



# Up to 100 new jobs promised...

## German Packaging Manufacturer plans new facility in Moorefield Industrial Park

Moorefield and Hardy County got some potentially good news last Monday. An announcement by Governor Jim Justice and the Department of Economic Development brings the promise of new jobs.

German packaging manufacturer Papier-Mettler reached an agreement with the state to locate a plant in the former Allegheny Wood Products building in the Moorefield Industrial Park. When in full operation, the plant is expected to employ up to 100 people.

Papier-Mettler said it intends to invest \$48 million in the project.

The facility, acquired in May, will be the company's first operation in

the United States, other than an office.

"The investment Papier-Mettler is making in our great state is truly amazing," declared Justice, adding, "I am beyond excitement that this \$48 million investment will create up to 100 jobs for West Virginians. This is just another announcement proving that we've got the right people and the right business-friendly environment in West Virginia."

"I couldn't be happier that all kinds of world-class businesses like Papier-Mettler are setting up shop or expanding operations in West Virginia. Our rocket ship ride that I promised is continuing every day and all

West Virginians should be incredibly proud," Justice concluded.

In business since 1957, Papier-Mettler is a leading manufacturer in paper and plastic service packaging products, and a major provider of flexible packaging in the European market. Papier-Mettler has operations in 16 countries, employing about 5,000 people globally. Although this will be their first manufacturing facility in the U.S., the company already operates a sales office in Raynham, Mass.

The company is family-owned.

"The USA is one of the larger growth markets for Papier-Mettler," said its CEO, Michael Mettler, add-

ing, "That's why we want to focus our energy on U.S. expansion. We are convinced that the new location will not only create numerous advantages for us, but also for the local economy, as well as the job market."

West Virginia Department of Economic Development Secretary Mitch Carmichael also expressed optimism about the decision of Papier-Mettler to locate in West Virginia.

"We are so excited to welcome this German packaging recycling and packaging manufacturing company to our great state, and are happy they said 'Yes' to West Virginia. This sustainable packaging manufacturer is a great asset to our community,

and their \$48 million investment will benefit our economy," he predicted.

"The addition of Papier-Mettler to our community is a huge one. We can't wait to see all the good that comes from having this great business here," said David Fansler, President of the Hardy County Commission.

"The creation of new jobs in our community is something that we strive for, and we're excited that Papier-Mettler has chosen Hardy County as a place they'd like to invest in and do business," he concluded.

Monday's announcement was the result of months of work by state and local economic development people,

Hardy County Rural Development Authority Executive Director Mallie Combs said Wednesday. "We worked closely with the West Virginia Department of Economic Development," she said.

"Hardy County is excited to have our first German company - Papier-Mettler - to locate in the Moorefield Industrial Park. They will create five jobs in the near future and add as they grow and become fully operational. This is a recycling type of business and they are committed to the environment. This is the first operation for this company in the U.S.," said Combs.

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Governor Jim Justice announces German packaging manufacturer Papier-Mettler will locate a new plant in Moorefield. The company acquired the former Allegheny Wood Products building in the Moorefield Industrial Park in May. Although it will start modestly with five positions, at full operation the plant is projected to employ up to 100 people. Idled since Allegheny Wood Products discontinued Hardy County operations, Papier-Mettler acquired this facility in the Moorefield Industrial Park. It will be their first manufacturing operation in the U.S. The company plans to invest \$48 million in the project.

## National Organization Recognizes Hardy Telecommunications As "Smart Rural Community" Provider

Hardy Telecommunications has been named a Smart Rural Community (SRC) provider by NTCA - The Rural Broadband Association. SRC is a national network of communities powered by innovative rural broadband providers that are building a brighter future for small-town America. The program promotes rural broadband and its role in supporting innovative economic development, effective education, efficient energy distribution and use, state-of-the-art health care and other important issues for rural America.

To receive recognition as an SRC provider, Hardy Telecommunications was required to affirm that it offers 25/3 Mbps broadband to at least 50% of its service area; that it has broadband subscription rates of at least 50%; and that it is committed to program principles of collaboration and innovation. As a result of Hardy Telecommunications' national recognition, Hardy County will now be celebrated as a Smart Rural Community in program materials and online at [www.smartruralcommunity.com](http://www.smartruralcommunity.com), joining a national network of similarly innovative communities.

"The community of Hardy County salutes Hardy Telecommunications for its hard work to meet these standards, which enable our residents to fully participate in today's connected society," said Mallie Combs, executive director of the Hardy County Rural Development Authority. "Because of access to high-speed Internet, our community provides its residents with educational and economic opportunities on par with those in the most connected regions of America."

NTCA Chief Executive Officer Shirley Bloomfield also recognized Hardy Telecommunications for this achievement, noting, "We are so

excited to welcome another Smart Rural Community provider into this growing network of innovative broadband providers delivering the Internet's fastest speeds in some of the most remote and rural communities of our country. I applaud Hardy Telecommunications and Hardy County for their commitment to enabling cutting-edge technologies that drive innovation and promote economic development in their region and nationwide."

Hardy General Manager Scott Sherman said the company was committed to enhancing the quality of life in the communities it serves.

"Rural areas deserve the same broadband speeds that urban areas receive, and our OneNet network provides those speeds. That access and all the innovation and opportunities that come with it are critical in today's world," he said.

NTCA - The Rural Broadband Association is the premier association representing nearly 850 independent, community-based telecommunications companies that are leading innovation in rural and small-town America. NTCA members are leading the technological evolution for rural consumers, delivering robust and high-quality services over future-proof networks that make rural communities vibrant places in which to live and do business.

Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., a member of NTCA - The Rural Broadband Association, is a non-profit cooperative dedicated to bringing affordable broadband internet service to the citizens of Hardy County and surrounding areas. The company offers services through OneNet, Hardy County's first fiber-to-the-home network.

## Alternating Lane Closures on US 48, in Hardy County, to Begin Tuesday, July 5, 2022

There will be alternating lane closures on US 48 between the US 220 Overpass and the Wardensville city limits, in Hardy County, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. starting Tuesday, July 5, 2022, through Friday, October 28, 2022, to allow for guardrail upgrades.

Motorists can expect lane closures up to three miles in length, 24 hours a day, for up to five days in duration per lane. Flaggers will be present to conduct traffic control at intersections, however, significant delays are expected. Motorists are advised to stay alert and travel with caution through the work zone. Exact schedule is weather dependent.

## W.Va. School Clothing Allowance Applications Open July 1-31, 2022

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Family Assistance began accepting School Clothing Allowance applications on July 1, 2022, for eligible children enrolled in West Virginia schools. Each eligible child will receive a \$200 benefit that may be used toward the purchase of appropriate school clothing or piece goods for families who sew clothing for their children.

The following groups automatically receive School Clothing Allowance benefits for each school-age child in the home by the end of June:

- Families with school-age children who currently receive WV WORKS cash assistance
- Parents or guardians of children in foster care
- Children ages 4-18 who receive

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, are enrolled in school and whose household income is under 130% of the Federal Poverty Level

Families who received the School Clothing Allowance in 2021 and currently have Medicaid coverage should have received a School Clothing Allowance application by U.S. Mail in late June.

Others may be eligible for School Clothing Allowance benefits based on income limits by household size. Verification of income for July must be submitted with the application.

Families may apply online at [www.wvpath.org](http://www.wvpath.org) or request a paper application be mailed by contacting their local DHHR office or by calling 1-877-716-1212. Applications must be received by July 31, 2022.

## COVID becoming a new normal in Hardy County

By Milda M. Mullins  
Moorefield Examiner

COVID-19 cases in the county still occur, with six new cases and 14 active cases as of Thursday, June 30. Another death last week brings the County's death toll to 53 residents.

According to Hardy County Health Department Administrator Bill Ours, the overall climate with the pandemic seems to be getting better, though there's some absent data making it challenging to be certain.

"It's in our community and people just need to be diligent," said Ours.

"We're finding out with Omicron (a COVID-19 variant), if you're fairly healthy and vaccinated, you do okay. Most people seem to be doing well. We're not seeing a whole lot of hospitalizations."

Ours explained that there are several subvariants of Omicron, but the Omicron variant of COVID seems most prevalent in Hardy County.

However, that's where issues with absent data comes in. The increased frequency of at-home testing keeps key data from reaching the Health Department, mostly because the results and information from at-home tests are rarely reported to Health Department staff.

As a result, Ours said it's hard, if not impossible, to truly know what's happening across the county regarding the pandemic, particularly how many individuals test positive or not.

"Now with people doing at-home testing, I don't get the true climate of what's happening. I think, if I have 14 cases, but I really have 114, I may want to start community testing again once a week," he said.

"There's just different things based on the environment that we should be doing, but right now we just don't know."

"People could call and provide data to the Health Department. It lets us tell you what you're supposed to do in case you don't know and, secondly, it gives us another data source in the community."

Having the information would help the Health Department make decisions to tackle the virus and better serve the community; the data also

provide historical documentation. Even with missing data, Ours said he believes the pandemic is reaching the point of being a new normal.

"We're going to have to live with it and protect ourselves the best we can," he said.

"Where my concern is, it's with the younger children and the older adults who are not really healthy and haven't gotten boosted. We just had Memorial Day and we're coming into Fourth of July. It's summertime, but I think our numbers are going to come up come fall and winter when we go inside."

Currently, vulnerable individuals - such as those 50 years old and older and those with chronic pain or autoimmune disorders - are encouraged to get another booster shot if they haven't been vaccinated in the last four months.

Hardy's Health Department provides both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

Pfizer's vaccines are approved for children six months old and up. From 6 months old to 4 years old, children receiving Pfizer's vaccination receive three doses. Children from 5 years old through adults receive two doses of Pfizer's vaccine instead of three.

Moderna has options for children 6 months old to 5 years old; they receive a 2-dose vaccine. Those 18 years old and up also receive two doses. According to Ours, Moderna doesn't have a vaccine for 6 to 17-year-olds.

According to the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) COVID-19 immunization schedule, doses are separated by specific time periods depending on one's age and whether they are immunocompromised.

For example, children 6 months old to 4 years old taking the Pfizer vaccine will have about a 3-to-8-week wait between the first and second dose; the third dose is 8 weeks after the second. Children in the same age range taking Moderna will have around a 4-to-8-week wait between the two doses.

Generally speaking, the boosters follow about 5 months later for

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## OPINION

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



## Winning...?

The U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. They also ruled teachers can (legally) lead prayers in public school again.

A lot of the same people are cheering both of those, and can't understand why anyone wouldn't.

If life matters so much, why do people, including children, die waiting for organs when most folks are buried or cremated with all of their now-unnecessary organs intact? Most of us don't even donate blood.

Many families default to 'no' when doctors ask if they want dying loved ones to be organ donors, because they don't know otherwise. If life matters, check that box and tell your family. Become a foster family and stop fighting social assistance programs because someone might "get over." Men won't stand up just because women can no longer make their problems go away, and these (many, many more) single mothers need all the help they can get.

Leading prayer in schools could actually be fun. Imagine, every day, kids pull slips of paper from jars with religions and an associated prayer written on them. They learn a little about that religion and then say that prayer: Christian, Jewish, Islamic, Buddhist, Hindu, Pagan... Kids would learn a lot from that exercise, including how alike we all are.

Some of you just choked.

We pick and choose whose lives matter and who 'deserves' rights, much like picking and choosing which Bible verses we follow. We put people in lose-lose situations, then judge them for losing. We insist people have to be like us, then act shocked when they resist. Folks? We either all matter...or none of us do. Be careful which you choose.

Don't forget to donate blood on Thursday, July 7 at the Moorefield Church of the Brethren, and you can sign up to be an organ donor at the DMV. Contact DHHR about fostering.

## Editor:

On June 21, 2022, On Page 4A, the Grant County Press printed a shared editorial from The Intelligencer in Wheeling, W.Va. The writer felt that it was an encouraging sign for West Virginia that our current crop of representatives in Washington, D.C., was able to bring home a huge sum of federal money for desperately needed broadband expansion. The following is my attempt to reply to that opinion from a taxpayer's point of view.

The writer of the Intelligencer editorial shows no concern for the welfare of the average American citizen. How could anyone possibly believe that spending more millions and/or

billions of dollars on the bottomless money pit called high speed broadband in West Virginia is an acceptable and intelligent decision at this time?

The most important thing to West Virginians right now is survival of their families. Food, gas, clothing and all other NECESSITIES of life have already become unaffordable. Many are making ends meet with credit cards and that can't last much longer.

Statements that broadband is critical, absolutely critical, for West Virginians and anybody in America to do their jobs, complete their homework, keep up with their healthcare appointments and to compete in a

21st Century economy is political garbage and not a factual or intellectual statement.

The only part of the opinion article that I find dealing with reality is this one concerning the tricky part. "Federal dollars are one thing. Using them for their intended purpose and to the benefit of Mountain State residents is another. That task goes to the state Department of Economic Development, run by former Frontier and Citynet employee (and former West Virginia Senate President) Mitch Carmichael."

