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## Community Foundation: Spring Grant Awards

The Hardy County Community Foundation is pleased to announce 19 grants totaling \$20,545 to support local organizations and programs.

These grants represent distributions from five endowment funds held by the Community Foundation.

The Hardy County Community Impact Fund is an unrestricted grantmaking fund and provides the community foundation with the greatest flexibility to respond to the community's current and evolving needs and opportunities. Grants from this fund include:

- Baker Ruritan Club - \$1,000 for relocating the club's BBQ pit;
- Big Blue Wardensville - \$1,000 for transporting youth to and from the community center;
- Children's Home Society - \$1,000 to help foster families purchase necessary safety items;
- EACHS Head Start - \$1,500 for science-based educational materials to provide more hands-on learning opportunities, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion education materials;
- Girls on the Run of the Shenandoah Valley - \$1,000 to reduce registration fees for their 10-week program;
- Hardy County Health and Wellness Center - \$2,000 to purchase equipment to start a youth volleyball



The Hardy County Girls on the Run Team and GOTR Program Director, Brianna Stock

league, and to offer free swim lessons for babies and youth;

- Lost River Projects - \$1,000 for a summer live concert series, Music in the Park.
- Moorefield Intermediate School - \$1,000 for their Leadership Clubs
- Town of Wardensville - \$1,000 for building improvements for the

War Memorial Building;

- Town of Wardensville - \$1,000 for the installation of park benches in honor of the J. Allen Hawkins Park "founding moms;"
- Wardensville Lions Club - \$1,000 for their Story Time early literacy program.

The Deanna Wilson & J Cavana-

gh STEM Fund supports programs geared towards advancing interest and learning in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math among youth. This fund awarded a \$1,000 grant to Moorefield High School to support the school's Robotics Team, and a \$1,000 grant to

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## Senators reintroduce bipartisan bill eliminating V.A. Air Commission

On May 24, U.S. Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV), Mike Rounds (R-SD), Martin Heinrich (D-NM) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) reintroduced the Elimination of the VA Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) Commission Act which would eliminate the commission that is tasked with finding VA facilities that should be consolidated or realigned.

"Our Veterans have put their lives on the line to protect our nation and deserve easy access to the health-care they have earned," said Senator Manchin. "The VA's recommendations to the AIR Commission are skewed against rural states like West Virginia, which would see a reduction in services at three of our four VA Medical Centers (VAMCs). I'm proud to reintroduce this bipartisan legislation to ensure our brave Veterans don't lose access to the health-care they earned and sacrificed for and I encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join this critical legislation."

"The VA MISSION Act and its BRAC-style process called the AIR

Commission were bad public policy when I voted against them in 2018, and they have not improved with age," said Senator Rounds. "This legislation threatens to close or eliminate services at VA facilities across South Dakota and the nation. The AIR Commission should be called the ERROR Commission. Senator Manchin and I first introduced common sense legislation to eliminate this commission in 2019. Now that the consequences of the VA MISSION Act are being widely experienced, more members are joining our efforts to stop it. I will continue working to make certain veterans in South Dakota receive the care they have earned."

"I'm proud to introduce this bipartisan legislation to avoid shutting down veterans' clinics in New Mexico," said Senator Heinrich. "Closing down community-based outpatient clinics that New Mexico veterans rely on is not an option. This process has relied on pre-pandemic data that doesn't accurately reflect the current

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## Prosecuting Attorneys Institute Confirms No Request Made for Appointment of Special Prosecutor in Second McCausley Investigation

By Ken Bustin  
Moorefield Examiner

The Hardy County Prosecutor's Office has yet to request the appointment of a Special Prosecutor to oversee the second investigation into Hardy County Sheriff's Department Deputy Tommie McCausley. A Special Prosecutor is needed to preserve impartiality whenever an investigation involves a team member, presents a clear conflict of interest, or otherwise gives the appearance of impropriety. In the original investigation into McCausley's actions, involving alleged improper possession of Sheriff's Department files, including explicit images of juveniles, Grant County Prosecuting Attorney John Ours was appointed as Special Prosecutor.

But no Special Prosecutor has been requested or appointed in the second investigation into McCausley, involving a recording of him making an alleged death threat, even though the same parties and circumstances that led to the appointment of a Special Prosecutor in the first investigation also exist in the second.

Last week, attempts to determine whether a Special Prosecutor was requested were inconclusive. The Examiner called Hardy County Prosecuting Attorney Lucas See daily for a week, but was unable to find See or either of his two Assistant Prosecutors in the office until just before press time. Assistant Prosecutor Orrin Staggers finally answered the phone, but declined to answer whether a Special Prosecutor was requested or appointed. Staggers said, "It is our policy not to comment on active investigations." Asked if that confirmed there was an active investigation, he replied, "'Active' is not the word I would use." When asked what word he would use, he reiterated that he had no comment.

Last week, however, Philip W. Morrison II, the Executive Director of the Prosecuting Attorneys Institute in Charleston, confirmed that no request for appointment of a Special Prosecutor in this matter was made. When a county needs a Special Prosecutor, they refer the issue to the Prosecuting Attorneys Institute, which recommends a prosecutor it believes can be impartial to the sitting Judge in the jurisdiction, who must approve the appointment. In the original investigation into McCausley, the Institute nominated Ours; Circuit Judge Carter Williams confirmed the appointment.

Despite both criminal investigations remaining open, Hardy County Sheriff Steve Dawson returned McCausley to active duty by on May 14, after Ours issued a report to Judge Williams on April 12 concluding that he found "no credible evidence" of criminal behavior on McCausley's part. Ours based his finding on his opinion that some evidence — specifically computer hard drives that McCausley claims are his personal property, despite being attached to a Sheriff's Department computer at the Hardy County Courthouse — were obtained improperly without a search warrant, and therefore would be excluded at trial. Others dispute Ours' position, believing the drives were County property and were located on County property (Sheriff's Department offices in the courthouse), and therefore did not require a search warrant.

Additionally, West Virginia law requires any civil service employee, such as a deputy, to cooperate fully with any investigation or face termination. Under this section, law enforcement officials do not enjoy the same expectation of privacy as other citizens. Even if the hard drives were McCausley's personal property, his duty to turn them over and provide passwords is a clear obligation of his position, and any refusal to provide that cooperation is cause for termination, regardless of anything else. Ours' report does not address this obligation. The governing section of law is as follows:

§29-6-19. Refusal to testify. If any employee in the classified or classified-exempt service shall willfully refuse or fail to appear before any court or judge, any legislative committee, or any officer, board or body authorized to conduct any hearing or inquiry, or having appeared shall refuse to testify or answer any question relating to the affairs or government of the state or the conduct of any state officer or employee on the ground that his testimony or answers would tend to incriminate him or shall refuse to accept a grant of immunity from prosecution on account of any matter about which he may be asked to testify at any such hearing or inquiry, he shall forfeit his office or position and shall not be eligible thereafter for appointment to any position in the classified or classified-exempt service.

Case law on this subject reinforces this position. The hard drives' ownership likely will be explored and determined during trial of a civil suit filed against Hardy County, the Hardy County

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## Petition to demand the impeachment of Sheriff Steven R. Dawson

We, as concerned citizens of Hardy County, demand that action be taken by our County Commission to hold the Sheriff of Hardy County accountable for his disregard for law enforcement professionalism and standards in our County. We, as taxpaying citizens, refuse to support law enforcement officers that have been recorded making death threats, saying that they wish to "put a f\*cking bullet" between someone's eyes as well as having a history of citizen abuse and misconduct. We do support the many good law enforcement officers who respect our community and work with all citizens.

We, as a community, do not want to have child pornography collected in the courthouse and hosted by a Deputy on the public internet. Our children deserve better respect and protection.

We demand accountability and the end of this public embarrassment to our County. We, the undersigned, demand that the Hardy County Commission immediately cease funding and employment of Deputy Tommie L. McCausley, who is still under active criminal investigation for death threats and improper collection of images of juveniles. We demand the removal of a Sheriff who retaliates against anyone who stands up for what is right. We demand protection of our citizens from this abuse. We demand accountability. The County Commission must protect our citizens by abiding by the law and having proper procedures in place to protect citizens who report issues. The children of our community must be protected.

May 23, 2022



## New cemetery monument made possible by bequest

As you have driven past the main gate of the cemetery on the main thoroughfare in Wardensville, you may have noticed a striking new stone monument announcing its name. Erected in February, this stone sign is the generous posthumous gift of the late Cynthia E. Worley.

Worley, the daughter of the late Andrew Worley and the late Iva Jennings, grew up in Wardensville and attended Wardensville High School until 11th grade. She graduated from George Washington High School in Alexandria, Va. and later attended Strayer University in Washington, D.C. while working at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. She graduated from Florida International University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

After completing flight school, she spent the next 20-plus years working as a flight attendant for Pan Am Airways, traveling world-wide. After the airline ceased operation, Worley put her medical training to good use in a nursing career that included Sloan-Kettering in New York and North Ridge Medical Center in Florida. She died at age 68, on December 5, 2011, while working at the cardiac care unit at North Ridge.

Although education and career took her other places, Wardensville

was always "home" and she always told everyone she encountered that she was "a girl from West Virginia." Her bequest to the Cemetery Association arose from her strongly-held belief that it was important to honor deceased family, friends and loved ones. Prior to her death, she established the Jennings-Worley Family Trust Donation. She also left bequests to cemeteries in Timber Ridge, W.Va. and Winchester, Va.

"We were very thankful for her generous donation," said Billy Smith, President of the Wardensville Cemetery Association, adding, "Without it, that sign wouldn't be there now." He said it was a two-year project to get the monument designed, commissioned and completed. It was crafted by Rinker & Frye Memorials in Mount Jackson, Va.

Smith said that Worley's bequest also helped pay for the new fence in front of the cemetery. Replacing a black iron fence, the new one is actually a vinyl-coated material, which will be very weather-resistant. It was supplied by McGrane Fencing of Winchester.

The Wardensville Cemetery was first established in 1884, Smith said. The Wardensville Cemetery Association

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## Wardensville Council talks public safety

By Milda M. Mullins  
Moorefield Examiner

Board members and Mayor of Wardensville Betsy Orndoff-Sayers discussed some public safety updates at their last meeting on Monday, May 9, including hiring a new public safety officer and adopting a hate crime or nondiscrimination ordinance.

According to Orndoff-Sayers, the new fiscal year will have available funds to hire a new officer. Board members agreed to explore details for the position, from pay and hours to duties and policy, beginning at their June meeting.

Board members also planned to read over legal documents and other information for the next meeting on a non-discrimination ordinance the Town could adopt. "I think we want to have an inclusive community and I think this puts us on path for that," said Orndoff-Sayers.

The board also heard a proposal from WV Corp for insurance, which included a variety of resources that could help the Town with cyber-security. Board members listened to a proposal and agreed to discuss the issue later.

Other items of note in the meeting include:

- The Hardy County Commission awarded \$3,050 to Warrior Fitness

and \$10,000 to the War Memorial Association, both for lost revenue. The Town submitted the application on behalf of the War Memorial Association.

- Water and sewer projects advance, but there has been a calculated \$1.4 million cost increase due to the current economic changes.

- Town of Wardensville grant writer Laura Cox is currently working on a FEMA generator grant and a trails planning and design grant application for the town. Work on a USDA Community Facilities grant is paused due to a statewide audit.

- Board members passed a motion to repeal previously passed authorization for a local Planning Commission to act as a Building Commission. County regulations allowed the authorization, but statewide policy does not. As a result, board members simply voted to repeal the authorization.

- Orndoff-Sayers informed board members that there are financial settlements available due to W.Va. Attorney General Patrick Morrisey's win against opioid manufacturers and suggested the Town seek out its share of funds.

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Friday **T STORM** High 80°

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OPINION

From other editors' desks...

New Suicide Hotline Could Save Lives

With a boost from a federal government grant, it looks as though West Virginia is well on its way to being able to launch its three-digit system for giving those with mental health issues or suicidal thoughts quick access to help.

Right now, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline call center based in Charleston answers West Virginia calls to (800) 273-TALK (8255).

"Coming in July, that number is going to be even more accessible," said Sheila Moran, communications and marketing director for First Choice Services. "People will be able to dial simply 988 to reach someone 24 hours a day.

According to Our World in Data, hundreds of millions of people worldwide suffer from depression. That is just one of the concerns that could lead someone to a state of crisis. Mental health lifelines are essential in helping people get that help — and to let them know they are being heard.

We here in Appalachia do not always do the best job of being compassionate, empathetic and willing to talk about mental health. Generational belief in the stigma associated with mental health woes continues to be an issue.

But 988 gives them a way to reach out for help, even easier to remember than today's number. Surely it will save lives; though even one life is worth more than the work done thus far.

~ The Wheeling Intelligencer

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

April 12, 2022 I had surgery on my left shoulder for torn rotator cuff. April 13 I had appointment for Dr. in Wardensville. As I got in vehicle, I lost control of my legs and ended up on the ground half under vehicle.

also under the truck right at the back wheel. He ask the male if he was crazy. They dragged me by my clothing. He grabbed my ankle of my bad leg and tried to shove it back under me.

the third time he was hurting me. He said I didn't have to be so hateful they were just trying to help me up. This was the oh so special HCEAA. I'm here to tell there was nothing special about being abusive to me.

to me was patient abuse and I want it addressed by them and Mr. Lewis. As for Mr. Coffman bragging about how nice they look coming in his restaurant looking so nicely dressed and putting down how the volunteers look.

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MY UNBASED OPINION

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN

I remember the Sunday night George (?) screwed on his lightning rod at the Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Lewisburg, West Virginia. (?) because I don't remember George's last name.

good weather, but perhaps a bit raggedy in rain, wind and snow.

pose a bit longer perhaps to be sure everyone had gotten the message that he was about to speak to God. We balcony dwellers bowed our heads willingly, better able to peer through the balcony railing at the girls, without being obvious about it.

the administration deemed appropriate, George was assigned two hundred demerits, one less than enough to be expelled from the school.

Sunday mornings every Cadet attended the church of his choice. I attended the Episcopal church because Lewisburg had no Lutheran congregation. I was confirmed United Lutheran in St. Peter's back home in Wardensville.

