



Hardy County Commission Constitutional Amendments, Workplace Safety, Paper Ballots discussed

Bid awarded for two new Sheriff's Vehicles

By Ken Bustin
Moorefield Examiner

All three Commissioners were present last Tuesday as the Commission weaved and bobbed through its agenda, taking items out of order because some of the people weren't present, and in deference to accommodating a zoning change hearing scheduled for 10 a.m.

Reports from Health Department head Bill Ours and Sheriff Steve Dawson occupied the Commission's attention early in the session.

Ours told the Commissioners that 29 COVID cases were reported in the previous three days, bringing the total to 55 active cases in Hardy County as of last Tuesday. As of press time Hardy County had the dubious distinction of leading the state in new cases, with an average of 14 new cases a day, and an 83% increase over the past 14 days, compared with only a 13% increase for the state as a whole during the same time period.

Dawson reported that his department was working on a lot of drug cases. In a related item, the Commission received only a single bid for two new vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. Weimer's submitted a bid for two Durango Pursuit SUVs, offering them for \$39,502 each. Commissioner David Workman moved to accept the bid and award the purchase. Commission Steve Schetrom seconded the motion, which quickly passed unanimously.

Four amendments to the West Virginia Constitution will be on November's General Election ballot. The Commission outlined them and provided some informa-

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Cows, crowns, and cucumbers



Bryce Berg shows off his beef showmanship skills in the Tri-County Fair arena.

Photos by Carl Holcolm



A host of canned vegetables were up for awards at the fair. Also being judged were photos, fiber arts,



Zanna Parker of Moorefield (left) is crowned as the new Tri-County Fair Queen by last year's Queen Rachel Bosley (right).

The W.Va. State fair will be held from Thursday, August 11, to Saturday, August 20, at the state fairgrounds in Lewisburg.

PSD's new facility project takes a step forward

By Connie Sherman
Special to Examiner

General Manager Logan Moyers told board members at their Aug. 3 meeting that the District will once again advertise for bids on its new facility beginning next week. The PSD previously put the project out for bid in March of this year and opened bids in April. The lone bid received was more than double the project's construction budget, due in large part to major increases in the cost of materials since the time the project budget was developed and funding was applied for in 2020.

The PSD has worked to bring about greater interest from potential bidders on the project this time around in an effort to obtain more, and hopefully lower, bids than the first attempt at bidding the project generated. Those efforts include expanding the bid advertisement area and directly reaching out to select potential bidders who focus on this type of work. Construction material costs have also reduced somewhat since the original project bids were solicited, which should aid in getting lower bids.

Regardless of these efforts, the PSD still anticipates that bid amounts will exceed the project budget due to differences in the current cost of construction as compared to the cost of construction when funding for this project was obtained. Fortunately, USDA-Rural Development, the primary lender for the project, is agreeable to providing funds it has at its disposal for projects whose bids overrun available funding. Moyers said if the District is able to obtain a more attractive bid this time around, it is hoped to have the bid awarded later this year with construction beginning in early 2023.

Moyers also updated the board on the District's efforts to develop a secondary water source for the Baker water system. The State of West Virginia is pushing for all water systems to have a backup raw water source in case of emergency or contamination. Consequently, the PSD is pursuing a project that will utilize groundwater as a secondary water source for its Baker water system.

The District has been looking to drill a test well on property adjacent to the Baker water plant, however that property owner turned down the PSD's initial offer for

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Board of Education Updated on Lighting, School Buses & Chair Lifts

By Ken Bustin
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The Hardy County Board of Education raced through their short agenda in just over 30 minutes last Monday. It was only 5:31 when the closing gavel banged to confirm adjournment.

All members except Nancy Hahn were present when President Melvin Shook, Jr. called the session to order on the stroke of 5 p.m. and following the opening exercises – a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance – the Board attacked the business before it.

A unanimous vote promptly approved the evening's agenda.

