# **Education Graduation**

By Ken Bustin

"This is the biggest turnout in all of the eight counties we serve," said John Holmes, the Regional Adult Ed Coordinator, in his opening remarks. Indeed, every chair in the audience was full, as more than 60 enthusiastic

people turned out to wish the graduates well at the W.Va. High School Equivalency Recognition Ceremony, held Friday evening in the Moorefield's South Branch Inn.

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After Holmes concluded his opening comments, Elizabeth Simpson, an Adult Ed staffer, gave the Invocation.

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Photo by Ken Bustin

Ten of this year's class of 18 graduates were present at the recognition ceremony last Friday evening at the South Branch Inn. In the front row, left to right, Maria Martinez, Savannah Jarrett, Kiley McCausley, Adriana Flanary and Trenton Underwood. In the back row are Genevieve Rowley, Rocky Crites, Laura Sponaugle, Caitlin Kimble. At far right is Vera Shockey, Hardy County Adult Education Instructor.

# Standing Room at Adult The Hardy County Child Care Center Receives \$10,000 Donation from State Farm

By Ken Bustin

Moorefield Examiner

Hardy County Child Care Center was the lucky recipient of a \$10,000 award from State Farm Insurance last week, as part of their Outstanding Community Engagement Pro-

Local State Farm Agent, Judy Ball, made the presentation to the Center on Wednesday.

of who we are at State Farm," said Ball. "For me, it's not enough to simthis community better by being a part of a solution and supporting children. It's what being a good neighbor is all about," she said of her choice to direct the donation to that organization.

Ball's agency was one of only 100

where we live and work is a big part to be selected by State Farm to make such an award.

Child Care Center Director Angie ply say we're a Good Neighbor, we Vetter was grinning from ear to ear embrace the responsibility to make as she told the Examiner how pleased they are to receive the award. Asked how they would use the proceeds, Vetter said that they intended to replace the drinking fountains — sidelined because of COVID — with a bottle system. If there is any money

"Giving back to communities — out of 19,000 agents nationally — left over after purchasing that system, it will be used to buy supplies for the classrooms, Vetter said.

> The Center provides day care for 132 children, ranging in age from six weeks to 13 years, and it's full. "We have a waiting list," said Vetter, explaining that to significantly increase the number of children it could handle, "...we'd need a bigger place and

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Staff and children all turned out to give a big "Thank you!" to Judy Ball (center, holding check) for the \$10,000 donation from State Farm Insurance which she presented to the Hardy County Child Care Center last Wednesday.

# **Twin Timbers: Serving** love and kindness

By Carl Holcomb

Moorefield Examiner

Imagining Paul Bunyan serving up ice cream in Wardensville was the initial thought when discovering a food truck named Twin Timbers Coffee and Creamery was operating on Memorial Day.

Low and behold, this is a familyowned and -operated business started by East Hardy Early Middle School athletic director Adam Simmons and wife Amanda, along with her twin sister Kimberly Hahn.

Twin Timbers Coffee and Creamery was originally founded in 2021 lumber industry. as the licensure requirements were of Agriculture for just having ice cream and coffee.

The official grand opening was on the Earth Day celebration at EHEMS in April.

Twin Timbers has started to grow in the community with service at

weddings, the East Hardy Little League Bat-a-thon and a car show this past Sunday.

On Memorial Day, the simple black painted truck arrived at the Wardensville Assembly of God Church and had approximately 30 customers stop by to enjoy ice cream and coffee in the first few hours of operation.

Although there were no lumberjacks serving ice cream, the meaning behind the name comes from being twins and having other twins within the family tree and having a grandfather and uncle who worked in the

"Our family has several sets of fulfilled with a special certification twins, so that seemed to be an approfrom the West Virginia Department priate portion of the title Our grandfather was a timberman as well as his brother and our uncle. We just love the outdoors and the natural beauty of the trees around us, so it seemed fitting that we would merge two familiar things that we cherish," Twin

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## Memorial Day Ceremony Local couple to begin Held by VFW Post 2102 in Wardensville

By Chuck Tarleton noorefield E<u>xaminer</u>

The VFW Post 2102 held its annual Memorial Day ceremony at the Wardensville Town Cemetery Sunday May 29 at 2 p.m.

"The 30th day of May is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country. We are organized, comrades for the purpose, among other things, of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion. What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead? We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance." said Post Commander Kevin Link.

Link welcomed Master Sgt. Da-

vid Stevens, former West Virginia Air National Guard State Command Chief (Retired). Stevens made his opening statements by sharing how the mountain state has always been home. "Going away to a number of locations over the years, I always like coming back because home is important to me."

Stevens addressed the crowd and his fellow veterans, highlighting that Memorial Day is a day of remembrance. "It is not about cookouts or parades; it's a day we honor all the service members who died in service to our great nation. Let us remember our brothers and sisters in arms who have given the ultimate sacrifice. They gave their all so that we could enjoy all the freedoms we have every

Stevens went on to honor twelve members of the Post 2102 that have passed away in 2022. "These men



# Appalachian adventure

By Hannah Heishman

Moorefield Examiner

June 13 looks like a normal Monday, an unassuming date on the calendar. For John and Cassandra Rowe, it's the day they climb Maine's Mount Katahadin and begin their 2190 mile trek along the Appalachian Trail.

Cassandra Kessel grew up on Fort Run Road and graduated from knee. Moorefield High School in 2001. She remembers walking the woods with her dad, Abner Kessel, and discovered a peace in the woods that calls her back still today. She recalls skipping school to hike to the top of Seneca Rocks to read books.

She met John Rowe Grant County, at mutual friends' wedding. They'll celebrate their own 20th anniversary in September, hopefully on the Trail.

living in Florida, in her free time, she

started geocaching, and read about through-hiking the Pacific Coast Trail and the Appalachian Trail. She eventually admitted to John

that she wanted to do that. "You're not gonna do this alone,"

he told her.

Initially, John struggled with old knee injuries, and their first hikes together were short, but he pushed and began training and rehabilitating his "He out-hikes me, now," she says.

They're not strangers to hardship. At one point, they were juggling a newborn, her commutes to and from then-Allegany Community College and classwork, and his two jobs at both Pilgrims' plants. They've moved often, living in

Wilmington, N.C., Tampa, Fla., and Winchester, Va., as well as in Hardy and Grant Counties.

They've hiked 250 miles of Cassandra became a Critical Care the Tuscarora Trail, which winds nurse with a cardiac specialty. While through Pennsylvania, Maryland,

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Alexandra Dunithan received an ice cream cone from Kimberly Hahn at the Twin Timbers Coffee and Creamery in Wardensville.



# Sheriff Dawson refuses FOIA request from Examiner

Moorefield Examine

Hardy County Sheriff Steve Dawson appeared to refuse a Freedom of Information Act request from the Examiner, pursuant to West Virginia's Freedom of Information Act.

"I don't want anything from you," he said, then picked up the envelope from the desk where it had been placed and said, "I'm going to put this in the shredder," as he moved toward the nearby wastebasket.

Dawson then told the reporter to, "Get out of here," and finished with, "You have no business here."

In response to a request for comment in May, Dawson told the Examiner reporter not to call him for comment anymore.

It is unclear whether Dawson actually shredded the FOIA request, or if he retrieved the document from the wastebasket after the reporter's departure, and will ultimately comply. Pursuant to West Virginia law, he has five business days to respond. That time period expires on June 9.

Earlier the same morning Dawson also rebuffed a different request for comment on reinstating Deputy Tommie McCausley while two criminal investigations by West Virginia State Police into his alleged acts remain active, and regarding a petition calling for Dawson's impeachment. That request was made by reporter Colby Johnson of WHSV-TV from Harrisonburg, who came to Moorefield on Thursday to film a report on the ongoing controversy.

# "I'm going to put it in the shredder..."

- Sheriff Steven Dawson, referring to the Examiner's Freedom Of Information Act request.

Johnson said Dawson told him, You might as well not waste your time coming up here, because I'm not going to talk to you." He said Grant County Prosecutor John Ours, the Special Prosecutor for the first McCausley investigation, also declined comment, and that his calls to West Virginia State Police investigators were not returned.

Johnson also said he found it difficult to get people to speak on the record, confirming the Examiner's experience that many expressed fear of retaliation and reprisal from the Sheriff or McCausley.

Despite the lack of comment or cooperation from officials, Johnson's story did air on WHSV on Thursday evening. Readers can visit:

h t t p s : / / w w w . w h s v . com/2022/06/02/some-hardy-countv-residents-calling-sheriffs-resignation/ to watch or read his report.

Meantime, despite copies of petitions reportedly being repeatedly removed from where they were placed on Post Office bulletin boards in Moorefield, Baker and Wardensville, those circulating the petition say the number of signatures continues to increase. Organizers of the petition told the Examiner that many approached for signatures decline, expressing fear of retaliation from McCausley and Dawson. They said they repeatedly heard that many were afraid to be the first signature on a fresh sig-

were replaced in the Post Offices. The investigations continue. A

person who said they heard McCausley make threats, and who agreed the Examiner could provide their name and contact information to the West Virginia State Police, confirmed that investigator Sgt. Waylon Roden contacted them during last week.

The civil suit filed against the Hardy County Commissioners, Sheriff Dawson and Deputy McCausley by former Hardy County Sheriff's Department employee, David Maher, draws closer to its first hearing date, scheduled before Judge Lynn Nelson later this month. Maher's suit includes six separate counts: Wrongful Termination; Violation of the

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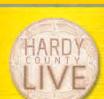
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**OPINION** 

#### From other editors' desks . . .

# W.Va. In Need of **Foster Families**

Vulnerable children in West Virginia rely on a network of educators, law enforcement, social workers and bureaucrats to keep them as safe and healthy as possible. Another important part of that team are the foster families who offer those children shelter.

May is National Foster Care Month, and here in the Mountain State, the Department of Health and Human Resources' Bureau for Social Services reports there are nearly 7,000 children in out-of-home care while Social Services works to help the rest of the family get the help and support they need.

"National Foster Care Month is not only a time to share the need for foster parents in West Virginia, but it is also an opportunity to highlight the hard work of DHHR staff and those who provide homes and stability for West Virginia youth," said Jeff Pack, commissioner of the BSS. "We are thankful for all who join us in our mission to ensure child safety, permanency, and well-being through foster care and adoption."

Sadly, the need here is greater than the number of foster families. May is a good chance then to assess whether you are in a position to join the ranks of those who serve as a lifeline for kids in desperate need of love and care they may not have received in quite some time.

It is not easy, and certainly not for everyone. But if you are willing and able, and believe that with the right training and support, you, too, could make a difference for some of these kids, contact Mission West Virginia at www.missionwv.org, or call 304-512-0555.

They need you.

~ The Wheeling Intelligencer

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A couple months ago someone suggested I might want to write a letter addressing my strong convictions about the dangers of possibly re-electing the former president. My initial reaction was one of great concern about possible resentment from some with opposing views, among them former classmates, schoolmates, and others who know me from the Mathias area. It was a major factor in nearly declining to get involved in any such writing.

Memories from so long ago can be as fragile as they are treasured. Why take the chance? I did it because some things needed to be said, and my justification was that it could help some who may be "on the fence."

Now it is time to wrap up those at-times controversial messages concerning Mr. Trump. Anybody who read them and still feels in an opposite way is not going to feel much different if I write more of them. Also, it becomes discouraging feeling the need to respond to negative reactions. Lastly, it is clear to me that Mr. Trump's grip on the Republican Party is waning anyhow, which should become even clearer as the public hearings on the Jan. 6 Insurrection happen and start to sink in. Please do not miss them!

> Ray Daugherty Frederick County, MD

#### **Editor:**

Another week. Another tragic massacre.

I own a pistol, shotguns and rifles with shell capacities of five or six designed and intended for legally hunting wild game.

I strongly support the ownership of guns when used for their intended purpose

I find it difficult to understand the

rationale behind duck hunters only being permitted to have three shells in their guns while nearly anyone can buy, own or access assault rifles with almost unlimited firepower to randomly, unmercifully gun down defenseless citizens, especially elementary school students and teachers.

Does this imply the lives of ducks and other wild game are more valuable than the lives of our children?

As always politicians will send their thoughts and prayers to the parents of deceased children. If they are sincere they will put themselves in the grieving parents' shoes and take appropriate action, as dictated by their conscience instead of lobbyist dollars, in a serious attempt to alleviate and/or diminish the increasing frequency of senseless mass shootings.

In nearly every one of these past instances the local residents have remarked, "I didn't think it could happen in my community."

How soon, how massive, and in which community, mall, supermarket, church or school will the next

impending massacre occur? I implore everyone, including elected officials, to give this your conscientious, non-politicized, seri-

Vernon Webster

#### **Editor:**

ous thought.

I have put many ads in your paper and the name at the bottom told who was placing the ad. notice, or article. In the June 1 edition I noticed there was no name at the bottom of the petition to demand the impeachment of our Sheriff. Was that an error?

> Thanks so much, Joyce Schetrom

Editor's Note: No error. The petition has been publicly posted, making it news regardless of origin.

#### MY UNBASED OPINION

#### By David O. Heishman

I bought myself a new pill sorter a couple weeks ago. My neurologist changed his prescription for principal medicine I take for Parkinson's disease. I now take less medication in smaller doses more often to help me cope with a disease progressively getting worse.

For past several years I've used a plastic box divided into 14 small sections, each covered by a lid marked with day of the week and AM or PM. Refilling that box has become a weekly ritual.

I sit at kitchen breakfast table with small, red, round, plastic pill plate in front of me and pasteboard box of pill bottles behind it. I pick up each bottle, read the label, hold it over the plate while opening it, pour out a few pills and count them into the sorter compartments as the label directs. Leftovers on the plate go back into the bottle, which I place on the table beside the plate.