The two common denominators that have always been present in all past failures to provide broadband in spite of the millions of dollars

provided by the taxpayer are Mitch Carmichael and Frontier Communications. Both are still involved in the effort. So, don't start any celebrations yet in spite of what the Intelligencer writes.

Broadband has been a fraud, waste and abuse program condoned by the West Virginia legislature for years. This money simply adds to our children and grand children's debt. Someone has to pay the bill and money still doesn't grow on trees even though the politicians want you to think so. It's time for adults to get a conscience.

Jim Hinebaugh  
Maysville, W.Va.



## MY UNBASED OPINION

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN

Best mistake I ever made. My son James was born September 25, 1980. If I'd done everything according to plan, he'd not be here.

There was a plan. Phoebe and I had a good thing going. We'd discussed life together before we married. We'd pretty well settled on having two healthy children, if we could.

Pages on Phoebe's biological calendar were flipping. If we were going to have two, time was getting a little short. We stood up in front of the fireplace and a preacher, in Phoebe's family home and were married Wednesday, September 8th, 1976. Wednesday was planned, because it fit into production schedule for the Moorefield Examiner, her family newspaper, and allowed a fast weekend honeymoon in Virginia Beach before printing the following week's publication.

August 9th, 1977, Hannah, now Editor of this newspaper and a Major (retired) from the U.S. Army, was born. Phoebe has said that probably half the little old ladies in Moorefield

wore tips off their fingers counting months between marriage and Hannah's birth. No problem, our plan was working.

One apparently healthy child set us up to try again. Phoebe's Obstetrician/Gynecologist (OB/GYN) suggested we consider taking advantage of a procedure, relatively new at that time. Amniocentesis is a sampling of amniotic fluid for genetic markers which would give indications of presence of profound problems in development of an unborn child. The procedure was not recommended unless we agreed to consider abortion in event the fetus' condition was unalterably impaired.

We agreed. Amniocentesis was performed. Results said our second child would be a healthy addition to our family. Hilary, Valedictorian of her class and winner of twelve Varsity Letters in high school sports, was our healthy second child.

And then, along came James. He wasn't part of original planning which called for me to have a va-

sectomy following first two healthy births. As so often happens with me, I procrastinated. I didn't consult a urologist quite soon enough after Hilary's arrival, and didn't follow real stringent rules of birth control either.

I never had a serious thought of aborting third child just because it wasn't part of our original plan. OB/GYN entered the picture again with thought we might consider a second bout with amniocentesis due to Phoebe's advancing age. Those relentlessly flipping calendar pages were pushing us once more.

Test results were thumbs up, good to go. We went. Next time you see James Ogden Heishman, Attorney at Law, crossing Elm Street, Moorefield, between his office and Hardy County Court House, you'll see evidence of our good decision.

Would we have gone through with abortion, had test results indicated major problems in either pregnancy? Yes we would have. Given choice between delivering a viable healthy

child or an inalterably malformed fetus, we'd have ended the pregnancy with the profound problems. Modern science had made that choice possible and we'd decided to take advantage of test results.

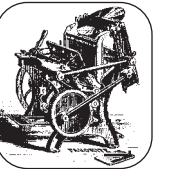
For my part, I didn't want to knowingly burden my healthy family and possibly society as a whole, with problems involving growth, care, and education of any single individual.

My father was a veterinarian. My mother was a bacteriologist. From them I learned that a lot of hard, honest thought and labor supports scientific conclusions. Those conclusions may be altered over time, but best one can do is live with best available choices when an answer is needed.

No second thoughts on my part. I have three successful, reasonably healthy children. James, the best mistake I ever made, and his wife, Jennifer, have produced next family generation, my two grandchildren, Caitlyn and Avery.

## GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES

Fifteen Years Ago  
July 4, 2007

Sen. Hillary Clinton announced plans to bring her presidential campaign to Hardy County. She would be the first presidential candidate in modern history to visit the county. Mountain Medical, Inc. was to benefit from a fund raising function, as was historic Oakland Hall.

West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle was among the areas showing greatest growth among the Bald Eagle population.

Kristen Colebank, Wardensville, won Best of Show at the WV Watercolor Society All Member Exhibit.

The Rural Development Authority and the Public Service District were ending their joint efforts as a county agency.

The state sales tax on food was reduced from 5 to 4 percent.

Roy Kuykendall, 90, Biglerville, Pa., died June 26...Evelyn Jones Lockhart, 93, Gore, Va., died June 26...Ralph Allen Hahn, 67, Covington, Va., died June 22...Eunice Hines Southerly, 80, died June 27...Clyde R. Rinard, 85, Wardensville, died June 26.

Thirty Years Ago  
July 1, 1992

Food Lion was breaking ground for its new store in South Moorefield.

Valley View Golf Course opened six new holes. The local course qualified to be a regulation 18-hole golf course.

The Department of Tax and Revenue was reviewing all industrial facilities in the state as a result of the 1990 Reappraisal Law which sought to establish fair and equitable values for all property owners statewide.

Clair McKinley Wenzel, 82, South Boston, Va., died June 20...Florence Stafford Park, 88, Abescon, N.J., died June 26.

Shawn Renee Smith and Barry Kemp Ray were married May 23. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Flinn, a son.

Forty-five Years Ago  
July 6, 1977

The Hardy County Public Library reported the best year ever with 22,657 books circulated.

Rep. Harley O. Staggers and Agriculture Commissioner Gus Douglass were to be featured at the Feed Mill dedication.

Gary K. VanMeter and Michael A. Welsh were hired in administrative positions at Hester Industries.

Larry Lane announced the opening of Larry's Garage in Wardensville.

Jesse Washington Whetzel, 89, Broadway, died June 29...Turinda Smith Dispanet, 96, Mathias, died June 28...Betty Sue High, 50, Arlington, VA, died June 26.

Elizabeth Wilks Macauley and Robert Edwin Bass, Jr. were married June 25.

Sixty Years Ago  
July 4, 1962

For the first time General Telephone and Hardy Telephone discussed combining services for county-wide toll-free telephone service.

Courtney R. Tusing was named assistant vice president and assistant trust officer of the Bank of Charles Town.

Mr. and Mrs. John Seymour purchased the South End Grill from Eddie Harrison.

The Area Redevelopment Administration granted the state \$1.4 million to construct a space-age tourist center near the Naval Research Station in Pendleton County.

John Denny Poland, 79, Kirby, died June 30...Ember Mazerva, 96, Mathias, died June 18...Hunter G. Tharp, 69, Wardensville, died June 29...Wilbur E. Southerly, 62,

Cumberland, died July 1...Harry P. Marshall, 74, Keyser, died June 26.

Mavis Garganin Larson and Roy Dasher were married Jun 1.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul High,

a daughter...to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Riggelman, a daughter...Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kesner, a son...Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Kesner, a daughter...to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Haggerty, a son.

Seventy-five Years Ago  
July 9, 1947

Plans were made for the Wardensville Lions Club Charter night. Charter members were Ervin Emswiller, C.J. Cunningham, Harry Dietz, Charles Davis, Clifton Jenkins, Walter Sager, Mansfield Jordan, Kenna McKeever, J. Allen Hawkins, W.H. Warden, R.C. Hott, Warner Orndorff, F.P. Baker, Guy Baughman, Maurice Beall, Johnny Bowers, Clarence Doyle, J.T. Frye, W.M. Frye, Mann Gay, I.T. Godlove, Ivan Harter, D.C. Heltzel, C.E. Hott, J. Brown Hott, Dr. W. J. Hurrkay, Lynn Miley, Pitt McKeever, Daniel Orndorff, John Pilgrim, Kenneth E. Hawse, S.P. Henshaw, Harold Ludwig, and John Rudy.

At one of the longest meetings in history, the Moorefield Council accepted the State Road Commission's proposal to remove 24 trees in order to pave Main Street.

The Moorefield Examiner added a 20 x 30 addition to house new commercial and job printing presses.

Ollie Wolfe Mongold, 30, died June 27...Mrs. Jasper Combs, 68, died June 30...Among deaths filed in the county were Lorenzo M. Funkhouser and Jimmy Ray Reed.

Averill Kathryn Wyatt and Cornelius J. Landes were married May 17...Tressie Elizabeth Grimsley and Gordon H. Souder were married on

June 20.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore R. Webster, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Laford Crites, a son, Gary Allen...to Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Kuykendall, a daughter...Among births filed in the county: to Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Garland Brill, a daughter, Janet Marie...to Mr. and Mrs. Guysier Ernest

Caldwell, a daughter, Nancy Etta...to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Carr, a son, Charles Victor...to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hall Combs, a son, Gary Wayne...to Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Crites, a son, Roger Dale...to Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Wellington Evans, a son, Ralph Wellington Jr...to Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey G. Helmick, a son, Dorsey Gaynor, Jr...to Mr. and Mrs. Brown McClellan Kessel, a daughter, Susan Laurene...to Mr. and Mrs. James William Kuykendall, a daughter, Oleta Hale...to Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Hopkins Maxwell, a son, William Carney...to Mr. and Mrs. Suel Vance, a daughter, Linda Lee.

Ninety Years Ago  
July 7, 1932

The Democratic Party, in convention at Chicago, had come out with a plank for the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment.

Moorefield had staged a big Fourth of July celebration, sponsored by the American Legion. There was a mammoth parade with floats and visiting drum corps, tournament riders and decorated cars. Baseball games were played followed by an old fashioned tournament. A dance ended the festivities.

The J. Natwick office had been

moved into the new modern up to date building.

The South Branch Valley National Bank had paid its usual semi-annual dividend of 5 percent.

Betty Cover of Winchester had died.

Leona Snyder and Lester Lohr had been married.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barbe, a daughter.

The baseball team from Purgitsville had been defeated by Rig 20-7.

105 Years Ago  
July 5, 1917

George H. Brill had enlisted in the U.S. Army and had been sent to

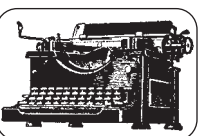
Columbus...Walter McNeer and Nelbin Runions, members of the National Guard, expected to be called into service July 25.

From a French port it was announced that American troops had landed in France and were eager for action...Ed McNeer, one of our local boys, had landed in France with the U.S. Marines.

The first sale of the 1917 wheat crop had been made in Rockingham County and brought \$2 a bushel...Chicago was predicting that potatoes would be selling "at the good old fashioned price of a dollar a bushel."

The home of S. S. Brill near Doman had been destroyed by fire with nearly all its contents.

Announcement had been made of the death of John W. Gilkeson on July 5. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Friddle, a son.



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## EXAMINER SAYS

## Give Blood

No. We don't know if the Glancing Backward last week was true or false in the 1932 item on the Legion Homecoming. Was a real baby being given away with adoption papers? Frankly, we really don't know. And unless there's someone out there who knows the story, we may never have a true rendition of what happened.

## July 7

But...we went back and read ahead

in the Examiner and found a report in the July 14, 1932 Glancing Backward. We found a baby really was given away by the Legion as a climax of the big Fourth of July celebration. The baby went to Mrs. Fred Kessel...But it was a baby pig! Think what fun the Examiner and the Legionnaires had with that story. And ninety years later we're still having fun with it.

## Brethren Church

Would you believe that the Dog Days of Summer arrived on the

Fourth of July? They end on August 11. Don't know about you, but we're not really ready for these days of hot and humid weather that are planned for, unlike those unexpected ones we had during June.

## Moorefield

We had to chuckle. In 1947, a military press release stated a "flying disc" was recovered near Roswell, New Mexico, on July 8. The story was quickly retracted by the Army. The story did not show up again until the late 1970s when a retired Lt. Col.

said he believed the debris was extraterrestrial. And so it went...one theory and then a debunking over and over again. Conspiracy theories persist and the incident continues to be of interest in the popular media. It has been described as "the world's most famous, most exhaustively investigated, and the most thoroughly debunked UFO claim." Probably the only winner in the event was the city of Roswell, New Mexico, which capitalized on the story and made money from the tourists. So now you know about the Roswell incident in 1947.



## NEWS

# July Activities at the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center

Seneca Rocks Discovery Center and the historic Sites Homestead, in cooperation with the Eastern National Forests Interpretive Association, are offering a full schedule of programs for the month of July. Everyone is welcome to join the staff for a variety of interesting and engaging free programs. All programs are subject to change or cancellation at any time.

## THURSDAYS

10 - 10:30 a.m., Storytime with a Ranger, Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. Enjoy a morning outdoors with stories and games perfect for preschool and early elementary age children.

## FRIDAYS

9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Coffee with a Ranger, Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. Plan your day and discover the forest while enjoying free coffee at the Mon Forest Towns hospitality

table. Sponsored by the Eastern National Forests Interpretive Association.

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Junior Ranger, Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. Make connections to the area's natural and cultural history with activities for the young and young at heart.