Though Presentations and Public Comments were the next two agenda items, respectively, there weren't any of either of them, so the atten-

tion quickly turned to Consent Items, which in this case was only approval of the minutes of the Board's July 18 meeting. A motion to approve passed with all in favor.

Unfinished Business was next, and the first item was a discussion of Work Orders. Director of Facilities Josh See discussed a lighting upgrade at Moorefield Elementary School. Capitol Electric gave a quote for replacing some existing lighting with updated and more efficient LED units for \$2,226. The idea for the replacement arose as they addressed the need to replace 146 bulbs that were burned out. Going to the improved units would not only reduce the number of lights needed, but would effect significant energy savings, as well. He suggested that consideration be given to similar up-

grades in the others schools. All of the work could be accomplished, he said, using their own personnel, and he thought perhaps it could be done as a Summer project.

See also updated the Board on the status of two new ordered school buses. A communication from the salesman for Blue Bird, the supplier, indicated that they would honor their April quote – \$226,900 – despite prices increasing since then. The money was in the budget, See indicated. Asked about the status of three buses ordered last year, See said current information projected they would be delivered in November. They are essentially built, he explained, but require a few missing parts. The pandemic caused major disruptions in the supply chain.

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Amended Complaints Filed Last Week in Sexual Misconduct Civil Action Pending Against County Prosecutor

By Ken Bustin
Moorefield Examiner

Amended Complaints were filed last week by attorneys representing two female employees of the Hardy County Prosecutor's Office.

The original actions were originally filed on behalf of Jessica Liller and Laiken Shoemaker on July 18.

In the Complaints, filed separately but both asserting similar claims in four separate counts, Hardy County Prosecutor Lucas J. See is accused of Sexual Harassment, Retaliation, Battery and False Imprisonment.

See has denied all of the allegations. The Amended Complaints incorporate only minor changes from

the originals. In Liller's Complaint, paragraph 12(j) has been amended to reflect that the events described took place in Liller's hotel room, not that of See, and an additional paragraph, 12(k) was added, which reads that: "During Plaintiff's employment Defendant See would frequently show up for work under the influence of alcohol. During the occasions that Defendant See was under the influence of alcohol he was more likely to make sexual advances toward the Plaintiff."

Shoemaker's Amended Complaint added paragraph 12(i), which contains the same allegation as that in paragraph 12(k) of Liller's Complaint. Despite having offered to continue to perform their duties from

home, Liller and Shoemaker were placed on Administrative Leave after informing the Prosecutor's Office that they had made a report of the alleged misconduct to West Virginia State Police in December of 2021. As of last week, the cost to Hardy County taxpayers for their administrative leave totaled \$67,379.07 and is continuing.

See remains on the job, and has stated that he will not step aside during the pendency of the investigation and lawsuit. Although West Virginia law has a provision which would allow the County Commission to bring an action to remove him from office for cause, the Commission has thus far not acted to initiate such a proceeding.

Mathias-Baker Volunteer Fire Co. Visits Story Time

"We do this because we want to help people." That was the humble response given by all three volunteer firefighters who came to Story Time at the Baker Park on Friday, July 29. Children's eyes grew wide as a fire truck pulled into the Baker Park last Friday! Representing the Mathias-Baker Volunteer Fire Company were R.J. Poe, Wes Keplinger, and Victoria Brinks. They told the children about the fire truck and other vehicles that they use and the children were amazed as they looked inside. The firefighters showed the children the safety equipment that they wear and some of the tools they use. They talked about their many hours of training and preparation for their very important role in taking care of the people of our community.



The children enjoyed the book The Berenstain Bears Visit the Firehouse read by Tom Austin, president of the Wardsville Lions Club. The Lions Club has served the community's children every week for the past 9 years by providing Story Time. Each week, every child attending receives a book to take home and keep, usu-

ally the same book that they have enjoyed that day. By building their home libraries, children can enjoy books over and over with family and friends, nurturing a lifelong love of reading and learning. Story Time is kindly and graciously supported by a grant from the Hardy County Com-

munity Foundation's Impact Fund which provides the books for the children. Patty Austin and Lorrie Krautwurst plan crafts to go with the theme of each week's featured book. Snacks are also provided, along with various songs, games, and other activities. Often, a guest reader comes

to read to the children and share their love of reading and life experiences.