I think it was real early Spring, 1962, the year I graduated. A nice Sunday evening, a good march across town, college girls nicely dressed under appreciative eyes in the balcony and a visiting preacher. Regular minister may have been on vacation or serving as substitute in another church somewhere, I don't remember which.

Third time it happened we bowed our heads and a small disturbance with much motion caught our eyes. George (?) was in motion. Noticeable because he sat near center of the main floor seating area yet still surrounded by cadets.

I also remember a night march on streets covered with hard packed snow. A shiny new black Pontiac convertible with snow white top sat at an intersection the battalion was approaching. Not wanting to be held there until all cadets passed, the driver dug out. Heavy acceleration with both rear tires chained produced beautiful rooster tails of sparks.

Sunday evenings every cadet in school attended the Old Stone Presbyterian Church. Every cadet, including Catholics and Conscientious Objectors, if there were any. Prior to becoming a military school, my Alma Mater had been known as Greenbrier Presbyterial School.

Cadets seated and quiet, service began well enough, when suddenly the minister reached for the sky. Arms fully extended, palms facing congregation, head bowed, he paused, then began to pray. No exhortation, no invitation. He just reached for the sky. Caught everyone sort of off guard. Prayer was somewhat lengthy, but not overly so, still it gave us time to think a bit.

Next morning's Chapel in the school auditorium was longer than usual. Col. John Moore, School Superintendent claimed the podium. Col. Moore in his deepest, most sonorous tone explained expected proper conduct at church services in great detail. That evening in court, run by Col. John's son, Major H.B. Moore, which weighted all rule infractions and assigned punishments

Another night on ice, marching up a treacherously steep slippery hill, a boy in First Platoon, A Company, slipped, fell, and took nearly the whole battalion down with him. He had so much fun it was contagious. We crawled to the curbs, gathered and packed snow balls and practiced our ROTC lessons in offense and defense for 15 minutes.

(Editor's note: My dad's Greenbrier stories have always been fun...)

GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES

Fifteen Years Ago May 30, 2007

The Potomac Valley Transit Authority announced it would be providing rides on demand for the Moorefield area.

Eastern Community College board voted to build a new building and rejected the purchase of Harco which it had been leasing.

The County Commission took action on reversing its large increases in building fees...the Commission also set a hearing for revision on a subdivision. It was expected that developers would fight the move.

Three environmental groups filed notice in federal court of their intention to sue two poultry processing plants, Pilgrim's Pride Corp. and Cargill Meat Solutions Corp. The environmental groups contend the processing plants are responsible for unlawful discharges of waste in the North Fork of the Shenandoah River.

John W. Fisher II announced his retirement as dean from the WVU College of Law. He served in this position for ten years.

Seven Hardy County boys were headed to Boys State. From Moorefield — Joseph M. Vetter, Alex L. Barb, Nathaniel Q. Timbrook, Mi-

chael T. Swick and Ryan C. Judy; from East Hardy — John J. Brenns-kag and Drew Constable.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Whetzel, Wardensville, announced their re-marriage on May 9.

The Cougar boys beat Notre Dame 10-8 and Pendleton County 7-6 on their way to state...MHS girls defeated Fayetteville 9-7 and lost to Buf-falo 3-1 and Wheeling 7-0.

Thirty Years Ago May 27, 1992

Hope Gas announced it was evaluating the possibility of providing gas to the Moorefield and Petersburg areas.

Defeated candidate Buddy Webster requested a recount of the primary sheriff's race which he lost by only 4 votes to Robert Ferrell.

Public Schools were requiring a birth certificate for any child entering school for the first time.

Adam S. Fisher, 84, died May 14 in Grant County...Wilda Hott Pownell, 79, Romney, died May 17...Bernice Lofton See, 64, died May 18...Charles W. Wilkins, 74, died May 19.

Julie Marie Cooper and Michael Bradley Sager were married March 28...Martha Louise Baker and George Frederic Price were married April 25. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Scott Mul-

lin, a daughter, Carly Brett...to Mr. and Mrs. David P. Wolfe, a daughter, Courtnie Madison.

East Hardy defeated Paw Paw twice, 10-0 and 14-1.

Forty-five Years Ago June 1, 1977

The Rural Development Authority was working to obtain grants of more than \$1 million for the Wardensville Industrial Park and housing project. This would include \$102,000 left over from the development of the Moorefield Industrial Park.

Three county high schools were graduating 153 seniors. Sen. Robert Byrd was Wardensville's commencement speaker, former Gov. Arch A. Moore was speaking at Mathias, and WV Hillbilly editor Jim Comstock was to speak at Moorefield.

Craig Puffenberger, Jeffrey Keller and Michael Ganskopp were delegates to Mountaineer Boys State.

Donald Pownell resigned his position as coordinator of the Rural Development Authority.

The Hardy County Public Library Board and supporters were meeting with legislators to discuss a new facility in Moorefield and expanded services in the Eastern part of the county.

Carrie Halterman Holsinger, 63, Broadway, died May 24...James Oliver Bane III, 24, Keyser, died May 17...John Wilye Reel, 63, Fisher, died May 29.

Sixty Years Ago May 30, 1962

Moorefield was hit by the worst hailstorm in memory. Golf ball size

hail had caused \$100,000 in damage.

More than 500 scouts and leaders attended a Boy Scout Camporee at Baker Rocks on the Harper dairy farm.

Mayor J. Holmes Spence and Recorder Pauline W. Orndoff were unopposed in the upcoming Wardensville city election. Council candidates for five positions were: William I. Snyder, John H. Aylor, Crystal Emswiler, Robert Frye, Beulah Heltzel, Loring C. Heishman and J.A. Jordan.

Byrde Marstan Beals, 78, died May 21 in Washington...Solon P. Halterman, 80, Penn Laird, died May 22...Edward N. Mills, 38, Stephenson, died May 19...Roy Edward Davy, 56, Cumberland, died May 25...Elizabeth Allen Hendrickson, 81, Sebring, Fla., died May 12.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Williams, a son, John Hunter...to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Martin, a son, William Corwin.

Seventy-five Years Ago June 4, 1947

Troop 60, Boy Scouts of America, received its charter with 28 charter members: Dickie Weese, Keith Tenney, Charley Southerly, Lamar Sager, Russell Bensenhaver, Donnie Shanholtz, Dick Welton, Dick Hawse, Jack Smith, Harman Vance, Bobby Wilson, Renick Williams, George Williams, Bill Muntzing, Don Wenzel, Eddie Harrison, Elwood Williams, Hetzel Dove, Bob Kelley, Manning Muntzing, Jimmy Powers, Burns Lahman, Frankie McDonald, Jimmy Harrison, Bobby Flynn, Harold Dove, Ervin Bensenhaver and Granville Halterman.

P. W. Clarke defeated J. Harry Dolan 244-88 for Moorefield Mayor. Harold J. Dodd was reelected recorder. Elected members of council were Chester Hiett, John Rohrbaugh, Raymond Sidney, Bill Crane and Earl Tishney.

President Truman expressed concern at the rapid rise in farm real estate prices noting that veterans buying farms at inflated prices would be heavily in debt when farm produce prices declined.

Parran Parsons, 77, died May 31... Samuel Harper Heishman, 74, died May 31...John Joseph Moyers, 68, retired mail carrier, Mathias, died May 30.

Marilyn Jean Fasig and David O. Owens were married May 25... Applications to wed were issued to Lillian Riggleman and Kenneth Carr... to Lois Winnifred Eppard and Milton Stringer.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hurl Combs, a daughter...to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hutter, Jr., a son, Thomas Lee.

Ninety Years Ago June 2, 1932

Wardensville students had presented the "Mystery of the Third Gable" with Cornwell Dyer, Mildred Hott, Mildred Hines, Robert Sutton, Samuel Kerr, Joy Rudolph, Ollie Reynolds, Thelma Dellinger, Curtis Baker and John Heltzel.

The Post Office at Doman had been discontinued.

One thousand and 81 students from the ten state colleges were to receive degrees or teacher certificates.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Gamble, Jr.

had moved from an apartment over the South Branch Valley National Bank to Mrs. Bowen's House.

John High had gone to Swanton where he had employment.

Mrs. Cora Combs had died on Lost River...Mrs. Rebecca Sine had died.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Combs, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Bailey, a son, Clifford Belmont... to Mr. and Mrs. William Neff, a daughter.

105 Years Ago May 31, 1917

Capon Iron Works of Wardensville had started work in their ore mines and expected to give work to many people.

Announcement of the first high school commencement was given in this issue. The article stated, "The first pupil is graduated this year. This is an event of unusual importance to our people, or should be. We hope all fully realize what it means to Moorefield and the community.

The Census of loafers had been made and was in the hands of Gov. Cornwell. In Charleston, 37 loafers had been found. The total was said to have astonished officials.

Ten thousand American airmen were being trained and equipped for immediate service in Europe.

Thomas Wise had died at home in Bean Settlement...The death of George Conrad was announced in the Rio letter.

Arno Friddle of Romney was to be married in Winchester to Miss Gladys Brown of Toms Brook.

EXAMINER SAYS

D-Day June 6

Did you read or hear that Russia has banned 963 Americans, including President Biden and VP Harris, from entering the country? We can't decide if we should be insulted that our name wasn't on the list or just realize how stupid this action is diplomatically. The Washington Post called it a "largely symbolic move."

Citizens and actor Morgan Freeman are on the list. One of the deceased is the late John McCain. There's no rhyme or reason to the selections that we can see and we really wonder at who the clueless Russian was who made up the list? Or how even more clueless Putin is for approving the list for publication.

Flag Day June 14

We all know that West Virginia lost one Congressional seat due to the 2020 census. That was bad enough and then we read that Flor-

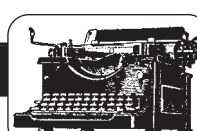
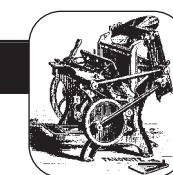
ida and Texas also lost Congressional seats. But on the flip side, Minnesota and Rhode Island appear to have been overcounted along with six other states. What was interesting to us is that West Virginia was not listed as having lost a Congressional seat. Then, the kicker, 36 states and the District of Columbia also had overcounts and undercounts but they were not statistically significant. Only the government would ignore screw-ups by the Census. Just think: Maybe, just maybe, West Virginia should still have another Congressional District had the Census tak-

ers counted all our citizens. Or had all our citizens followed up on being counted.

Father's Day June 19

Remember June 6 is the anniversary of D-Day in 1944. There were 2,501 Americans who died that day of the 4,414 Allied deaths. Omaha Beach was one of the deadliest battles on that day, an area defended by Rommel's 3 battalions and heavily mined waters and beach. The Americans were under Lt. General Omar Bradley.

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in cow manure past their knees to take care of me than being abused by that bunch at HCEAA. Those volunteers care and are way more professional.

Roseanna Funkhouser

Intercepted Letter

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I write this letter in response to the Letter of Attorney Larry Garrett in your May 25, 2022, edition addressed to the Hardy County Commission dated May 20, 2022. The letter of Mr. Garrett presents a skewed version leaving out salient facts and misrepresenting others.

In 2008, my wife and I purchased a two hundred thirty seven (237) acre operating crop farm between the South Fork River and the Fisher Keller Road. Shortly after purchase of the farm, I began receiving letters and emails from the individual members of the Park Commission demanding the creation of this bicycle trail, including threats of condemnation by Dixie Bean, Bob Taylor, and Jack Walters. I encouraged them to consider an alternative route along the public roads, which would alleviate the serious negative impacts on my farming operation. They refused and doubled downed by bringing a lawsuit against me.

In numerous communications with the members of the Park Commission, I tried to make them understand the serious negative financial and operational impact of a public trail through my farm. We already suffer from the litter and vandalism from Brighton Park. The remote location of the planned 1.4 mile trail would be on the town dike, then through wetlands, along the Cherry Hole slough, and effectively split my farm into two parts. The proposed 14-foot trail would, in fact, encompass approximately 70 to 80 feet of my land through the entire route, pushing my equipment further out in the fields and cutting off access to the Cherry Hole slough on one entire side. The "suitable fence" offered by the Park Commission is a simple high tensile fence or "stock fence." Such a weak fence offers no protection at all.

There were hearings conducted before the County Commission and

the Hardy County Circuit Court. Law enforcement officers with experience from the State Police, Sheriff's Department, and Municipal Police expressed opposition to the location of the trail through my remote fields based on their experience with drug trafficking, crime, and homelessness along such dikes and trails in not only Moorefield but also Petersburg. Representatives of the Office of Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services, and the Moorefield Fire Department testified as to their concerns regarding the remote location of the proposed trail based on lack of access and lack of availability for timely emergency response. The Park Commission has ignored the opposition of the emergency responders who expressed safety concerns for not only the public but also the landowners from the Town Bridge in Moorefield and along the dike from Moorefield to Brighton Park. Representatives of the police agencies agree that safety measures for the trail must include patrols and monitoring with manpower they do not have and with a chain link fence to prevent trespass and criminal access into adjoining properties. The Park Commission refuses to acknowledge those safety measures and concerns.

The proposed location for the bike trail is through a wetland and in a flood plain, documented by both the Hardy County Planning Commission and the Army Corp of Engineers. The South Branch River and the South Fork River regularly inundate the location of the proposed bike trail along the Cherry Hole slough and through wetlands on the northern boundary of my property. The proposed location of this bike trail through those wetlands and flood plain would detrimentally impact the ecosystem which exists in those lowlands. There is nothing down there in mid to late summer but oppressive heat, mosquitoes, and cornfields. My access to those areas is limited by weather and flooding, which would also be dangerous to the unsuspecting public who may use such a trail. Anyone using that remote area with any health condition would be at serious risk.

This proposed bike trail is a serious waste of taxpayer money as an unnecessary use for which there has been little or no study as to who would actually use the trail. The trail will open a conduit for drug trafficking and crime. Public tax money would be better spent creating a walking path from Misty Terrace and from Walmart into Moore-

field to alleviate congestion along the South Fork Road and US 220; building sidewalks or bicycle and walking paths along existing public roads; or upgrading other infrastructure which would benefit the public as a whole. It would seem that this bike trail is simply a manifestation of a small group of socialists who have no respect for the safety of the public, private landowners, or the farming community in Hardy County.

