackets dive in right field with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning for a two run producing game-winning triple as the Cougars edged Moorefield 8-7 in Baker on Monday night.

The last regular season win for the Cougars over Moorefield was in 2017.

"My heart was beating fast enough. I am happy for the girls. It was a close game, both parts. It came down the last inning and a clutch hit and she [Tori Pratt] made a clutch hit for us. I was really proud of it, but I was racing. There towards the middle of the game we were down a little bit, but we battled back and one hit just starts it all off. We kept having productive at-bats and moving people around. We capitalized on a couple errors that they had, but that's softball. You've got to do what you've got to do," East Hardy coach Kelly Heishman commented.

"I told the girls before we took the field that it was their time to capitalize on it. If they played hard and even if they didn't win, I would be pleased with their performance. The icing on the cake was getting the win in the final inning. The fans were in it and the girls were in it. It was a great atmosphere to be in and was proud to be a part of it."

East Hardy starting pitcher Autumn Crites induced a groundout off by shortstop Gabby Miller off the bat of Moorefield's McKenna Crites.

Sterling Kump belted a solo home

run giving the Yellow Jackets an early 1-nil edge.

Moorefield's Emily Kuykendall followed with a single just past the diving attempt at first base and Hannah Snyder stepped in as the courtesy runner.

Autumn Crites countered with a strikeout, then Moorefield's Carlee Haines hit into a fielder's choice, retiring the side.

Moorefield pitcher Emily Kuykendall kept the Cougars off the base path in the bottom of the first inning by inducing three consecutive groundouts by Autumn Crites (2B -

Seana Heavner), Madison Heishman (SS - McKenna Crites) and Mackenzie Blair (3B - Carlee Haines).

Amber Williams kicked off the second inning with a single into center field for the Yellow Jackets, but two straight flyouts by Marissa Ward and Breanna Green, plus a strikeout to Daleny Crites would strand the runner.

East Hardy's Emma Heishman hammered a double down the left field line, then Miller singled to create runners in scoring position.

Victoria Ames delivered a two-RBI triple as the crowd went wild

and provided the Cougars with a 2-1 edge.

After a groundout by Jenna Combs, Tori Pratt recorded an RBI single into left field to extend the lead, 3-1.

East Hardy's Jace Thompson struck out looking for the second out, then the Cougars responded with a single into right field by Autumn Crites.

The Yellow Jackets brought in Amber Williams to pitch and got out of the jam with a fly ball being

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Moorefield's Amber Williams hits a line drive against East Hardy during the Hardy Softball Showdown in Baker.



Moorefield's Daleny Crites slides across home plate as East Hardy catcher Emma Heishman reaches down to make a tag.



East Hardy's Tori Pratt launches the game-winning, two-RBI triple as the ball eludes the diving attempt of Moorefield right fielder Breanna Green during the Hardy Softball Showdown in Baker.

## Look out for UFO's, Moorefield Track meet summoned a galaxy far, far away

By Carl Holcomb  
*Moorefield Examiner*

There was an unidentified flying object in the field events and hurdles to clear on the track, creating a unique vibe at the Moorefield Track Meet on Tuesday and members of the Yellow Jackets created a wrestling vibe holding a championship belt up during wins in the sprints and relays.

Moorefield Boys Track team pinned the competition with 79 points, followed by Petersburg with 41 points, East Hardy placed third with 37 points, Pendleton County had 17 points and Union rounded out the field with nine markers.

"I am so proud of the success my team has had and the improvements they have made since the beginning of the season. It's crunch time now and they know it. They are trying to get personal records in every event with hopes of making it to state. They have so much potential. We will find out if they can use it over the next couple of weeks," Moorefield Boys Track coach Linda Wright commented.

"I also have to give credit to Mr. Sherman for instilling the fighting spirit into the freshmen. They are already hungry for medals at state."

East Hardy Girls Track squad took top honors with 53 points, followed by Moorefield with 34 points, Petersburg earned third place with 26 points, Pendleton County narrowly took fourth place with 18 points over Union with 16 points.

"I was excited for our athletes. We have a very young team this season (only two seniors total), so watching the 4x800 and 4x400 teams that are comprised of only underclassmen, was very special," East Hardy Track coach Devon Orndorff noted.

Due to construction at the East Hardy track, the two Cougars seniors, Carly Hershberger and Holly Snyder, were honored at the Moorefield meet with a special ceremony along with Union senior Bridgette Knapp and Moorefield's Finan Grmay.

During warm-ups in the boys discuss event, one discus thrower from the Vikings had a toss go awry and

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It was a close finish for the 100 meter dash as East Hardy's Holly Snyder edged Moorefield's Taylor Harvey.