Story Time meets every Friday at 11 a.m. at Baker Park. (The location will change in late fall.) All children ages 10 and younger are welcome! For more information, call Patty Austin at 304-874-4345.

Examiner Honored



Carl Holcolm, Moorefield Examiner sports reporter and Sports Page manager, won a first place in Division III newspapers for Best Sports News and Feature Reporting at the West Virginia Press Convention. Holcolm also received a third place with Mike Mallow for Best Sports Page. Milda Mullins, Jodie Witmer, and the Larsons received third place recognition for Best Photo Essay.

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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



From other editor's desks ...

Spend Time With a Book or Newspaper

Nearly two-thirds of Americans agree social media has a negative effect on society, according to Pew Research Center, and it's no surprise something so omnipresent could have such an effect on humans.

From time to time that alarm goes off to the nightly routine of plugging in a phone for bedtime, people are glued to their devices throughout the day. Sure, smartphones have several benefits, and there's no question they can help with work and staying connected to friends and family.

But too much of a "good" thing can be just the opposite. Pew Research did a 2018 study that said 59 percent of teens have been bullied or harassed online. Adults could probably agree that they have been bullied in one form or another online, too.

While it's not feasible for most to completely disconnect from the internet, going back to more traditional entertainment platforms and research techniques could be beneficial and rewarding.

Instead of scrolling through social media for entertainment, reading a book or a newspaper can provide a more personalized, enjoyable experience. The Library of Medicine conducted a study on the positive impacts of reading and found a shocking 20 percent reduction in the risk of mortality over the span of 12 years for those who read books.

"Those who read books for an average of 30 minutes a day — say a chapter a day — showed a survival advantage, compared to those who did not read books," the Library said.

Thirty minutes could also be used for reading a newspaper, as it is the average amount of time it takes someone to read the paper, according to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

College students who participated in the study agreed newspapers provide crucial information and nearly have of them elected to keep article clippings. "The fact that newspapers provide crucial information is also supported by them. The overall experience of students of newspaper reading is found to be very good."

And there you have it. Reading books and newspapers is beneficial, and there is good reason to consider unplugging, even for as little as 30 minutes a day.

Your mind and body will thank you.

~ The Harrisonburg Daily News Record

Dear Editor of our local paper,

I see that you seem to quite frequently put Mr. Daugherty's correspondence (Frederick MD), in here to allow him to repeatedly profess his opinion of our former President Mr. Trump, and the people that like him, or aligned more with his view for this country. To say it as nicely as possible it's getting quite old reading his opinion of the former President in almost every week's edition of the paper, more people should write in but sadly they do not. While I do understand that he, as much as anyone else has the right to voice an opinion political or other about all subjects. He seems to love to continue "beating a dead horse" as they say. I would rather much see Mr. Daugherty talk about issues related to THIS local environment and area that are much more important to the people living here. Like the lack of places of employment, lack of good clean fun family activities other than a bowling alley and movie theater to keep kids away from drug opportunities, and the like.

I also find it sad that Mr. Daugherty seems to think that our former President Trump was so much worse

than the current President, that has reversed all the orders, laws, rules or whatever to take this country back into the same type of recession (and yes, it is a recession), it was in before former President Trump took office. And put measures in place to make this country better than it was when he was first ELECTED to be our President. How can anyone accept that what we are going through now is better than what we had? When all the numbers for growth, employment, new business growth, small business growth etc. are back in the gutter, and the prices for everything are much higher now than they have been in several years past. It is sad to think that so many would prefer to continue living like this just so they can feel better about not having former President Trump in office. Apparently, Mr. Daugherty has not been banging his head against the wall to hard at all. Or maybe he has.