7:30 - 8:30 p.m., Evening Program, Seneca Shadows Campground Amphitheater. End your day with a family friendly program to create lasting memories. You do not need to be a guest of the Seneca Shadows Campground to attend. In case of rain, this program will be held at the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. Sponsored by the Eastern National Forests Interpretive Association in cooperation with American Land & Leisure.

July 8, 15, 22: Folklore and S'mores. Gather around the campfire for spooky stories and sweet treats.

July 29: Fire Ecology. Learn more about the critical role fire plays in the

life of our forests.

## SATURDAYS

9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Visiting Artisans, Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. Sponsored by the Eastern National Forests Interpretive Association.

9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Coffee with a Ranger, Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. Plan your day and discover the forest while enjoying free coffee at the Mon Forest Towns hospitality table. Sponsored by the Eastern National Forests Interpretive Association.

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Junior Ranger, Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. Make connections to the area's natural and cultural history with activities for the young and young at heart.

1 - 4 p.m., Pioneer Visits, Sites Homestead. July 9: Braided Rugs with Ranger Alison. July 16: Spinning Wheels with Enrika McMillon. July 23: Pemican with Ranger Sean.

July 30: Needlepoint with Ranger Inza.

2:30 - 4:30 p.m., Discover Recreation, Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. July 9: "Discover Nature Journaling." July 16, 23, 30: "Discover Plein Air Painting."

7 - 8:30 p.m., Concert and Speaker Series, Seneca Shadows Campground Amphitheater. Kick back to the sounds of local musicians or sit up and take note as subject matter experts share their knowledge. You do not need to be a guest of the Seneca Shadows campground to attend. Sponsored by the Eastern National Forests Interpretive Association in cooperation with American Land & Leisure.

July 9: the Atlatl with Ranger Sean July 16: Bill King & Doug Van Gundy, an evening of poetry.

July 23: Patrick Hoffman, rock climbing.

July 30: Live Raptors with the Avian Conservation Center of Appalachia

## SUNDAYS

9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Visiting Artisans, Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. Sponsored by the Eastern National Forests Interpretive Association.

9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Coffee with a Ranger, Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. Plan your day and discover the forest while enjoying free coffee at the Mon Forest Towns hospitality table. Sponsored by the Eastern National Forests Interpretive Association.

9:30 - 10:00 a.m., Discover Yoga, Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. Find your flow with guided movements and meditations. Mats provided.

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Junior Ranger, Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. Make connections to the area's natural and cultural history with activities for the young and young at heart.

2:30 - 4:30 p.m., Discover the Atlatl, Seneca Rocks Discovery Cen-

ter. Test your aim with this ancient weapon which predated the bow and arrow.

## MONDAYS

9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Coffee with a Ranger. Plan your day and discover the forest while enjoying free coffee at the Mon Forest Towns hospitality table. Sponsored by ENFIA.

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Junior Ranger. Make connections to the area's natural and cultural history with activities for the young and young at heart.

Seneca Rocks Discovery Center is open Thursday through Monday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Tuesday and Wednesday. Sites Homestead is open Thursday through Monday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

For more information about programs or to inquire about becoming a visiting artisan, contact Alison Bailey at (304) 567-2827 or alison.bailey@usda.gov.

## Storytelling Summer Camp starts July 18

Glenville State University is partnering with the West Virginia Storytelling Guild to present a week-long workshop entitled "Come Spin a Tale!" The workshop is open to incoming 9th-12th grade students as well as new high school graduates. It will take place Monday, July 18 - Friday, July 22 on the Glenville State University campus.

Students will attend performances by Adam Booth and Bil Lepp, and attend workshops from Booth and Lepp along with fellow legendary storytellers Karen Vuranch, Bill Hairston, Judi Tarowsky, Jamie Fromel, Mike Perry, and Kevin Cordi. Campers will be given instruction in establishing stories and developing

characters, getting and keeping an audience's attention, drawing from personal narratives, developing improvisational skills, using body language and inflection, telling tall tales, and more. Tuition for the camp is \$100 and includes meals and lodging on the Glenville State campus.

"One of the goals of the West Virginia Storytelling Guild has always been to keep storytelling in the mountains a part of our folk culture. When I was offered the chance for Glenville and the Guild to offer a week of youth storytelling, it was a dream come true," said Jo Ann Dadisman of the West Virginia Storytelling Guild. She serves as co-director of the workshop.

"I was exposed to storytelling at an early age because it goes hand-in-hand with the traditional music I've played for most of my life. Storytelling is a significant part of our culture and our oral tradition, but there's so much more to it. The techniques that storytellers use to connect with an audience can be applied to any situation in which a speaker needs to connect with a group," said Dr. David O'Dell, Glenville State University Professor of Chemistry and workshop co-director.

For more information and to complete a camp application, visit <https://go.glenville.edu/StorytellingCamp>.

## 2022 Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame includes Hardy County poultry farmer

The West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame (WVAFHF) will honor the 2022 inductees with a banquet on Saturday, July 23 at Jackson's Mill. The 2022 banquet and reception will start at 5:00 p.m. with a dinner to follow at 6:00 p.m.

"As we continue to see supply chain issues ravage our economy, its vital to invest in local agricultural systems. The people we are honoring this year have worked their entire careers promoting West Virginia agriculture," said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. "It is important we recognize the work of these great West Virginians."

Chartered in 1974, the West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame honors West Virginians who have made outstanding contributions to the establishment, development, advancement and improvement of agricultural and forest industries in West Virginia and around the world.

The 2022 inductees are:  
**William P. "Bill" Ingram** (Tyler County) - is a third-generation dairy farmer and owner of Ingram Farms in Sistersville. Known for his

agriculture wisdom, Ingram is recognized for helping youth learn and grow while providing hands-on farm experience. He was a founding member of the Tyler County 4-H Foundation, received the WV Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award and was honored as the 1975 Outstanding Soil Conservation Farmer.

**Thomas R. "Tom" McConnell** (Preston County) - received his B.S. and M.S. in agriculture from WVU. He was the WVU Extension Service Preston County Agriculture Agent for 20 years before being promoted to Extension Assistant Dean and finally as the Program Leader for the WVU Extension Service Small Farm Center. He retired in 2020 and continues to operate a large beef cattle and sheep farm in Terra Alta. He's a founding member of the Preston Farmers' Market and the Preston County Chamber of Commerce.

**Juergen A. Wildman** (Monongalia County) - was born in Munich, Germany and received his M.S. in Forestry at WVU. He began his career with the WV Division of Forestry in Kanawha, Marion and Taylor

Counties as a service forester. Over his 31-year career with the WVDF, he wrote more than 250 forest management plans for landowners. He retired in 2017 as the Landowner Assistance Specialist. He continues to do consulting forestry work. He is a two-time WVDF Employee of the Year.

**Jennifer Ours Williams** (Monongalia County) - has dedicated her entire career to being an advocate for agriculture. She joined the WVU Extension Service in 1993 as Upshur County Agriculture Extension Agent and has worked her way up through the organization to her current position as Associate Dean. She is the recipient of the Susan Dew Hoff Award and was instrumental in the creation of the WV Women in Agriculture Conference. She is the co-owner of Ours Valley View Poultry Farm in Hardy County, raising over one million birds a year.

For more information or to secure tickets, contact Jennifer Keaton at 304-558-3200, or [jkeaton@wvda.us](mailto:jkeaton@wvda.us).

## Funding for healthy food resources increased

U.S. Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) and Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.), both members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced Friday \$713,879 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI). This funding will be used to help develop food systems that support the health and economic vibrancy of five communities across West Virginia.

"West Virginians deserve access to food that is both healthy and affordable, but food deserts that develop in our rural communities often squeeze accessibility, creating major logistical challenges," Senator Capito said. "This investment from USDA will help serve as a catalyst to build food retail enterprise projects in our com-

munities, and make sure resources reach the parts of the Mountain State where they are needed most."

"Every West Virginian should have access to quality, affordable food and a roof over their head each night. Addressing food insecurity continues to be one of my top priorities, and I am pleased USDA is investing in West Virginia food organizations through its Healthy Food Financing Initiative to strengthen food supply chains, expand grocery delivery and reinforce food outreach efforts," Senator Manchin said. "I look forward to seeing the positive impacts of this funding and as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue to advocate for resources to combat food insecurity and bolster healthy, nutritious food systems

across the Mountain State."

Individual awards listed below:  
- \$184,069 - Economic Development Greater East (EDGE) Incorporated: Mountain Farm Community Grocery (Kimball, W.Va.)  
- \$180,000 - H & T Farm Market: H & T Farm Market Revitalization (Lost City, W.Va.)  
- \$154,810 - The Wild Ramp: The Wild Ramp Food Delivery Program (Huntington, W.Va.)  
- \$125,000 - H.U. Market: Historically Urban Market aka H.U. Market (Bluefield, W.Va.)  
- \$70,000 - Upscaling Retail Sales for Food Access: Upscaling Retail Sales for Food Access (Talcott, W.Va.)

## NEWS BRIEFS

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Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt and the West Virginia Department of Agriculture announced they will honor the intent of the Legislature 5% across-the-board pay increase for all state employees. The Budget, passed by the Legislature, included additional general revenue dollars to cover the pay raise but only for employees paid out of general revenue funds. The WVDA funds 60% of its full-time employees (FTE) from general revenue and the other 40% from federal or special revenue dollars.

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According to AAA June 22, the average price for regular gas in West Virginia was at \$4.842 per gallon.

The national gas price average was \$4.881 per gallon. A drop in the global price of oil helped the national average for a gallon of gas to fall for a second week. Economic fears of a potential global recession leading to less demand for oil dropped the price to around \$107 per barrel, down from \$110 last week. Across the state Parkersburg was high at \$4.948 and Beckley was low at \$4.799. Hardy County's gas average was \$4.899. Area prices were Hardy at \$4.815. Hampshire at \$4.836. Mineral at \$4.804. Grant at \$4.818, and Pendleton at \$4.979. Reporting stations in Hardy County (all for regular gas): Moorefield Sheetz was at \$4.78, Exxon was at \$4.90. BP at Moorefield was \$4.80 and at Baker \$4.90. Pure at Mathias was \$4.80. Kerr's Shell at Wardensville was \$4.80 and Sunoco at Old Fields was \$4.78.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### PVC Board Meeting

The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting will be Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be at the Farm Credit building, 550 South Main Street, Moorefield, WV. Additional information is on the District webpage: [www.wvca.us/district/pvcd](http://www.wvca.us/district/pvcd). cfm or by contacting the office at 304-822-5174. The agenda will be available three days before the meeting. A copy may be obtained on the webpage or by contacting the office at 500 East Main St., Suite F, Romney, WV. The public is invited.

### PVTA Survey

Potomac Valley Transit Authority (PVTA) is working with WVDOT on a public transit service study. PVTA is sponsoring a public input survey, and we need to hear from you! Potomac Highlands residents are encouraged to go online and take our survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PVTA>. The survey is short and asks how you get from

place to place, and what you have observed about the transportation needs of the community.

For those who prefer a paper survey, call RLS & Associates at (937) 299-5007 to request a survey. They will mail you a paper survey with a stamped return address envelope.

Completing the survey helps the PVTA better understand transportation needs in the region.

*Doug Pixler, Gen Manager, PVTA*

### CERT Meeting

Hardy County CERT will meet July 7, 6:30 p.m. at the 911 Conference Room. The public is welcome.

### Emergency Planning

The quarterly meeting of the Hardy County LEPC will be held on July 11, 2022 at the Baker Building 17940 State Road 55, Baker, WV. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. A copy of the Agenda may be obtained from the Office of Emergency Management.

### Annual Meeting

On Monday, July 11, at 4 p.m., the Friends of the Library, Hardy County will hold its annual meeting of the membership for the purpose of electing officers and transacting business that may come before the membership. The meeting is open to the public and will be held at the Hardy County Public Library.

### MMS Registration

Moorefield Middle School will hold new student registration Wednesday, July 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. New students entering grades 6 through 8 must register July 13. Students promoted to 6th grade from Moorefield Intermediate School need not register. Items needed are: STATE CERTIFIED birth certificate, social security card, immunization records, and previous school information such as phone number and address. If parental custody is questioned legal documentation may be required. Any questions, please call 304-434-3000.

### PHBA Meeting

The Potomac Highlands Beekeepers Association (PHBA) meets Thursday, July 14 at 7 p.m. at the Bank of Romney Community Center, 165 E Main Street, Romney, WV (across the street from Sheetz in Romney). All meetings are open to the public; no prior experience in beekeeping is required. If you are interested in learning about beekeeping, are a beginner or are an experienced beekeeper, this is a forum where you will be able to learn and exchange beekeeping information. We hope you will join us! This is our last meeting at this location: The bank needs this space for meetings starting in September. We will announce the location of our September meeting when we have found one. We do not meet in August because that's our club picnic!