Yes, I am opposed to this bike trail. In the event that it is allowed to go forward, the safety and the viability of my farming operation will be seriously jeopardized. The County Commission must respond to concerns of the public and the farming community and not be railroaded by the few members of a Park Commission. I ask the County Commission to exercise their good judgment in terminating this project or in relocating the project to a safer and more suitable location along the public roads from Brighton Park into Moorefield. Thank you for allowing me to express a more practical position.

Chris Miltenberger and Margaret Miltenberger

Editor:

It doesn't matter how you got your land: inherited, bought, given, but it is yours. If you don't want to sell, that is your prerogative. The use of eminent domain for recreation purposes is a slippery slope, and one I don't believe in, especially when there is another alternative. The walking/bike trail that is proposed will be splitting a farm and the measly \$30K that was offered is not nearly enough for a lifetime of troubles, negative impact to farming practices, and negative impact on property value. The county citizen might not have all the facts about the trail. However, the one-sided account in the intercepted letter last week doesn't address the police force, EMS, OES, and other opposition about the dangers and safety of this remote location. I am very familiar with the land on which the proposed trail is to be placed. The dangers of flooding should be enough to deter anyone from putting a trail in the flood zone.

I have no doubt the parks commission have worked hard to make our community a better one, but maybe they should pause and consider the impact to the farmers who provide food and fiber for our country.

Thank you  
Kriston Strickler

Department of Homeland Security reminds public of W.Va. Safe Schools Helpline

If you have information about a threat to a school, call the tollfree WV Safe Schools Helpline at 1-866-723-3982 (1-866-SAFE-WVA) or email safeschool@wv.gov.

Anyone can report information regarding anything that could harm students, staff, or property at any of West Virginia's schools. Callers may remain anonymous upon request.

"If you see something, you need to say something," said DHS Secretary Jeff Sandy. "West Virginia has

taken countless steps over the years to make our schools as safe as possible. We have established initiatives like the Safe Schools Program and the Safe Schools Helpline. Just six months ago, Governor Justice provided over \$1 million so that we could add over 50 Prevention Resource Officers (PROs) across the state.

"West Virginians should be very proud. But we can't be complacent," Secretary Sandy continued. "Every-

one - from the Department of Homeland Security to the general public - has an obligation to speak up if they sense trouble.

"You know if something doesn't feel right. If you get information that you feel might pose a danger to our students and teachers at any of West Virginia's schools, you need to contact the Safe Schools Helpline."

Hardy County's PROs are Deputy Alicia Sanders and James Shippe.

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NEWS BRIEFS

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WV-DACH) began accepting entries for the 2022 West Virginia Quilts and Wall Hangings Juried Exhibition in March. This is the 41st year for the exhibition, which opened Friday, May 27, with an awards ceremony at the annual Vandalia Gathering at the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex. The free summer-long exhibition will be displayed through Sept. 13, 2022. For information about the exhibit or to request a prospectus, call (304)-558-0220 or email laiken.j.blankenship@wv.gov.

The local WVU Potomac High-

lands Alumni group is sponsoring a golf tournament on June 4 to raise money for their scholarship fund. For information call Donna Alexander at 304-257-4992 or email her at donnaalexander@msn.com.

According to AAA May 25, the average price for regular gas in West Virginia was at \$4.457. The national gas price average was \$4.599 per gallon. The national average for a gallon of gas had not fallen for nearly a month. Gasoline has either remained flat or risen every day since April since May 10. That was the day gas eclipsed the previous record high of

\$4.33, set earlier this year on March 11. The national average for a gallon of gasoline is now \$4.59 and all 50 states are above \$4 per gallon. As of May 25 across the state Morgantown was high at \$4.374 and Charleston was low at \$4.492. Hardy County's gas average was \$4.588. Area prices were Hampshire \$4.499, Mineral \$4.551, Grant \$4.526, and Pendleton \$4.579. Reporting stations in Hardy County: Sheetz was at \$4.60, Exxon was at \$4.60, BP at Moorefield was \$4.50 and at Baker was at \$4.60, Pure at Mathias and Kerr's Shell at Wardensville were both \$4.60. Sunoco at Old Fields was \$4.60.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Nursing Deadline June 1

The application deadline for the 2024 nursing cohort at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is 4:30 p.m. June 1. Applicants must complete an application to the college as well as a separate nursing program application. Program admission requirements are available on the college website at https://easternwv.edu/academics/nursing-program.

Public Meeting Notice

The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting will be Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be at the Farm Credit building, 550 South Main Street, Moorefield, WV. Additional information is available on the District webpage: www.wvca.us/district/pvcd.cfm or by contacting the office at 304-822-5174. The meeting agenda will be available

three days prior to the meeting. A copy may be obtained on the webpage or by contacting the office at 500 East Main St., Suite F, Romney, WV. The public is invited to participate.

Retired School Employees

Hardy County Retired School Employees meeting on June 2, 2022 at 10:30 at the Kac-Ka-Pon restaurant in Wardensville. Joel Thacker from Humana/PEIA will attend to answer any questions you may have.

Wardensville Senior Lunch

All Seniors are invited to lunch on Fridays at noon in the United Methodist Church basement on Main Street in Wardensville.

Flu and COVID Shots

Hardy County Health Department will give flu and/or COVID shots at the following times:  
Flu shots will be given on Mon-

day and Wednesday only, from 8 - 11:30 and 1 - 3:30. You do not need an appointment for a flu shot. Bring your insurance cards. If you do not have insurance, you can still get a flu shot. The Moderna booster is now available. COVID shots are by appointment only and are scheduled on Thursday or Friday, depending which shot you need. Call the health department at 304-530-6355 to schedule an appointment.

Dead Animals

The West Virginia Division of Highways has a policy regarding the pickup and disposal of dead animals. The DOH will only pick up carcasses on state owned highways and will not go on private property. To report a dead animal on a state owned road, please notify your local district DOH office at 304-434-2525.

Spay and Neuter

Get the cat or dog spayed or neutered! Spay Today, (Main Office: Charles Town) is our area's non-profit, reduced-fee spay and neuter program. MANY participating vets over a WIDE area! Gift certificates can be purchased and used later. Spay Today: 304.728-8330 or https://spay-today.org

Drug Take Back

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

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

Food Pantry

The Moorefield Church of God

Food Pantry is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The church is at 212 S. Elm St. in Moorefield. They provide commodities in accordance with federal USDA policy.

Heritage Tiles Available

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

Honor Veterans

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

mail. You can also email her at kcmalcolm@hardynet.com.

Project Hello There

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

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## Prosecutor

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Commissioners, Sheriff Dawson and Deputy McCausley by former Sheriff's Department employee David Maher. The trial is scheduled to go before Judge Lynn Nelson in June.

This week a petition calling for Dawson's impeachment and removal and McCausley's termination began circulating in the county, in response to McCausley's reinstatement to active duty. At press time, it reportedly

had more than 200 signatures. Copies of the petition were posted on Post Office bulletin boards in Wardsensville, Baker and Moorefield. However, multiple citizens wishing to sign the petition called the Examiner because they were missing from those locations.

At press time, McCausley remains on active duty, working day shifts.

## Cemetery Monument

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ciation also maintains a second site, Greenfield Cemetery.

A dedication ceremony for the monument is being planned for the future.

## Wardsensville Council

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• Board members approved closing the fitness center at 10 p.m. daily as part of a developing gym policy. The next meeting will be 6:30 p.m.

on Monday, June 13, at the community center building near Town Hall on 301 E. Main Street in Wardsensville. The public is encouraged to attend.

## Community Foundation Grant Awards

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WVU Extension Service to purchase supplies and materials for STEM classes at 4-H Camp and at-home kits for family engagement.

The Frances Frye & June Orndorff Fund provides support for public parks located in Wardsensville. A \$730 grant from this fund was awarded to the Town of Wardsensville for general support for J. Allen Hawkins Town Park.

The Hardy County Heritage Fund is a donor-advised fund, which allows donors broad flexibility in recommending grants to varying charitable organizations and causes. The fund's advisors recommended a \$5,000 grant to The River House in Capon Bridge for their Color our World Summer Camp Program.

A new fund, the John R. and Agnes J. Mathias Fund, supports arts,

## Eliminating V.A. Air Commission

realities of veterans in our state, including access to broadband, health care provider shortages, and having nowhere else to turn to for medical services in rural New Mexico. We need to gear our focus towards improving access to the quality care and benefits that our veterans earned through their service."

"West Virginia's veterans deserve the very best care possible," Senator Capito said. "Instead of increasing access to health services, the AIR Commission recommendations would reduce options for those who served our country. Not only have I heard from countless veterans in West Virginia who are rightly concerned that they will have more difficulty getting the care they need, I've heard from our local leaders and providers that they may not be able to accommodate the changes being proposed. I'm proud to continue stand-

ing up for our veterans and helping lead the bipartisan effort to ensure these recommendations do not take effect."

The Senators were also joined by Senators Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), John Thune (R-SD), and Maggie Hassan (D-NH).

Background on the AIR Commission: In 2018, Congress passed the Asset and Infrastructure Review Act as part of the VA MISSION Act.

Senators Rounds and Manchin introduced legislation in 2019 which would have eliminated the AIR Commission.

The VA MISSION Act established a new process for the development, review, approval and implementation of a list of recommendations for the modernization and realignment of VHA medical facilities. The VA MISSION Act requires the VA Secretary to develop an initial list

of recommendations, including the acquisition of new space, the modernization of existing space and the disposal of unneeded space. The Secretary was required to publish these recommendations in the Federal Register by January 31, 2022.

The VA MISSION Act also established an AIR Commission, a panel comprised of nine members nominated by the president and approved by the Senate, which is meant to review the recommendations submitted by the VA Secretary.

However, the panel does not yet exist as all of the nominees have yet to be assessed by the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee and voted on by full Senate.

Once it is stood up and receives the department's recommendations, the Commission will conduct its own hearings and investigations, make its own recommendations and send the

recommendations to the White House.

The AIR Commission is required to submit a final list of recommendations to the president by January 31, 2023.

The President is to notify the Commission and Congress if he approves or disapproves the list by February 15, 2023. If disapproved, the Commission may revise the recommendations and submit a new list by March 15, 2023.

The President has until March 30, 2023, to approve the Commission's initial or revised recommendations in their entirety and submit them to Congress, or the modernization and realignment process terminates.

If the President approves the recommendations, Congress has 45 days from the date of approval to terminate the process by enacting a joint resolution of disapproval. If Congress does not enact a joint resolution of disapproval, the VA is required to implement the recommendations.

## Here's how abortion clinics are preparing for Roe to fall

By Emily Wagster Pettus and Rachel La Corte

*Associated Press*

Leaders of a Tennessee abortion clinic calculated driving distances and studied passenger rail routes as they scanned the map for another place to offer services if the U.S. Supreme Court lets states restrict or eliminate abortion rights.

They chose Carbondale in Illinois — a state that has easy abortion access but is surrounded by more restrictive states in the Midwest and South. It will be the southernmost clinic in Illinois when it opens in August.

"I think at this point, we all know the stark reality that we're facing in Tennessee. We are going to lose abortion access this year," said Jennifer Pepper, chief executive officer of CHOICES: Memphis Center for Reproductive Health.

With the Supreme Court poised to let states tightly limit or ban abortion, reproductive rights advocates are planning to open new clinics or expand existing ones in states where lawmakers are not clamping down on access.

Some Democrat-led states in the West and Northeast also are proposing public money for an expected influx of people traveling from other places to terminate pregnancies.

When it opened in 1974, a year after the Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion nationwide, CHOICES became the first abortion provider in Memphis, a commercial hub for rural Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and southern Missouri.

Carbondale is a three-hour drive north of Memphis and Nashville, Tennessee's two largest cities. It's also on a New Orleans-to-Chicago Amtrak route through areas where abortion access could disappear, including Mississippi, western Tennessee and western Kentucky.

"Its location and geography were the original reason that drew us to Carbondale, but the incredible heart of the Carbondale community is what led us to know we had found a second home for CHOICES," Pepper said in announcing the plan last week.

The Supreme Court is expected to rule in the coming months in a case directly challenging Roe. Justices heard arguments in December over a 2018 Mississippi law to ban most abortions after 15 weeks. The court has allowed states to regulate but not ban abortion before the point of viability, around 24 weeks.

A draft opinion leaked May 2 showed a majority of justices were ready to overturn Roe v. Wade. If the final ruling is similar, states would have wide latitude to restrict abortion. The Guttmacher Institute, which supports abortion rights, says 26 states are certain or likely to ban abortion if the Roe is weakened or overturned.

Diane Derzis owns Mississippi's only abortion clinic, Jackson Women's Health Organization. She told The Associated Press that the clinic, also known as the Pink House, will close if Roe is overturned because Mississippi has a "trigger" law to automatically prohibit abortion.

Mississippi is one of the poorest states in the nation, and women would face even steeper hurdles to have access to abortion — arranging time off work, finding ways to pay for travel and lodging and, in many cases, arranging for child care while they are gone.

"Mississippi is a prime example of what's going to happen to the women of this country," Derzis said. "Those who have the means will be able to fly to New York. The poor women and women of color will be desperately trying to find the closest clinic."

Derzis said an abortion clinic she owns in Columbus, Georgia, also would quickly close if Roe disappears, and she thinks a clinic she owns in Richmond, Virginia, might remain open for about another year.

Derzis said she plans to open an abortion clinic soon in Las Cruces, New Mexico, about an hour's drive north of El Paso, Texas. Since Texas enacted a law last year banning most abortions at about six weeks, women have traveled to New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana and other states to end pregnancies. Earlier this month, a Texas-style abortion ban that prohibits abortions after about six weeks of pregnancy took effect in Oklahoma.

"You can't stop a woman who's pregnant and doesn't want to have a baby," Derzis said.

An association of abortion providers, the National Abortion Federation, gives health and travel information as well as money to pregnant women who have to travel to obtain an abortion. The federation's chief program officer, Melissa Fowler, said many lives will be disrupted.