The truth will never come out if our history is erased for it to only be repeated. Furthermore, I would hope that all the people paying attention to your former beloved Republican turned Democrat Joe Manchin, and

his new deal with Chuck Schumer. It will not be as good for this area, state, or country as they would like you to believe. All of you need to open your eyes and stop walking around this world with blinders on. It really does not take a genius to see what is going on in our country. Mr. Daugherty is correct in one thing, your vote not only counts, it also affects many others, so when you make your choices make them well informed.

Thank you for your time Stephanie Poe Moorefield

Editor: Hardy County Schools continues to thrive during a challenging time. Our students have more opportunities than ever for experiential learning, social emotional learning, and high-level academic engagement. We provide opportunities for students to receive dual credit (high school and college credit simultaneously) through our partnership with Eastern WV Community and Technical College. High school students in Hardy County will also have the opportunity to be part of the W.Va. Depart-

ment of Education's first "Grow Your Own" teacher program. Students entering the ninth grade can begin taking college courses that will lead to one year of college completion towards a teaching education program at no cost. This will help us grow teachers in our hometown who want to work and live in Hardy County.

Now more than ever, we have resources in place to support families. Hardy County Schools continues to be a Community Eligibility Program (CEP) qualifier, meaning all students receive free breakfasts and free lunches. Through our Communities in Schools Program, each school has an amazing social worker who will work directly with students and families to ensure student needs are met, and they can be successful at school. A partnership with E.A. Hawse provides counselors in schools to work with more intensive mental health needs as well as the physical needs of students through on-site clinics. There is a plethora of supports and benefits awaiting our students and their families, but communication is key. Please communicate with your

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MY UNBASED OPINION

By David O. Heishman



I've gone through life without really understanding electricity. I can't figure out sound waves or radio waves either. Electrons running around inside wires and invisible waves with different amplitudes and frequencies moving through the atmosphere leave me in confused agreement with whatever I'm told by folks who claim to know what they are talking about.

Modern life has given me a new load of non-understandables. News of the day is filled with terms which leave me gaping in wonder. I sometimes feel that I, in my quandaries, have been left behind and forgotten by quicker, younger folks around me.

What is Bitcoin? What can I do with Bitcoins that I can't do with dollars? How can I use them? What is its value compared to dollars? How do I pay for my groceries with Bitcoins? Will my bank know what this is all about? Will the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insure my Bitcoin deposits? Where can I get some? Are there different-sized

coins comparable to nickels, dimes and quarters? Are there Bitcoin credit cards? What is a Bitcoin mine? Is there a mine close to Moorefield? How can I get Bitcoins if I don't know how to mine them? Can my iPhone pay with Bitcoins?

Artificial intelligence (AI) has me baffled, too. Does my smart phone have artificial intelligence? Does AI figure out how many Bitcoins I owe and pay my bill? Are computers and robots made with AI? Do you have to be intelligent to make artificial intelligence? If I'm not very intelligent, can I buy artificial intelligence and make myself smarter? Can AI make smarter and smarter AI until it out smarts itself??? Do you have to be more intelligent than whatever you are making with artificial intelligence? Is it sold by prescription only? Who can write such a prescription? How much does artificial intelligence cost? Will artificial intelligence help me understand about Bitcoin?

What does Woke mean? Can I be asleep and Woke at the same time?

Folks on television talk about Woke like it is for smart folks. Can I figure out this Woke business if I get some artificial intelligence? Do you have to knock down statues and burn history books to be Woke? I heard knocking down grave stones was a crime, but maybe it just means vandalism is okay for Woke people. If we change the name of a crime is it okay to go ahead and do it until somebody passes a new law strictly against it? If there is a boy in my class at school who claims he is Woke when he goes to the girl's bathroom, can he just claim he is Woke when he helps knock down a statue in the park and walks away free?