### WVAG July Visit

Richard Dennis, a W.Va. Attorney General representative, will meet Hardy County residents on July 20

to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions. He will be at the Hardy County Committee on Aging, 409 Spring Avenue, Moorefield from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### Music In The Park

Free, family-friendly concert at Baker Park, Friday, Aug. 5 from 6-8:30 p.m. Pack a picnic, bring a lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy the music of Davis Bradley from Linden, Va. As a duo they highlight a variety of local musical traditions. Their song selections are drawn from gospel, bluegrass, folk, old time, blues, and original compositions. All Hardy County Health Department guidelines will be followed. Bad weather location: EHHS Auditorium. For more information, Lost River Projects is on Facebook and Instagram.

### 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

The Hardy County Health Department will give free COVID vaccinations and booster shots. Call to schedule your appointments: 304-530-6355.

### Dead Animals

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

### Spay and Neuter

Get the cat or dog spayed or neutered! Spay Today, (Main Office: Charles Town) is our area's non-profit, reduced-fee spay and neuter program. Many participating vets over a wide area! Gift certificates can be bought and used later. Spay Today: 304-728-8330 or <https://spay-today.org>



## SCHOOL

# MHS Class of 1987 Reunion Books on demand at MES



The MHS Class of 1987 held a 35th Class Reunion on the patio at Mullen's Restaurant Saturday, June 4, 2022. Front Row – Lori Harper Merrill, Susie Simmons Dolly, Carrie Stonestreet Dolan, Kristi Onanian Smith, Candy Loftan Lambert, Tammy Troy-Hottinger, Dana Smith Timbrook, Rodney Malcolm; Back Row – Steve Rexroad, Gary Champ, Craig Sherman, Tony Dolan, Scott Fisher, Sherry Mongold Parker, Todd Vance, Connie Sindy Sherman



Students who attended summer school at Moorefield Elementary School received a book from the new Book Vending machine. This book vending machine will be available to MES students throughout the school year. Students will earn "book coins" for academic achievements. Students will also be rewarded for acts of kindness, politeness, generosity, compassion, and creativity.

## WVU Potomac State College awards Weatherholt, Peralta-Sanchez

West Virginia University Potomac State College held its 82nd Recognition Day Awards ceremony this spring during which students from Hardy County were recognized and presented with various accolades.

Matthew Weatherholt, a civil engineering major from Fisher, was a

recipient of the Gary Seldomridge Mathematics award. This award is named after former Professor Gary Seldomridge, PhD, who retired from the College after serving 41 years in higher education. Professor Richard Peterson presented the award (not pictured).

Scarlett Peralta-Sanchez (right), majoring in child development and family studies, is from Moorefield and was presented with the Child Development and Family Services award. The award was presented by Professor Ruth Upton.



Scarlett Peralta-Sanchez (right), a child development and family studies major from Moorefield, with Professor Ruth Upton. (left)



Matthew Weatherholt, a civil engineering major from Fisher.

## Opportunities open for WVU fans to join Country Roads Trust family for WVU's student athletes

Country Roads Trust, the Name, Image and Likeness leader for West Virginia University student-athletes, is pleased to announce priceless opportunities for Mountaineer fans to help strengthen WVU's athletic future as well as land merchandise and gain access to many of the school's standout student-athletes.

"We've been working on ways every Mountaineer fan can participate in Country Roads Trust and support our student-athletes," said co-found-

er Oliver Luck. "This accomplishes the goal. We've established giving levels – and benefits for our supporters – from under \$20 a month all the way to \$1,000 and above. It's an exciting time for West Virginia University athletics."

Mountaineer fans signing up for memberships – which will be billed monthly – will receive benefits according to their level of giving.

The featured plan, for instance, is Country Roads+ at \$45 a month.

Mountaineer fans joining the family that way will receive a Country Roads Trust lanyard, supporter decal, weekly newsletter, access to student-athlete bios, access to the members-only private marketplace, an annual player-signed item, access to Country Roads Trust+ content, an entry to receive a monthly signed item and the ability to purchase personalized videos and virtual meet and greets.

For a complete rundown of giving levels and benefits, visit <https://join.countryroadstrust.com>.

Giving levels start at \$18.67 (the year WVU was established) and move up to \$45 for the Country Roads+ level, \$100 for the Blue level, \$250 for the Gold level, \$500 for the Trust level and \$1,000 and above for the Founder level. The latter includes an annual merchandise bundle; invitations to hospitality tailgates for select football, men's basketball and baseball games; access to four free virtual meet and greets, etc.

Those wishing to learn more about Country Roads Trust may visit the website at <https://countryroadstrust.com>.

## Grant, Hardy and Tucker County Students Win Big in BRITE Challenge STEM Competition Schools Use STEM Equipment to Inspire Tomorrow's Leaders

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College, in partnership with the National Youth Science Center, awarded over \$13,000 to middle and high school students at the first annual BRITE Challenge.

Held on May 6 at the National Youth Science Center in Davis, the challenge showcased 19 teams' Business Startup Ideas or STEM Innovations inspired by state-of-the-art equipment donated to classrooms as part of Eastern's Makerspace Project, which was implemented in the 2021-2022 school year.

More than 60 students in fifth through 12th grades presented their innovative ideas to a panel of five experienced entrepreneurs and educators. An overall grand prize was awarded for each category, along with first-, second- and third-place winners across four different age groups.

The grand prize in the STEM Innovation category was awarded to Hannah Hamric, Mackenzie Kitzmiller and Jacob Jones from Petersburg High School, who proposed to create smart devices to assist blind people in navigating to their desired destination.

In the Business Startup Idea category, William Wojtowicz, from Moorefield High School, received the grand prize for a proposed gaming company called Infinite Gaming. The mission of the gaming company is to build and sell high-end custom gaming computers at an affordable price.

"I really enjoyed observing the enthusiasm, potential and talent of the next generation" stated Victoria Weeks, former science media producer and filmmaker for NASA who sat on the judicial panel alongside retired Delta Force Colonel and mayor of Davis, Alan Tomson.

"It was a privilege to do the judging," Tomson said. "I continue to be impressed by today's youth."

The MakerSpace project has donated equipment such as 3D printers, CNC routers, drones, coding robots and renewable energy demonstration kits to schools in the Potomac Highlands region over the last year. After being trained to use the equipment by Maker Fellow Maya Paul, teachers worked with their students to generate innovative and entrepreneurial ideas using the latest technologies made available to them in the BRITE Challenge.

"My students loved being part of



BRITE Challenge STEM Grand Prize Winner William Wojtowicz with Infinite Gaming

the competition," stated Linda Carlson, science teacher at Petersburg High School. "I really appreciate the opportunities the MakerSpace project brought them and me as their teacher."

The MakerSpace project is supported with funding from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.

"We are very appreciative of the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, which has allowed us to provide support to empower educators with hands-on technologies in the classroom to advance student learning, inspire creativity, and engage in the possibility for these students to become future entrepreneurs," said Megan Webb, Eastern's Dean of Advancement and Continuing Education. "We've really made a positive

impact on students by encouraging them to develop innovations to solve problems and launch their educational pathway and future career."

In addition to providing equipment to schools in the Potomac Highlands, 3D printers have been donated to public libraries in Grant, Hardy, Hampshire, Mineral, Pendleton, and Tucker counties.

"MakerSpace helps provide the bridge on applying academic knowledge to solving real-world problems," said Robert Burns, Director of Non-Profits at Eastern. "By having these programs in our school systems, we are creating the future workforce and leaders that will create the communities in which we will live and thrive."

## Jeremiah Hines of Moorefield Graduates From Shenandoah University in Winchester, Va.

Jeremiah Hines, of Moorefield, was among the 1,204 students who graduated from Shenandoah University during the 2021-22 academic year.

Hines earned a Bachelor of Music in Performance.

Shenandoah had 236 August 2021 graduates, 332 December 2021 graduates and 636 May 2022 graduates. Shenandoah's 2022 commencement

ceremony took place on May 21 in the James R. Wilkins, Jr. Athletics and Events Center.

Shenandoah University was established in 1875, and is headquartered in Winchester, Virginia, with additional educational sites in Clarke, Fairfax and Loudoun counties. Shenandoah is a private, nationally recognized university that blends professional career experi-

ences with liberal education. With approximately 4,000 students in more than 200 areas of study in six different schools, Shenandoah promotes a close-knit community rich in creative energy and intellectual challenge. Shenandoah students collaborate with accomplished professors who provide focused, individual attention, all the while leading several programs to be highly nationally

ranked. Through innovative partnerships and programs at both the local and global level, there are exceptional opportunities for students to learn in and out of the classroom. Shenandoah empowers its students to improve the human condition and to be principled professionals and leaders wherever they go. For more information, visit [su.edu](http://su.edu).

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## AT THE LIBRARY

### New Fiction

*"Cold, Cold Bones"* (Temperance Brennan; 21) by Kathy Reichs (Reg. Print, Audiobook) – When forensic anthropologist Temperance Brennan receives a box containing a human eyeball, she uncovers a series of gruesome killings eerily reenacting the most shocking of her prior cases.

*"The Hidden One"* (Kate Burkholder; 14) by Linda Castillo (Reg. Print, Audiobook) – Over a decade ago, beloved Amish bishop Ananias Stoltzfus disappeared without a trace. When skeletal remains showing evidence of foul play are unearthed and revealed to be the bishop's, his disappearance becomes even more sinister. Unhappy with the local investigation, Amish elders arrive in Painters Mill and ask chief of police Kate Burkholder for help.

*"Listen to Me"* (Rizzoli and Isles; 13) by Tess Gerritsen (Reg. Print, Audiobook) – Jane and Maura find themselves investigating what seems

to be the completely senseless brutal murder of a universally liked widow and nurse bludgeoned to death in her own home. When a connection is made between her and the victim of a hit-and-run from months earlier, the case only grows more confusing.

*"The Old Woman with the Knife"* by Gu Byeong-mo (Lg. Print) – At 65 and nearing the end of her career, an aging assassin has just slipped up. An injury leads her to an unexpected connection with a doctor and his family. But for an assassin, emotions are a dangerous proposition. As the world closes in, this final chapter in her career may also mark her own bloody end.

*"Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow"* by Gabrielle Zevin – Two childhood friends, Sam, raised by an actress mother in LA's Koreatown, and Sadie, from the wealthy Jewish enclave of Beverly Hills, reunite as adults to create video games, finding an intimacy in digital worlds that eludes them in their real lives.

*"Outside"* by Ragnar Jonasson – When a deadly snowstorm strikes the Icelandic highlands, four friends seek shelter in a small, abandoned hunting lodge. It is in the middle of nowhere and there's no way of communicating with the outside world. As the night darkens, and fears intensify, an old tragedy gradually surfaces — one that forever changed the course of their friendship. Those dark memories could hold the key to the mystery the friends now find themselves in.

### New YA Fiction

*"A Mirror Mended"* (Fractured Fables; 2) by Alix E. Harrow – Just when Zinnia Gray — professional fairy-tale fixer and lapsed Sleeping Beauty — is beginning to think she can't handle one more princess, she glances into a mirror and sees another face looking back at her: the shockingly gorgeous face of evil, asking for her help. Snow White's Evil Queen has found out how her

story ends and she's desperate for a better ending. She wants Zinnia to help before it's too late for everyone.

*"This Vicious Grace"* (Last Fingert; 1) by Emily Thiede – When 18-year-old Alessa's power to slay demons mysteriously disappears, she hires Dante, a cynical outcast marked as a killer, to become her bodyguard, and soon discovers he is either the one person who can help her master her gift or the one who destroys her.

*"Beasts of Prey"* by Ayana Gray – Sixteen-year-old indentured beast-keeper Koffi and 17-year-old warrior candidate Ekon forge an unusual alliance and venture into the Greater Jungle to hunt down a monster that has been menacing their city for a century.

### New JR Fiction

*"The Shelterlings"* by Sarah Beth Durst – A group of magical misfit animals learns to appreciate their seemingly useless powers — and themselves — when they work together

to thwart a villain's attempt to steal their magic.

*"Nura and the Immortal Palace"* by M. T. Khan – Searching for her buried friend after the mines collapse, 12-year-old Pakistani mica miner Nura finds herself at the Siji Palace, a luxury hotel for the dangerous and deceitful jinn, where she must discover the truth beneath the glitter or be trapped forever.

*"Chester Keene Cracks the Code"* by Kekla Magoon – Eleven-year-old Chester and his classmate Skye, tasked with a complex puzzle-solving mission, discover the key to their spy assignment is to stop a heist, but cracking the code could mean finding out things are not always what they seem.

*"The Fort"* by Gordon Korman – Five middle schoolers find a fully stocked bomb shelter constructed decades ago in the local woods by an eccentric tycoon and lost until a hurricane exposes the entrance. So, how to keep the hideout secret from

interfering grown-ups — and, more particularly, from scary teen psychopath, Jaeger Devlin.