"The reality for many people in the country is going to be days of travel, days off of work," Fowler said. "Even if we fully fund someone's travel, some people's lives just don't allow them to make the trip."

Jennifer Allen, CEO of Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates, which covers Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky and Washington, said even in states like Washington, where there's strong support for abortion rights, "it's going to take a whole lot more to be ready for the future."

Washington has more than 30 abortion clinics, though just five are east of the Cascade Mountains, in the more conservative part of the state. Democratic Gov. Jay Inslee signed a measure this year authorizing physician assistants, advanced registered nurse practitioners and other providers acting within their scope of practice to perform abortions. Abortion-rights supporters said that will help meet the demand from out-of-state patients.

Allen said it's impossible to predict how many out-of-state residents will seek care in Washington, but the increase could be in the thousands. She said reproductive rights advocates are working to anticipate the needs.

"We are building this plane while we're flying it," Allen said.

In response to the leaked Supreme Court draft, Inslee promised Washington would provide sanctuary for those seeking abortions. His office said discussions are underway on a

culture, and music programs in Hardy County, and awarded its first grant this spring to the Lost River Educational Foundation. They received \$315 to host free Make & Take community workshops.

According to Amy Pancake, the Foundation's director, funding requests continue to increase.

"We received many exceptional applications, including requests from

two new organizations," she said. We are so pleased and thankful to be able to support a diversity of organizations that are doing such impactful work in our community. Our grants connect our donors and nonprofits around a common desire to build a stronger community and we've certainly seen that happen with this grant cycle," she added.

The Hardy County Community

Foundation, an affiliate of the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation, is a charitable organization committed to providing people who care about the future of our area with unique and effective ways of supporting their community now, and for generations to come. Community foundations number more than 800 across America with 25 in West Virginia and focus entirely on working

with local individuals to build local assets to meet local needs.

To learn more about the Community Foundation including information about starting your own fund or contributing to an existing fund, visit the Community Foundation website: [www.hardycountyfcf.org](http://www.hardycountyfcf.org) or contact Amy at [apancake@ewvcf.org](mailto:apancake@ewvcf.org) or 304-538-3431.

## FDA head: Baby formula factory could reopen by next week

By Matthew Perrone

*AP Health Writer*

The head of the Food and Drug Administration told lawmakers Thursday that a shuttered baby formula factory could be up and running as soon as next week, though he sidestepped questions about whether his agency should have intervened earlier at the plant at the center of the national shortage.

FDA Commissioner Dr. Robert Califf faced a bipartisan grilling from House lawmakers over the baby formula issue that has angered American parents and become a political liability for President Joe Biden.

The problems are largely tied to Abbott Nutrition's Michigan formula plant, the largest in the U.S., which has been closed since February due to contamination problems. The FDA announced a preliminary agreement with Abbott earlier this week to restart production, pending safety upgrades and certifications.

"We had to wrestle this to ground with Abbott," Califf told members of a House subcommittee "I think we are on track to get it open within the next week to two weeks."

After production resumes, Abbott has said, it could take about two months before new formula begins arriving in stores.

When lawmakers asked why it took the FDA months to investigate warnings about safety violations at the plant, Califf said he couldn't say much due to an ongoing investigation into the issues. Several lawmakers rejected that response.

"It's not acceptable to say you just can't comment on it," said Rep. Mark Pocan, D-Wisconsin. "This is a problem I've seen over and over with the FDA: You guys aren't good at communicating."

Califf is the first administration official to testify before Congress

on the shortage, which has left some parents hunting for formula and become a talking point for Republicans. On Wednesday evening Biden announced sweeping new steps to improve U.S. supplies, including invoking the Defense Production Act and flying in imported formula from overseas.

Members of the House Appropriations subcommittee opened Thursday's hearing by asking Califf why the FDA didn't step in last fall when there were warnings about problems at the Sturgis, Michigan, factory.

Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., pointed to a recently released whistleblower complaint alleging numerous safety violations at Abbott's plant, including employees falsifying records and failing to properly test formula before releasing it. She said the former Abbott employee alerted the FDA to the situation in October but was not interviewed by agency staff until late December.

"It all begs the question, why did the FDA not spring into action?" DeLauro asked. "Who in the leadership had access to that report — who didn't have access to the report — and why was there no reaction?"

Califf said he had reviewed the complaint but didn't specify when or what immediate steps were taken. He said the allegations raise serious concerns about Abbott's operations.

"The most concerning charge is that the integrity of the organization was compromised," Califf said. "Once that integrity is compromised the question is how can you trust any of the systems that are in place."

Subcommittee Chairman Rep. Sanford Bishop, D-Georgia, called the lag in FDA action "unconscionable."

"American people rely on FDA to protect infant health by ensuring that they have access to safe formula," Bishop said.

## W.Va. social services workers get raises, dashboard to debut

By John Raby

*Associated Press*

West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice said Thursday that social services workers will receive a 15% pay increase by tapping funds from existing vacant positions after such efforts failed in the Legislature.

About 970 employees of the Department of Health and Human Resources' Bureau for Social Services will receive the raises starting June 18.

There are more than 6,500 children in the care of the state. According to the DHHR, there is a 30% vacancy rate statewide for foster care employees.

"I told you we'd get this done and we got it done without spending any excess money," the Republican governor said in a statement. "I always say we need to mind the store and we've done it the right way. As a result, we're now able to compensate

these people that are doing incredible work."

Employee pay raises and other key provisions were stripped from a social services bill before it died on the final day of the regular legislative session in March. After the pay raises were gutted, DHHR Secretary Bill Crouch told a Senate committee that the department would reduce the number of open positions to provide the much-needed raises to child protective services employees.

Crouch said Thursday those vacant positions indeed funded the raises.

"We did take existing positions in DHHR. We swept those. We will remove those," he said. "We've had to do some juggling to get this done. But again, the governor was adamant we do it."

In addition, Justice announced that a dashboard with some foster care data collected by the state will be made available to the public on

the DHHR's website starting June 1. That dashboard also was cut from the bill by lawmakers.

Advocates have said having the data available could help both policymakers and nonprofit groups while keeping residents informed. For example, it will include information on Child Protective Service placements, referrals and case workloads, Justice said. The dashboard will be updated monthly.

"It's a way for folks to see what's going on with the state in regard to our CPS program and making sure we keep children safe," Crouch said.

The state also is in the midst of a hiring a consultant to review the massive DHHR, which has a \$7.6 billion budget, or 39% of the state's entire spending. In late March, Justice vetoed a bill that would have split the DHHR into separate agencies, saying he first wanted to look into its "issues, bottlenecks, and inefficiencies."



## AT THE LIBRARY

### Shepherd University and Patriot Summer Reading Program Sign-Up Approaching!

Sign-up for the 2022 Summer Reading Program begins Saturday, June 11 at the library. The program is open to all ages (infant to adult) and you read — or are read to — at your own pace. There will be crafts, activities, prize drawings and more throughout the program. Sign-up only lasts until Saturday, June 25, so be sure to mark your calendars and make it in before it's too late. The program will end on Saturday, August 6th.

### New Non-Fiction and Bios

*River of the Gods: Genius, Courage, and Betrayal in the Search for the Source of the Nile* by Candice Millard – Set against the backdrop of the race to exploit Africa by the colonial powers, a story of courage and adventure brings to life the rivalry between two enemies — a decorated soldier and a young aristocrat/Army officer — as they set out to find the mysterious headwaters of the Nile River.

*Here's the Deal* by Kellyanne

Conway – Conway takes readers on a journey all the way to the White House and beyond. She discusses what it's like to be dissected on national television, how to outsmart the media mob, how to outclass the crazy critics, and how to survive and succeed in male-dominated industries.

### New JR Fiction

*The Witch, the Sword, and the Cursed Knights* by Alexandria Rogers – Much to their initial dismay, a 12-year-old boy and girl discover they are destined to become knights of King Arthur's legendary Round Table, but first they must find and reforge Excalibur and break a curse that has weakened the magic of the Twenty-Five and a Half Realms.

*Loteria* by Karla Arenas Valenti – In Oaxaca City, Mexico, ancient friends Life and Death discuss free will while engaged in a game of chance, with 11-year-old Clara as the protagonist of their theories and a pawn in their game, moving inevitably towards her ultimate fate.

*Across the Desert* by Dusti Bowling – While using a public library

computer to find help for her mother who is addicted to pain medicine, 12-year-old Jolene witnesses a friend's livestreamed crash-landing in the Arizona desert and embarks on a journey to rescue her.

*How to Train Your Dad* by Gary Paulsen – A 12-year-old boy and his free-thinking father's summer is turned upside down by a puppy-training pamphlet.

*Long Road to the Circus* by Betsy Bird – Twelve-year-old Suzy Bowles dreams of life outside the small town of Burr Oak, Michigan, but when she stumbles on the opportunity to learn ostrich-riding with the infamous Madame Marantette, her obligations to her family on the farm threaten to derail her dreams of a bigger life.

*Clarice the Brave* by Lisa McMann – When they are separated at sea, mouse siblings Clarice and Charles Sebastian, who were taught to be careful, must now be bold if they are to survive — and keep their promise to find one another again.

*Just Harriet* by Elana K. Arnold – Harriet Wermer is unhappy about having to spend her summer with her grandmother on Marble Island until

she discovers a mystery involving her dad from when he was a boy living on the island.

*City Spies* (City Spies; 1) by James Ponti – Sara Martinez is facing years in the juvenile detention system for hacking into the foster care computer system to prove that her foster parents are crooks. But then she gets a second chance when a mysterious man offers her a chance to join a group of MI6 affiliated spies.

*The Weeping Tide* (Wilderlore; 2) by Amanda Foody – Lore Keeper apprentice Barclay helps his teacher investigate a carnivorous algae bloom and its possible connection to recurring attacks by the Legendary Beast of the Sea.

*Spellbound* (Black Panther; 2) by Ronald L. Smith – T'Challa is heading back to America to visit his friends Sheila and Zeke — this time in Alabama. But his fun summer vacation quickly turns into a nightmare. The small town has fallen under the sway of a charismatic politician who is there to retrieve a spell book full of dark magic. Will T'Challa and his friends be able to break the spell and save the town?

*The Supernatural Society* (Supernatural Society; 1) by Rex Ogle – When all the town pets (including Fitz) go missing, Will suspects there's something sinister going on. So he joins forces with outcast Ivy and super-smart Linus to uncover the ancient secrets of East Emerson. Besides, nothing bad could happen when three sixth graders team up against monsters, magic, myths, and mad science...right?

*Once Upon a Tim* (Once Upon a Tim; 1) by Stuart Gibbs – With no knightly experience but plenty of pluck and an impressive vocabulary, a 12-year-old peasant, hoping to improve his station in life, volunteers to help a cowardly prince and his not very powerful wizard rescue a princess from an evil, foul-smelling monster.

*New from Here* by Kelly Yang – Knox works to keep his family together as they move from Hong Kong back to northern California during the initial outbreak of the coronavirus.

*Kelcie Murphy and the Academy for the Unbreakable Arts* (Academy for the Unbreakable Arts; 1) by Erika Lewis – At a school of magic, a young

warrior must choose on which side of an epic battle her destiny will lie.

*Those Kids from Fawn Creek* by Erin Entrada Kelly – The 12 kids in the seventh grade at Fawn Creek K-12 have been together all their lives, so when graceful Orchid Mason arrives, with exotic clothes and glorious hair, the other seventh graders do not know what to think.

*The Ogress and the Orphans* by Kelly Barnhill – When a child goes missing from the Orphan House in the town of Stone-in-the-Glen, the mayor suggests the kindly Ogress is responsible, but the orphans do not believe that and try to make their deluded neighbors see the real villain among them.

*Solimar: The Sword of the Monarchs* by Pam Munoz Ryan – On the eve of her Quinceañera, Princess Solimar discovers that it will take more than magic to save her kingdom and prevent the destruction of the monarch butterfly.

*The Keeper* by Guadalupe Garcia McCall – A boy desperately tries to survive in a new town with a secret past.

## Energy assistance program application period extended

An application period for low-income residents in West Virginia to apply for an energy assistance program has been extended to May 27.

The federally funded program assists eligible state residents in paying home heating bills.

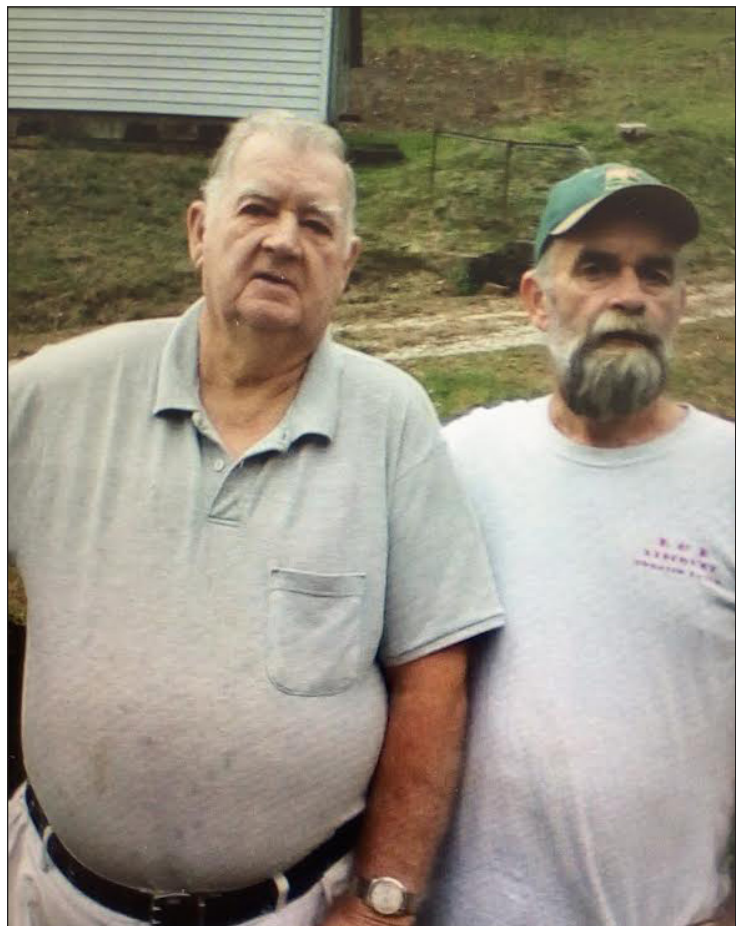
The state Department of Health and Human Resources said eligibility for the benefits is based on income, household size and whether

the household is responsible for paying its heating bill. An applicant's annual income must be at or below 60% of the state median income.