Artificially intelligent people with lots of Bitcoin can afford to be Woke when they turn their Critical Race Theory to high volume. No matter whether it is the Kentucky Derby or the Indianapolis 500, I still don't understand what that has to do with which color policeman puts a hammer lock on which color vandal and why either one's life does or

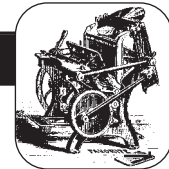
does not matter. Right is right and wrong is wrong and if America has been doing it wrong the rest of the world hasn't noticed, because they continue to come to and cross our borders in droves. They have experienced real oppression in their home lands and have elected to seek new homes in ours.

We won freedom from a world power in our Revolutionary War. We settled our philosophical differences in our own Civil War. In two World Wars we earned respect from allied countries fighting with us and victories against world powers which opposed us.

Through the might of military action and the winning of those wars, we took no lands and enslaved no people. People of the world have noted our actions, evaluated them and expressed their opinion by asking to live in America. I am not about to insult all those would-be immigrants by claiming them so stupid or ignorant as to want to ruin their lives by coming here.

GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES



Fifteen Years Ago August 8, 2007

The WV Education and State Employees Grievance Board ruled the suspension of the Moorefield High School yearbook advisor was disproportionate and capricious. The Grievance Board ordered that lost pay, benefits and 10 percent interest be compensated to the teacher.

The Public Service District agreed to meet with the Rural Development Authority with the County Commission acting as a mediator over differences.

Agriculture Commissioner Gus Douglass lifted the ban on live poultry shows and sales due to the lower threat of Avian Influenza.

The Alum Bank goats were not deterred by the 4 foot fence built to keep them away from the construction South Branch bridge site.

Donnie Delbert Day, 69 died July 29...Mildred Funkhouser Miller, 91,

Baker, died Aug. 1... Mary Hyre Ours, 92, Rio, died July 28...Steven Marshall Culler, Sr., 56, died Aug. 1. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Quinten Osterander, a daughter, Ruby Raelynn...to Maggie Akers and Shawn Rohrbaugh, a daughter, Siddalee Mae.

Thirty Years Ago August 5, 1992

Potomac Edison stated that if two proposed coal power plants were built in W.Va. it could mean increased electric bills for PE customers.

Hope Gas withdrew as a possible supplier of natural gas for the area.

The Community Development Council discussed both power and gas issues as well as continuing problems with phone service, the need for a bypass and the levee construction.

Mable Virginia Bobo, 71, died July 28...Bessie Ethel Foltz, 83, Mathias, died Aug. 2...Daisy Robinson Miller, 84, Wardensville, died

Aug. 1... Edward Washington Miller, 90, Romney, died July 31... Connie Saville Rinard, 81, Winchester, died Aug. 2...Bessie Combs Stewart, 95, Wardensville, died July 29...Margo Nelson Swartzel, 43, Floyd, Va., died July 27...Mary McNeill Temple, 89, Jackson, Mich., died Feb. 25.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Mark S. Flinn, a son, Dylan MacCabe...to Mr. and Mrs. Brent Liller, a son... to Mr. and Mrs. Craig Schwartz, a son, Brendan David.

Forty-five Years Ago August 10, 1977

Hester Industries told the town it would construct its own water treatment system, allowing the town to move forward with plans for improved service for the rest of the municipality.

An anonymous person called the Farmers Home Administration alleging that the mayor and council of Wardensville had misused funds to install a water line. The individual did not know that the Town had been given permission by the FHA to expend the funds.

More than 50 residents of the Lost River District asked county commissioners to retain Raymond Shipe as Deputy Assessor. Assessor James Miley tried to replace Shipe.

Effie Sager Souder, 81, Mathias, died August 4...James Henry Hanan, Jr., 63, Colina, Mexico, died

April 30...Hugh Harper Harris, 91, Wardensville, died August 4.

Jo Ann Jean Frangona and Daniel Edward Rudy were married June 25... Judy Faye Black and Daniel Zachary Taylor were married June 10.