## Vikings Rampage Moorefield

By Carl Holcomb  
*Moorefield Examiner*

It was a classic game of chess moving the pieces on the field in a strategic pattern as both teams battled for supremacy and a three run lead by the Yellow Jackets didn't hold as Petersburg rampaged the scene jumping on mistakes and Moorefield responded with a tying check before the Vikings answered with a check-

mate scoring six runs in the seventh inning staving off a late rally to win 12-9 at George Hott Field on Friday.

"I thought we recovered well after they got the early lead. We were able to come back, so I like the way our guys were fighting in the middle of the game. We just need to make a couple more plays down the stretch," Moorefield coach Wade Armentrout

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Moorefield starting pitcher Karson Reed releases the ball as Vikings baserunner William Vanmeter takes a lead off second base.

## East Hardy Softball blanks Warriors twice on senior night

By Carl Holcomb  
*Moorefield Examiner*

East Hardy Softball shutout the Warriors twice on senior night with a 15-nil three inning win and a 15-0 five inning no-hitter on a special Thursday doubleheader.

"I'm extremely proud they got the win. We needed some players to have their confidence in the box reignited. Not taking anything away from the opponent, they had some super defensive plays that also helped boost their confidence. They have a great group of players and coaches," East Hardy coach Kelly Heishman noted.

The first contest started with senior Madison Heishman pitching in the circle and allowing a leadoff single into center field by Pocahontas County's Talisa Arbogast.

Heishman responded with a strikeout to Emma Riffe, but the Warriors answered back as Kelsi Taylor singled into center field.

Heishman fielded a grounder by Andrea Alderman and alertly threw to senior third baseman Victoria Ames.

The Cougars retired the side as Heishman struck out Pocahontas County's Kynlee Wilfong.

Pocahontas County pitcher

Macaden Taylor induced a leadoff groundout from Heishman, fielded it and threw to first base.

East Hardy seniors Makenzie Blair and Victoria Ames were issued free passes, then Gabby Miller reached base on an error in left field and Blair safely slid into third base with an ensuing collision as Andrea Alderman toppled over her causing an injury to both players.

The Cougars sent in Jenna Combs as the baserunner for Blair, then Emma Heishman hammered a three-run producing double for a 3-nil edge.

Macaden Taylor was thrown out trying to steal third base, then Autumn Crites grounded out to end the frame.

It was a quick second inning for Pocahontas County as Mary Grace Beverage grounded out to Cougars shortstop Gabby Miller and Melinda Beverage grounded out to Madison Heishman in the circle.

Macaden Taylor drew a walk for the Warriors and advanced on a passed ball prior to being caught stealing third base on a toss from East Hardy catcher Emma Heishman

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Dirt flies up as Moorefield's Guyan Kahangerwe hits home plate with Petersburg catcher Clay Arbaugh swooping in for a tag.



East Hardy senior Madison Heishman pitches against Pocahontas County during senior night.

# Cougars Baseball upstages Pocahontas County in doubleheader

By Carl Holcomb  
*Moorefield Examiner*

East Hardy Baseball completed a doubleheader sweep over the Warriors by the scores of 12-2 and 13-3 on Thursday in Baker.

"We hit the ball today and that was the biggest key. We haven't been hitting the ball and I wanted to see us put the ball into play. We've been

playing some pretty good teams, but we did hit the ball well today and I am proud of that. Yesterday we talked about bringing energy. We've been dead the last couple of games. Having energy is the key to having fun. If you have fun, then you win ball games. They said they would bring it today and I was proud of them," East Hardy coach Tyler Mongold stated.

Levi Mongold pitched three innings in the first game for the Cougars win with six strikeouts and allowed just two hits and two runs scored.

East Hardy's Jordan Teets earned the save covering the final two innings with three strikeouts and allowed one hit and two walks.

Pocahontas County pitcher Charles Long took the loss pitching

4.2 innings allowing ten hits and a dozen runs plus three walks and four strikeouts.

Mongold started the game throwing a strikeout to Pocahontas County leadoff batter Josey Armstrong, then Ben Dunz reached base on an error by shortstop Dawson Price.

Long and Nicholas Hendrick went down swinging to retire the side.

East Hardy got things rolling im-

mediately as leadoff batter Noah Sager belted a single into left field, then advanced on a groundout by Brandon Jones.

Dawson Price launched a deep fly ball into left field for an RBI triple, sliding safely into third base as the Cougars grabbed a 1-nil lead.

East Hardy's J.W. Teets smacked a sharp grounder to Warriors shortstop Nicholas Hendrick, who couldn't

corral the ball allowing Price to score on the error for a 2-0 edge.

Teets was stranded as Logan Sager flew out in left field and A.J. Swisher struck out.

Pocahontas County's David Gibb commenced the second inning with a strikeout, then Dillon Dunz was hit by a pitch before being caught stealing second base by catcher Logan

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