*"The Islanders"* (Islanders; 1) by Mary Alice Monroe – Spending the summer with his grandmother on South Carolina's Dewees Island, 11-year-old Jake finds two friends who are also struggling with family issues and together they try to save a sea turtle nest from predators.

### New Easy Readers

*"Most Perfect You"* by Jazmyn Simon – A little girl learns to love each part of herself, from her spectacular hair to her big heart.

*"One Turtle's Last Straw: The Real-Life Rescue That Sparked a Sea Change"* by Elixia Boxer – The true story of how one small turtle and kids all over the country sparked an environmental movement.

*"The Blur"* by Minh Le – Meet a child with superhero-like abilities... and the parents who are racing to keep up with her.

## Two months of waiting, and finally a Supreme Court ruling

By The Associated Press

And so the interminable wait after the leak of the decision overturning Roe v. Wade has come to an end — nearly two months in which abortion and all of its complexities have been have been hashed and reshaped, while the U.S. Supreme Court was silent.

Throughout, much of the focus was on who would suffer the most if abortion was widely illegal. One answer was minority women in states where the procedure was imperiled; they were more likely to have abortions than were white women.

Another was those in need of other care — women who miscarry, couples seeking fertility treatments and access to some forms of contraception, and might be collateral damage of abortion bans.

Women were already traveling long distances in Texas to undergo abortions, a foretaste of what might

be expected in a post-Roe world; the result could be that women will wait longer to have abortions than they would otherwise.

And what of the children that will be born and not aborted? Many of the states with the toughest abortion laws are also some of the hardest places to have and raise a healthy child, especially for the poor, offering the least support to parents.

But in the course of this interlude, the focus was not just on the women or the children. There were fears expressed by some that other rights — birth control and same-sex marriage, among them — might be imperiled by Roe's demise (and in the end, Justice Clarence Thomas suggested just that). Advocates pressed to secure those rights.

In a time of polarization, few issues were more polarizing. Even among religious groups that held strong stands on abortion, there was fragmentation; anti-abortion Catho-

lics were not monolithic in their support for overturning Roe, and there were devout Christians working in abortion clinics, even as others demonstrated against them outside.

As the weeks ticked by without a Supreme Court ruling, operators of abortion clinics planned for a future they had long feared — a time when the service they provided would be illegal.

Meanwhile, the pro-rights resistance prepared to take on a larger role, unsure of whether it could handle the increased demand of pregnant women who needed to cross state lines to get a legal abortion. Women began to reconsider leaving digital trails about their reproductive and other health care. On the other side, activists who had fought against abortion for decades could only hope that their prayers were finally being answered.

And when they were, there were tears.

## Manchin: Commission on veterans facilities to be dismantled

By John Raby

Associated Press

A group of U.S. senators has agreed to effectively dismantle a commission tasked by the Department of Veterans Affairs to carry out closures, downsizing and other significant medical facility changes nationwide, Sen. Joe Manchin said Monday.

The West Virginia Democrat, a member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, said there is bipartisan support to avoid filling vacancies on the VA's Assets and Infrastructure Review Commission and to end the commission in the next National Defense Authorization Act.

The commission had recommended the closures or downsizing of several older facilities, a proposal that Manchin worried would significantly alter services provided to rural veterans across the country. But other groups had welcomed the commission's work, saying it was necessary to modernize and improve the VA's health offerings.

Manchin said in a statement that without the Senate's approval of the AIR Commission and its nominees, no commission will be established and the process as outlined by the 2018 VA Mission Act "will not move forward." The act required Veterans Affairs to make recommendations for its medical facilities and health care delivery, either through facility expansions, relocations, closures or changes in services.

The recommendations would put veterans "in both rural and urban areas at a disadvantage, which is why we are announcing that this process does not have our support and will not move forward," the statement said. "The Commission is not necessary for our continued push to invest in VA health infrastructure, and together we remain dedicated to providing the Department with the resources and tools it needs to continue delivering quality care and earned services to Veterans in 21st century facilities — now and into the future."

Joining Manchin in the letter were Democratic Sens. Jon Tester of Montana, Martin Heinrich and Ben

Ray Lujan of New Mexico, Maggie Hassan of New Hampshire, Sherrod Brown of Ohio and Patty Murray of Washington, and Republicans Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia, Mike Rounds and John Thune of South Dakota, Rob Portman of Ohio and Steve Daines of Montana.

The group Concerned Veterans for America said the senators' decision will only harm veterans.

"To say this is disappointing is an understatement," group senior adviser Darin Selnick said in a statement. "Simply put, this decision is short-sighted and will hurt veterans by keeping them trapped in a broken and outdated system not built to address their needs. The AIR commission was the best chance to modernize the VA health care system to meet the needs of the veterans it serves."

The VA released preliminary recommendations in March, prompting a bipartisan group of senators led by Manchin to initially ask President Joe Biden to be sure that rural perspectives were considered by the AIR Commission.

## Manchin supports, Senate passes bill to extend summer meal program flexibilities for W.Va. kids

The U.S. Senate unanimously passed the bipartisan Keep Kids Fed Act, which U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) supported, and was signed into law by President Biden. The Keep Kids Fed Act extends school nutrition waivers, increases reimbursements, and other critical actions to ensure children do not go hungry.

"No child should ever go to bed hungry, and it is one of my top priorities to ensure every child in West Virginia and across the country has a meal to eat and a warm place to sleep every night," Senator Manchin said.

"I'm proud to support this crucial legislation to address the needs of our children and will continue working to address food insecurity across the Mountain State."

The Keep Kids Fed Act will:

- Extend flexibilities for summer meals in 2022. This makes it easier to feed all students during the summer months, particularly those in rural areas, through flexible options like meal delivery and grab-and-go.

- Extend school meal program administrative and paperwork flexibilities through the 2022-2023 school year. This will help schools stream-

line their meal operations and continue operating despite supply chain disruptions.

- Increase the reimbursement rate for school lunch and school breakfast to help offset the increased cost of food and operating expenses for schools. Schools will receive an additional 40 cents more for each lunch and 15 cents more for each breakfast served.

- Help daycares and home providers in the Child and Adult Care Food Program offset rising costs by providing 10 more cents per meal and streamlining reimbursement rates.

## Trex Company and NW Works make it easy to be green with new 24/7 plastic film drop-off location

### Recycling Hub Now Open at Convenient Winchester Location

Two local organizations have teamed up to make recycling household plastic waste easier and more meaningful for residents of Frederick County and the surrounding communities. Trex Company, the world's largest manufacturer of high-performance, wood-alternative decking and railing together with local nonprofit NW Works Inc. have opened a new public recycling collection point conveniently located at the NW Works' campus in Trex's hometown of Winchester, Virginia.

The new collection location is part of the company's NexTrex® program, a nationwide material sourcing initiative for the composite decking leader, which manufactures its world-famous decking from mostly reclaimed content including a mix of industrial wood scrap and recycled polyethylene plastic.

One of the largest recyclers of plastic film in North America, Trex upcycles nearly 400 million pounds of discarded plastic annually, nearly all of which comes from post-consumer sources, such as shopping bags, newspaper sleeves, bubble wrap and package liners along with product overwrap, shrink wrap and stretch film used to palletize boxes. The company partners with more than 32,000 grocery stores and major retailers across the country, along with thousands of schools and community groups to provide opportunities for the general public to responsibly dispose of plastic waste and keep it from ending up in landfills.

"Recycling is a community effort, and we feel very fortunate to have the support of NW Works to help make it as easy and accessible as possible for the eco-minded residents in our area," said Stephanie Hicks, materials sourcing manager for Trex Company. "The new collection location at NW Works not only offers a convenient location but affords 24-hour access so people can recycle any time of day that works best for them. It increases access to recycling outside of retail business hours, filling a gap that some in-store drop-off locations are unable to meet due to store hours or collection bin capacity constraints."

Community members are encouraged to drop off clean, stretchy household plastics for recycling at the new NexTrex collection hub situated at the rear of the NW Works property. It is accessible from the south end of Battaile Drive near the intersection with Shawnee Drive at the end closest to Valley Avenue. (NOTE: The drop-off location is not accessible from NW Works' front entrance.) Signs posted along the roadside direct drivers to the enclosed building, which is clearly marked with Trex branding and signage that indicates what types of plastic film are accepted as recyclable by Trex. The interior houses large collection bins open to the public 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

"NW Works Inc. is thrilled to partner with Trex on yet another fantastic project," said Debera Taylor, CEO of NW Works. "This drop-off location will not only benefit Winchester

residents, but our planet as a whole, as fewer plastics are sent to landfills. As a nonprofit dedicated to building a better future for adults with disabilities and those with barriers to employment, that means doing our part environmentally to ensure there is a healthy planet for those we serve."

An added incentive for community members to seek out this particular drop-off location is its positive impact on NW Works. As part of the partnership arrangement, Trex will compensate the organization for the bulk plastic film collected at the new drop site making it a source of additional funding for its programs and clients.

Through the years, Trex and NW Works have formed a strong and mutually beneficial relationship. Trex has enlisted the help of NW Works' clients for projects including building items such as birdhouses, planter boxes, picture frames and windchimes made from Trex materials to use as prizes for the annual Trex Plastic Film Recycling Challenge. Trex also employs NW Works' clients at its nearby railing warehouse, where they help to assemble boxes for shipping Trex products and accessories to the company's global network of distributors, dealers and retail customers.

The new NexTrex recycling hub at NW Works is now open to the public. To learn more about NW Works, visit [NWWorks.com](http://NWWorks.com). For more information about Trex, visit [Trex.com](http://Trex.com).

## Grant Memorial Hospital's new cancer center brings services closer to home

By Milda M. Mullins

Moorefield Examiner

Grant Memorial Hospital's new cancer center brings needed services much closer to Hardy County.

The upgrade was praised by Committee on Aging Executive Director Phylis Helmick, who noted the cancer center's presence makes it local for Hardy citizens, including seniors, improving accessibility to cancer treatment.

Cancer center representatives spoke to seniors at Hardy County's senior center in Moorefield earlier in June and discussed a variety of services offered at the center including chemotherapy, immunotherapy,

monoclonal antibodies and other targeted therapies.

The center also provides a host of infusion therapies as well as other medical services like biopsies and port management.

Additionally, a host of social services for illness-related, social and emotional concerns are available within Grant Memorial Hospital's cancer center network.

"Anyone who has ever had cancer, cancer affects you from the time of diagnosis for the rest of your life through physical effects and emotional effects," said Grant Memorial Hospital Oncology Nurse Navigator Rebekah Swick during her presentation to Hardy seniors.

"Having this locally, it gives peo-

ple an option to drive 15 minutes instead of an hour and a half — anywhere you go, you'd have to go at least an hour and a half. This is a way to limit that; it's nice... to not have to drive as far."

Swick explained that the closer location really helps patients struggling with traveling due to their conditions and treatment intensity. Having cancer and enduring treatments is physically and emotionally challenging. Swick said providing services locally could help many patients.

The Cancer and Infusion Center's hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call the center at 304-257-1026 ext. 2121 and visit [www.grantmemorial.com](http://www.grantmemorial.com).

## Attorney General: avoiding scam calls

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey offered advice to consumers following multiple recent reports of scammers using robocalls to target West Virginians.

Scammers often use legitimate phone numbers to make incessant robocalls that swindle consumers out of their hard-earned money.

"Consumers need to keep their guard up and stay alert if they receive a suspicious call," Attorney General Morrisey said. "Remember, don't panic, and don't give away any personal information. Our office remains committed to making progress in combating unlawful robocalls, and we will continue to fight these illegal and obnoxious scam calls."

If consumers receive a scam call, they should:

- Hang up.** Ending the conversation is the quickest way to stop a scam.

- Verify the call.** If the caller claims to represent a particular government agency, hang up and call the main number for the legitimate agency to see if that agency was trying to reach you.

- Don't trust your caller ID.** Scammers have been known to falsify or "spoof" calls to make them appear to come from a legitimate source.

- Don't give in to the scammer.** Scammers are hoping consumers will panic and surrender the information or money they are asking for out of fear.

- Report the scam.** Consumers are urged to never share personally identifiable, financial and otherwise sensitive information without verifying the legitimacy of the recipient. The same goes for never agreeing to send cash, wire money or provide numbers associated with a credit/debit card or bank account.

Anyone with questions or who believes they may have been a victim of a scam should contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 800-368-8808, the Eastern Panhandle Consumer Protection Office in Martinsburg at 304-267-0239 or visit the office online at [www.wvago.gov](http://www.wvago.gov).



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**Donald "Donnie" Lee Sager**



Donald "Donnie" Lee Sager, 75, of Lost River, passed away on Monday, June 27, 2022 at his residence under the care of Grant Memorial Hospice.

Born March 16, 1947 in Lost River, he was the son of the late Joseph Sager and Bonnie Shoemaker Sager.