Sixty Years Ago August 8, 1962

Deborah Sindy was chosen Miss West Virginia Poultry Queen. Second place went to Kay Judy Harper and third place to Julia Hartman.

Moorefield Lions heard a report on the gas drilling project six miles south of Needmore. The present depth of the exploratory well is 1,200 feet.

Lions reported that 1,100 were served at the chicken barbecue during Poultry Week earning profits of about \$500.

French Vance, about 50, Mouth of Seneca, died Aug. 1...Eliza Heishman Wilson, 73, Baker, died Aug. 3.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Weatherholt, a son, Jeffrey Neal...to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Phillips, a son... to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Shocke, a daughter.

Seventy-five Years Ago August 14, 1947

The Lions Club requested the Town Council investigate a new water system and submitted the State Health Department report showing the Town's water was unsafe.

A charter for a proposed new hos-

pital to serve Moorefield and the South Branch Valley was filed in the Clerk's office. A 15 acre site was donated to the non-profit corporation. The facility was to be called Valley View Hospital.

Thompson Mahogany Company donated a new E & J resuscitator, inhaler and aspirator to the volunteer fire company. Five members were trained and a public demonstration was planned.

Moorefield's assessed valuation grew nearly a half million dollars to \$2,005,970.

Hallie A. Sherman, 36, Mathias, died July 29...Jacob VanMeter Davis, 79, Petersburg, died Aug. 8...William Hayes Reeser died Aug. 11.

Pauline Wilson and William Funkhouser were married Aug. 8... Rama Geraldine See and Roscoe Theodore Westfall were married August 2.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cleaverman, a son... to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Moran, a son... to Lt. Col. and Mrs. Carrol Rowe, a daughter... to Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Fake, a son, Harry Leroy Jr...to Mr. and Mrs. Dailey Mongold, a son, Jimmy Franklin... to Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hines, a son... Births recorded for June: to Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis Barb, a daughter, Della Montana... to Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Barb, a son, Lee Roy... to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Franklin Basye, a son, Franklin Junior...to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Franklin Burton, a

son, Willie Lee...to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Seward Cullers, a daughter, Bonnie Lee...to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Edward Diggs, a daughter, Sarah Virginia... to Mr. and Mrs. John Anthony Durkin, a son, James Edward... to Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Ervin Eye, a son, Richard Wayne...to Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Eugene Evans, a son.

Ninety Years Ago August 11, 1932

Both Jennings Randolph, Democratic nominee for Congress, and Frank L. Bowman, Republican seeking reelection, gave addresses at the annual Seneca Rocks Association meeting.

Federal prohibition agents disclosed that moonshiners added a drop or two of sulphuric acid to each gallon of liquor to make it "bead." At one still they found lye was run into the mash to make it work and at a third location they hauled a dead snake and rat from a barrel of mash, both victims of acute alcoholism.

Between 1931 and 1932 the property valuations in Hardy County had been slashed \$340,765. In 1931 the total valuation of the county was \$5,339,685 and in 1932 it was \$4,998,920. (This year the valuation was around \$9,000,000.)

With over a million dollars emergency federal aid funds to work with, the State Road Commission was go-

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EXAMINER SAYS

Celebrate

We get a lot of emails we really don't pay any attention to, but one recently caught our fancy. It's a list of holidays and events for each month. August is Hug Month and Smile Month plus Romance Awareness Month. You really can't go bad on any of those so we suggest that you celebrate hugs, smiles and romance all month. If you don't get around to it, then go ahead and celebrate in September as well. We don't think anyone would complain. Of course we should

have a list of September holidays.

National Health Center

One more comment on emails... any that come from friends or in response to an inquiry, definitely get read.

Week

We forgot one very important day in August. Daughter Hannah celebrated a birthday on August 9. We won't tell you how old she is, but

if we did our research correctly she should be in the Glancing Backward sometime this month. Happy Birthday, dearest daughter.