DHHR workers must meet with applicants in cases where a heating emergency exists, the agency said in a news release.

Applications are available at local DHHR offices.

## Help from the public still sought in Wayne County murders



It has been nearly four years since the deaths of two Wayne County men in an arson fire and the W.Va.State Fire Marshal's Office investigators are hoping anyone with information might come forward to help solve these murders.

On May 31, 2018, the bodies of William Copley and Robert Copley were found in the burned remains of their home, located at 311 Camp Creek Road in Crum, Wayne County.

WVSFMO investigators determined that the Copleys were the victims of a double homicide.

The WVSFMO is asking any member of the public who has information about the fire and/or deaths to call the WV Arson Hotline at (800)233-FIRE.

There is up to a \$ 10,000.00 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

## Eastern WV Community and Technical College Announces New Early College Healthcare Programs

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College announced the launch of a limited time grant-funded program that gives high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to receive one of three healthcare certifications while still attending high school.

This program and opportunity is funded by and made possible through West Virginia's new Perkins Collaborative Reserve Grant. This grant opportunity covers the cost of in-

struction, supplies, and certification exams. Program tracks include Medical Assistant, Phlebotomy Technician, or Certified Nursing Assistant.

"We are so excited to be able to offer this program this year. It will be an incredible opportunity for students who want to earn healthcare certifications to get to work immediately after high school graduation or jump start their higher education journey to pursue a medical career. Not only does this save time post-

graduation, but students save money on their college tuition by earning credit in high school should they choose to enroll at Eastern," said Melissa Shockey, Program Manager, Workforce Education.

"We are thrilled to announce the launch of this program and to begin offering this option to high school students in the area interested in pursuing a career in healthcare. This opportunity is not only great for these students but for the state of West Vir-

ginia as we get more students certified to enter the workforce in high-demand healthcare positions," said Dr. Tom Striplin, Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College President.

Enrollment must be received by August 1, 2022. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/Eastern-HealthcareHSProgram> or contact Melissa Shockey directly at [melissa.shockey@easternwv.edu](mailto:melissa.shockey@easternwv.edu) or 304-434-8000 ext.\*9253.

## Eastern awarded \$278,500 through Governor's Nursing Workforce Expansion Program

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College has been awarded \$278,500 through West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice's Nursing Workforce Expansion Program, which is designed to address the state's nursing shortage through a multifaceted approach to attract, train, and retain nurses in the Mountain State. Representing a fundamental part of this approach, an award program was established to fund nursing program expansion projects at colleges, universities, schools of nursing, and career technical education centers across West Virginia.

Through Eastern's award, the college plans to transform its existing nursing skills lab into an interactive

simulation lab and convert a classroom into an updated skills lab. In addition, the funding will facilitate planning for a new LPN-to-RN bridge program. The investment is expected to support up to 10 new nursing students at the institution.

"Eastern is very appreciative of the funding provided by the Governor's office to increase nursing enrollment in our program, said Dr. Thomas Striplin, president of Eastern. "The funding will allow us to purchase state-of-the-art simulators to enhance training of nurses and help the state increase nursing graduates to address the significant shortage facing the nursing profession."

The nursing program expansion

awards are administered by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission and Community and Technical College System. Twenty-six funded projects across the state were announced by Gov. Justice on March 17. Approved projects were required to be focused on increasing enrollment in pre-licensure nursing programs through innovative approaches focused on timely degree completion and licensure for graduates.

"We are tremendously grateful to Gov. Justice for providing this historic funding to support the expansion of nursing education programs across West Virginia," said Dr. Sarah Armstrong Tucker, West Virginia's

Chancellor of Higher Education. "Through these new projects, our postsecondary education community will be better positioned to help shore up West Virginia's nursing workforce — which, in turn, will help support our nurses working tirelessly on the front lines right now."

Justice announced the West Virginia Nursing Workforce Expansion Program in December 2021 by dedicating \$48 million to support new and expanded initiatives that will train new nurses, fully fund the West Virginia Nursing Scholarship Program, value nurses already practicing in the state, and recruit nurses into West Virginia.

## GardenFest to be held on Saturday, June 4

We are excited to report GardenFest of the Northern Shenandoah Valley: Master Gardeners will be Saturday, June 4, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Belle Grove Plantation at 336 Belle Grove Road, Middletown, Va.! Master Gardeners will be donating plants from their gardens, and there will be a wide variety for purchase and all plants and shrubs will be the same price of \$5/pot. The Master Gardeners can take cash and we will be taking credit cards. You can see what plants have been donated in the past on our website, <http://nsvmg.org/info/plant-descriptions/>.

Gardenfest is our fundraiser of the

year so we can support all our events and projects in our 5-county area. This allows us to have free children's programs, classes, and tours throughout the year.

This year in addition to the plant sale there will also be a Master Gardener information booth, tours of the Belle Grove Teaching garden, and the Manor house will be open for tours during the day. Secondhand Rose will be back with lots of donated and used items. The variety is always a surprise. This year the Master Gardener Information booth with handouts will be staffed to answer any questions you might have about your garden. There will be a 50/50

cash raffle and some great items that have been donated.

We are looking forward to having our garden and craft vendors back with us. Over 20 vendors or non-profit organizations will be on site.

The MGs are eager to be outside, as are a lot of you! What better way to spend a Saturday in June than at beautiful Belle Grove Plantation looking at great perennials, vegetable plants, and lots of shrubs! If you have a wagon or wagons, feel free to bring them along to fill them with plants for your garden. A limited number of wagons will be available for your use. There will be a plant pick up

area and MGs will help load your plants into your car.

Admission and parking are free! The gates open promptly at 8 a.m., and plants are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Not sure if a plant will do well in a certain location in your garden? All plants are labeled with care instructions, and there will be a Master Gardeners Plant information table to answer any of your questions.

Health guidelines and precautions provided by the Governor of Virginia will be in place for your safety. We hope to see you at the 2022 GardenFest!

## Shepherd University and Patriot Gardens Receive \$12,000 in Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture Grant Funding

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) has awarded Shepherd University and Patriot Gardens each a \$12,000 grant for their projects to support Veterans and Heroes in Agriculture. The grants are being issued under the WVDA Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture Program. Grant recipients have one year to plan, implement and gather data on their respective projects.

"Our mission is to support veterans and emergency personnel who wish to transition to careers in agriculture. We believe these projects will do just that and help us bridge the ever-growing workforce gap in agriculture," said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. "We

must do more to invest in local food systems. I hope these projects will help with that goal."

Shepherd University "Production of Edible Mushrooms and Specialty Fungi" project addresses the training necessary for different varieties of mushroom cultivation and demonstrates the equipment necessary for small-scale mushroom and specialty fungi enterprises.

The WV Military Authority - Patriot Gardens "Supporting Veterans, Active Military and Their Families in Agriculture" project provides direct assistance to veterans, active military and their families to expand their current agricultural enterprises or to begin production of new on-farm,

value-added products for home use or sale into the local market.

The Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture Grant Program was developed to provide funding to organizations around the state who work directly with or provide support to law enforcement, fire fighters, emergency medical service, first responders, veterans, active-duty military, and/or their spouses and family within an agricultural capacity. Grants may not exceed \$24,000 and are awarded through an application process.

For more information, contact Crescent Gallagher [cgallagher@wvda.us](mailto:cgallagher@wvda.us) 304-558-3708.

## What's next for COVID-19 vaccines for youngest US children

By The Associated Press

Parents hoping to get their youngest children vaccinated against COVID-19 got some encouraging news Monday.

Pfizer said three small doses of its vaccine offers strong protection to youngsters under 5, according to preliminary data. That news comes a month after Moderna said it would ask regulators to OK its two doses for the youngest kids.

But a few steps remain before the shots are available. Health officials and their expert panels must first decide they are safe enough and provide enough protection to authorize them.

### FDA REVIEW

U.S. Food and Drug Administration vaccine chief Dr. Peter Marks has pledged the agency will "move

quickly without sacrificing our standards" in evaluating tot-sized doses from both Pfizer and Moderna.

The FDA has tentatively set a June 15 date for its scientific advisers to publicly review the two companies' vaccines. After the advisers weigh in, the FDA determines whether to authorize the shot.

Moderna is seeking clearance for two low-dose shots for children under age 6 while Pfizer hopes to offer three extra-low doses to kids under age 5 — differences due to how each company studied its vaccine. Currently the U.S. recommends vaccinations for everyone age 5 and older, and Pfizer is the only option for those children. Moderna for now is used only in adults in the U.S.

### CDC REVIEW

If either vaccine is cleared for the

littlest kids, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention would have to recommend whether all babies, toddlers and preschoolers should receive them or only those at high risk of a serious illness.

The CDC would convene its own panel of advisers to debate the recommendation before issuing its official guidance.

### ROLLOUT

The Biden administration has said the shots will roll out rapidly, and most tots are expected to be vaccinated in pediatricians' offices or health clinics. It's not clear how much demand there will be to vaccinate the youngest kids, however. Pfizer shots for 5- to 11-year-olds opened in November, but only about 30% of that age group have gotten the recommended initial two doses.



## OBITUARIES

### Debra Kay Poling



Debra Kay (Evans) Poling went to be with her Lord and Savior on January 22, 2022, at her residence in Old Fields with her family at her side.

A Celebration of Deb's Life will be held from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., June 4, 2022 at Brighton Park, 644 Fisher Road, Moorefield, WV Shelter #4. Attendees are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs. In the unlikely event of foul weather, it will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Moorefield Church of the Brethren. Please keep checking the event page on Facebook for updates, "Deb Poling - Celebration of Life".

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

### AGE IN ACTION

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**Tues. June 7:** Chicken strips, potato salad, beets, pineapple tidbits

**Wed. June 8:** Pork chops, baby baker potatoes, spinach, mandarin oranges

**Thur. June 9:** Beans, cornbread, coleslaw, mixed veggies, fruit parfait

**Fri. June 10:** Egg salad sandwich, chips, green beans, carrots, pears

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

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

Those making donations were Food Lion and the Moorefield Examiner. We would like to thank each and everyone of you for your donations: They are greatly appreciated. Have a

safe and happy week.

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

#### DONATIONS NEEDED: PLEASE READ

Hardy County Committee on Aging is participating in the AmazonSmile program. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices and convenient shopping features as on amazon.com. The difference is when customers shop at AmazonSmile (smileamazon.com), the AmazonSmile foundation donates 0.5 percent of purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organizations selected by customers.

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

#### WE HAVE ENSURE.

The price has increased: Regular is \$25.50 and Plus is \$27.50. Both are available in chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, and butter pecan. We only accept checks for Ensure, no cash: Sorry for the inconvenience. Any questions, call the center at 304-530-2256 Option 6.

#### ITEMS TO LEND OR GIVE

We have the following items available:

**To Lend:** Walkers, wheel chairs, bath benches, potty chairs

**To Give:** Incontinent briefs.

#### MEDICARE HELP

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

#### HCCOA NEEDS

#### HOMEMAKER AIDES

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

#### GRAB AND GO MEALS

For Seniors 60 and older; donations accepted. Anyone under 60 also can get a meal for \$5.25 per meal. We'll need your name, address, and birthday. Must call by 9 a.m., 304-530-2256, Option 2 or 6. Pick up lunch between 12-12:30.

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## This Week in West Virginia History

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

June 1, 1880: The bare-knuckle prize fight for the championship of the world was held in the Brooke County town of Colliers, between defending champion Joe Goss and challenger Paddy Ryan. Boxing was illegal in every state, and matches were often held in railroad villages to avoid big city police.

June 1, 1935: Musician Hazel Dickens was born in Mercer County, the eighth of 11 children. She was a pioneering old-time and bluegrass musician, known for preserving the traditional vocal styles of West Virginia.

June 2, 1951: Cornelius Charlton died of the wounds he received in battle during the Korean War. Charlton, a Raleigh County native, was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously.

June 3, 1856: Harriet B. Jones was born in Pennsylvania. After attend-



**Cornelius Charlton**

ing Wheeling Female College and graduating from the Women's Medical College of Baltimore, she opened a private practice in Wheeling, becoming the first woman licensed to practice medicine in West Virginia.

June 3, 1936: The first Strawberry Festival was held in Buckhannon. More than 6,000 spectators attended the festivities, which also included a parade of 30 princesses down Main Street.

June 4, 1975: Clark Kessinger died



**Elizabeth Kee**

in St. Albans, Kanawha County. Kessinger was among the most prolific and influential fiddlers of the 20th century, and one of West Virginia's most important traditional musicians.

June 5, 1859: A great frost killed crops in the Preston County fields. The fields were replanted with hardy buckwheat, which was successful and became a staple crop, celebrated in the annual Buckwheat Festival in Kingwood.

June 6, 1919: Historian Otis Rice

was born in Hugheston, Kanawha County. Rice was named West Virginia's first Historian Laureate in 2003.

June 6, 1989: During the Pittston strike, about 60 miners embarked on a four-day march from Logan County to Charleston, retracing the path of the 1921 Armed March on Logan.

June 7, 1899: Congresswoman Elizabeth Kee was born in Radford, Virginia. She became West Virginia's first female member of Congress in 1951.

June 7, 1926: An explosion at a sand mining operation in Morgan County killed six men. Their deaths were the inspiration for the ballad "The Miner's Doom."

e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia is a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council. For more information, contact the West Virginia Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; (304) 346-8500; or visit e-WV at [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

## Every quilt has a story: quilt documentation project aims to record details, history of generational quilts statewide

One of the most valued treasures of a family is a quilt, but often the details about who made it and when and where it was made become less clear as time passes. The West Virginia Quilt Documentation project is a way for quilt owners to record details about a family quilt for the generations that follow and for quilt researchers.