If I still have enough pills for 10 days or more, bottle goes to left side of red plate. If less than ten days sup-

side. When I've finished sorting, I'll I had been taking two tablets three reorder all bottles on right side. Purpose of the plate in all this is to catch and contain dropped pills which has become more frequent as Parkinson's tremor symptoms progress.

Under old sorter system I was taking pills three times per day, morning, noon and evening. Morning and evening came out of sorter's AM and PM holes while the noon pills I carried in a separate small case in my pocket. Even though I had one pill which directed it be taken a half hour before meal time, another which wanted 15 minutes to a half hour after, and a couple of others which directed they be taken at bed time, I'd simply pitch them all into my mouth together and sluice them down with a swallow of whatever drinkable was handy. Problem with noon pill was frequent lack of drinkable with which to wash it down caused delay in consumption sufficient to preclude taking it before evening load was

ply remaining, bottle goes to right neurologist changed prescription.

times per day. Change called for two capsules four times each day. I figured I'd simply take pills as I had been but then pop down the fourth pair before I went to sleep. Supper a little late and I got sleepy early leaving me only two hours between supper and bedtime doses. Life was screwing up my life.

Old sorter was a 14-holer. New sorter is a 28-holer. It is a large plastic box containing seven smaller boxes marked with days of the week while each day has four little compartments marked Morn, Noon, Eve, That solves the separation prob-

lem, but timing is outside the box. Noon is pretty well defined, but the other three times tend to be flexible. Object of latest change was to spread dosages to provide more even cover-

My smart phone's alarm clock fixed it. I set alarms for 6 a.m., 12 Noon, 6 p.m., and 12 Midnight. Change became necessary when Can't get much closer to even-spaced four times each day than every six

hours. The only one that bothers me a little is midnight but I normally have a potty call near then anyway, so its not too bad.

Altogether, I have 13 prescribed medications. Each has unique scheduling. One I take a whole tablet four days per week and a half tablet three days. I created a chart on this computer which guides sorting. I've used my chart twice without a screwup.

Still other pill problems besides sorting to solve though. Three prescriptions provide pills which I must cut in half. One is too small to cut with any accuracy, one is egg shaped and one is a long oval. All are tough to handle when my tremors kick in while I'm doing the cutting.

The switch from tablets to capsules seems innocuous until I try to pick one up. Old dry cramped fingertips simply don't like to grip small slippery gelatin capsules. A pair of my wife's medicine cabinet tweezers solves that problem.

All this serves to point out trials and tribulations of being properly medicated.

#### GLANCING BACKWARD

From the Moorefield Examiner Archives

#### Fifteen Years Ago June 6, 2007

Eastern College's new building will be named the Erma Byrd Learning Center in honor of Sen. Robert C. Byrd's late wife. A complex of buildings may follow the college to the Corridor H site east of Moorefield.

A power failure at Allegheny Energy's Moorefield substation and no electrician on call created a power outage lasting 9 hours.

Computerized directions sent another truck, this one filled with raw chicken for Pilgrim's, over the ditch when the driver ran out of road. GPS has sent about 4 truckers by this dangerous road off Rt. 259 to Branch Mountain.

Gail Baker was to address the Hardy County Historical Society and provide information about getting historical structure listed in the National Register of Historic Place.

Hardy County celebrated 90 years of Extension Homemakers and

per Tract, died May 26... Lawrence Leslie.

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Randolph Whiteman, 46, died May 7...Alec Judy Zirk, Jr., 52, died May 24.

#### **Thirty Years Ago June 3, 1992**

Wendell Hester, chairman of Hester Industries, was named Entrepreneur of the Year by Shenandoah Uni-

Sara Bean, Crystal Carr and Shawna Bean were chosen to attend Rhododendron Girls State.

Robert Ferrell received five more votes than Buddy Webster Webster in the recount for the Sheriff's race.

William Dixon Boggs, 59, died May 19 at his home in Rome, Italy...Della Lee Hawse, 98, Baker, died May 24...Maude Funkhouser Helmick, 93, formerly of Fort Run, died May 30...

Rosanna Whitington, 59, Philippi, died May 27.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Rinard, a daughter...to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mongold, a son...to Mr. and David William VanMeter, 28, Up- Mrs. Ronnie Sherman, a son, Kyle

#### Forty-five Years Ago June 8, 1977

agreed to join the Flood Insurance program, which would allow the citizens to obtain federally subsidized insurance.

Miss Lynn Tusing was to represent Hardy County as its Belle at the State Folk Festival.

Specifications on new school buildings were to be ready for bidding by August.

George Allen Weese, 21, was killed in an automobile accident June 1... Richard Scott Kessel, 83, Old Fields, died June 3.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Zirk, a daughter, Angela Renee.

#### **Sixty Years Ago** June 6, 1962

The proposed Corps of Engineers dam at Royal Glen in Grant County would be 218 feet high and would form a 2,690 acre lake. A small group, let by Creed Sions, opposed the dam.

United Fuel Gas Company was to drill an exploratory well, north of

Carl Sullivan, executive director of the West Virginia Centennial Commission, addressed a countywide meeting and banquet on the plans for the Centennial.

David Patterson, Howard Bean and Glendon Dyer were attending Mountaineer Boys State.

George Eston Timbrook, Jr., 76, to become members of the Shen- charge of the ice plant The Hardy County Commission burg, died May 31...Luther Raines, 57, Baltimore, died June 1...Mae Whipp Webb, 76, Burlington, died May 29... Raymond G. Funkhouser, 57, Rock

Raines, 60, Luke, died June 4.

Carol Jane Harper and Lawrence Ross Ambrogi were married May 26... Mary Ellen Taylor and Glenn C. Bensenhaver were married in Win-

Howard Wesley...to Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Koontz, a son.

#### **Seventy-five Years Ago** June 11, 1947

Eleven persons escaped serious injury Sunday when Mountain View Church near Purgitsville was struck

ond Annual Greater Cumberland Air Jr., treasurer.

The newly organized Lions Club at Wardensville held its charter ceremonies, signing up 25 new members. The sponsoring Lions Club was Moorefield.

W.C. Harper announced he was reentering the general store business, opening a store at the Tannery.

Livestock producers were invited

Wiley Ford, died May 30...Bessie Valley Meat Packers Co-op. The Co-Cornelia Taylor Baker, 77, Peters- modern and efficient packing plants in the nation. Ray McNeill Wilson Austin was

> buried June 7 in Rose Hill Cemetery. Louise Bensenhaver and Law-

rence Kemp were married June 7... Oak, died June 3...Virgil Lewis Betty Sherman and Capt. Walter T. Berrett were married

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Borror, Brushy Run, triplets, a daughter and two sons...to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hitt, a daughter, Lois Evelyn...to Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Maxwell, a son... Born to A/1c Kay R. Trent, a son, to Mrs. and Mrs. Brown Kessel, a daughter...to Mr. and Mrs. Guyser Caldwell, a daughter, Nancy Etta...to Mr. and Mrs. Russel Combs, a son.

#### **Ninety Years Ago** June 9, 1932

The first annual banquet of the Moorefield Alumni Association had been held at Mountain View Inn. Some of the most famous flyers Officers for the year were elected: in America along with some of the Katherine McCoy, president; Ralph most outstanding air acts in the na- J. Bean, vice president; Mrs. John tion were to be featured at the Sec- Mathias, secretary; and C.C. Wise,

> Harness Bensenhaver had rented the restaurant in the Hollomoore Hotel, taking over from Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Dent.

Lily Harper was receiving her A.B. degree from the University of Pittsburgh...W. Virgil Bean graduated in law from Southeastern Uni-

John R. Copp, Jr. had been put in

Col. W.D. Vandiver, 78, had died Harper, 72, Riverton, died May 30... op was constructing one of the most in Columbia, Mo. He was credited with the Missouri "Show Me" slogan and had been a member of Congress.

> Olive Saville and the Rev. Charles W. Paskel had been married...a license to wed had been issued to Sallie Jenkins and Albert Foltz.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hedrick, twins, a son and a daughter.

#### 105 Years Ago June 7, 1917

Registration Day had passed quietly and the county reported a total of 744 men registered for military

Clyde Heishman, Wardensville, had enlisted in the U.S. Navy in Bal-

Hetzel Pownell had been appointed a second lieutenant in the regular

Teachers for Moorefield Graded and High School had been announced. Professor Hyde was principal with Minnie Chase as assistant. The teachers were Allen Hawkins, Bernice Marshall, Nan Clinedinst, Ollie Weese and Virginia Wood.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Molinda Emswiller...Maria Taylor, "one of the county's oldest

colored citizens," had died at the reputed age of 95.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Branson Liggett, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Fillmore Sindy, a daughter.

#### EXAMINER SAYS

#### Celebrate

Several months ago a young friend

phone is one of theirs, as are another taining the local pay phones. five or six located around the county. We were surprised, but also realized we don't get around very much so wouldn't be aware of pay phones in today's world, particularly since we don't have a reason to look for them or use them. We did, however, think of one reason to still use pay phones. when you are out of range or can't find the two bars you need to call home or you might have forgotten to charge your cell phone. All are good reasons for looking for and needing a pay phone. Our thanks to Joe for his idea and the HardyTel folks for main-

#### **West Virginia's**

Well, June really is bustin' out all over. The grass is green. The trees are as well. Colorful flowers are more than plentiful. And the children are out of school. So be extra careful when driving.

#### 159th Birthday

A couple of interesting items in this week's Glancing Backward . Seventy-five years ago lightning

# struck a church near Purgitsville and

several parishioners were burned. Thank heavens, none seriously . . a Pendleton County couple, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Borror, announced the birth of triplets. What we didn't include was the last sentence in, if now living, 75 year-old siblings . . . apparently there were two Charles Borrors in the Bushy Run area. The Pendleton Times, which provided the news item, noted who the mother was so that the proper parents would be congratulated.

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of our asked if we were familiar with pay phones, the kind that reside on corners or outside stores. We said yes, we remember them from years past when they were everywhere. And when no one had cell phones. So yes, they were familiar but we hadn't seen any recently. We found out there was one over at the Baker Corner Store in working order. So, we called the nice people at Hardy Telecommunications and asked them about pay phones. Sure enough, the Baker

#### NEWS

# care, workforce dashboard

By John Raby

Associated Press

A dashboard with some foster care data collected by the state of West Virginia made its debut Wednesday, more than two months after it was cut by lawmakers from a bill pro-

Advocates have said making the data available to the public could help both policymakers and nonprofit groups interested in assisting children while keeping residents informed. It includes information on Child Protective Service placements by county; types of placements, including homes and placement facilities; workforce information broken down by both district office and county; and out-of-state placements.

According to the Department of Health and Human Resources dashboard, which will be updated monthly, there are 6,654 children in the care of the state. One-third of the in-state placements are children living with relatives acting as certified foster parents.

Marissa Sanders, who is an adoptive parent and founder of the West

ship Parents Network, has called the crucial to need for the dashboard critical.

"As a nonprofit, if I want to do a project in a particular county or region, I have to have data to prove that I need to do that project in order to get funding for it," Sanders said. "I have pastors calling, saying, 'We'd love to support all of the foster families in our county."

The youngest age groups in the dashboard represent about one-third of the total: About 1,050 foster children under age 1 and an additional 1,092 children ages 1 to 4. About 29%, or 1,937 foster children, are age 13 to 17.

There are 382 out-of-state foster placements with 23 other states involved. Nearly half of those placements are in Virginia and Pennsyl-

There is a 29% vacancy rate statewide for foster care employees, according to the dashboard.

"Workforce is DHHR's biggest problem right now," agency Secretary Bill Crouch said at a news conference Tuesday. "Being able to hire employees, CPS and other employees, is becoming more and more the good work they do."

Virginia Foster, Adoptive and Kin- difficult. These folks are absolutely

what we do. They are so important to the system."

To try to retain existing workers, about 970 employees of the DHHR's Bureau for Social Services will receive 15% pay raises starting June 18. Vacant positions funded the raises. The raises and other key provisions were stripped from a social services bill before it died on the final day of the regular legislative session

The state also is in the midst of 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, Gov. Jim 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.'

"DHHR is not broken," Crouch said. "We take care of hundreds of children daily. We take care of adults who need our assistance and a variety of other folks. We want to make sure those folks are given credit for

# **Approved West Virginia charter** school won't open this fall

By Associated Press

A charter school approved to open in West Virginia this fall has been delayed after a suitable location couldn't be found.

The four-member West Virginia Professional Charter School Board voted Wednesday to push back its contract with Nitro Preparatory Academy for one year, The Charleston Gazette-Mail reported.

Initial plans were for Accel

Schools to open the school in a for- islation approved last year created mer high school building in Nitro but the new state-level charter board, there were parking, plumbing and

"They are still deciding what building will best serve their students," charter school board Chairman Adam Kissel said Wednesday.

Accel also is opening a brick- andmortar charter school in Jefferson County as well as an online school.

Republican Gov. Jim Justice signed a bill in 2019 that allows for the creation of charter schools. Leg- Stride Inc.

whose members were appointed by

Other charter schools include one in the Cheat Lake area of Morgantown that will be run by West Virginia Academy, whose president, John Treu, is a West Virginia University assistant professor of accounting. The board also previously approved the statewide West Virginia Virtual Academy that will be operated by

#### NEWS BRIEFS

ALL ABOUT FISH . . . Students in Jefferson County Schools who are enrolled in special needs classrooms got a treat May 13 as they boarded buses headed to the Leetown Fish Hatchery for a day of casting their lines to reel in some mighty big fish. Teacher Erica Fisher said: "This is a special day for the kids. It's so amazing that the Kiwanis set this up." She added that the kids start talking about the fishing trip early in the school year. "The kids all encourage each other to catch a fish," Fisher said. "But there is a bit of friendly competition." She said the students with the most fish caught and the largest fish would be recognized. She shared that just over 50 kids were on hand to fish.