Donnie loved being outdoors, whether it was cutting timber, hunting, fishing, or just enjoying God's creation. He was a sawmill man most of his life. After retiring from the timber business, he worked for the W.Va. Department of Highways for 20 years. He enjoyed tinkering in his garage and helping those in need of mechanical repairs. He and his wife

belonged to and attended Ivanhoe Presbyterian Church.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Dwayne Lee Sager; a brother, Joe Sager, Jr.; and a sister, Joan Strosnider.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Karen A. (Miller) Sager; children Angie Miller (David) of Lost River, Tina Sager (Brandi) of Morgantown, Heather Sager (Patrick) of Lost River, and Penny Herald of Edinburg, Va.; grandchildren Hunter Miller, Brooke Miller, Emmerie Hines, Brittney Irvin and Jesse Herald; brothers James "Jimmy" Sager of Lost River and William "Billy" Sager of Mathias; and one sister,

Shirley Barb of Mathias.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 30, 2022 at McKee Funeral Home in Baker with Pastor Joel Thornton and Pastor Roger Sager officiating. Interment was in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Lost City.

The family received friends Wednesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Grant Memorial Hospice, 100 Hospital Dr., Suite 2, Petersburg, WV 26847 or to Ivanhoe Presbyterian Church, PO Box 84, Lost City, WV 26810.

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

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

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

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

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

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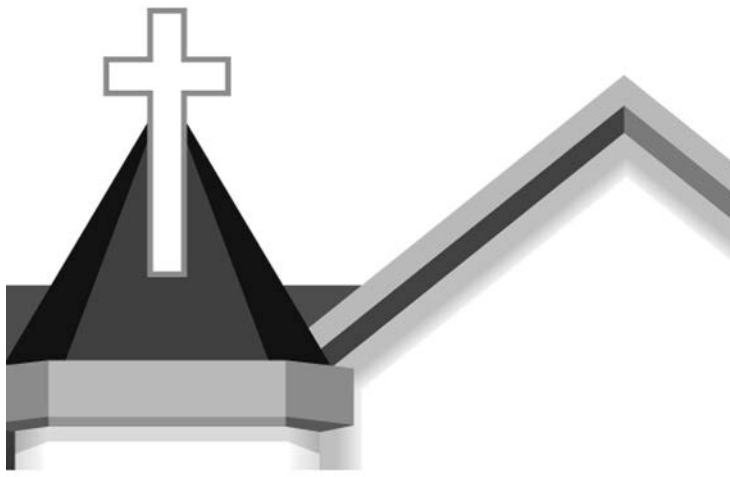
**HCCOA NEEDS**

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

**GRAB AND GO MEALS**

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



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**New Manufacturing Facility**

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Bonnie Rogers, Executive Director of the Hardy County Chamber of Commerce, also welcomed the new company.

"The HCCC welcomes Papier-Mettler to Hardy County. This German based facility will be the first production plant built in the U.S. and will offer 100 jobs. We are break-

ing through to all the goodness that is in W.Va. and Hardy County. We look forward to working with the company as they begin the opening process," Rogers said.

Among the factors attracting Papier-Mettler to Moorefield was its proximity to the port facilities in Baltimore, according to the press

release. "Its planned infrastructure makes Moorefield a strategic, sustainable location. In coming months, further steps and strategies will be determined to move the project forward," it promised.

"In addition to paper and plastic packaging, Papier-Mettler offers other sustainable packaging solutions,

including those made from recycled or renewable raw materials. When it comes to sustainable packaging alternatives, Papier-Mettler has been a pioneer in the industry for years," said the press release, touting the company's products and reputation.

**COVID-19 Update**

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non-immunocompromised people. For those who are immunocompromised, initial doses are closer to 3 weeks apart with boosters about four months later.

Ours said there's a chance of a vaccine specifically targeting the Omicron variant, but said, "we'll have to see where that's at in the Fall," noting there's not much information, yet. He hopes for a vaccine

combining with the flu shot, though there's no sign of that, now.

Ours said he never expected to manage pandemic response for 30 months, but he's proud of his team and of health departments around the state for their handling of the pandemic.

"Local health departments have really stepped up. We have been badgered for several years about not

being consistent and a lot of people don't know what we do. Some legislators don't even know what we do. They got a better idea once the pandemic hit because we took it and owned it and we did a damn good job with that," said Ours.

"I'm very proud of this group of people here and our community partners. We stepped up and got it done."

The public can still get COV-

ID-19 vaccines by appointment at the Hardy County Health Department, located at 411 Spring Avenue in Moorefield. Their phone number is 304-530-6355. There's more information online at the "Hardy County Health Department" Facebook page and their webpage: www.hardycountyhealthydepartment.com.

**The Grant County Bank Announces Appointment of Dr. Cheryl Bennett to Board of Directors**

Grant County Bank announced that Dr. Cheryl Bennett has been appointed to the Grant County Bank Board of Directors, effective April 14, 2022.

Dr. Bennett is the owner of The Spectacle Family Eye Care in Petersburg, which opened in 2017. She also serves patients through offices

in Walmart locations in Buckhannon and Flatwoods. In October of 2021 she opened The Grove Café & Bakery in Petersburg. Dr. Bennett is a native of Tucker County, where she grew up on a dairy farm. She currently still resides in Tucker County.

Dr. Bennett did her undergraduate studies at W.Va. Tech and gradu-

ated from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in 2000. Dr. Bennett has been a Board-Certified Optometrist since 2000. In 2021, she won the Walmart Optometrist Excellence in Patient Care Award for the 4-state area of W.Va., Md., Pa. and Va.

George Ford, Grant County Bank President & CEO, said, "We are

extremely pleased Dr. Bennett has agreed to join our board. We believe her knowledge and entrepreneurial spirit will be invaluable in assisting us with our efforts to better serve both consumers and small business clients."

**PCB Announces the Officer Promotions of Joseph Vetter, Kendall Beverage, Karen Ewing, and Jason Blosser**

PCB encourages team member success through personal and professional development and is excited to announce the officer title promotions of Joseph Vetter, Kendall Beverage, and Karen Ewing to Vice President and Jason Blosser to Assistant Vice President.

Joseph Vetter, Vice President, Business Development Officer

Joseph Vetter joined PCB in 2011 as a seasonal teller during his time in college. Based in Moorefield, he currently serves the northern West Virginia market as a Business Development Officer. Joseph is an active member of the community and serves on the Board of Directors for Valley View Golf Course and the Hardy County Community Foundation. He also volunteers as a business partner for the Moorefield High School Partners in Education program and is an assistant coach for his daughter's Coach Pitch team. Outside the office, Joseph enjoys the outdoors with his wife and two daughters - coaching baseball, playing golf, and kayaking.

Kendall Beverage, Vice President, Business Development Officer

Kendall Beverage has served PCB since 2014 as a Business Development Officer. He is based in the Marlinton office and helps meet the lending needs of customers in the southern West Virginia market. Kendall enjoys being active in the community and serves on various boards, clubs, and committees which includes but is not limited to: Rotary Club, Lions Club, Marlinton Masonic Lodge, the Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation, Pocahontas County Fire Board, Family Resource Network, Republic Executive committee, and the Pocahontas County CEFP. In his free time, Kendall enjoys attending community events, spending time with family, hunting, fishing, and being outdoors.

Karen Ewing, Vice President, Market Leader

Karen Ewing joined PCB in June of 2021 bringing 27 years of well-rounded banking experience. She serves as Market Leader in the Ra-

leigh and Fayette County area and drives business development in the southern West Virginia market. Karen enjoys giving back to the community through volunteerism and is an active member in the Beckley Rotary Club, Treasurer of the United Way of Southern West Virginia, and Vice Chair of the Beckley Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce. In her free time, Karen enjoys traveling with her family, particularly visiting US National Parks. She is an avid fan of Marshall University, where her son attends college, and loves attending sporting events.

Jason Blosser, Assistant Vice President, Dealer Finance Manager

Jason Blosser joined PCB in June of 2021 as Dealer Finance Manager overseeing the bank's auto lending portfolio in both West Virginia and Virginia. He began his career in community banking in 2006 and has been in the auto finance industry since 2000. Jason is involved in the community and enjoys attending events in his hometown of Luray, Virginia.

He also serves on the Board of Directors for Shen Paco. Outside the office, Jason spends most of his time with his wife, Kim, and three dogs as well as close friends and family.

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**Honor Roll:**

- 9th Grade:**  
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 Loral Berrenger  
 Amelia Caldwell  
 Jessica Dove  
 Addison Dutton  
 Kelly Flynn  
 Brayden Gregory  
 Jasmine Hottle  
 Gabryel Miller  
 Landen Mongold  
 Alicia Neighbors  
 Timothy Peterson, Jr.  
 Cameron Pyles  
 Price Strawderman  
 Jordan Teets  
 Garris Tusing  
 Halea Whetzel  
 Triniti Wilson  
 Melodie Wojciechowski

**10th Grade:**

- Damien Dellinger  
 Milton Funkhouser  
 Nathan Good  
 Trevor Gue  
 Emily Guerrero  
 Lekaylyne Haggerty  
 Amy Jones  
 Hutton Kerr  
 Kayle Mills  
 Levi Mongold

- Victoria O'Callaghan  
 Justin Parker  
 Lily Rockwell  
 Sarah Whetzel

**11th Grade:**

- Victoria Brinks  
 Emily Dyer  
 Albert Ferley  
 Cate Fulk  
 Leah Kessler  
 Miles Kidwell  
 Gabreanna Miller  
 Tyler Morgan  
 Tanisha Neff  
 Mariah Nelson  
 Brandon Parker  
 Gavin Ritchie  
 Jordan Shamburg  
 Kody Smith  
 Taylor Strawderman  
 Austin Wilkins

**12th Grade:**

- Dillon Baker  
 Alexander Clark  
 Logan Clendenin  
 Jacob Combs  
 Joanna Deck  
 Erik Flynn  
 Evan Good  
 Madison Heishman  
 Carly Hershberger  
 Jayden Jordan  
 Jenna Lilly  
 Trinity Lopez  
 Allison Saul  
 Justin Teets

**Superior Honor Roll:**

- 9th Grade:**  
 Addison Armentrout  
 Hannah Bennett  
 James Bodkin  
 April Dove  
 Naomi Humbertson  
 Eli Mathias  
 Noah Merritt  
 Brooklyn Miller  
 Chloe Miller  
 Chelsea Mills  
 Samara Pyles  
 Maddox Richard  
 Logan Sager  
 Sadie Shields  
 Hunter Shumaker  
 Brooklynn Tinnell

**10th Grade:**

- Nahkita Bauserman  
 Olivia Burgess  
 Jenna Combs  
 Jessica Deck  
 Seth Doman  
 Kiley Funkhouser  
 Wade Hershberger  
 Bryan Jenkins  
 Lillianna Johnson  
 Brandon Jones  
 Autumn Lantz  
 Bryce Miller  
 Benjamin Montgomery  
 Skyla Nelson  
 Eliana Palma  
 Noah Sager  
 Nathaniel Smith  
 Amber Summerfield  
 Tyler Tarallo

- James W. Teets  
 Merissa Thomas  
 Jace Thompson  
 Brianna Walker  
 Andrew Yeater

**11th Grade:**

- Isaac Atkinson  
 Autumn Crites  
 Whitley Frame  
 Matthew Harman  
 Emma Heishman  
 Brennen Miller  
 Mason Miller  
 Dawson Price  
 Elijah Schetrom  
 Gage Sherman  
 Rachel Shirk  
 Trevor Smith  
 Easton Snapp