Quilts made in West Virginia or residing in West Virginia may be documented at the upcoming West Virginia Quilt Festival, June 16-18, 2022, in Summersville. Details about the maker and photos of the quilts are placed in a national database as part of the West Virginia Quilt Documentation Project. The "documentation days" will occur at the Summersville Arena and Conference Center (the National Guard Armory).

"It does not matter whether the quilt you have was made here in West Virginia or that you obtained it elsewhere and it is now in the Mountain State," said Fran Kordek, organizer of the West Virginia Quilt Documentation Project. "We have recorded the names of the makers and details about

the many quilts here in West Virginia, regardless of whether they are family-made or "maker unknown." This documentation is helping to tell the story about talented quilt makers who made time to leave these stitched and layered fabrics of comfort and beauty for the rest of us to enjoy."

Well-loved and well-worn quilts, as well as family heirlooms and treasures, are welcome for documentation. The documentation is free, but quilt owners need to make an appointment, Kordek said. Quilt documentation will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 16 and Friday, June 17, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 18.

"Volunteers with the West Virginia Quilt Documentation Project have worked since 2016 to document more than 500 quilts," Kordek said. "After a two-year break because of Covid, we are anxious to get back to recording the names and details of West Virginia quilts and quiltmakers."

The documentation volunteers examine and photograph the quilts and make notes about the quilts and any information owners might have

about the quiltmakers. The information is stored in the West Virginia Culture Center Archives and it is entered in The Quilt Index ([www.quiltindex.org](http://www.quiltindex.org)), a national database of quilts from across the country.

"It is a source of pride for the owners and makers of these quilts to have their quilt information recorded in a national database. Information about the quilt owners is kept confidential for security purposes, but other quilt information is available for research purposes and for others to view," Kordek said. "Quilts should be brought 'as is.' Please do not wash or repair or alter a quilt in other ways just for documentation purposes. Details such as the quiltmaker's birth date, death date, maiden and married names, are helpful information."

Family photos, especially if they show the quilt and the quiltmaker, are useful, as well.

To make an appointment, email Fran Kordek at [kordekfran@gmail.com](mailto:kordekfran@gmail.com) or call 304-594-1208 Home, 304-614-1359 Cell. Information about the quilt documentation project also is available at the West Virginia Quilters, Inc., website at [wvquilters.org](http://wvquilters.org).

## W.Va. city council ordered to stop reciting The Lord's Prayer

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — A West Virginia city was ordered Tuesday to stop opening its council meetings with The Lord's Prayer.

U.S. District Judge John T. Copenhaver Jr. ruled that Parkersburg City Council's practice of opening its meetings with the New Testament prayer violates the establishment clause of the First Amendment, which prohibits government from favoring one religion over others. The judge issued a permanent injunction against the prayer recital and award-

ed \$1 in damages to each plaintiff.

Copenhaver ruled in a lawsuit filed by the Freedom from Religion Foundation. The Madison, Wisconsin-based group and two of its members sued the city in 2018.

The lawsuit said residents stood at each Parkersburg City Council meeting to recite the prayer with council members. Plaintiffs Daryl Cobranchi and Eric Engle of Parkersburg attended some meetings, remained seated and did not participate in the prayer's recital.

## Intermediate court setting up 5 satellite offices

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — The West Virginia Intermediate Court of Appeals has begun setting up its satellite offices and chosen a chief judge as it gets closer to becoming operational.

The court will be headquartered in Charleston, but will have five satellite courtrooms in Grant, Lewis, Morgan, Raleigh and Wetzel counties, the Charleston Gazette-Mail reported, citing a statement from the West Virginia Supreme Court. The satellites will allow parties to virtu-

ally argue cases.

The Intermediate Court of Appeals was created by the legislature last year. The three-judge court, which will hear appeals of civil judgments from circuit courts, is expected to begin work July 1.

Dan Greear will serve as chief judge through December 2023, followed by Tom Scarr in 2024 and Charles Lorensen in 2025.

Gov. Jim Justice appointed the men to serve staggered terms until the positions are up for election.

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## COMMUNITY

# Crites crowned Miss East Hardy 2022



Autumn Crites: Miss East Hardy 2022

On March 19, eleven lovely ladies competed for the title of Miss East Hardy 2022. Mrs. Ashley Coby and Miss East Hardy 2021 Emily Moyers were the hostesses for the event. Miss Autumn Crites, a junior, was crowned Miss East Hardy 2022. The other members of the court were: First Runner-up Miss Emily Dyer; 2nd Runner-up Miss Madison Heishman; Miss Congeniality: Miss Victoria Ames; Miss Photogenic: Miss Madison Heishman. The Spanish Club at East Hardy High School would like to say a special thanks to all the sponsors for their many contributions for making this event a success.



The Court, from left to right, is Miss Congeniality Victoria Ames; 1st Runner-Up Emily Dyer; Queen Autumn Crites; 2nd Runner-up and Miss Photogenic Madison Heishman

## Eastern recognizes students for spring semester honors

Several Hardy County residents achieved academic honors during the Spring 2022 semester at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College.

Earning President's List honors, which requires completing 12 or more credit hours this spring with a 4.0 grade point average, were county residents Somer Eberly, Janelle Frame, Hannah Merritt, Jordan Mongold, Aiden Norton, Madison Strawderman, and Serenity Thorn.

Dean's List recipients from Hardy County, earned for completing 9 or more credit hours this spring with at least a 3.5 grade point average, were Victoria Ames, Hope Aristidou, Laura Combs, Danielle Crider, Courtney Dawson, Brandee Dean, Nia Dunn, Ann Farris, Brittany Fleshman, Abigail Leininger, Sarah Merritt, Mason Miller, Tricia Poe, Sydney Riggleman, Elijah Schetrom, Isaiah Smith, Lara Smith, Emma Snyder, and Victor Walker.

Merit List honorees, based on completing 6 or more credit hours this spring with at least a 3.25 grade

point average, included county residents Skylar Alt, Makenzie Blair, Zuleika Casanova, Angel Castell, Quincy Combs, Abigail Eye, Larry Foster, Amelia Gagnon, Colby Hedrick, Haley Hoover, Kaleigh Hunt, Emily Kimble, Kaelynn Loftin, Naudia Miller, Shanna Miller, Zeta Minor, Kevin Molen, Teia Ray, Lily Riggle, Ashley Riggleman, Chelsey Santiago, Courtney Shank, Rachel Smith, Alexis Snyder, Jennifer Sunryder, Levi Thompson, Krista Thorn, Melinda Turner, Marissa Ward, Tondia Whetstone, Hannah Whetzel, Bethany Wolfe, and Makenna Wright.

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College, based in Moorefield, serves six rural counties in West Virginia's Potomac Highlands by offering affordable academic programs, including five online degrees, early enrollment courses for high school students, and a variety of flexible workforce trainings. Eastern is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. For more information, visit easternwv.edu or call 304-434-8000.

## Attorney General Announces Eastern Panhandle Winners of 'Kids Kick Opioids' Design Contest

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey announced 11 students from the Eastern Panhandle as regional winners of the office's sixth Kids Kick Opioids contest, a competition designed to spur creativity and raise awareness of prescription painkiller abuse.

Regional winners are Vance Simmons and Allie Wyman, of Moorefield Intermediate School in Hardy County; Aryana Hinz, Brady Vetter and Sydney Lancaster, of Moorefield Middle School in Hardy County; Victoria Perdue, of Charles Town Middle School in Jefferson County; and Alexis Flores-Ryan, Rylee Bassler, Maleigha Kaiser, Ella Bane,

and Payton Schneble, of Harpers Ferry Middle School in Jefferson County.

"These entries demonstrate the immense creativity and talent of our students," Attorney General Morrisey said. "In some instances, their designs also reveal the heartbreaking situations that some students experience at home. Drug abuse continues to needlessly claim too many lives and our hope is the entries from these talented students will bring greater awareness and change."

The Attorney General received a total of 2,798 entries from 2,876 students at 78 middle and elementary schools across West Virginia. The

submissions included a mix of drawings, poems and other designs aimed at promoting awareness.

Judges recognized winning entries from 79 students overall. Those designs will be displayed in the State Capitol in the fall.

The statewide winner and runner up will be announced soon. The statewide winning entry will appear in newspapers across West Virginia as the Attorney General's next public service announcement.

Kids Kick Opioids represents one of many initiatives through which the Attorney General seeks to combat West Virginia's drug overdose death rate, including a lawsuit against the

U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration that achieved sweeping reforms to the nation's drug quota system.

The Attorney General also has combated the opioid crisis with civil litigation, multistate initiatives, funding to target opioid abuse, criminal prosecutions, new technology, engagement with the faith-based community and education.

The West Virginia Board of Pharmacy, West Virginia Association of School Nurses and the Capitol Police assisted the Attorney General in judging the public service announcement contest.

## Catherine Maher of Milam named to Dean's List at Grove City College

Catherine Maher, a Communication Arts major at Grove City College from Milam, has been named to the Dean's List with Distinction for the Spring 2022 semester. Catherine is a 2021 graduate of Homeschool and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Maher (Amy) from Milam, W.Va.

Students eligible for the Dean's List have a GPA of 3.40 to 3.59; for the Dean's List with Distinction a GPA of 3.60 to 3.84 and for the Dean's List with High Distinction a

GPA of 3.85 to 4.0.

Grove City College (gcc.edu) is a highly distinctive, nationally ranked comprehensive Christian liberal arts college that equips students to pursue their unique callings through a Christ-centered, academically excellent, and affordable learning and living experience. The College is grounded in permanent ideas and traditional values, committed to the foundations of free society, and develops leaders of the highest proficiency, purpose, and principles to ad-

vance the common good. Established in 1876, the College is a pioneer in independent private education and accepts no federal funds. It offers students degrees in more than 60 majors on a picturesque 180-acre campus north of Pittsburgh, Pa. Accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, Grove City College is routinely ranked as one of the country's top colleges by U.S. News & World Report, The Princeton Review, and others based on academic quality and superior outcomes.

## Locals named to Shepherd University's Dean List

Of the 872 students named to the Dean's List at Shepherd University for the spring 2022 semester, seven are from Hardy County. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must achieve a minimum 3.4 grade point average for the semester while carrying at least 12 hours of coursework.

Baker: Julie E. Bowen; Mathias: Jessica L. Campos-Smith; Summer D. Whetzel; Moorefield: Hanna G. Carlson; Sierra R. Reynolds; Old Fields: Morgan G. See; Wardensville: Dayton Parker Lee Miller

## German farm owner saves fuel money with horse-drawn carriage

SCHUPBACH, Germany (AP) — Stephanie Kirchner's journey to work has got longer but, she says, cheaper: she has left her SUV at home and switched to real horse power.

Stud farm owner and horse trainer Kirchner, 33, says she decided "it can't go on like this" after fuel prices jumped following the Russian invasion of Ukraine. "Since I also suspected hay harvesting and everything else will become much, much more expensive, we said, 'we have to save a little money,'" she says.

So she has switched to traveling the roughly 6 kilometers (3 1/2 miles) from her home in western Germany by horse-drawn carriage.

That turns a one-way trip from 10-15 minutes to as much as an hour.

But Kirchner calculates that, given how much fuel her Toyota SUV consumes, she saves about 250 euros (\$264) per month if she can use horse power every day.

Her carriage, drawn by two horses, is popular with children and some others. But "of course humanity is hectic and then some people are annoyed if they can't get past me fast enough," Kirchner says.

She acknowledges that her answer to rising fuel prices isn't for everyone. "I can't put a horse in a parking garage," she says. "I think a lot more horse riders would do it if opportunities were created for the horses."

## New justice joins W.Va. Supreme Court in investiture ceremony

The West Virginia Supreme Court's newest member has joined the court in an investiture ceremony.

Justice C. Haley Bunn of Oceana in Wyoming County is the youngest woman to serve in the post, the court said. The ceremony was held May 12. Bunn succeeds Evan Jenkins, who resigned in February. The term expires in 2024.

She graduated with honors from

West Virginia University and the West Virginia University College of Law and was in private practice

in Charleston before spending seven years as a federal prosecutor. Bunn prosecuted West Virginia doctors for illegally prescribing opioids, as well as opioid dealers and distributors. After leaving the U.S. attorney's office, she rejoined Step-toe & Johnson law firm.

## Birth to Three Program

The first few years of life are extremely important! These are wonderful times to laugh, play, and learn with your child. As a parent, you play a major role in the growth and development of your baby.

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If you have any concerns for your child's development, such as moving, talking, hearing, playing, learn-

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Anyone can refer a child to WV Birth to Three! Call our WV Birth to Three Interim Service Coordinator, Ashley Hinkle, at the Hardy County Office at 304-582-7716 or call the Martinsburg Office at 304-267-3595 or visit us at www.wvdhhr.org/birth23/

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

First Publication Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2022

DATE FILED 05/18/2022 ESTATE NAME: RESSIE MYRTLE WITTIG ROUTE 1 FULKS RUN VA 22830 AFFIANT WILLIAM H BEAN PO DRAWER 30 MOOREFIELD WV 26836-0030

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on 05/19/2022 Gregory L Ely Clerk of the Hardy County Commission 05/25/6/01

Invitation to Bid

Bids will be received by Tony Robinson, Hardy County Schools, 510 Ashby Street Moorefield, WV 26836 until 4:00 PM, June 8th, 2022, at which time all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. A scoring rubric will be used to evaluate all bids. The winning bid will be acknowledged and prepared for presentation to the Hardy County Board. A walkthrough for anyone who would like to view the facility prior to bidding may be scheduled by contacting Tony Robinson at (304) 703-5189 or by email at anthony.robinson@k12.wv.us.