An Ohio man has caught a record blue catfish in West Virginia. Steve Price of Lancaster, Ohio, used cut shad bait to catch the fish from a boat on the Kanawha River between County farm pond. Buffalo and Point Pleasant, the Division of Natural Resources said in a news release. The record fish was

50.7 inches (128.8 centimeters) long, breaking the record of 50.15 inches (127.4 centimeters) set last year. It also weighed a record 67.22 pounds mark of 61.28 pounds (27.8 kilograms) set earlier this year.

A Pennsylvania resident caught a record carp while fishing from the bank of Summersville Lake in West Virginia, regulators said. Ayden Minick of Mount Pleasant, Pa., caught and released the carp on May 7, the Division of Natural Resources said in a news release. It was measured by a DNR fisheries biologist at 41.2 inches (104.6 centimeters) long,

the record of 41 inches (104.1 centimeters) caught in 1988 by Charles Cook at Stonecoal Lake. The carp weighed 45 pounds (20.4 kilograms), which was just shy of the record of 47 pounds set in 1998 in a Preston

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According to AAA May 30, the average price for regular gas in West Old Fields was \$4.60.

Virginia was at \$4.463. The national gas price average was \$4.619 per gallon. According to new data from the Energy Information Administra-(30.5 kilograms). That topped the tion (EIA), total domestic gasoline stocks decreased by 500,000 bbl to 219.7 million bbl last week. Gasoline demand also dipped from 9 million b/d to 8.8 million b/d, approximately 700,000 b/d lower than a year ago. The softening of gas demand has helped minimize price increases ahead of Memorial Day. If demand slows again following the holiday weekend, pump price increases could be limited as crude prices remain volatile. As of May 30 across the state Parkersburg was high at \$4.486 and Huntington was low at \$4.439. Hardy County's gas average was \$4.568. Area prices were Hampshire \$4.495, Mineral \$4.562, Grant \$4.526, and Pendleton \$4.579. Reporting stations in Hardy County: Sheetz was at \$4.54, Exxon was at \$4.60, BP at Moorefield was \$4.50, and at Baker was at \$4.60, Pure at Mathias was \$4.60.and Kerr's Shell at Wardensville was \$4.61. Sunoco at

# West Virginia debuts foster Over 3,000 school voucher applications approved

By Associated Press

More than 3,000 applications for nonpublic school vouchers have been approved in West Virginia and more are being reviewed, officials said.

The state Treasurer's Office had approved 3,010 applications as of Friday and had another 469 applications that were still under review, agency spokesman Jared Hunt told the Charleston Gazette-Mail in an email.

publicly funded savings accounts program called the Hope Scholarship. It allows state money to be put into a special account that parents could then spend on private school tuition, homeschooling and other educational needs. It would allow private and homeschooled students to participate, pushing the potential cost to the state to more than \$100 million annually.

May 15 was the last day for parents

A law enacted last year creates a to apply to receive the full voucher amount, which will be \$4,300 for the 2022-23 school year, Hunt said.

> The law is being challenged by three parents of children who attend public schools who contend that it violates the state Constitution and will siphon money away from public education. They filed a lawsuit this year and requested a preliminary injunction to stop the program's implementation while the case is ongoing.

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#### **Continued Letters**

**Dear Editor:** 

letters to the editor are most interesting. One extraordinarily long letter recently suggested that our County Commissioners shouldn't listen to constituents' opinions except when communicated in an official setting ("you can only consider what Andy Seymour owned no property is presented in a public forum"). Fantastically wrong and absurdly wrong-headed. Another letter writer of any right of way through our propalmost never lets me down: his letters start on one subject and then robotically morph into Trump Derangement Syndrome ("TDS"): the war in Ukraine, blah blah blah, then, presto-magico, Trump is dangerous, Trump did it, Trump, Trump, Trump. Goodness, what a fixation. I think it's great to have political exchange in the letters and op-eds in the Examiner, but TDS is mind-numbing. As to the public policy issue in that writer's letter — really now, Trump's three appointments to the Supreme Court most certainly have not "[set] this country's hard-earned social progress back for decades" (gross exaggeration, anyone?). If the writer wants to have a debate about abortion, church and state, religion, etc., let's have at it. My opposition to abortion (and to Roe v. Wade) is not primarily founded on religion, but rather on basic human rights as well as basic biology ("follow the science"). There's a completely innocent human life snuffed out by scalpel or chemical poison at the conclusion of every successful abor- to all points along this remote trail! tion. Maybe I should finish up with How will you stop folks from park-'Biden, Biden, Biden'"?

> John Buckley Mathias

Editor's Note: The "extraordinarily long" letter was an Intercepted Letter sent to the County Commission, not a Letter to the Editor.

#### **Intercepted Letter**

To: Hardy County Commissioners Hardy County Courthouse 204 Washington St Moorefield, WV 26836

#### Gentleman.

I am responding to the recent intercepted letter posted in the Examiner concerning the proposed bike and walking trail on the dike. First of all, I love Moorefield. It's my hometown and I am proud of it! I have and I will continue to invest in it.

When I first heard of this project, I thought it sounded really good. But I have changed my mind due to safety & maintenance issues, liability concerns and the taking of farmer's land! As a landowner of property on

Beans Lane that the dike currently resides on as well as along, I have never In every issue of the Examiner, the been contacted by anyone asking my opinion of the bike/walking trail project. In discussion with other neighbors, Robbie Harper and Charlotte Hill, they too have not been contacted by anyone leading this project. In a recent court hearing, it was shared that along the dike and hence was irrelevant. Not true! I have no knowledge erty by the town or the park commission. The Corp of Engineers has only a right of way for a flood control dike, not a bike or walking trail!

My sister and I jointly own property directly under the dike which we still pay taxes on today. As I understand it, the town would have to take possession of that property through legal process incurring additional costs.

The top of the dike on our property is approximately 6 foot wide! That is unsafe for two bicycles to pass each other coming from opposite directions. On the Pilgrims plant side of the dike, there are large erosion rocks in place which could seriously hurt a biker in the event of going over that edge. The opposite side has a 25 foot drop off! That is dangerous for any bicyclist.

I ask the question, will there be a safety fence installed to protect bikers and hikers? I heard there are no plans to do that! If by some chance a fence is installed, who does the grass maintenance including the weed eating?

I question how the Police and Emergency teams would actually get ing on Robbie Harpers property just off the bridge, potentially blocking his tenants access?

And in order to complete the proposed route, active farmland will have to be taken through eminent domain. I do not agree with that process unless it is to protect lives from flooding and natural disasters! Hence, I do not support this proposed trail plan. There has to be a better location in Moorefield!

With all due respect! Andy Seymour

#### **Intercepted Letter**

Open Letter - From the desk of Bryan C. Ward

Date: 06/02/2022

RE: Active investigations/Hardy County Sheriff's Office

To whom it may concern,

My name is Bryan Ward. I currently serve as a Delegate to the 85th West Virginia Legislature. With 28 years total in law enforcement, I served my final 8 years as the elected Sheriff/Treasurer in Hardy County, West Virginia and retired on December 31, 2020. Over the course of my career, I

had the privilege of working with many outstanding deputies, officers, troopers and other professional assets. No less important to the law enforcement efforts were the secretaries, dispatchers, and other support professionals, who worked in a lab. or in front of a computer, performing some of the most tedious work with no recognition and little pay.

The duties of the high sheriff are endless. My predecessor, the late Sheriff R.L. "Bob" Ferrell, made every effort to prepare me for those challenges but warned me that I would never fully understand the demands of the job, until I got there. As his undersheriff, I was sometimes critical of his administrative style and manner. Once elected, I saw the realities of unfinished business and realized that even the smoothest "passing of the torch" would result in headaches.

During my 2 terms, Bob and I grew close and would talk privately. He shared that his predecessor, too, left him with unfinished business and said, despite my best efforts, that I, too, would leave my successor with unfinished business. Privately he offered criticism and guidance. He was a Godly man and a good man. He would never publicly speak negatively about his predecessor, or successor, and recall him saying "it's just not good manners".

I speak of Sheriff Ferrell with reverence and can only hope to leave his same legacy. As for my successor, Sheriff Dawson, I will never publicly criticize his manner in office, his approaches to administration, or current investigations. It's just distasteful and bad manner. When he completes his term(s), and despite his best intentions, he will likely leave his successor, too, with some unfinished business.

I will share, however, my opinion of a man that worked in my administration. He was the most selfless and sincere person I'd ever had the privilege of knowing. He fell in the "tedious work with no recognition and little (or no) pay" category. His love for community and good will was never any less than contagious. He became the voice of my administration and kept Hardy County citizens well informed on matters of my office. David Maher, was a blessing to the HCSO and to our entire community.

Free advice to any person who would bring this man's character into question; it is impeccable. If you wish to compete in some sort of character race, trust me, you're not even in the same league. Good and Godly men are rare, and our community is small enough to know the real hearts of its neighbors.

Sincerely, B.C.Ward

#### COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

#### **Morrisey's Mobile Office**

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey announced a representative from his office will meet with Hardy County residents on June 15 to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions. Richard Dennis, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host at the Hardy County Committee on Aging, 409 Spring Ave., Moorefield, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

#### 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 Spay and Neuter the following times:

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 https://spay-today.org 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-

Get the cat or dog spayed or neu-Flu shots will be given on Mon-tered! Spay Today, (Main Office: day and Wednesday only, from 8 Charles Town) is our area's non-- 11:30 and 1 - 3:30. You do not profit, reduced-fee spay and neuneed an appointment for a flu shot. ter program. MANY participating

vets over a WIDE area! Gift certificates can be purchased and used

#### **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

purchase at the Hardy County Public ects P.O. Box 23, Baker, WV 26801 later. Spay Today: 304.728-8330 or Library. The tiles are \$15 each, with or by email to lostriverprojects@ all proceeds benefiting the ongoing hardynet.com. Lost River Projects efforts of the Hardy County Tour & will deliver your notes and letters to 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 at 304-257-6458 with the name and grave site of these honored veterans. You can text the name and site **Hardy County Public** or leave her a voicemail. You can also email her at kcmalcolm@hardynet.com.

#### **Project Hello There**

Lost River Projects invites people of all ages to send greetings to resiwho have been without visitors due to the Covid-19 pandemic. You do ally! Please send notes and letters 6:30 p.m. - Conference and Visitors Moorefield.

House tiles are now available for to Hello there! c/o Lost River Proj-E A Hawse Nursing Center in Baker. Thank you!

#### **Free Classes**

Earn your WV High School Equivalency diploma. Prepare for college and careers. Call Hardy Day. Please contact Karen Malcolm County Adult Education at 304-434-8000, Ext. 9234.

# **Meeting Schedule**

• Hardy County Commission -First Tuesday of each month - 9 a.m. Hardy County Courthouse

• Hardy County Board of Education - First and Third Monday of each month - 5 p.m. Hardy Coundents of EA Hawse Nursing Center ty Board Office, 510 Ashby Ave.

Wardensville Town Council

Center, Main Street, Wardensville · Moorefield Town Council -

First and Third Tuesdays of each month - 7 p.m. Inskeep Hall, 206 Winchester Ave., Moorefield. • Hardy County Planning Com-

mission - First Tuesday of each month - 6 p.m. Planning Office, Hardy County Courthouse, Lower Level • Hardy County Public Service

District - First Wednesday of each

month - 4:30 p.m. PSD Office, 2094 U.S. 220 South, Moorefield Hardy County Ambulance Authority - Second Wednesday of each month - 6:30 p.m. alternates

between Moorefield 911 Center and

Baker building. The Hardy County Geographic **Information Systems (GIS) Board** - Third Wednesday of each month - 1 p.m. - Planning Office, Hardy Coun-

ty Courthouse, lower level • Hardy County Rural Development Authority - Does not publish a regular schedule of meetings. RDA

not need to know anyone person- - Second Monday of each month - Office, 223 N. Main St., Suite 102,

#### **OBITUARIES**

George "Butta" Bell, Jr., 41-yearold resident of Moorefield, formerly of Petersburg, W.Va. and Aberdeen, Md., passed away May 27, 2022, at UH Conneaut Medical Center in Conneaut, Ohio after an extended ill-

Wurzburg Army Hospital in Wurz- Rosalie Bell of Petersburg; also surburg, Germany. He is the son of viving are two nieces and four neph-George J. Bell and fiancé Connie of ews, numerous aunts, uncles, and Moorefield, and Tina (Crites) Volker and husband Russ of Aberdeen, both Aderdeen, Maryland and Peters- and his aunt, Mary White. burg, W.Va.

Street, Moorefield, passed away

Wednesday evening, May 25, 2022

at Grant Memorial Hospital in Pe-

tersburg. Born August 11, 1941 in the

Trough near Romney, he was a son of

the late Frank James Hose and Lola

Marie Malcolm Hose. In addition to

his parents, he was preceded in death

Ray played men's slow pitch

softball well into his 40s and was

known for being able to hit a soft-

ball out of any park in the Tri-State

area. He played with the Crites Town

boys for Riggleman's Grocery and

was a member of the 1981 W.Va.

Slow Pitch State Champion Team.

by three brothers and a sister.

#### George Bell, Jr. In addition to his parents, George

is survived by his brothers, Christopher Bell of Abingdon, Md. and Russ Volker, III and fiancé Amanda, of Delta, Pa.; maternal grandparents, Margy Wratchford of Moorefield and Don Crites and wife Sylvia of George was born July 29,1980 in Moorefield; paternal grandmother, cousins, and by his fury friend, Eva.

He was preceded in death by pa-Maryland. George attended school in ternal grandfather, George W. Bell;

Ray Hose

Ray Franklin Hose, age 80 of Lee He enjoyed watching wrestling on of Romney;, six grandchildren,

TV, hunting, fishing, being with his

family and watching his grandchil-

dren's numerous sporting events.