**12th Grade:**

- Victoria Ames  
 MaKenzie Blair  
 Nevaeh Dressler  
 Ryan Fishel  
 Erica Foreman  
 Gabriel Henderson  
 Haley Hoover  
 Damian Iman  
 Kirsten Johnson  
 Sula Johnson  
 Noah Lang  
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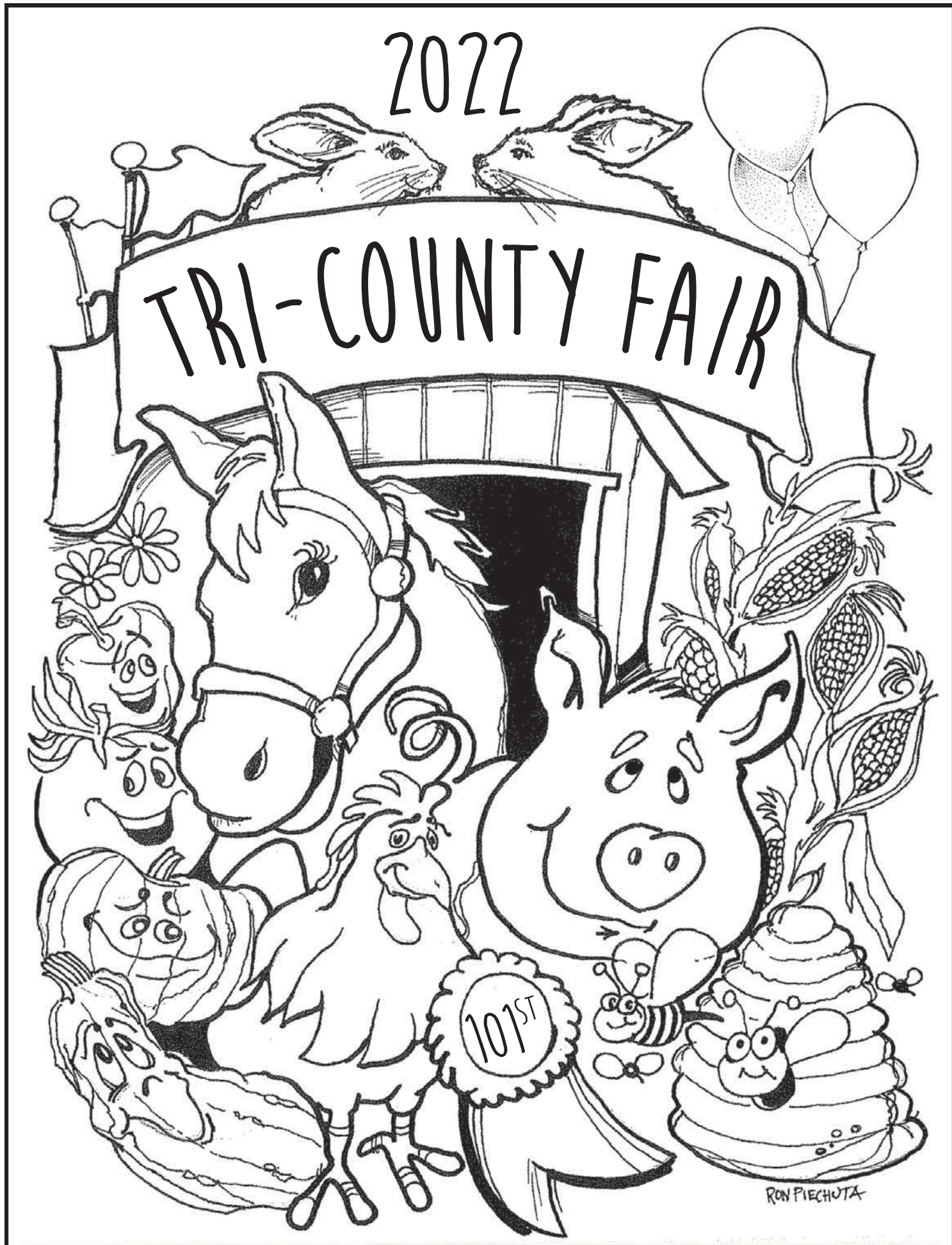
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**ALL CONTEST ENTRIES** must be taken to the Grant County Press, 47 South Main St., Petersburg, or mailed to Grant County Press, PO Box 39, Petersburg, WV 26847. All entries must submitted no later than July 25, 2022. Prizes will be awarded. No emailed or messaged pictures will be accepted for either contests.





Nearly every seat in the house was full, as Farm to Table attendees waited to be served the first of a four-course dinner featuring locally-sourced ingredients. Photo by Kristen Colebank.

# EWVCTC Foundation's Farm to Table Fundraising Dinner is a Sellout Success

By Ken Bustin  
Moorefield Examiner

The Misty Mountain Event Barn in Fisher was a beehive of activity Wednesday, as staff scurried about in their preparations for Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College Foundation's Farm to Table event and dinner.

Shortly before the scheduled 4 p.m. start time for the event, cars began rolling in and the great hall began to fill. Attendees greeted and socialized with each other, and helped themselves to salad at the "grazing bar," hors d'oeuvres and drinks, and browsed the displays of silent auction items set up in one corner of the hall. The Foundation organized this gathering to be both a fund-raiser

for the college's endowment – the Foundation's main mission – and to showcase the college's focus on agriculture. Its main attraction was an elegant four-course meal, prepared by renowned chef Todd Seligman, using locally-sourced ingredients.

On Friday, Director of Non-Profits Robert Burns said the event was a success, and that available tickets had sold out. In all, about 150 people

attended the event, enough to make it a success at its intended purpose – raising funds for the Foundation's endowment fund.

"It was an amazing event. The Farm to Table was able to generate funds for scholarships for the students in our academic and workforce programs. Without the attendees, volunteers, food staff, support of the Event Barn, and all of the other lo-

cal support of businesses and individuals, this evening would not have been possible. I am humbled by the support and cannot wait to get these funds working for the college's students," Burns said.

Megan Webb, Eastern's Dean of Advancement and Continuing Education was very pleased with the evening, and expressed hopes it would grow and become even better.

"I am incredibly grateful for the community support and volunteers that made the event possible," she told the Examiner, adding, "We hope to make this an annual event that the community is excited to support. We hope to see you next year!"

Webb said they have already reserved the venue for next year's event, which will be held during June 2023.



Those who have completed the Farm Fellowship program were recognized at Wednesday night's dinner. Farm Fellows are paired with mentors for a one-year experiential farm apprenticeship. In the photo, left to right, are Patricia Halterman, Carissa Beard, Farm Fellow Jane Halterman with mentor Miriam Leatherman, Farm Fellow Lacen Matheny with mentor Melanie Ours, and Director of Non-Profits Robert Burns. Megan Webb, Eastern's Dean of Advancement and Continuing Education, stands behind the group. Photo by Kristen Colebank.



Retired Hardy County Extension Agent and current County Commissioner Dave Workman (center), was honored with the Friend of Agriculture award, which is sponsored by Farm Credit of the Virginias. Standing with Workman are Greg Mitchell and Trey Keyser, both with Farm Credit. Photo by Kristen Colebank.



Left: A "grazing bar" with locally-sourced produce, along with an hors d'oeuvres bar, was available for attendees until the main four-course dinner was served. Photo by Ken Bustin.

Center: Shayla Hartman, the featured speaker and a 2022 graduate of Eastern's nursing program, reprised her graduation speech and provided an update on her post-graduation career. She announced she has passed her licensure examination and is now a registered nurse. Photo by Kristen Colebank.

Right: Chef Todd Seligman stopped for a photo as he attended to all the last-minute details and ensured all was ready. Seligman holds a degree with high honors in Culinary Arts from the Culinary Institute of America and is a certified Executive Chef by the American Culinary Federation. Photo by Ken Bustin.



## Birth Announcement



Mr. and Mrs. David "West" Garrett, of Arlington, Virginia, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Madeleine Murphy Garrett, on May 12, 2022. She weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. Paternal grandparents are Lary and Karen Garrett of Mathias, West Virginia. Maternal grandparents are Dennis and Mandy Murphy of Falls Church, Virginia. Madeleine is pictured at 2 weeks old.

## Foltz graduates from Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy



The Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy is pleased to announce Class 1-22 as the 58th class to complete this West Virginia National Guard Program. Commencement exercises were held Friday, June 17 at Camp Dawson in Kingwood. A total of 64 graduates from 23 counties across the State of West Virginia successfully completed the requirements for graduation. CMSgt Brandon Ives congratulated the Cadets and gave the commencement address. The following Cadet participated from Hardy County:

Cadet Kyle Foltz, son of Joan Foltz and the late Stanley Foltz of Mathias, was in Platoon 2. Cadet Foltz was recognized for receiving the Honor's List, Instructor's List, S2C Award as well as obtaining the six Individual Values Recognition Ribbons. All graduating Cadets have completed the residential phase of ChalleNGe, which includes activities in eight core component areas ranging from Service to Community to Employability Skills. Cadets in this class provided 2979.5 hours of Service to Community for such organizations

as Operation Gratitude, Food for Preston, Chestnut Ridge Park, Kingwood Library, Raymond Wolfe Center, Osage Miner's Museum, Adopt A Highway, and WV Land Trust. Following graduation, these Cadets will begin a one-year post-residential phase of ChalleNGe that includes placement activities in education and/or employment. Applications are currently being accepted for Class 2-22 South that begins in October. Call toll-free at 1-800-529-7700 for more information.

# This Week in West Virginia History

By Michael Keller  
WVa. Humanities

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

July 6, 1806: Statesman Charles James Faulkner was born in Martinsburg. Faulkner served in the West Virginia legislature, U.S. Congress (1851-59), and as U.S. minister to France.

July 6, 1848: Historian Virgil A. Lewis was born in Mason County. In 1905, Governor Dawson appointed Lewis as the first director of the Bureau of Archives and History.

July 6, 1883: Judge "R. D." Bailey was born at Baileysville, Wyoming County. Bailey came into wide prominence as the judge of the Matewan Massacre trial in 1921.

July 7, 1928: The Madonna of the Trail monument was dedicated in Wheeling. It is one of the 12 such statues erected along the National Road to honor America's pioneering women.

July 8, 1894: Walter Aegerter was born in Helvetia. An amateur photographer, Aegerter built both a studio and darkroom on his farm and photographed portraits, families, celebrations and everyday scenes of the German Swiss settlement. The glass plate negatives survive today in several archived collections.

July 8, 1924: Rock 'n' roll pioneer Johnnie Johnson was born in Fairmont. Johnson collaborated with Chuck Berry on songs such as "Roll Over, Beethoven." Berry's hit "Johnny B. Goode" was written as a tribute to Johnson.

July 9, 1942: An explosion at the Pursglove No. 2 Mine at Scotts Run near Morgantown killed 20 men. It

was one of three fatal accidents at the mining operation in an eight-month period.

July 9, 1989: Treasurer A. James Manchin resigned after being impeached. With a stock market downturn in 1987, Manchin bore much of the blame when the state lost nearly \$300 million in investments for which he was responsible.

July 10, 1769: Physician Jesse Bennet was born. He performed the first successful caesarian section in America in 1794, on his own wife and without proper equipment and with no antiseptics. He later established a large practice in Mason County and served as an Army surgeon in the War of 1812.

July 10, 1936: The temperature in Martinsburg reached 112 degrees. It tied the record for hottest temperature on record, which had been set August 4, 1930, at Moorefield.

July 11, 1867: John Jacob Corn-

well was born on a farm in Ritchie County. He served as the 15th governor of West Virginia.

July 11, 1976: Gov. Arch Moore dedicated the West Virginia Culture Center. The structure was built to showcase the Mountain State's artistic, cultural, and historic heritage.

July 12, 2003: The Clay Center for the Arts & Sciences in downtown Charleston opened to the public. More than 50,000 schoolchildren from 50 West Virginia counties and 21 counties in surrounding states visit the center each year.

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



Madonna of the trail



**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Notice of Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees**

Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Hardy County Clerk's Office at 204 Washington Street, Moorefield, WV 26836-0200. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file notice of an objection with the County Commission within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-2 and 44-3 and/or 44-1-14A(10).

Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner. If no reference to a fiduciary commissioner is listed herein, claims against the estate(s) must be filed in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-1-14A(10).

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**Lucus J. See prosecuting attorney of hardy county, west virginia on behalf of the potomac highlands drug and violent crimes task force, petitioner,**

VS CASE NO 22-P-30

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Entered by the Clerk of said court on this the 29th day of June, 2022

*Kelly Snodkey by:*  
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 Clerk of the Hardy County Circuit Courts

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**SPORTS**

# Simmons Selected as Senior League Baseball Southeast Region Umpire

By Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

West Virginia Little League District 6 Area 2 veteran umpire and Moorefield native Jeremy Simmons received a special invitation to be one of the 2022 Senior League Baseball Southeast Region Tournament umpires in Safety Harbor, Florida on July 23-27.

Simmons has been umpiring since 1986 and decided he wasn't getting any younger, so it was time to submit the application for the chance of becoming a regional umpire and increased the odds by checking off every single option available.

Simmons will be one of two West Virginia District 6 umpires participating in the Southeast region tournaments as fellow umpire Robbie Grubb (Area 1) was named an umpire for Major Softball at Warner Robbins, Georgia.

Simmons will join two Virginia representatives and five Florida umpires as members of two four-member crews in Safety Harbor.

The Virginia umpire representatives are: Harold Ridgeway (District 3) and Darren Schubert (District 10). The Florida umpire representatives are: David Noel (District 24), Ronnie McCoy (District 1), Brian Iten (District 2), Phil Churchill (District 2), and John Chapman (District 16).

"I'm excited to participate in the Senior League Baseball Southeast Region Tournament. It's a big honor. I've never applied before, this is the first time. Fortunately, I was selected. West Virginia, as a whole, doesn't get a lot of representation. We're the farthest state away from headquarters. I looked down all the rosters for the umpires in all divisions and found only two umpires from West Virginia and both are from District 6. Donnie Grubb is Major Softball in Warner Robbins and this year I'm going to Safety Harbor, Florida," Jeremy Simmons commented.