There is also an attached blueprint of the school showing where the cameras will be installed as well as where all distribution rooms are located. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained at the office of Tony Robinson, 510 Ashby Street Moorefield, WV 26836. For questions concerning the bidding process and questions concerning equipment specifications or installation contact Tony Robinson at (304) 703-5189 or by email at Anthony.robinson@k12.wv.us. Proposals shall be submitted to the School District in a sealed envelope. Envelopes containing bid proposals shall be clearly marked with the words: "BID - Security Camera System for Hardy County Middle Schools." Proposals should be addressed to Hardy County Schools, 510 Ashby Street Moorefield, WV 26836. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure the bids are received by the Hardy County Board of Education. The Hardy County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or waive any information therein and award the contract to the bidder which it believes will serve its best interests. 5/25/6/01

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DATE FILED 05/13/2022 ESTATE NAME: ROBERT D BEWICK, JR 175 CRESENT DRIVE DOVER DE 19904 AFFIANT KEVIN M BAIRD 6 SOUTH STATE STREET DOVER DE 19901-7363

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 05/16/2022 Gregory L Ely Clerk of the Hardy County Commission 5/25/6/1

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Region VII Workforce Development Board NOTICE

The Region VII Workforce Development Board Annual Dinner Meeting will be held on June 16, 2022. The meeting is being held at WV Division of Rehabilitation Services in Moorefield, WV and will begin at 6:00 P.M. To RSVP, or for meeting information, contact Stacy Swick at 304-530-5258. 6/01

Hardy Telecommunications

Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., an incumbent local exchange carrier, has been certified as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier and receives Universal Service Funding for the Lost River (897 and 434) exchange. The following are the local service rates charged per month:

Table with 3 columns: Service, Price, and Rate. Includes Basic, Community Calling, Community Calling Plus, and Premium services.

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Hardy Telecommunications participates in the federal Lifeline Assistance program which is available to qualifying low-income subscribers. Lifeline Assistance enables eligible low-income subscribers to receive flat-rate support of \$5.25 per line for voice-only telephone or \$9.25 per line for broadband or bundled telephone/broadband services. (NOTE: The FCC has indicated that voice-only support will end, so this benefit might change at any time.) Only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. To be eligible, a subscriber must either have an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Low Income Program or participate in one of the following assistance programs: Medicaid; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps; Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8); and Veterans Pension and Survivor Benefits Programs.

Certification forms may be obtained from the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. Those claiming to qualify based on income must present acceptable documentation of the household income. Acceptable documentation includes: the prior year's tax return, current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub, a Social Security statement of benefits, a Veterans Administration statement of benefits, a retirement/pension statement of benefits, an Unemployment/Workmen's Compensation statement of benefits, federal or tribal notice letter of participation in General Assistance, a divorce decree, child support, or other official document. The program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline or wireless service. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain program benefits can be punished with a fine or imprisonment or barred from the program.

Hardy Telecommunications participates in the West Virginia Tel-Assistance program which is available to qualifying low-income subscribers to help them maintain telephone service. Tel-Assistance lowers the cost of basic monthly telephone service by giving eligible low-income customers a discount on telephone service. The monthly Tel-Assistance rate shall be the basic local service rate, at all locations, in all of Hardy Telecommunications' exchanges. This rate provides for a \$2.00 monthly, non-transferable usage credit. Tel-Assistance subscribers are not required to pay the Federal Subscriber Line Charge. No non-recurring service change charges shall apply. Only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. To be eligible, a subscriber must either have an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Low Income Program or participate in one of the following assistance programs: Medicaid; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps; Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8); and Veterans Pension and Survivor Benefit Programs.

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The Affordable Connectivity program is a federal government benefit program operated by the Federal Communications Commission that is designed to expand access to broadband for low-income households by reducing a customer's broadband Internet access service bill. The ACP program entitles a qualifying household to receive up to \$30 per month off the standard rate for Hardy Telecommunications' Internet service offering eligible for the ACP program. A household will qualify for the ACP program if at least one member of the household:

- Participates in the Federal Communications Commission's Lifeline program;
Has a qualifying household income threshold that is at or below 200 percent of Federal Poverty Guidelines for a household of that size;
Receives free or reduced lunch under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act or the school breakfast program under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, including at U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Eligibility Provision schools in the 2019-20, 2020-21, or 2021-22 school year;
Receives assistance through the Special Supplemental Nutritional Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) established by section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1996;
Has received a federal Pell Grant in the current award year;
Participates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps;
Participates in the Medicaid program;
Qualifies for Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
Qualifies for Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA);
Qualifies for Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit.

The ACP benefit is non-transferable and limited to one discount per household. The ACP program has no pre-determined end date. The program may terminate at any time as determined by federal authorities. If the ACP program ends, if a household transfers its ACP benefit to another provider, or if a household loses eligibility for the ACP program, a household will be subject to Hardy Telecommunications' undiscounted rates and general terms and conditions if the household opts to continue receiving service from Hardy Telecommunications. Applicants must complete the eligibility process themselves. For assistance, applicants can contact the Affordable Connectivity Program Support Center by calling toll-free (877) 384-2575 or by email at ACPHelp@usac.org. The center is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time. More information is available at ACPBenefit.org under the "Help" tab.

Hardy Telecommunications customer service can be reached at 304-897-9911 or 304-530-5000.

Hardy Telecommunications is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\_filing\_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov. 06/01

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The Hardy County Commission is Scheduled to open and publicly read aloud at a public meeting on Tuesday July 5, 2022 in room 101, Hardy County Courthouse at the address above.

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# HARDY COUNTY SPORTS



## Down, but never out: Moorefield rallies from five- run deficit over Irish claiming regional crown four-peat

By Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

Moorefield Baseball entered the second game of the Class A Region II Championship series in the driver's seat, then Notre Dame put up road blocks creating a 5-0 lead before the Yellow Jackets shifted gears gaining the edge and surviving a late push with a walk-off hit by senior Karson Reed to earn the fourth consecutive title in an 8-7 victory and punched a return ticket to Charleston to defend their three-time state championship crown.

"It's awesome. This truly shows our character and what we're really made of. It shows we can come back from those situations. Hopefully, if we have those situations at state that we can get through it," Moorefield senior Karson Reed remarked.

"It was awesome [game-winning hit], but I was just glad to do it for the team. At the end of the day, I just wanted to win. I just want to win and get us all another state championship, to get this town and the school another state championship."

The Yellow Jackets secured a 3-1 win in the championship series opener in Nutter Fort surrounded by a deluge of rain which would dissipate prior to the second tilt back in Moorefield on Tuesday night.

The Irish were looking for another rainbow among the clouds, but Moorefield knocked over the pot of gold as starting pitcher Michael Cost sent Notre Dame back to the dugout with three consecutive strikeouts in the opening frame.

Notre Dame pitcher Preston Hleslep matched the mood with two strikeouts on Moorefield's Karson Reed and Coleman Mongold before issuing a full-count walk to Bryce Hines.

Hines was left on the pond as Alex Miller flew out to Irish right fielder Isaac Wolfe to end the first inning.

Moorefield right fielder Garrett Strickler made a remarkable over the shoulder catch on a rocket from Notre Dame's Noah Mazzie to commence the second inning.

Notre Dame's Cole Goldizen hit a grounder to Moorefield shortstop Tyson Arnold, who made the routine throw to first baseman Ryan McGregor.

Tyler Marra singled into left field for the Irish and was stranded as Cost tossed a strikeout to Isaac Wolfe.

Moorefield's Branson See singled into left field, then Garrett Strickler hit a laser to Irish shortstop Gene Hutchinson, who turned a double play.

Ryan McGregor singled down the left field line prior to being left aboard as Hleslep struck out Cost.

Notre Dame garnered five runs in the third inning, but the Yellow Jackets never felt like the challenge was too big to overcome.

"I'm real proud of them in how they battled back. We talked before the game that no matter what the score was that we were still in it. After they scored five runs and went up, there was no panic in our dugout. We knew all we needed was one big inning and we got that inning. We had good at-bats and took some pitches, then came up with some big hits," Moorefield Baseball acting head coach Scott Stutler commented.

"Anytime Karson is coming up, we want to get the guy in front of him to second base. He's hit well all year. He had a couple bad at-bats the past couple games, so he was pretty mad at himself. We knew he would come up clutch. It is awesome to return to Charleston. Any game we play, we have a shot. We will have some practices and perhaps a tune-up game, then go down there and see where the chips fall. There were a lot of younger kids who came to watch the game. We had a lot of fans here tonight. I am glad we got on a roll at

the right time and will be going back to Charleston."

Moorefield catcher Alex Miller fielded the first out collecting a short grounder by Ben Peters with a toss to McGregor to open the third inning.

Notre Dame's Dominick Bombardiere got the momentum going with a center field single.

Anthony Rogers executed a bunt and Miller slipped and fell during the process of fielding the ball as the runners were safe.

Hleslep notched a single into left field to load the bases for the Irish.

Hutchinson launched a deep fly ball which was caught on a leap by Moorefield left fielder Karson Reed for an RBI sacrifice fly as the Irish went up 1-0.

Notre Dame's Noah Mazzie belted a two-run producing double into center field where the ball eluded the grasp of Gavin Wolfe extending the edge to 3-nil.

Goldizen connected for an RBI single as the Irish kept the pressure going.

Notre Dame's Tyler Marra must be a tennis player as his ball was lofted just over the reach of Cost on the mound and Arnold scooped it up, but Marra beat the throw to first base.

Wolfe plated one run on an error by Arnold as the Irish took a 5-0 advantage.

After the baserunners advanced on a passed ball, Peters slapped a sharp grounder to McGregor, who fumbled the ball initially before recovering for the base tag.

Moorefield skipper Scott Stutler encouraged his players saying to keep fighting and they were going to get a big inning to win it.

Arnold was hit by a pitch then Reed grounded out for the Yellow Jackets.

A warning from the home plate was given to the Moorefield dugout for possibly whistling.

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Moorefield senior pitcher Bryce Hines received the sign he wanted on the mound and prepared to throw a strike against Notre Dame during the Class A Region II Championship series opener at Frank Loria Memorial Field in Nutter Fort last Monday.

Photo by Greg Carey

## Brett Tharp of Mathias, WV, Earns All-ODAC Baseball Honors

BRIDGEWATER, VA- Stemming from a phenomenal sophomore campaign on the mound, Bridgewater College baseball player Reid Long was named ODAC Pitcher of the Year and garnered first team All-ODAC honors to highlight a group of five BC Eagles earning All-ODAC honors, which were announced by the league office on May 13.

After a record-setting season on the mound, Long becomes the second Bridgewater baseball player to be named ODAC Pitcher of the Year and the first one since 2012.

The Chesapeake, Va., native broke the single-season wins record with his 11th victory of the year a week ago. He is one of three players in Division III with 11 victories, which is tied for the national lead. Long currently holds a 1.77 ERA, which leads the ODAC, and pitched seven or more innings in five of his 11 wins. He struck out 63 batters this season compared to just 14 walks and holds a sub-1.00 WHIP. In addition, Long has secured a decision in every game he's started. The sophomore also earns a spot on the All-ODAC first team.

Joining Long on the first team is senior Brett Tharp. Tharp did it all

for the Eagles this season as a utility player with time in the outfield, first base and on the bump. Tharp hit .255 and drove in 26 runs, while also stealing 13 bases-both among team leaders. The Mathias, W.Va., native was also lights out as a closer for the team. His 11 saves shattered the single-season program and lead the conference while also being amongst the national leaders.

Junior infielder Jeffrey Snider, junior outfielder Hunter Clever and senior relief pitcher Tucker Hraskey were each featured on the All-ODAC third team.

Snider leads the team with a .364 batting average and is second on the roster with 37 RBI. His 15 stolen bases rank first on the team and fifth in the conference. The Reisterstown, Md., native leads the team with five triples, second with five home runs and second with eight doubles.

Clever, a Waynesboro, Pa., product earns all-conference accolades for the first time in his career after a breakout junior campaign. His .342 batting average ranks fourth on the team and 27 RBI ranks third. The junior also put in a strong effort on the mound pitching 29.1 innings in 11



appearances and earned a save to go along with a victory.

Hraskey, hailing from Marion, Mass., garners all-conference laurels in his final season with the Eagles. He's pitched 35.0 innings in relief and has a 3-1 record. The senior's 47 strikeouts rank second on the team.

Bridgewater College is a private, four-year liberal arts college located in the Central Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Founded in 1880, it was the state's first private, coeducational college. Today, Bridgewater College is home to approximately 1,500 students.



Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield celebrated winning its fourth consecutive Class A Region II Championship title after edging Notre Dame 8-7 in the second game of the series at George Hott Field on Tuesday.

## Hines sharp, Moorefield downs Notre Dame 3-1 in opener of regional series

By Greg Carey

West Virginia Metro News

NUTTER FORT, W.Va. — As the three-time defending Class A state champion, Moorefield's baseball program is no stranger to meaningful games late in the season. So while the Yellow Jackets have endured an up-and-down 2022 season, there was no panic on their part in advance of the first game against Notre Dame in the best-of-three Region II series. With Bryce Hines pitching, it was easy to see why.

Hines worked a complete game three-hitter over 108 pitches and held the Irish scoreless over the first six frames to key Moorefield to a 3-1 victory at Frank Loria Memorial Field.

"Bryce did a great job tonight. He battled all game," Moorefield acting head coach Scott Stutler said. "He's our go-to pitcher right now. He's a senior and he battles. He's a tough kid and you know what you're going to get with him on the mound. This is playoff baseball and you're going to have to win 3-1 type games and close games to have a chance at the end."

The victory puts the Yellow Jackets (17-14) one win away from a return trip to the Class A state tournament, which they'll seek Tuesday when they look to finish off the Irish (17-10) at MHS.

Hines and Notre Dame starting

pitcher Isaac Wolfe prevented the opposition from scoring over the first two innings, before Moorefield went on top for good in the third. That came when Karson Reed scored on a wild pitch after he'd walked with one out, while singles from Hines and Alex Miller that inning marked the game's first two hits.

Hines, who worked around a pair of base-on-balls in the second, retired the side in order in the third. The Yellow Jackets then gained control of the contest by scoring twice in the fourth.

Garrett Strickler led off with a double and immediately scored on Ryan McGregor's triple, with the Yellow Jackets accounting for the game's first two extra-base hits in consecutive at bats.

Later in the fourth, Reed's two-out single allowed Moorefield to score its third run.

"We got some big hits when we needed them. You want to score more than three runs, but I'll take a win any day," Stutler said. NDHS produced its first hit on Cole Goldizen's leadoff single in the fifth. Goldizen moved up two bases on separate balks called against Hines, who kept the Irish off the scoreboard by striking out the side in that inning, including Anthony Rogers for the final out.