He enjoyed daily visits to Vetter's

Mini Mart for his morning coffee

and could be found socializing ev-

ery Wednesday at the South Branch

Stockyards. He was loved by many

berly R. Linville and husband Eric

of Moorefield; a son, Scott M. Vet-

ter and wife Sharon of Stafford, Va.;

two brothers, Marston Hose of Palo

Pinto, Texas and Curtis Hose of Win-

chester, Va.; two sisters, Juanita Gra-

ham of Moorefield, and Edna Stone

Surviving is a daughter, Kim-

and will be greatly missed.

Butta was known for his conta-

gious smile and laugh; he always had a funny joke or story to tell. He loved to see other people laugh; he touched the lives of many people in a short period of time and was always a blast to be around. Butta loved listening to music, playing his X-Box games and Facebook. He loved his family and had a huge heart.

In accordance with his wishes, George will be cremated and there will be memorial service Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 1 p.m. at Dorcas Baptist Church, 3927 South Mill Creek Road Petersburg, WV., with Rev. Jack Turner officiating.

Brock and Bella Linville and Vin-

cent Cyrus of Moorefield, and Mi-

chael, Matthew and Jessica Vetter of

Stafford, Va.; close friends Buckshot

Kidwell and the Lee Street Apart-

ment gang; and numerous nieces and

Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at the Fraley

Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor

Wade Armentrout officiant. The fam-

ily received friends before services.

and photos may be left on Ray's

Tribute Wall at www.fraleyfuneral-

Condolences, shared memories

A Celebration of Life was held

nephews.

home.com.

#### Epiphany of the **Lord Catholic** Church Rt. 55. Moorefield, WV

304-434-2547 Saturday Mass 5:00 PM

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God Church

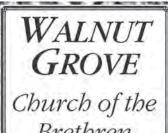
Sunday Mass 8:00 AM



# Seventh-Day Adventist Church

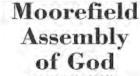
504 Trough Road Moorefield, WV Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m. Worship - 11:00 a.m. 304-703-8997





Rt. 55 East, Moorefield just before Corridor H exit

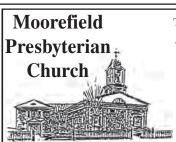
Sunday School - 10 a.m.



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Tannery Chapel Worship 9 a.m.

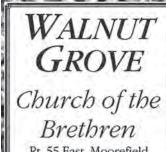
Oak Dale Chapel Rig Worship 10 a.m. SS - 10:45 a.m. Sunday School – 10 a.m.

Worship – 11 a.m. Pastor James Yao

304-530-2307



# Moorefield



Everyone Welcome!

Church Service 11 a.m.



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#### John W. Pancake

duced him to many of the wonderbara Ann Shields Pancake, his wife ful families, friends, and associates of 58 years; his sister, Mary Rose Pancake Hicks; brothers, Joseph S. throughout the Potomac Highlands Pancake and Richard W. Pancake; and the Eastern Panhandle, where he and his granddaughter, Erin Michele shared stories and related histories, which he thoroughly loved to do. He John was a life-long resident of never met a stranger and his knowl-Romney, where he and Barbara made edge and interest in people endeared their home and raised their family, him to many. John was an avid outlater retiring and moving onto the doorsman, hunter, and historian, family farm near Romney where spending much of his available time they restored an 1815 log home. in the woods with his family and John's early career included working pets. He and Barbara were fortunate with his father at Hampshire Truck to be able to travel throughout most and Pancake Chevrolet in Romney, of the U.S. and Europe, but their best then retiring from the State Farm adventure was in 1998 when they Insurance Company after 35 years pulled a vintage 1952 Hi-Lo camper and a director of the Bank of Romfrom Romney to Fairbanks, Alaska ney for 42 years. He was a member

He is survived by his sister, Betty Jean Pancake Williams; two sons, John Stephen Pancake of Frederick, Md. and David Wright (wife Amy E.) Pancake of Romney; one daughter, Michele L. (husband James) Lee His work and associations intro- of Delray, W.Va.; three grandchil-

dren, David Isaac Pancake, Brittany Anna Griffith, and Kevin John Lee; two great-grandchildren; Rhylee and Lincoln Griffith; and many nieces and nephews.

Friends will be received Thursday, June 2, 2022 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Shaffer Funeral Home in Romney. Funeral services will be held Friday, June 3, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at the Romney Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow at Indian Mound Cemetery, Romney.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: The Romney Presbyterian Church (100 West Rosemary Lane ~ Romney, WV 26757) or The Erin Michele Pancake Memorial Fund ~ c/o Hampshire County Community Foundation ~ PO Box 40 ~ Romney, WV 26757

Please direct inquiries to Shaffer Funeral Home, 304-822-3511.

# May 29, 2022. John was born July 4, 1936, the son of the late John I. Pancake and Rose F. Pancake. He was also preceded in death by Bar-

John Wright Pancake, age 85 of

Romney, died peacefully at his home

on the South Branch River, sur-

rounded by his family on Sunday,

Louise Elizabeth Redman-Gilmore, 78, of Piedmont, died Friday, May 27, 2022 at the residence of her daughter in Keyser, while under the care of Mountain Hospice.

Born August 1, 1943 in Peters-

#### Louise E. Redman-Gilmore

burg, she was a daughter of the of the First Church of God in Christ of Piedmont; three sisters, Linda L. her husband James Evers "Ebbie" Post # 5957, Piedmont. Gilmore on July 21, 2010; a son,

and Elder of the Romney Presbyte-

rian Church, the Romney JCs, Rom-

ney Rotary and Lions Clubs, Gide-

ons, and was an organizer of the first

Hampshire Heritage Days event at

Hampshire Park.

many years, employed with Forrest's Hairstyling in Keyser. She also had a love and a flair for interior

late Charles B. Redman, Sr. and in Piedmont where she served as pas- Harvey of Moorefield, Robin L. Red-Elizabeth Belle (Taylor) Redman. tor's aide, and the Ladies Auxiliary man of Wilmington, Del. and Alta C. She also was preceded in death by to Aubrey & Robert Stewart VFW Brooks and husband Micky of Key-

Percy Adolphus "P.A." Redman; R. Bruce and husband Mark of Keytwo brothers, Gregory and Charles ser, Brian K. Redman and wife April B. Redman, Jr.; and four sisters, Di- of Piedmont, Tresa A. Caffee of Cinana Jean Twyman, Saundra K. Al-cinnati, Ohio, Kimberly M. Young len, Roberta G. Redman and Van- of Mississippi, James E. Gilmore, Jr. and wife Chris of Cumberland, Mrs. Gilmore was a licensed Antonio Gilmore and wife Nancy beautician and cosmetologist for of Clarksville, Tenn. and Tracy E. Gilmore and wife Rhonda of Westminster, Calif.; 20 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren. Also decorating and design. She served as surviving are four brothers, Robthe First Lady of Piedmont when her ert Dale Redman and wife Yvonne husband, the late Honorable James E. of Keyser, Michael D. Redman of "Ebbie" Gilmore served as the May- Pflugerville, Texas, Leon Redman of or of Piedmont. She was a member Cumberland and Jeffrey R. Redman

Surviving are: her children, Lillian and a host of other extended family members and friends.

> Friends will be received at the Smith Funeral Home, Keyser Chapel, on Friday, June 10, 2022 from 5-8 p.m.

> A funeral service will be conducted at the Smith Funeral Home. Keyser Chapel, on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 2 p.m. with Pastor William Kady officiating.

Interment will be in the Potomac Memorial Gardens, Keyser.

Condolences and personal reflections to the family may be left after Mrs. Gilmore's obituary at smnithfuneralhomes.net.

#### Clifton E. "CE" Rogers



87, of Old Fields, passed away Saturday, May 28, 2022 at Hubbard House after the flood of 1985, the W.Va. in Charleston. He was born July 29, 1934, in Keyser, the son of the late Rev. Lowell and Rhoda (McDowell) Rogers. Cliff was preceded in death by his second wife, Arbutus Snow See Rogers and his lifetime partner Doris Martin; left to honor his memory is his first wife, Shirley Berg Schaefer of Archdale, N.C. He was

Clifton Eldon "CE" Rogers, age of CE's Helping Hands Motorcycle and two sisters, Vivian Webb and Group. Because of Cliff's efforts Governor's Office awarded him the Friday, June 3, 2022, from 2-4 p.m. Distinguished West Virginian Award. He also received a certificate of appreciation from the American Legion and a certificate of honor and hero-

ism from the W.Va. Advocate. Cliff leaves behind to cherish his memory: three daughters, Tammy Young of Kingsport, Tenn., Lisa also preceded in death by his "biker Taylor (Albert) of Greenville, Ga., and Jodee Cullers (Matt) of Arthur, W.Va.; three sons, Greg Rogers (Bonnie) of Old Fields, Roy Rogers (Heidi) of Old Fields, and Aaron Curry (Brandy) of Kirby; and loving family and extended family of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, wife, partner,

Louise Cannon. Cliff's family will receive friends and 6-8 p.m. at the Basagic Funeral Home in Petersburg. Funeral services will be Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 11 a.m. in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Brad Taylor officiating. Interment will be in Thrush Cemetery, Antioch, W.Va. The family invites any motorcycle rider to join CE's Helping Hands motorcycle group in honoring and escorting CE on his last ride to the cemetery. Memorials may be made to CE's Helping Hands, PO Box 82, Old Fields, WV 26845. Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic. com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.



buddy and riding partner," Chopper. CE was a 1952 graduate of Keyser High School. He retired from Hardy County Board of Education as a Bus Driver after 27 years. He was also a self-employed logger and trucker and worked for G.P. Register. Cliff owned and operated his motorcycle shop, CE's Place, for 40 years and biker buddy, he was preceded in and he was President and founder death by: a brother, Delmar Rogers;

#### **Madison Rinker**

19, departed this life Tuesday afternoon, May 24, 2022, at UPMC-Western Maryland, Cumberland. She was surrounded by her family. Born May 29, 2002, in Petersburg, she was a daughter of Charles Joseph "Chuck" Rinker, Jr. of Fairmont, Heather Lynn Jackson, and Loving "Bonus Mom," Barbie Chewning, of

In her short life, Maddy had a smile and Charles Joseph Rinker Sr., and and laugh that could light up a room Grandmother Patricia Y. "Dee" Jackand bring joy to her family, friends, and anyone around. A loving mother to Mya Zi Amoruso, loving fiancé to

Madison Zi "Maddy" Rinker, age Anthony Amoruso and a dear friend to many. Maddy always showed love to everyone she met. She enjoyed sports, motorcycles, ATV and 4x4 riding, as well as art and cosmetology. She attended North Marion High School. Her bright, bubbly personality will be missed by many.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Joseph Rinker, III, Grandparents Diana Ann Porter

Surviving in addition to her father is her daughter, Mya Zi Amoroso; a sister, Alyssa M. Barr (Steven Barr) of Keyser; a brother, Dakota W. Rinker (Alexa Keplinger) of Moorefield; aunt, Teri (Greg) Campbell of Petersburg; great-uncles Larry Helman of Moorefield, Gerald Helman of Old Fields and Thomas High of Slanesville; grandparents Mark (Laurie) "B-Daddy" Porter of Arthur, and multiple nephews and cousins.

Madison's request to be cremated has been honored and a family service of remembrance and celebration of life will be held at a later date.



Special music by Angela Hill & Group

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#### **OBITUARIES**

Charles Lee Walker, age 91, passed away Saturday, May 14, 2022, at his home in Bunker Hill. Born May 22, 1930 in Bunker Hill, he was the son of the late William Joseph Walker and Olive Lee Bennett Walker. He married Dallas Elizabeth Miller on March 26, 1950, in Hagerstown and she preceded him in death on March 7, 2015. He is also preceded in death by his grandson, William Joseph Walker, sister, Jo Ann Mae Walker Burleson and brother-in-law, Carl Anderson Burleson.

He was a member of the last graduating class of Bunker Hill High School in 1949 and retired from E.I. DuPont with 32 years of service. Mr. Walker was a member of Bunker Hill United Methodist Church and Mt View Church of the Brethren. He loved farming, gardening, fishing, crossword puzzles and teaching Sunday School, but what gave him the greatest joy was playing with his grandchildren.

children, Sherry Lee Walker Miller briella Elizabeth Dyer; sister Kitty

(John) of Berryville, Charles Douglas Walker (Cynthia) of Vanville, Andrew Kent Walker (Rita) of Old Fields, and Janet Elizabeth Walker of Bunker Hill; nine grandchildren, Chad Douglas Walker (Elvia), Kimberly Raye Hose Linville (Eric), Anthony Kent Walker, Andrea Jul Walker Mongold (Carson), Jesseca Dallas Walker Bradfield (Tyler). John Wesley Ashton Jr (Kristi), Jacob Samuel Ashton, Katherine Lee Ashton Dyer (David), and Benjamin Janney Ashton; and 11 great grandchildren, Addison Jo Walker, Finn Douglas Walker, Ellie Maria Walker, Rayleigh Renay Walker, Callen Edward Mongold, Vincent "Miley" Lee Cyrus, Brock Franklin Linville, Bella Jul Linville, Finn Christian Mr. Walker is survived by: four Miller, June Ellen Ashton, and Ga-

**Charles Lee Walker** 

Raye Walker Misiewicz (Michael); and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 3 p.m. at Mt View Church of the Brethren, Bunker Hill, W.Va. with Rev. Michael Staubs officiating. Family will receive friends one hour prior to services. Wearing of masks and social distancing by individuals unvaccinated is recommended.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Walker's memory to: Mt View Church of the Brethren, 2345 Middleway Pike, Bunker Hill WV 25413 or Martinsburg Union Rescue Mission, 608 W. King St., Martinsburg WV 25401.