"It's an application process. I've never applied before and I thought I'm not getting any younger, so if I

ever want to do that this is probably a good time. I had no idea I would get selected, but of course I checked off every box. You mark which tournaments you're available to umpire and I checked every single one, so that might have helped my lottery chance."

Simmons went to his mailbox in February to discover an envelope from the Little League organization and knew right away what this meant and excitedly opened it to the joy of finding his acceptance letter to be a Southeast region umpire for the Senior League Baseball in Florida.

"I was notified by mail in February and I knew when I saw the mail in the mailbox, I knew what it was. So I opened it and I was excited. It's good. It's an opportunity not everybody gets and I am blessed to have been umpiring Little League baseball and softball for a long time."

An excerpt from the acceptance letter Simmons received from the Southeast Region Director Matt Weber read: "On behalf of the Little League Southeast Region Headquarters, I am pleased to inform you have been appointed as a volunteer umpire for the 2022 Senior League Baseball Region Tournament in Safety Harbor, FL. [Conclusion] Thank you for your dedicated service to Little League Baseball and Softball and I look forward to hearing from you soon."

Simmons has been involved as a volunteer umpire for 36 years in the Little League organization covering area tournaments, district tournaments and state tournaments throughout his career.

"Volunteer umpires are one of the most important aspects in the success of local Little League programs around the world and play a pivotal role in the experience of all our players throughout the Little League International Tournament," Little League International press release statement.

Simmons is currently umpiring in the West Virginia District 6 Area 2 10-12 year old Baseball Tourna-

ment and just finished up umpiring the West Virginia District 6 9-11 year old Softball Championship.

"I started umpiring in 1986 when I was 15 years old. This is my 36th year. I have no idea how many games I've umpired. I started umpiring minor league baseball, because nobody wants to do that, then Little League Baseball. I did a lot of senior league baseball early on, because we didn't have junior league baseball. I did senior league baseball and tournaments as they came to our area, much like Hayden [Baldwin] is now. I did some [umpiring] high school ball back in the day when I was in my 20's. I stopped high school baseball for a long time, then started that again this past season," Simmons stated.

Simmons currently has a daughter, Grace Simmons, who will be playing in the West Virginia State Junior League Softball Tournament and a son, Thomas Simmons, who is competing in the Area 2 10-12 Baseball Tournament.

Simmons' eldest daughter, Alyson Simmons, is a Moorefield High School alumna and former West Virginia Little League/Junior League state champion who has been umpiring in the Little League District 6 games along with her father which makes the honor of being selected to the Southeast region tournament that much more meaningful as his children aspire to become better players and umpires.

"It is so much fun working with Alyson. I have watched her develop as a player and expressed an interest in umpiring. We've gone to clinics and camps together. I'm old now, but she has a bright future ahead if she wants to pursue it. As a baseball umpire, her future is really bright if she wants to go that route," Simmons remarked.

"Long story short, it is great to umpire with her. It is a lot of fun watching her develop as an umpire as she did a player."

There is a need for more umpires at all levels of the sports including collegiate umpiring, so the opportu-

nity is there.

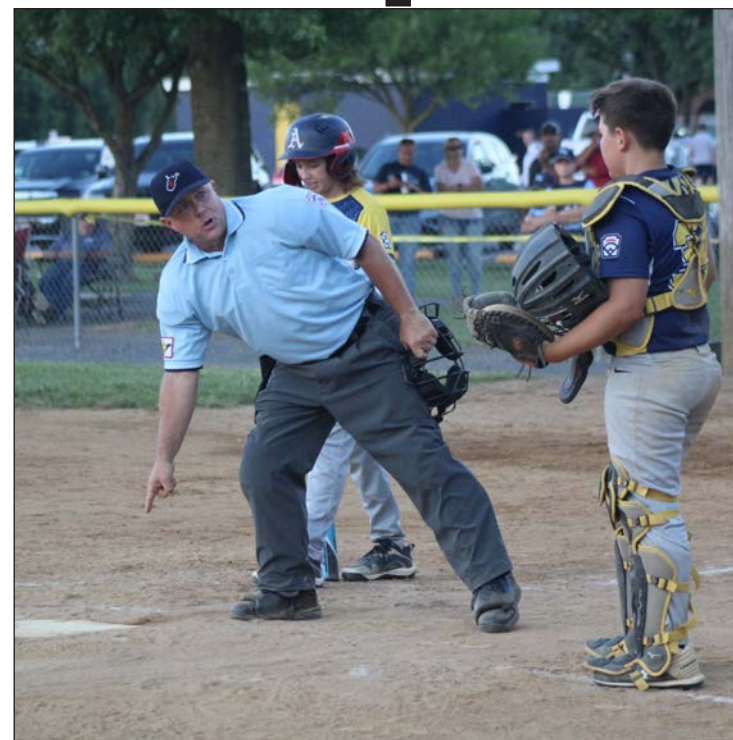
Simmons enjoys being around the game as an umpire and likes the camaraderie built between other umpires, but does prefer being the home plate umpire.

"I just love being around the game and the kids. The camaraderie built around the other umpires is good. You make friendships. There's three teams on the field at the same time, no matter what sport it is. There are two teams opposing each other and then the officials. There is a camaraderie that develops lifelong friendships. It is a lot of fun," Simmons said.

"I prefer being the home plate umpire. For some reason, that's where you get knocked around a bit and it kind of like being a catcher. You're involved in every play. I talk to catchers and some will talk back and some won't. I develop a rapport with them either way. A lot of that depends on the age of the player and how much they've played."

Simmons is a history teacher at Moorefield Middle School and has seen his share of history on the ball fields as softball came into fruition during his tenure as an umpire and has developed into a world-wide sport.

"When I started umpiring, there wasn't any softball. Any girls played through the Little League baseball program even up through senior league. I can't think of any that went on to play high school baseball during my time. The growth of softball for female athletes has been tremendous. There was a young lady that played who was a few years older than me. She played Little League and hit a few home runs. Back in those days, home runs were rare. The balls weren't good and the bats weren't good. A girl that played on my team, actually made the all-star team when we were 12 years old. She hit two home runs in the same inning against good pitching. The development of softball gives me the most joy I have seen as an umpire," Simmons explained.



West Virginia Little League District 6 umpire Jeremy Simmons points to home plate in the Area 2 10-12 Baseball Tournament in Moorefield. Simmons was selected to umpire in the Senior League Baseball Southeast Region Tournament in Florida.

Simmons couldn't think of any funny umpire stories right off the top of his head, but will have some exciting things to share from his trip to the Senior League Baseball Southeast Region Tournament in Florida.

Umpiring in Florida will be an amazing experience for Simmons representing West Virginia, but the Sunshine State will bring an abundance of heat which the Mountain State has been preparing him for in recent weeks.

"Our West Virginia heat has been pretty bad. I haven't umpired as much this summer, so I haven't been in the heat as much as I was last summer. I will make myself hydrate and hydrate days ahead of the tournament. I'm not sure what the schedule will be like and if the tournament will stretch out. There are two different crews umpiring there. Most likely we will have two games per day and that means playing through the heat. I think I will be okay, as long as I start drinking water and Pedialyte

days ahead," Simmons added.

Simmons made it to district as a Little League player and now umpiring at the region level after several decades of dedicated service to the organization.

There have been a couple other West Virginia District 6 Area 2 representatives who have been selected as regional umpires including Kevin Markwood and Turk Cole. Cole spent over 50 years as an umpire here in West Virginia and also served as a volunteer umpire in the Little League World Series.

Simmons brings the Mountain State and Moorefield's gold and blue charm to the umpire blue hues calling the games in Florida.

From country roads to sunshine surf, the right call was made selecting Simmons to be one of the Senior League Baseball Southeast Region Tournament umpires with over three decades of volunteering as an umpire in West Virginia.



West Virginia Little League District 6 umpire Turk Cole calls his final tournament game in Moorefield.

By Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

One. Two. Three strikes you're out in the old ball game.

Volunteering as an umpire is all about helping the youth and West Virginia Little League District 6 Area 2 umpire Ervin "Turk" Cole made that a point of emphasis for 52 seasons which comes to a close with his retirement this year.

"It's been great umpiring. I have a theory about the whole thing. If you're not here for the kids, don't even do it. We are here for the kids," West Virginia Little League District 6 Area 2 veteran umpire Turk Cole remarked.

"I love to see kids make great

# Cole calls retirement after serving 52 years as a Little League umpire

plays and not talk back to the umpires. One bad kid or parent could make a scene and hurting the team and makes you want to walk away. I've been lucky that I haven't seen much of that.

Cole has been umpiring in West Virginia District 6 since 1970 when gas prices were only 36 cents per gallon, a half-gallon of milk was 57 cents and a dozen eggs were 61 cents.

Cole has seen several generations of family members come up through the Little League ranks, noting that some of the grandfathers out here today were playing in the system during his early days as an umpire.

"There's people here today I have umpired, like their dad. Some of those kids out there today, I've umpired when their granddads played."

Cole has umpired in a handful of Little League regional tournaments and a Junior League World Series game, so his experience has been rewarded.

"I did a Junior League World Series in Taylor, Michigan. I did a Little League regional in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. I did Senior League Softball Championship in Ladysmith, Virginia," Cole noted.

"To tell you the truth it was a good experience, but I like it here much better. I'd rather do umpiring

here. At those tournaments, they make you almost like machines. They tell you how you have to do it. You can't have fun, let's put it that way," Cole stated.

Cole has fun with the coaches and players along with fellow umpires with jokes and shares his passion of sports.

"Happy retirement to this amazing man. Our community is blessed to have him and I know he won't be able to stay away from the park for too long," Moorefield High School Softball coach Bridget Sions remarked.

Moorefield High School Baseball assistant coach Scott Stutler's son Luke played in Cole's final tournament game at the Moorefield Town Park and knows how much this umpire meant to the community.

"He is very special, especially since he has a field named after him. When I first got to Moorefield, he [Cole] umpired a lot of our games [high school]. I always enjoyed when he umpired. He didn't have a big ego and he would talk to you. Turk has done a lot with the youth in Moorefield. He deserves a field named after him. He loves the game of baseball and he likes to help out the youth, so that's a very good combination. He's meant a lot to Moorefield in those 52 years,"

Moorefield High School Baseball assistant coach Scott Stutler commented.

If one wants to discuss sports with Cole, be prepared to have a fun conversation and know that hockey is a big topic right now with the conclusion of the Stanley Cup as his Tampa Bay Lightning team lost.

Cole has a huge love for the game of basketball and sports overall.

Cole's current job is at the Allegany College of Maryland working in the athletic department for the basketball program as a recruiter.

"I just like sports in general. Basketball is my favorite sport and baseball is second. I only got into basketball about 20 years ago," Cole explained.

Cole has seen Little League make vast improvements over the past five decades, but noted things are trending in the opposite direction now.

"It has improved, but now it's starting to go the opposite way. Take for instance softball, next week we will have a state tournament here in Moorefield and there are only three teams. In baseball, they are talking about new crazy rules such as having open borders. Little League is going to turn into travel ball if they do that. The Mineral County team which was here for the

area tournament had six kids from Maryland," Cole said.

Despite the various things changing within the Little League program, one consistent thing for Cole was being a home plate umpire for most of his tenure and described that position as an easy job.

Although, for his final game of his Little League career, Cole was the first base umpire and proved he can make the dynamic calls.

"I did most of my umpiring behind the plate. I think being behind the plate is easy. Calling balls and strikes is easy. A lot of people are different. I've enjoyed umpiring and it's been a long journey," Cole noted.

Cole has really enjoyed umpiring throughout the Potomac Highlands and hopes to see the younger generations develop an interest in umpiring.

"It really has been great. This has been great all around this area. I've been to East Hardy, Moorefield, Hampshire, Petersburg. I've been to all those places and umpired. It's a good experience. You have to like it. If you don't like it, don't do it and then you don't get paid. I always say if you want to umpire in Little League, don't worry about the score. Don't be concerned about the score or who wins or who loses. We have a kid now who is really getting

into it and wants to do everything, Hayden Baldwin. Hayden is going to be a good one. He is going to be a very good umpire."

Cole hopes the youth in Little League continue to have fun playing ball.

"It is a lot of fun. If the kids are having fun, then that's all that matters. It is all about them," Cole concluded.

Cole umpired alongside of Jeremy Simmons, Bobby Sites and Hayden Baldwin in his final tournament game.

Cole has been a dedicated volunteer in West Virginia serving as an umpire based out of Hardy County within the Little League organization for 52 years and his final call is for retirement, but will be coming around the fields to watch the kids have fun.

"I consider Turk Cole to be one of our Moorefield icons. An irreplaceable person. Enjoy retirement. You've earned it," Former Moorefield Little League player Brandon Barb stated on Twitter.

Back in 2015, the Little League T-Ball field was dedicated in honor of Cole and named the Turk Cole Field.





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