After retiring three straight Irish batters in the sixth, Hines ended the inning with 93 pitches.

"We have to swing the bat. In a regional game, we can't sit there with the bat on our shoulders," Irish coach Trenton Lehasky said. "The kid pitched a good game. He has a strong arm, but he didn't have much off speed. You have to sit back and wait on that fastball and we didn't do it."

He then allowed the first two batters of the seventh to reach as Domenick Bombardiere singled and Tyler Marra drew a walk to bring the tying run to the plate.

After the first out of the seventh, the Irish scored their lone run on a play with a tradeoff the Yellow Jackets were gladly willing to accept. It featured Bombardiere coming home from third on a double steal that saw courtesy runner Brady Fagan thrown out at second.

Wolfe singled to prolong the game, but Hines got Garrick Iquinto-Jones to bounce out to third for the final out.

"Game 1 on the road, that's a big win," Stutler said. "We played through rain most of the game and after a long bus ride, so getting this one is big, but it's a three-game series and we know it's not over." Hines struck out eight and walked three.

Wolfe had seven strikeouts and four base-on-balls, while allowing five hits over six innings.

"He gets behind sometimes and throws a lot of pitches," Lehasky said, "but he's gutsy."



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Most of the initial pitches from the Irish pitcher sailed high throughout the game.

Mongold received a free pass before Hines ripped a single into left field to load the bases for Moorefield.

Miller notched an RBI groundout to cut the deficit to 5-1, then See grounded out to end the inning.

Cost induced a groundout by Bombardiere right back to the mound for the first out of the fourth inning and put the rest of the Irish lineup down in order as second baseman Coleman Mongold snatched a line drive and a strikeout closed out the side.

Strickler was given a walk and advanced on a groundout by McGregor, then Cost flew out in left field and Arnold struck out leaving Strickler on the pond.

Notre Dame put the bats to work in the fifth inning with back-to-back singles to opposite fields by Hutchinson and Mazzie.

Coach Stutler called a timeout to have a discussion with Cost, who remained on the mound. The Irish stranded those runners as Moorefield center fielder Gavin Wolfe sandwiched catching a pair of fly balls around a strikeout by Cost.

"It is really special [returning to Charleston] and I give all glory to God. We wouldn't have gotten this ar

without Him. We usually pray before every game and I firmly believe it has worked every single time and we will continue to do that," Moorefield senior Gavin Wolfe noted.

After a pop-out from Reed, the Yellow Jackets put one baserunner on first base with a walk issued to Mongold.

Notre Dame noticed the seven step lead by Mongold and kept him in check with pickoff attempts thrice, then Hines advanced him on a groundout.

"It means a whole lot to keep the tradition going. To keep our name on the map and that we mean business. [Doubt trailing] Absolutely, not. We had each other's back throughout the entire game. I sat in there and told them that we would eat away at this lead and there would come a time where we would take over the game. We had a really good kid in Cost pitching and Weese did a great job closing, so you can't lose. Reed had an awesome time at the plate, so we absolutely couldn't lose. The energy was absolutely amazing. It was probably the best moment of my high school career, especially as a senior going to state," Moorefield senior Bryce Hines commented.

Miller recorded an RBI single blooper falling just off the edge of

the glove of an infielder dashing to right field as three Irish converged on the ball and See grounded out to end the side, 5-2.

The Irish went down in order as Cost induced a groundout, Strickler caught a fly ball and Rogers struck out.

Strickler flew out to start the bottom of the sixth inning, then the momentum changed as the Yellow Jackets would rally for the lead.

McGregor singled up the middle and Cost drew a walk prior to Adam Landes smacking an RBI single to slice the deficit to 5-3.

"It means a lot. I know it means a lot to this town to go back to the state tournament for baseball. We knew that pitcher wasn't throwing the greatest and our time was coming. We just had to get the sticks rolling. Once we got rolling, the energy was great. We were having a good time and it was fun. It was fun scoring the winning run and watching it go out and everybody coming on the field," Moorefield senior Ryan McGregor said.

Reed connected for a two-run producing, game-tying single as Moorefield's dugout and fans went wild.

The damage was done as the Irish sent Bombardiere to the mound, but that didn't stop the train from rolling down the tracks as Mongold sounded the bell with a lead changing RBI single, 6-5.

Hines added to the lead by crushing an RBI double for a 7-5 edge.

Miller popped out along the first base line, then See drew a walk and baserunner Gavin Wolfe swiped second base before both baserunners were stranded on a flyout from Strickler.

The Yellow Jackets needed just three outs to earn a trip to the state tournament with a 7-5 lead, but Notre Dame pushed the envelope tying the game.

Heslep singled to start the seventh inning off Moorefield closer Gabe Weese.

Weese countered with a strikeout to Hutchinson.

Mazzie stepped up and slammed an RBI double to center field and the throw home was in time as catcher Alex Miller caught the pass and went to swipe for the tag, but the Irish runner was ruled safe for a 7-6 score.

Strickler made a sliding, diving catch along the right field line and Mazzie tagged up to go home for the tying run, 7-all.

Weese closed the door with a strikeout on Marra and now it was Moorefield's turn to seek the win.

McGregor was hit by a pitch to start the bottom of the seventh inning for the Yellow Jackets.

Doing the little things help win games and Weese proved that with a sacrifice bunt to advance McGregor.

A passed ball allowed McGregor to reach third base, then a walk to Arnold put runners on the corners.

Moorefield's Karson Reed smacked the game-winning, walk-off RBI hit for an 8-7 victory. Reed smacked a sharp grounder

which was fielded by Notre Dame shortstop Gene Hutchinson, who turned to see Arnold arrive at second base and spun around to try to throw home and McGregor was already crossing home plate to win the game.

"There was no sweat. Coach Stutler came in and said, 'boys, we are perfectly fine [trailing five runs]'. We had the mentality that we were perfectly fine and that we were going to come back and win it and we did just that. There was no sweat. It's awesome to finally contribute to the

team, knowing I am coming off some injuries. It's great to know we will be playing another year at state and bringing home another ring," Moorefield senior Branson See concluded.

The Yellow Jackets punched their ticket back to Appalachian Power Park for the fourth time in a row and as the three-time defending state champion. Moorefield plays Wahoma in the semifinals on Friday around noon.



Moorefield Baseball acting head coach Scott Stutler received a championship shower from Bryce Hines and Coleman Mongold as Alex Miller made the distraction.

# Miller Receives Presbyterian College Coaches Award & selected as NWCA Academic All-American

By Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

Presbyterian College Women's Wrestling recognized freshman SierraMarie Miller, an East Hardy High School alumna, with the 2021-22 Coaches Award during the annual banquet, in addition to being honored by the National Wrestling Coaches Association as an Academic All-American.

The primary criteria to earn the Blue Hose coaches award given by the wrestling staff is for the individual to have dedication to athletic excellence, coachability, and leadership.

"SierraMarie exemplifies what we are looking for in a student-athlete on the wrestling team. She works tirelessly in the pursuit of athletic excellence, and is a leader both on the mat and in the classroom," Presbyterian College Women's Wrestling head coach Zachary Sheaffer remarked.

Miller has excelled in the classroom earning the distinction of holding the highest team grade point average among the Presbyterian College men's and women's wrestling programs and joined the "Straight A's Club" for her academic success in the second term along with four teammates: Ainslie Lane, Hannah McElroy, Gabby Shevlin and Samantha Hauff.

"I am extremely honored to have received this award. Being a student-athlete in college isn't always easy; therefore, it is really nice to be recognized for my academic success. I was in the 4.0 club for my wrestling team along with four of my other teammates," Presbyterian College Women's Wrestling freshman SierraMarie Miller commented.

"I am extremely proud of them and the dedication that they showed this year to both wrestling and academics. Our wrestling team prides ourselves on striving to be our best

both on and off the mat. Having determined and goal oriented teammates as well as supportive coaches has been extremely crucial to my success in college thus far."

In order to achieve the status of being selected to the NWCA Academic All-American Team, Miller had to achieve a 3.2 GPA or higher during the wrestling season and qualify for the national championships.

Miller was one of five Presbyterian College Women's Wrestling team members to be named an NWCA Academic All-American along with Ainslie Lane, Morgan Norris, Aurelia Santoyo and Hannah McElroy.

"This is a big honor for her and all of our women who earned this award. It shows their dedication to being the best in wrestling and in academics. She carried the highest GPA on both our men's and women's team this year. SierraMarie was also a member of our 'Straight A's Club' for the second term for the women's

team. She is a great representation of our wrestling program," Coach Sheaffer added.

Miller was one of two true freshmen on the Blue Hose squad to earn a berth to the National Collegiate Women's Wrestling Championships at Adrian College in Michigan by qualifying in third place at the NC-WWC Southeast Regional Championships.

Miller led the women's wrestling team in pins this season with a total of 11 falls and was among the top two in individual wins with 11 total.

Miller is currently majoring in biology at Presbyterian College and has been maintaining a near perfect GPA this academic season.

Miller's excellence on the mat and in the classroom garnered notice on the national level as she was invited to attend the Team USA Women's Training Camp.



## THE OLD MASTER

By Jay Fisher

As the month of May winds down, WVU is down to two teams with active seasons still going on. Both of those teams are advancing into their post-seasons.

In baseball, the Mountaineers ended their regular season with a rousing sweep over Kansas State. The scores were 15-4, 15-4, and 5-1. That put

West Virginia into the Big 12 tournament at the 6-seed. They play tonight at 8:30 against Oklahoma, the 3-seed. (the start time could be pushed back depending on the Texas Tech-Kansas State game, which is before the WVU game). They will play a double elimination mini-tournament with OU, Texas Tech, and Kansas

State. The winner of that block faces the winner of the other block.

In the regular season, WVU lost the series to OU and TT by 2-1, and just swept KSU, 3-0. The Sooners pounded the Mountaineer pitching, so WVU will hope for a reversal of that. All games will be shown on ESPN+, except for Sunday's Cham-

ampionship Game at 6:00 (which will be on ESPN), and tomorrow's winner's bracket games at 5:00 and 8:30 (also on ESPN).

In track & field, the Mountaineers qualified seven competitors for this weekend's NCAA East Regional in Indiana. They are led by Ceili McCabe, who will be the top seed in the

3000m steeplechase. The other qualifiers are: Hayley Jackson (1500m), Jo-Lauren Keene (800m), Cassandra Williamson (800m), Katherine Dowie (3000m steeplechase), Sylvia Russell (3000m steeplechase), and Tessa Constantine (400m hurdles).

At the East Region, the top 12 finishers in each event will advance

to the NCAA Finals, which will be held June 8-11 at Oregon. McCabe is the only Mountaineer seeded in the top 12, so the others will hope to improve over their seedings. Good luck to them!

Finally, congratulations to all of this weekend's EHHS and MHS grads!

## 2022 Potomac Valley Conference Division I Softball Team

Player	School	Grade
Allison Gray	Berkeley Springs	10
Avery Noel	Frankfort	9
LaRae Grove	Frankfort	11
Alexa Shoemaker	Keyser	12
Charity Wolfe	Keyser	11
Taylor Likens	Keyser	9
Rylee Mangold	Keyser	9
Aly Smith	Keyser	12
Emily Kuykendall	Moorefield	12
Amber Williams	Moorefield	10

**Coach of the Year:**

Chris Shoemaker Keyser

**Player of the Year:**

Alexa Shoemaker Keyser

**2022 PVC Team Champion:**

Keyser

**Second Team**

Player	School	Grade
Emma Widmeyer	Berkeley Springs	10
Alaira Harrington	Berkeley Springs	9
Emily Schultz	Berkeley Springs	11
Adison Pritts	Frankfort	9
Aubrie Root	Frankfort	9
Kaylie Hall	Hampshire	9
Averi Everline	Keyser	11
Sterling Kump	Moorefield	11
McKenna Crites	Moorefield	10

## 2022 Potomac Valley Conference Division I Baseball Team

Player	School	Grade
Evan Thompson	Berkeley Springs	12
Peyton Clark	Frankfort	12
Andrew Lynch	Frankfort	12
Alex Hott	Hampshire	12
Colin Hott	Hampshire	12
Samuel Bradfield	Keyser	12
Noah Broadwater	Keyser	10
Seth Healy	Keyser	11
Logan Rotruck	Keyser	10
Karson Reed	Moorefield	12

**Coach of the Year:**

Matt Miller Frankfort

**Player of the Year:**

Alex Hott Hampshire

**2022 PVC Team Champion:**

Hampshire

**Second Team**

Player	School	Grade
Cole Oursler	Berkeley Springs	11
Cameron Lynch	Frankfort	10
JJ Charlton	Hampshire	10
Conner Wolford	Hampshire	10
Konner Bennett	Keyser	11
Caden Youngblood	Keyser	11
Bryce Hines	Moorefield	12
Coleman Mongold	Moorefield	12
Gavin Wolfe	Moorefield	12

## 2022 Potomac Valley Conference Division 2 Baseball Team

Player	School	Grade
Mason Kisamore	Tucker County	Junior
Johnathon Mallow	Petersburg	Senior
Slade Saville	Petersburg	Senior
Matthew Pratt	Tygart's Valley	Senior
Garrett Gibson	Tygart's Valley	Senior
William Van Meter	Petersburg	Junior
Dawson Price	East Hardy	Junior
Noah Sager	East Hardy	Sophomore
Clayton Kisamore	Pendleton County	Junior
Nathaniel Travis	Petersburg	Senior
Kaden Moore	Tygart's Valley	Freshman

**Player of the Year:**

Mason Kisamore Tucker County Junior

**Coach of the Year:**

Mike Landis Petersburg

**Second Team**

Player	School	Grade
Clay Arbaugh	Petersburg	Freshman
Riley Tackett	Tygart's Valley	Senior
Brandon Mahoney	Tygart's Valley	Senior
Noah Armstrong	Tygart's Valley	Senior
Justin Robeson	Tucker County	Sophomore
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- Postions for Every Skill Level

- Quarterly Attendance Bonus
- Generous PTO
- 401(k) Retirement Plan
- Health Benefits

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