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

#### Larry A. "Skip" Wilson



Larry Allen "Skip" Wilson, 68, of Maurertown, Va., formerly of War- and enjoyed many hobbies. He loved densville, went to be with his heav- playing his guitar and writing music. enly Father on May 26, 2022 at the He could be heard playing and sing-Dutch Haven Assisted Living in Maurertown.

Skip was born on May 9, 1954. He is the beloved son of the late Allen L. Wilson and Janet D. Wilson. He was a proud United States Army Veteran. In his youth, he was quiet and resolute. In his service to his country, he was determined and dedicated. In his service to his Lord Jesus, he was faithful and passionate. In his service to others, a bigger heart could not be found. He knew no strangers and showed generosity whenever he could. His love for his family overflowed, and he held so much pride in his children

Skip was a man of many talents ing, anytime, in any place. He also enjoyed flying airplanes, carpentry, lifting weights, fishing, and motorcycles. He was an avid student of the

Skip is preceded in death by his beloved parents and his eldest sister Wanda Hildreth of Hyattsville, Md.

learn, and shared what he learned.

Bible and the Dictionary. He loved to

Surviving Skip are many beloved ones. A son, Brian A. Wilson of St. Johns, Fla.; two daughters, Lorie A. Wilson-Crabill of Strasburg, Va. and Drema A. Cheshire (Michael) of Augusta, W.Va.; 11 grandchildren and great-grandchild; a brother, Roger L. Wilson of Durham, N.C.; and two

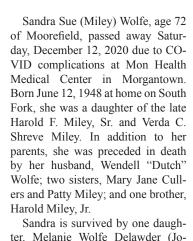
sisters, Melinda D. Norton (Jay) of Lynchburg, Va. and Christie Monahan (Robert) of Strasburg.

A funeral service will be held at the Wardensville United Methodist Church in Wardensville on Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 1 p.m. Officiating will be Pastor Michael Cheshire. Interment will follow in the Heishman Cemetery near Wardensville.

Family will receive friends at the church on Thursday from 12-1 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to The Salvation Army of Winchester, PO Box 2745 Winchester,

Arrangements are by the Loy-Giffin Funeral Home & Crematory in Capon Bridge.

VA 22604.



Sandra is survived by one daughter, Melanie Wolfe Delawder (Joseph) of Old Fields; one son, David Wolfe (Lisa) of Fredericksburg, Va.; five grandchildren, Erika (Dane), Moose, and a member of Moorefield

Matthew; four sisters, Betty Turner Star. (Stanley), Catherine Jean Pratt (Edwin), Fern See (Donald), and Nancy Miley; a sister-in-law, Janice Kessel Miley; two brothers, Paul Miley (Sharon) and George Miley; three step-grandchildren, Taylor, Ian, and Hailey; four great-grandchildren, Ava, Asher, Florian, and Maxine; and

Sandra Sue Wolfe

Ms. Wolfe retired from Hester Industries, later Pilgrim's Pride in 2018 after 36 years of service. She was a member of the Bass United Methodist Church, a 50+ year member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 64, lifetime member of Women of the

numerous nieces and nephews.

Courtnie (John), Logan, JoBeth, and Chapter #102 Order of the Eastern

She was the matriarch of her family and lived for others. She clothed, fed, and cared for everyone in the family and the extended family of her community. She loved everyone and set her family up for success.

A public memorial service will be held at Duffey Memorial United Methodist Church on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 3 p.m. with Pastor Randy Miller officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Bass United Methodist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 726, Moorefield, WV 26836.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Elmore Funeral Home.

Betty Diane Harman Stickley, age 60 of Eastern Dr, Moorefield, passed away Friday morning, June 3, 2022, at the JW Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown. Born March 22, 1962, in Smithfield, N.C., she was the daughter of Dorris Anne Odom Harman Haskins of Moorefield and the late George Miley Harman.

Betty Stickley was a beloved teacher in Moorefield for 35 years. She was a passionate and dedicated member at The McCoy's Grand Theater, directing, acting, and mentoring in well over 20 theatrical productions. She poured her heart and soul into those involved in every show, her students, her coworkers, and most of all, her family. She loved and

#### **Betty Stickley**

dren in unmeasurable ways. "Beatrice" was courageous, fearless, and one-of-a-kind, and has touched the lives of so many. She truly made each and every person she met realize who they truly were and could be...Betty was so loved and will be dearly missed by all of her families:

Surviving is her loving husband of 35 years, Mark Stephen Stickley; a daughter, Taylor Stickley and daughter Rhydian of Moorefield; two sons, Alex Stickley (fiancé Amber) and children Natalie, Jaxon, Niko, Quentin and Hudson of Moorefield, and Joshua Stickley (wife Michaela) and their children, Nora and Charlotte of Petersburg; a sister, Terri Liggett

Harman of Fairmont

The family will receive friends Tuesday, June 7, 2022, from 5:00 - 7:30 PM at McCoy's Grand Theater, 121 N Main Street, Moorefield. A Celebration of Life service will be held Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 6 p.m. at Believers Victory Center, 160 Victory Lane, Moorefield, WV with Rich Sparks officiant. Due to the current COVID-19 recommendations, wearing of masks and social distancing by individuals unvaccinated is

recommended. Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on Betty's Tribute Wall at www.fraleyfuneral-

blood, theater, and MES alike.

cherished her children and grandchil- of Brandywine; and a brother, John

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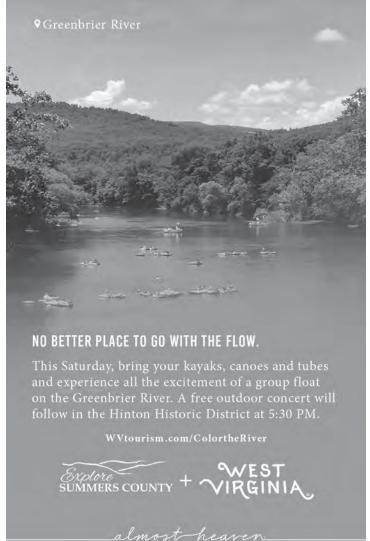
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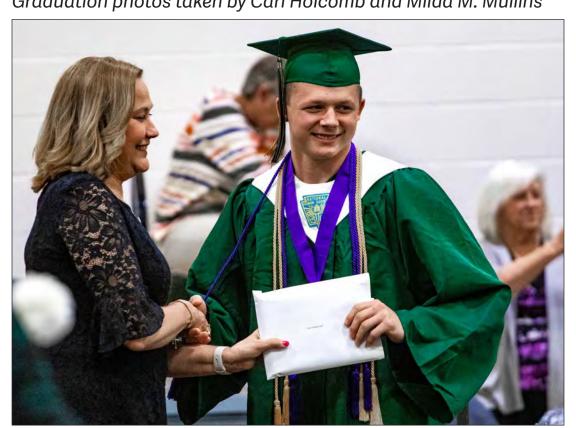








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# HARDY COUNTY Sports

Triple Play: Moorefield trio signs to play college athletics

By Carl Holcomb

Moorefield Examiner

The Yellow Jackets recorded a triple play as Moorefield High School seniors Tyberious Clayton (Garrett College, wrestling), Bryce Hines (Alderson Broaddus University, baseball), Malachi Hinger (West Virginia Wesleyan College, football) all signed to extend their academic and athletic careers collegiately with a triple signing on May 26 in the school library.

Moorefield senior Tyberious Clayton signed to compete in wrestling for Garrett College, which is located in McHenry, Maryland by Deep Creek Lake.

The Lakers have a talented wrestling program that earned the Gulf Atlantic District co-championship this season in just its third year of competition and Clayton looks to help continue the success.

Clayton was a member of the first Class A state wrestling championship team in Yellow Jackets program history in the 2020-21 season and earned a fifth place medal during that title run.

Clayton joined the 100-win club for Moorefield Wrestling during his Shattering the glass ceiling is just something the Yellow Jackets have been doing on a consistent basis and Clayton becomes the first Moorefield grappler in program history to be a collegiate wrestler.

"I'm very thrilled and honored by the opportunity to wrestle for Garrett College. I'm honored that the coach reached out to me and asked me to wrestle for him and asked about me," Moorefield senior Tyberious Clayton noted.

"I was impressed that it wasn't a big city college. It was small, like a country town. It means a lot to me being the first wrestler from Moorefield High School to go on to college wrestling."

Garrett College Lakers Wrestling program is led by head coach John Chambers, the first wrestling coach in school history and the first in Maryland junior college history.

During the first two seasons under Coach Chambers, the Lakers Wrestling team had two wrestlers earn Eastern District II individual championships and six grapplers qualified for the NJCAA national wrestling championships in each season.

Garrett College sent nine wrestlers to the nationals this year after the team won the district title.

"It is a great feeling to see our



Photos by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield seniors Bryce Hines (Alderson Broaddus University Baseball), Malachi Hinger (West Virginia Wesleyan College Football) and Tyberious Clayton (Garrett College Wrestling) had a triple signing day to extend their academic and athletic careers.

wrestlers and our coaching staff's hard work play off and be able to see your guys compete on the national stage. These wrestlers took a chance on Garrett College and we will be forever grateful for all of them that helped start our program. The program will continue to grow because of them," Garrett College Wrestling coach John Chambers statement on the team's page.

Clayton is taking a chance on the Lakers and plans to study sports

management.
Garrett College was founded in 1966 and has approximately 900 undergraduates with a 13:1 student-teacher ratio and is considered to be the smallest and furthest west of all community colleges in the Maryland Association of Community Colleges.

Garrett College provides an accessible, quality and comprehensive educational experience in a supportive environment to a diverse student population in both traditional and non-traditional settings according to the institution's mission statement and believes that every human being is entitled to dignity, worth, respect,

and the opportunity to learn.

Moorefield senior Bryce Hines

signed to play baseball at Alderson

Hines is a first team all-state caliber pitcher and a member of two straight Class A state baseball championship teams for the Yellow Jackets along with a semifinal appearance this year to finish his career.

Broaddus University.

Hines is looking forward to join the family atmosphere of the baseball team and further his academic

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# State Nest: White Falcons knock Moorefield off championship roost



the WVSSAC Class A state baseball tournament semifinal against the White Falcons at Appalachian Power Park in Charleston last Friday.

By Carl Holcomb

The White Falcons swooped in and knocked off the Class A threetime defending state champion Moorefield from its roost at Appalachian Power Park in Charleston during the WVSSAC Class A state baseball tournament semifinal on Friday afternoon with a 4-2 win to ensure a new champion would take the throne

Wahama (25-7) knew what was at stake and had battled the Yellow Jackets (18-15) twice before with a championship win in 1998 and a semifinal win in 1996. History would remain in favor of the White Falcons for the rematch.

The Yellow Jackets were one of only two teams in Class A history to have won three consecutive titles, but the journey to acquire a fourth straight championship wouldn't come to fruition as Wahama put up the blockade.

"We get the privilege and honor in

having a say if there is going to be a new state champion in single A and we answered that call and there's going to be a new state champion this year. It was nice to get the win against a class program like Moorefield. The one thing about this team all season long is they play loose. I guarantee when we take BP in the morning, they will be laughing and joking with each other. They will come to the park ready to play. This group loves to play baseball," Wahama head coach Billy Zuspan remarked

"Zachary, we had a lot of confidence in him going into this game. He's a great pitcher and he was dealing. He had a little adversity there in the middle of the game, but fought through it. Baseball is that way, it is ups and downs. We got ahead early 2-0 with a big shot by Aaron Henry, but there was a lot of baseball left after that. There were a lot of highs and lows and we endured it. As a team, we persevered and showed a lot of grit throughout the season and that's what got us the win today, that

orit "

Moorefield observed the first semifinal game along the third base line near the bullpen and witnessed eventual state champion and familiar foe Charleston Catholic defeat Williamstown 7-5.

The Yellow Jackets defeated the Irish for the state titles in 2002 and 2019, plus a semifinal win in 2018 and a semifinal loss in 2011.

Moorefield was the visiting team and went to the plate in the state tournament semifinal facing off against White Falcons pitcher Zack Fields.

Moorefield senior leadoff batter Karson Reed grounded out to Wahama shortstop Aaron Henry and the Yellow Jackets weren't able to get on base as Fields put them down in order with back-to-back strikeouts recorded on seniors Coleman Mon-

gold and Bryce Hines.

Moorefield senior starting pitcher
Bryce Hines had quick help collecting two outs, but the White Falcons
put on a two-out rally show.

Wahama leadoff hitter Ethyn Bar-Continued on page 12

# Bridgewater College's Brett Tharp of Mathias, W.Va., Named to All-Region Baseball Team

Bridgewater, Va. (05/31/2022)--Bridgewater College baseball student-athletes Reid Long and Brett Tharp have been selected to the D3baseball.com All-Region 6 team.

Sophomore Long earned a spot on the first team, his first All-Region accolade. After a record-setting season on the mound, Long became the second Bridgewater baseball player to be named ODAC Pitcher of the Year, the first one since 2012.

The Chesapeake, Va., native broke the single-season wins record with his 11. He was one of three players in Division III with 11 victories at the end of the regular season, which was tied for the national lead.

Long finished the regular season with an ODAC leading 1.77 ERA 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 secured a decision in every game he's started.

decision in every game he's started.

Senior Tharp did it all for the Eagles this season as a utility player with time in the outfield, first base and on the bump, earning a spot on the third team. An All-ODAC first team player, 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.

Players chosen to the <u>D3baseball</u>.

<u>com</u> All-Region team are eligible for All-American selection. This is the 10th year <u>D3baseball.com</u> has named an All-Region team and this year's All-America team will be the 15th annual All-American selections.

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.



Moorefield senior Branson See smashed a two-out double during the seventh inning as the Yellow Jackets attempted to rally against Wahama in the WVSSAC Class A state baseball tournament semifinal game at Appalachian Power Park.

SPORTS

### Triple Play: Moorefield trio signs to play collegiate athletics

life with a pursuit in psychology.

"The leading decision was how they made me feel. They are a family and they accepted me with open arms. They have that hometown feeling that some places just don't have. It makes me feel right at home and appreciated. I knew as soon as I took my visit they were the one. I'm excited for the new chapter that I'm gifted with from them. Obviously, I'm excited about playing for an amazing school as they are, but deeply excited for the relationships and memories that I know that will give me," Moorefield senior Bryce Hines stated.

Hines was selected to the North-South All-Star Baseball Classic honoring seniors across the Mountain State which proves how much talent he brings to the Battlers roster.

"We are excited about Bryce joining us. He's a tall athletic kid who has won a lot at the high school level, whether that be basketball or baseball. It obviously shows us that he is competitive and passionate about winning. We think he can impact other players on the roster with his hard work and drive to win," Alderson Broaddus University Baseball head coach Zac Mishler commented.

Alderson Broaddus University Baseball skipper Zac Mishler enters his sixth year with the program starting as an assistant coach in 2017 and named the interim head coach last

The Battlers finished this season with an overall record of 7-37, but Mishler guided the squad to its first playoff game wins the previous year. Alderson Broaddus University

Baseball competes in the NCAA Division II Mountain East Conference and has been a member since 2011.

Alderson Broaddus University was founded as a college in 1932 in Philippi upon the merger of two institutions, Alderson Academy and Broaddus University.

The university was named after a prominent Baptist minister who served the church during the time of the Civil War.

Philippi is home to the first covered bridge built in West Virginia and the site of the first land battle of the Civil War. Hines appreciates the foundation built in Moorefield helpthe field/court.

"I know that I have learned a lot from this town of Moorefield. From T.J. Van Meter that believed in me from a young age to this community for standing by my side and helping me every step of the way with this big decision in my life. I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for the coaches, fans and sponsors of the scholarship that I received. I will forever bleed bye and gold for this town, but now as a Battler," Hines added.

Moorefield pitching coach Scott Stutler has been training Hines for this next step and was there to offer advice during the recent state semifinal game where he was the starting pitcher.

"I'm very proud of Bryce and what he has been able to accomplish in his career at Moorefield High School. He is a great competitor that will do anything to win. He will continue to get better and have a successful career at Alderson Broaddus," Moorefield Baseball assistant/ pitching coach Scott Stutler said.

Hines takes the step from the state tournament mound to the collegiate mound for the Battlers with a chance to grow and develop within a close knit family.

Moorefield senior Malachi Hinger signed to play football at West Virginia Wesleyan College.

Hinger helped the Yellow Jackets rise back into the state playoffs as a powerful defensive lineman recording 38 tackles in his senior campaign along with two fumble recoveries with one resulting in a touchdown on the road against Southern Garrett.

Hinger was selected to the North-South All-Star Football Classic.

"I'm very excited and I'm ready to get to work to get better as a player and just as a person. Coach [Matt] Altobello and Coach [Jordan] Ours were big influences on my decision. I traveled down there and I was really impressed with the academics that they have for me. They gave me the most financial aid for football. I love how close to home it is and how it kind of fits me personally. It's nice and it's quiet. It's not too robust, so it fits me perfectly. [Moorefield representative] This means a lot to me, because I have been working hard for the past four years. It means a lot to me, my family and hopefully to my ing him grow and succeed on and off coach," Moorefield senior Malachi Continued from page 8

Hinger remarked. Hinger will join the Bobcats, who compete in the NCAA Division II Mountain East Conference and holds a high academic standard.

There were 113 Fall Mountain East Conference academic awards given to West Virginia Wesleyan College and Hinger's academics should shine among these honors in

West Virginia Wesleyan Football head coach Dwayne Martin enters his seventh year with the Bobcats program and second season at the helm.

The Bobcats had a rough year finishing at 0-11, but Coach Martin has been making positive strides and improvements to get them back on track.

The football program is the oldest sport at the college dating back tot he pre-college seminary days of 1898 and the athletic program was formally constructed in 1902.

There have been two West Virginia Wesleyan College Football players who went on to become NFL Hall of Fame players, Earl Neale (Philadelphia) and Cliff Battles (Washington).

West Virginia Wesleyan College is located in Buckhannon and was founded in 1890. The campus has a spread of 110 acres immersed in Georgian architecture with over 1,400 students with a 14:1 studentteacher ratio.

The mission statement of the college is to challenge its students to a lifelong commitment to develop their intellectual, ethical, spiritual and leadership potential and to set and uphold standards of excellence.

West Virginia Wesleyan College has a foundation in the United Methodist Church and fosters a community of learning based on the fundamental principles formed at the intersection of Christian faith and liberal education.

"Unite the pair so long disjoined knowledge and vital piety," Charles Wesley stated.

Hinger has grown in his personal faith and as a football player taking this leap of faith to become a better young man in the West Virginia Wesleyan College structure of learning on and off the field with wisdom and

This Moorefield trio looks to make big strides at the college level in academics and athletics.



joined by sister Jadelyn Hinger, father Brian Hinger, mother Kenya Hinger, Moorefield Football assistant coaches Andrew Kinkead and Paul See, Moorefield Football head coach Matt Altobello and Moorefield Football assistant coach Jordan Ours.



Moorefield senior Bryce Hines signed to play baseball at Alderson Broaddus University and was joined by grandmother Betty Ours, mother Amy Hines, Moorefield athletic director Matt Altobello, youth



Moorefield senior Tyberious Clayton signed to wrestle at Garrett College and was joined by father Darby Clayton, mother Tammy Clayton, Moorefield athletic director Matt Altobello, Moorefield Wrestling head coach T.J. Van Meter and Moorefield Wrestling assistant coach Larry Schoonover.

## Valley View Golf Club Senior Scramble Tournament

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> Second Place (-11): Phil Vance, Tom Kelly, Steve Wilson, Harold Fitzwater

Third Place (-10): Johnny Garza, Mike Cosner, Earl Snyder, Cecil Roth

**Pin Winners:** 

#3 Johnny Garza, #6 Ed Porter, #13 Darwin Simmons, #15 Cecil Roth, #17 Bobby Parsons

# 2022 Potomac Valley Conference Division II Softball Team Selections

#### **First Team**

Emma Heishman, East Hardy Gabreanna Miller, East Hardy Lizzie Alt, Pendleton County Braylee Corbin, Petersburg Mickala Taylor, Petersburg MacKenzie Kitzmiller, Petersburg Samantha Colaw, Petersburg Macaden Taylor, Pocahontas County Cheyann Gooden, Tucker County Kristen Hicks, Tucker County Ava Shaffer, Tucker County Player of the Year: Paige Shaffer, Tucker County Coach of the Year:

Dwayne "Bubba" Hedrick, Petersburg **Second Team** 

Victoria Ames, East Hardy Autumn Crites, East Hardy Tori Pratt, East Hardy Baylee Beachler, Pendleton County Emma Riffe, Pocahontas County Kelsi Taylor, Pocahontas County Rachel Felton, Tucker County Autumn Russell, Tucker County Kendal Cutright, Tygarts Valley Brenlyn Swecker, Tygarts Valley



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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

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Katheryn Emery WV Department of Environmental Protection **Division of Water & Waste Management** Clean Water State Revolving Fund 601 57th Street, SE Charleston, WV 25304 (304) 926-0499 Ext. 43830 Kathéryn.D.Emery@wv.gov

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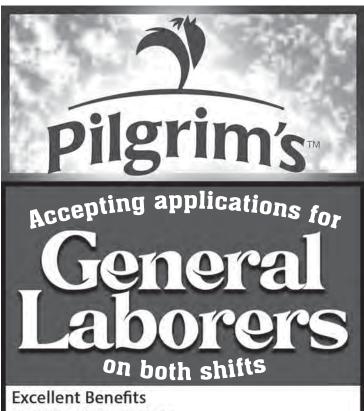
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#### White Falcons knock Moorefield off championship roost Continued from page 8

nitz flew out to Yellow Jackets senior center fielder Gavin Wolfe, then senior first baseman Ryan McGregor collected a grounder from Logan Roach.

Hines issued a walk to Wahama's Ethan Gray for the first baserunner of the semifinal contest.

Aaron Henry stopped up to the plate and hammered a two-run blast for the White Falcons for the initial 2-nil advantage, but there was ample amount of game left for Moorefield

Wahama's Trey Ohlinger was hit by a pitch and was one of seven White Falcons left on base as Fields flew out to Reed in left field.

The Yellow Jackets started the second inning with sophomore Alex Miller getting hit by a pitch and Guyan Kahangirwe came in as the baserunner and had to make a quick dive back to first base losing his helmet in the process on a pickoff attempt.

Moorefield senior Branson See drew a full-count walk providing two baserunners

Fields delivered another pair of strikeouts against Moorefield seniors Garrett Strickler and Ryan Mc-

Sophomore Tyson Arnold reached base on an error as the Yellow Jackets loaded the bases, but the baserunners were three of ten total stranded on the pond during the game as Wolfe grounded out.

Hines struck out Wahama's Nathan Manuel in the bottom half of the second inning.

The White Falcons responded with a single into center field by Hayden Lloyd.

A sacrifice bunt by Chandler Mc-Clanahan, fielded by Hines, advanced Lloyd before McGregor ended the frame catching a pop-up by Barnitz.

Reed grounded out for the second time in the beginning of the third inning for the Yellow Jackets.

Mongold hit a sharp grounder for an infield single and the ball was saved on a dive by Henry.

Hines flew out to right field, then Mongold stole second base on an errant pickoff throw from catcher Bar-

Miller ripped an RBI single into center field and advanced to second base on the throw as Moorefield cut the deficit to 2-1 before See popped

Roach grounded out to Moorefield second baseman Garrett Strickler and Wolfe caught a fly ball from Gray for the first two White Falcons outs.

Henry was hit by a pitch and stranded as Reed caught a fly ball from Ohlinger.

Entering the fourth inning, Strickler was issued a free pass for the Yellow Jackets and advanced on a long rolling sacrifice bunt by McGregor.

Strickler moved to third base on a wild pitch, then Fields struck out Arnold prior to walking Wolfe on a full-count.

Reed delivered the game-tying RBI single as the Yellow Jackets evened the semifinal bout, but the baserunners were left aboard on a strikeout to Mongold.

"[Bryce Hines] He battled, he's a competitor and wanted to stay in the game. We've talked to the guys before about never wanting a state championship to just be the determining factor for a successful season. There are many things that they accomplished over the season. They play a really tough schedule. The kids have gotten better from the very first practice that they had. We've had to battle to get to this point. To be in the final four teams, it's a great accomplishment. You always like to end it here, but obviously not one game early. They battled, they're resilient and they're tough. They've played through injuries. It's great to have this opportunity. Looking at the championships and have all the second baseman Coleman Mongold.

rings and nobody can take that away. This will make the young kids hungry to come back," Moorefield skip-

per Wade Armentrout commented. "We knew they had a good pitching staff and even if we could run their pitch count up, they were able to bring in another good pitcher. Obviously, they did and both were similar with good fastballs and decent curveballs. We just needed to put the ball in play. If a couple other things went our way, then it would have been a different outcome. This is an awesome group of guys to rally behind. They're a great team and they're competitive. You can see the disappointment in their eyes right now, but this one game doesn't determine the success this group has had this season and previous years. [Seniors] They are absolutely unselfish. The only reason we can have a string of success like we had is because they are unselfish. It's not about me or I. They don't have that mentality. It's all about the team and they know that what they do has an affect on the team. It has a positive impact on the team everyday. They take extra batting practice and extra ground balls, because they know ultimately it will help the team. That is one of the great characteristics about this group. We never talk about winning

a state championship during the season, but during the middle of the year we could sense they were feeling that

after that they kind of released it. They were bursting with confidence and played loose. From that point on, they continued to improve. You can look at our record and how we beat really good teams as we went along. We battled to get to this point

Fields flew out to Moorefield sophomore right fielder Adam Landes in the bottom of the fourth in-

and here we are and we are one of the

final four teams in the state of West

pressure. We had to talk about it and

White Falcons looked to strike again, but Moorefield nixed this chance.

McGregor caught a pop-up in foul territory, but Manuel had time to tag up and slide safely into third base before being stranded on another catch by McGregor.

The Yellow Jackets showed they could make a buzz in the fifth inning starting with back-to-back singles.

Hines singled into center field and play was stopped as he gingerly jogged off the field with senior baserunner Matthew Delawder coming into the game.

Miller garnered a single into right field and Kahangirwe came in as his baserunner.

Fields countered with strikeouts to See and Strickler, then the Yellow Jackets failed to score as McGregor flew out to Wahama right fielder Bryce Zuspan.

Hines walked Barnitz and a timeout was called as Moorefield pitching coach Scott Stutler talked with Hines on the mound and gave him a

reassuring tap on the shoulder. Roach for the second White Falcons baserunner of the fifth inning.

Hines tossed two more balls to Wahama's Gray and the Yellow Jackets sent in relief pitcher Gary Weese,

"It's a lifelong dream of mine to always come here. Last year I got a ring to end it off and I'm doing what I love. I couldn't be more grateful and blessed to be able to come to a place like this and pitch and show my talent. These guys are special to me. They are more than just teammates, they are my family. I have grown up with these guys and there's no better place I'd rather be to end my career with these guys," Moorefield senior Bryce Hines noted.

The count became full, then Weese those seniors, they have gone to all jammed Gray for a pop-up caught by

Weese struck out Wahama long ball hitter Aaron Henry for the sec-

The White Falcons dug the talons piercing Moorefield as Ohlinger zipped an RBI single past the dive of Mongold to regain the lead 3-2.

Mongold responded on the next at-bat sequence by snatching a line drive from Fields to end the inning.

Arnold singled on blooper into center field as the Yellow Jackets sought to answer in the sixth inning.

Wolfe executed a sacrifice bunt to advance Arnold to second base as the tying run was in scoring position.

Wahama brought in closer Aaron Henry, who induced a groundout from Reed which also enabled Arnold to reach third base.

Henry caught Mongold looking at a third strike leaving the tying run at

Manuel flew out to Reed to start the bottom half of the sixth inning for the White Falcons. Wahama's Lloyd doubled on the

next turn at-bat before McClanahan Barnitz hit a hard grounder to third

baseman Bryce Hines and the throw to first base sailed awry as a White Falcons runner scored to increase the

Weese countered with a strikeout to Roach to end the frame.

Moorefield was trailing by two runs with three outs remaining in the top of the seventh inning as a return ticket to the title match was on the

Hines popped out in foul territory to Wahama first baseman Ethan Gray, then Miller flew out to right fielder Zuspan as it started to look bleak for the defending champions.

The Yellow Jackets were down to their last strike in the seventh inning on a full-count, when senior Branson See breathed new life with a smashing double.

However, Moorefield's reign came to an end as Strickler's shot was Manuel smacked a double as the caught as the White Falcons sealed the victory to make a new nest entering the championship game.

> Charleston Catholic refused to let the White Falcons roost for glory as the Irish secured the title for a redemption from losing in the championship battle to Moorefield last season and the previous year in the

> The Yellow Jackets had an early departure after winning three straight championships and the legacy will stand in Charleston for future teams to aspire to reach and it was all done under the guidance of three principals instilling the lessons and disciplines to succeed.

> Moorefield skipper Wade Armentrout is the elementary principal, assistant/pitching coach Scott Stutler is the middle school principal and assistant/hitting coach Pat McGregor is the high school principal.

This is the first time in state tournament history that a team was coached by a trio of principals.

"It was fun. They are both great coaches that I have learned a lot from After a stolen base, Hines walked over the years. So it was great to coach with both of them at the state tournament," Moorefield assistant coach Scott Stutler concluded.

> Moorefield catcher Alex Miller was named to the WVSSAC Class A state baseball all-tournament team along with Williamstown's Parker Schramm, Wahama's Trey Ohlinger, Zack Fields, Logan Roach and Aaron Henry, plus Charleston Catholic's Michael Ferrell, Gannon Morris, Jeff Reynolds and Jonah Dicocco.

The Yellow Jackets storied run came to an end, but proved they had the resiliency to finish once again in the state tournament final four by overcoming a myriad of challenges pushing forward and the senior class instills a lasting impression on the rest of the team to keep buzzing for success.



**Elizabeth Bartholomew** 

## THE OLD MASTER

By JAY FISHER

After the Big 12 tournament, Oklahoma WVU found itself firmly on the bubble. When that happens, you want to have very few "bid stealers" – teams that would not have made the tournament that wins an automatic bid, especially if they beat out a team that was certain of an at-large bid.

Unfortunately, there were plenty of upsets in conference tournaments, and WVU found themselves out of the tournament. The Big 12 did get five teams: Oklahoma State (#7 overall seed), Texas (#9 overall seed), Texas Tech, TCU, and es, the finals will be at 5:54 on Satur-

With the baseball team finished for the year, there is only one more athletic event for WVU sports: Ceili McCabe at the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships. She will compete in the 3000m steeplechase, and she has a legitimate shot at winning it all. There are a lot of variables, and plenty of things can happen, but she is one of the favorites. Her first step will be the semifinals, which are scheduled to start at 9:02pm on Thursday. If she advanc-

day. Good luck!

In football, it is recruiting season, and WVU has received another verbal commitment from a 4-star defender. This time it is James Heard, who projects at linebacker. He from New Jersey, and a 6-2, 224 pass rusher with good speed and the ability to cover receivers.

The Mountaineers appear to be building a strong 2023 recruiting class. It will be interesting to see if they can continue their momentum through the summer

#### AT THE LIBRARY

#### **Reading Program Sign-Up Just Days Away**

Sign-up for the 2022 Summer Reading Program begins Saturday, June 11th at the library. The program is open to all ages. Sign-up only lasts until Saturday, June 25th, so make it in before it's too late. The program will end on Saturday, August 6th.

#### **New Fiction**

"Sparring Partners" by John Grisham (Reg. Print, Audiobook) -Jake Brigance is called upon to help his old friend, disgraced former attorney Mack Stafford, make his return; young death row inmate Cody Wallace has one final request just several hours before execution; two young attorney brothers, Kirk and Rusty Malloy, look to Diantha Bradshaw to help save their once prosperous firm which they inherited from their father.

"Secrets" (Lost and Found; 2) by Fern Michaels - When they find themselves saddled with life or death information, two siblings, and owners of an antique shop/café, realize they have no one to turn to but each

"The Boardwalk Bookshop" by Susan Mallery - When fate brings three strangers to a charming space for lease on the California coast, the Boardwalk Bookshop is born. Part bookstore, part gift shop, part bakery, it's a dream come true for Bree. Mikki and Ashley. But while their business is thriving, their personal lives are not.

"Meant to Be" by Emily Giffin -A restless golden boy and a girl with a troubled past navigate a love story that may be doomed before it even

"Sunburst" (Sky King Ranch; 2) by Susan May Warren - When former Navy SEAL and lifelong bachelor Ranger Kingston is called upon to take part in a rescue mission to save his brother, Colt, who has been kidnapped by terrorists in Nigeria, he is shocked to find among the hostages a woman he knows and could never

"The Favor" by Nora Murphy - Leah and McKenna have never met, though they have parallel lives. Leah understands that what's inside a home can be far more dangerous than what's outside. So when she notices someone else who may be starting down the same path she's on, McKenna from afar. Until one night explorers and scientists in these sto-

Leah knows she can't save herself, but perhaps she can save McKenna.

"Long Way Home" by Lynn Austin - A young woman searches for the truth her childhood friend won't discuss after returning from World War II, revealing a story of courage, of the National Basketball Associafriendship, and faith.

"The Last Mile" (Blood Ties, the Logans; 2) by Kat Martin – An unknown assailant stalks a hard-hitting professional treasure hunter and a woman in search of her family's truth across the treacherous Superstition Mountains of Arizona as they race to follow their treasure map's directions to a hidden trove of gold.

"Murder Most Grave" (Granny Reid; 4) by G. A. McKevett – With a new grandbaby to care for at home, Stella has little time to spare. Her hands are especially full since Savannah, her teenage granddaughter, developed a crush on a boy guaranteed to break her heart. Gallivanting around with her best pal Sheriff Manny Goldford simply isn't an option - until the freshly murdered body of local criminal Dexter Corbin is discovered sprawled across the steps of

#### **New JR Non-Fiction**

"When the World Runs Dry: Earth's Water in Crisis" by Nancy F. Castaldo – A narrative nonfiction account of the worldwide water crisis, explaining what's happening to the world's water supply, from industrial pollution to harmful algal blooms, and what kids can do about it.

"Bird's-Eye View: Keeping Wild Birds in Flight" (Orca Wild) by Ann Eriksson – This book looks at wild birds around the world, the threats to their survival and what young people are doing to conserve their popula-

"Sea Otters: A Survival Story' (Orca Wild) by Isabelle Groc - Readers will learn about the history of sea otters, their recovery from near extinction and how to conserve the species for the future.

"The Deadliest Diseases Then and Now" (Deadliest; 1) by Deborah Hopkinson - Hopkinson brings voices from the past to life in this exploration of the deadliest diseases of then and now.

"No Boundaries: 25 Women Explores and Scientists Share Adventures, Inspiration, and Advice" by she pays attention. She watches over Clare Fieseler - Meet 25 female

she sees more than she bargained for. ries of exploration, courage, and girl

"Amazing Earth" by Anita Ganeri - Ganeri takes young readers on a guided tour around the most amazing places on Earth.

"Hardcourt: Stories from 75 Years tion" by Fred Bowen - The story of the National Basketball Association from its origins through the major events and players who made basketball what it is today.

"Cook It!: The Dr. Seuss Cookbook for Kid Chefs" by Daniel Gercke - A cookbook featuring simple, healthy recipes inspired by the works of Dr. Seuss, written for children and adults to use together.

"Pirate Queens: Dauntless Women Who Dared to Rule the High Seas" by Leigh Lewis - A collection of fact-filled profiles, poetry, and illustrations of women pirates who made their mark on the high seas.

"Our World in Numbers" by DK Publishing - A compendium of extraordinary figures and numberbased facts about everything in the world from animals to art.

#### **New Easy Readers**

"Meow" by Chris Raschka - In this story — told almost entirely in the cat's meows — a young girl steps on her cat Marigold's tail, the hurt cat runs for cover, and after an apology, all is forgiven.

"Swim, Jim!" by Kaz Windness -With the help of his sisters and some borrowed floaties, a fearful crocodile learns to swim.

"Llama Llama Back to School" (Llama Llama) by Anna Dewdney – Summer days are getting shorter and it's almost time for the first day of school for Llama! But Llama Llama isn't ready for summertime to end. It's been full of backyard camping, family picnics, and ice cream with friends. All he wants is for summer to go on forever! He's anxious about his first day back at school but maybe, with some help from his friends and Mama Llama, going back to school will be fun after all!

"The Mystery of the Monarchs: How Kids, Teachers, and Butterfly Fans Helped Fred and Norah Urguhart Track the Great Monarch Migration" by Barb Rosenstock - An entomologist and his wife solve the mysteries of monarch butterfly migration with the help of schoolchildren and teachers in the U.S., Mexico, and Canada.

# This week in West Virginia History

The following events happened Maroney served as the international on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www. wvencyclopedia.org.

June 8, 1893: Entrepreneur Donald F. Duncan was born. Duncan was the founder of the Duncan Yo-Yo Company and the Duncan Parking Meter Corporation.

June 9, 1927: Karl Dewey Myers was named the state's first poet laureate by Governor Howard Mason Gore. Myers held the post for 10

June 9, 1957: T.D. Jakes was born in South Charleston. As a boy, he preached to imaginary congregations and carried a Bible to school, which earned him the nickname "Bible Boy." He is the senior pastor at the Potter's House, a nondenominational church in Dallas, Texas.

June 10, 1775: The Berkeley County Riflemen were organized by Capt. Hugh Stephenson of Shepherdstown, in response to a call for Revolutionary War soldiers by General George Washington.

June 10, 1921: Labor leader Daniel Vincent Maroney was born on Cabin Creek, Kanawha County.

president of the Amalgamated Transit Union from 1973 to 1981.

June 11, 1866: Architect Elmer Forrest Jacobs was born in Preston County. His work is seen particularly in downtown Morgantown, in residential South Park, and on the West Virginia University campus. Most of his Morgantown buildings are now on the National Register of Historic

June 11, 1782: Frontiersman William Crawford was tortured and burned at the stake. Crawford had been captured by the Delaware, who mistakenly blamed him for the treacherous murder of about 100 Moravian Christian Indians.

June 12, 2006: Robert C. Byrd became the longest-serving United States senator in history. He served in the Senate from his election in 1958 until his death in 2010. This record was broken on June 7, 2013, by Congressman John Dingell, a Democrat from Michigan.

June 13, 1861: The Second Wheeling Convention began in the federal courtroom of the Wheeling Custom House. This convention declared the Confederate state govern-

ment in Richmond illegal; created a Reorganized Government of Virginia loyal to the United States; elected Francis Harrison Pierpont governor of Virginia; and called for the western counties to be formed into a new

June 13, 1928: Mathematician John Forbes Nash Jr. was born in Bluefield. In 1994, Nash was honored with the Nobel Prize in Economics. He was the subject of a best-selling biography, "A Beautiful Mind," which was later made into a

June 14, 1912: Botanist Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Bartholomew was born in Wheeling. Bartholomew was instrumental in building the dried plant collection at West Virginia University from 30,000 to 140,000 specimens, and she initiated a 2,000-plant seed collection.

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#### **Adult Education Graduation**

"Persistence and dedication leads to your goals," she reminded the prayer and offered her congratula-

tions to the graduates. Vera Shockey, Hardy County's Adult Ed Instructor, gave an overview of both the program and the evening's graduates. Shockey noted that graduates this year range in age from 17 to 45. "We have both parents and grandparents in the group," she said. "Most are employed – one in a management position – and we have a first responder in our group," she continued. She told the audience that three of the graduates have already enrolled to continue their education

portantly, she noted, several of this year's graduates are in recovery from graduates as she led the group in a substance abuse, which made their achievement even more special.

Despite back stories that covered

a wide spectrum, "One thing they

all had in common was the desire to graduate," she said. special awards for their Superior Academic Achievement. They were: Rocky Crites (Science & Reading); Kiley McCausley (Science, Social

Rowley (Writing). at Eastern West Virginia Community mony was Adrianna Flanary, whose task. After time in the U. S. Navy, fol-

(Science); Trenton Underwood (Sci-

ence, Social Studies); and Genevieve

included battles with addiction for 16 years, she told the group. "I'm here tonight thanks to Vera [Shockey]," she said, adding, "This would not be possible without the support of the army of my recovery family." Flanary told the audience that the achievements of recovery and gradu-Several of the graduates earned ation had given her a new sense of hope for her future.

Jon Hof, himself a recent EWVCTC graduate on May 7, at an age well past the average, spoke next. Studies, Reading); Savannah Jarrett He told the group that education is a life-long process, and that it is never too late to learn. He outlined how he tried to do well in school, but found The student speaker for the cere-schooling an increasingly difficult

children, he took some courses while in Maryland, but never completed his degree. When he noticed there was a college in Moorefield, where he eventually moved, he decided it was time to finally finish. After talking with staff at EWVCTC, he was astounded to learn that many of his credits would be accepted, and he needed only three courses. "That really took my breath away," he said. Now, a short time later, he has earned his degree, and graduated with honors

"You never know how strong you may be until being strong is your only choice," he concluded.

The presentation of diplomas was next. As Holmes read their names, one by one, each graduate came for-& Technical College. Even more im- journey to her success that evening lowed by marriage and raising three ward to receive their diploma, con-

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gratulations, and pose for a photo. This year's graduates, from Grant, Hardy and Pendleton Counties, were: Thelma E, Adkins, Nevin M. Cornwell, Rocky E. Crites, Richard S. Crouse, Shannon M. Crowley, Adriana E. Flanary, Teddy J. Hinkle, Savannah D. Jarrett, Caitlin M. Kimble, Maria L. Martinez, Kiley R. Mc-Causley, Megan C. Ours, Genevieve C. Rowley, Lara M. Scamehorn, Steven Sherman, Laura F. Sponaugle, Serenity G. Thorn and Trenton C. Underwood.

That marked the end of the main program, but there was one more order of business. Holmes announced that Shockey is retiring after 43 years of service in Adult Ed; she was presented with gifts as tokens of the ap-

preciation of the students and staff.

"This is not Jack Daniels, by the way," Shockey said to a round of chuckles from the room, as she unwrapped a gift in a tall rectangular package.

Although she is retiring from her full-time position, Shockey said she "isn't going far," as she will still continue to do part-time work in the field.

The evening ended with a Benediction, provided by Elizabeth Simpson. Congratulations, Graduates!

For more graduation photos, see pages 6 and 7 for East Hardy and Moorefield High Schools.

#### **Childcare Center Donation**

Asked what some of their more pressing needs are, she said that they have applied three different times for grants to build an auxiliary room and gymnasium, but have been unsuccessful. "But we'll keep trying," she promised, adding that the children have no place to play during extremes in weather, hot and cold.

While it takes some of its children from the State, which provides some funding, to help low-income families, it also relies heavily on private donations, including in-kind donations of clothing and supplies.

The Center has a staff of 22, and operates year-round, from 5:30 a.m.



There were lots of smiles at the Hardy County Child Care Center last Wednesday, as it was formally presented with a \$10,000 donation from State Farm Insurance. Left to Right: Tracy Sherman, Board Member; Jason Hicks, Board President: Angie Vetter, Center Director; Judy Ball, State Farm Agent; Brittany Dugan, Assistant Center Director; Barbara Crites, Secretary and Carol Zuber, Mayor of Moorefield.

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#### **Twin Timbers Ice Cream**

Timbers Coffee and Creamery coowner Amanda Simmons comment-

The Hahn sisters plan to serve ice cream and coffee concoctions with love and kindness, while Adam handles the customer's payment.

The mission statement is encompassed within one Bible verse: "So whatever you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." It's from I Corinthians 10:31

"Essentially, that verse is our mission statement. We do strive to put God first in all we do and to serve others in our community. Ultimately, we thought this would be a great way to not only show our sweet side and eventually hoping this will be a ministry in sharing the Word. We feel this is a service we've prayed about and been led to this opportunity. It is something we are called to do at this

point in our lives. We are hoping to be successful, but first and foremost we want to give God the glory and share that love with others," Amanda Simmons stated

The inspiration for dishing out ice cream and pouring coffee came out of a passion for these two things.

"It came out of loves for ice cream and coffee," Twin Timbers co-owner Amanda Simmons remarked as Adam chimed in that "I wanted the ice cream. I love ice cream. Everybody loves ice cream."

"Adam wanted the ice cream and my sister and I wanted to start a coffee business, so we merged the two ideas and developed a unique option for this area."

The menu options include seven varieties of ice cream which will be rotated depending on demand, and they plan to offer a dairy-free option ery will be at the H&T Market's

made from oat milk.

The Hershey's ice cream flavors available on Memorial Day were vanilla, chocolate, coffee, green mint chip, little blue panda, cookies and cream, and peanut butter cookies and cream. These were served in a cup or cone with options of up to three scoops; the biggest version was placed in a waffle cone.

The little blue panda had a sugar cookie flavor with blue coloring and there were pieces of sandwich cookies in the ice cream.

On the beverage side, there was drip coffee, lattes (hot or iced), mocha or vanilla latte, and the featured special was an Affogato which was hot espresso served over vanilla ice cream. A premium dark roast was used to make the coffee selections.

Twin Timbers Coffee and Cream-

grand opening on June 18 and at Believer's Victory Center on June 25.

The company plans to be stationed at the same church in Wardensville on a consistent basis and is open to cover any event from birthday parties to weddings.

One rave review was mentioned during the visit by Bonnie Kohne, who brought her grandchildren along to have the ice cream: "The best ice cream I've ever had."

This family serves more than just ice cream and coffee as the love and kindness grows during each transaction just as the trees grow in forming the Twin Timbers.

Check out the Twin Timbers Coffee and Creamery Facebook page for more information and schedule updates.



Michael Montgomery enjoys a little blue panda ice cream cone from Twin Timbers Coffee and Creamery on Memorial Day.

#### **Sheriff Dawson**

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Whistle-Blower Statues; Slander; Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress; Failure to Adequately Supervise; and Vicarious Liability for the Actions of McCausley and Dawson. The last count is directed specifically against the County Commission. The hearing will likely begin with a Motion to Compel, because the Defendants have failed and refused to provide requested copies of McCausley's disciplinary record.

Maher was assigned by then-Chief Deputy David Warren to conduct a security audit of the Sheriff's Department's computers, tablets and cell phones after discovering a "back door" that was installed in one or more of the Department's computers, allowing remote access to and downloading of restricted files. That investigation led to the subsequent discovery of explicit files of juveniles on encrypted hard drives attached to Sheriff's Department computers, which were swiftly turned over to the West Virginia State Police for investigation, where it is ongoing.

Dawson placed McCausley on paid administrative leave on January 22, 2021, shortly after taking office, in deference to the ongoing criminal investigation, but he also asked the State Police to expand the investigation to include Maher. According to a preemptory report on the still-ongoing investigation issued by Special Prosecutor Ours on April 12, Dawson was "concerned" that Maher planted files on the hard drives.

Although the hard drives were attached to Sheriff's Department computers at the Sheriff's office, McCausley claimed that the drives containing the explicit images of juveniles were his personal property and refused to provide passwords, although failure to cooperate with an investigation is a violation of civil service employment and contrary to McCausley's failure to cooperate with the investigation, including by withholding passwords, was grounds for immediate termination of his employment.

This was not the first time that allegations were made against McCausley involving improper possession of explicit images of juveniles. In 2018, a Special Agent Rauser of the FBI contacted the Sheriff's Department after receiving a report from a family member of a juvenile whose explicit image McCausley allegedly transmitted to Jessica Liller, a Hardy County Prosecutor's Office employee, by cell phone, which is a federal

crime. Federal authorities agreed not to prosecute that matter when then-Sheriff Bryan Ward and then-Chief Deputy David Warren promised that McCausley would be removed from any investigations involving child pornography and revoked his access to any department files concerning this type of investigation.

Despite being removed from cases involving child pornography and revoked access to files containing explicit images from those cases in 2018, explicit images of minors were found on hard drives seized from McCausley during the 2020 security audit.

As that investigation was ramping up, then-Sheriff Ward's term was winding down. Current Sheriff Dawson was elected in November 2020, and assumed office January 1, 2021. McCausley was a vocal supporter of Dawson, even allegedly campaigning for him while in uniform, a violation of West Virginia Code:

§7-14-15. Political activities of members prohibited; exceptions.

(a) A deputy sheriff covered by the provisions of this article may not:

(1) Solicit any assessment, subscription or contribution for any political party, committee or candidate from any person who is a member or employee of the county sheriff's department by which they are emploved;

(2) Use any official authority or influence, including, but not limited to, the wearing by a deputy sheriff of his or her uniform, for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the nomination, election or defeat of any candidate or the passage or defeat of any ballot issue: Provided, That this subdivision shall not be construed to prohibit any deputy sheriff from casting his or her vote at any election while wearing his or her uniform...

It was reported in the community West Virginia law. Under that law, at the time that, if elected, Dawson promised to promote McCausley to Chief Deputy and demote Maher from Public Information Officer and Technical Operator and re-assign him to courthouse security. Dawson actually terminated Maher soon after taking office, a move viewed as retaliation for his role in the security

> This past week, former Sheriff Ward weighed in, at least peripherally, on the matter, posting an "open letter" on his Facebook page, expressing strong support of Maher. His letter is included in this edition as an Intercepted Letter.

## **Appalachian Adventure**

Twin Timbers Coffee and Creamery is open for business served by

co-owners Kimberly Hahn, Amanda and Adam Simmons.

it in sections, "off and on." They did the 110-mile Bartram Trail in two parts: they did the Georgia section in a piece with her. 2020, and the North Carolina section in 2021.

Along the way, they've tested themselves, various gear, and possibly each other, working towards the physical, mental and emotional endurance required to hike 2200 miles.

They've picked up a lot, too, including their trail names: Mishap and

John's Mishap: "If he's not bleeding, we didn't do anything that day," Cassandra says, adding she once told him, "You are a hazard to yourself; you are a mishap." Trail name, activated.

to get a rock," Cassandra said. She also loves amethyst, and always has

Every year, more than 3000 people attempt to hike through the entire Appalachian Trail in one go; only about a quarter do so. It's not small, simple thing to do.

They'll start off with a 25-pound pack (hers) and a 28-pound pack (his), because the section of trail after Mount Katahadin is known as The 100-mile Wilderness. They won't have anything they don't carry themselves, from shelter, to food, to signal for communications. Everything they carry has been weighed to be the you're on the trails. lightest they can manage.

showers, food that wasn't freezedried, beds, and washing machines. Oh, and mail, so their family can mail pre-arranged packages.

The Rowes say, for anyone interested in hiking, living in this part of West Virginia makes it easy. They suggest Dolly Sods, Spruce Knob "anything in the Monongahela National Forest." They recommend Chimney Top, Lost River State Park, and Seneca Rocks

They recommend the All Trails app for finding trails, and if possible, paying to download maps, because there's often little or no signal once

Always let someone know where you're going, which trail you plan

West Virginia and Virginia. They did cally restrained me from going back be places along the trail to find hot to hike, and when you plan to return. Check the weather before you go, because the weather here and the weather there may well be different. Carry water, bring a jacket, wear sunscreen, and don't expect to be able to use your phone. Until you're experienced, it's best to not hike alone.

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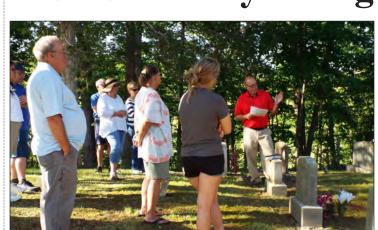
If you'd like to follow Mishap and Amethyst, there are several ways to do so. They're on Instagram at" mishap n amethyst hike

They also keep a video log, or vlog on YouTube: "Mishap & Amethyst Hikes" at https://www.youtube. com/c/MishapAmethystHikes

The Examiner plans to keep up with them, and occasionally run updates on where and how they're doing.



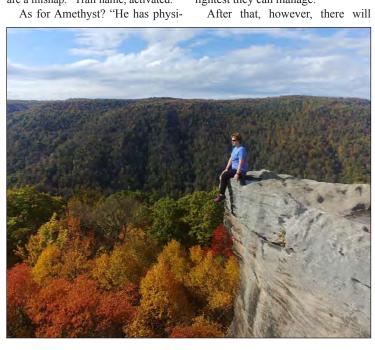
# Memorial Day in Rig



Top: About twenty people gathered for a ceremony at Newhouse Cemetery in Rig at 6 p.m. on May 29, in observance of Memorial Day. Speaker Mickey Carr (far right in red shirt), who has family members who are veterans, spoke briefly about some of those interred here. He has been the speaker at these ceremonies several times in past years. Following those remarks, Carr explained to those gathered that the cemetery is entirely supported by private donations and volunteers, and has recently added some additional acreage, thanks to a donation by Glenn Bensenhaver, who passed away on May 4, 2022, and who was the first to be buried in the new section which he bequeathed to the cemetery.



the service at Newhouse Cemetery was Murphy Pratt, who has been in attendance at every ceremony but one in the last 59



#### **Wardnesville Memorial Day -**

tion to duty was. They knew the meaning of brothers in arms," Ste-

lowed by a moment of silence and name reading to honor the local

knew what service and commitment veterans who have passed away. partment of Veterans Assistance were about. They knew what devo- An honor guard paid respects to its 9.6% of the population in Hardy brothers and sisters who are no lon-A solemn tribute to all comrades, of Taps, Commander Link dismissed nization comprised of eligible vetwherever they may rest, was fol- the post with an invitation to refreshments for those in attendance.

According to West Virginia's Deforces.

County is veterans. The Veterans of ger with us. After the rifle salute and Foreign Wars of the United States is immediately following the sounding a nonprofit veteran's service orgaerans and military service members from the active, Guard, and Reserve

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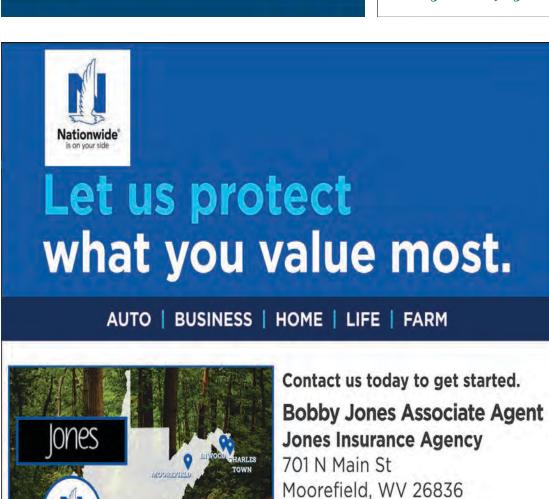


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