August 7-13

This is also the month of the Perseid meteor showers which are at their height August 11-13. Normally you could see about 50 meteors per hour, but this year there's a problem since it's also the time of the full moon, which will outshine the meteors. Maybe the moon will have some

cloud cover early in the morning just before dawn. If so, check out the North East and maybe you'll be lucky enough to see a couple of the meteors.

And Say Thanks

Thanks to the folks at E. A. Hawse who provide health care for many folks in Hardy County. Plus, we have to also thank those who work for the other health providers in the county. We are so lucky to have their facilities and caring health providers.

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NEWS

West Virginia Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Resources Accountability updated on spending, funding

By Matt Young
WV Press Association

The Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Resources Accountability (LO-CHRA) met for nearly three hours on Tuesday to hear testimony from both the Office of the Inspector General, and representatives of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources.

Only state senators were present during Tuesday's meeting, as members of the House of Delegates were convened in Special Session. Christina Mullins, commissioner of the Bureau for Behavioral Health (BBH) was the first to present.

"From 2017 until 2020, BBH was awarded nearly \$201 million," Mullins began. "We expended over \$166 million, and returned \$34 million - that's in federal funds."

Mullins then explained how the majority of those federal funds are "related to two primary grants programs - the State Targeted Response Program, and the State Opioid Response Program."

While all federal funding has not yet been spent, Mullins stated, the

money has been "critical in the state's substance abuse disorder response."

"We are constantly working to balance the need to quickly deploy financial resources, while assuring the funds are appropriately managed," Mullins added.

Mullins also noted that delays in disbursement of the funds were largely unavoidable.

"While BBH experienced better than a 1,200% increase in discretionary funds, West Virginia lacked the infrastructure to quickly expand this level of funding," Mullins said, before adding that significant progress has nonetheless been made.

"The \$34 million that was returned to the federal government, why was that returned?" Sen. Amy Grady, R-Mason, asked at the conclusion of Mullins' presentation.

Mullins explained that the funds were returned primarily due to infrastructure and administrative challenges faced while trying to allocate them within the scope of acceptable usage.

Next to present before the committee was Tisa Wiseman from the Office of the Inspector General (OIG).

"One of the big questions you had (during the June committee meet-

ing) was OIG salaries - you wanted to know if DHHR had input into that process," Wiseman stated.

"The answer is a whole lot of people have input. The Inspector General, the program manager, whoever is hiring that person - they make a salary recommendation."

According to Wiseman, the Inspector General has "the final say" on OIG salaries.

However, all OIG salaries do require final approval from the governor. Sen. Jack David Woodrum, R-Summers, inquired as to which department is responsible for setting the OIG budget, and was advised by Wiseman that the OIG is tasked with setting the budget for themselves. Much as with salaries, the OIG budget requires the governor's final approval.

Third to speak was Dr. Ayne Amjad, commissioner of the Bureau for Public Health (BPH), who provided the committee with an overview of the Bureau's hierarchy, including specific responsibilities and current departmental-vacancies.

"Is there a strategy to improve our population's health?" Woodrum asked plainly at the conclusion of Amjad's presentation. "We're ranking very low

with the health of our citizens."

"We know that West Virginia ranks highest in obesity, hypertension, diabetes, Amjad replied. "Some of the grants - these are used to try and target those highest-risk morbidities, and those are the ones we try to focus on as far as strategies go."

"Are you seeing any success?" Woodrum continued. "Do you have any data to indicate these programs are working the way you want them to work?"

"I think it's hard to measure success with that, especially when we're always in the top three worst states," Amjad said. "As of now, I don't see anything that says it's working or not working."

Next before the committee was Shevonna Lusk, COO of the Office of Health Facilities (OHF) and Dr. Colleen Lillard, Statewide Forensics Clinical Director, who provided a similar overview of the OHF operational-purview.

"From 2014 through 2022, we've had an increase - basically 66 percent - in forensic patients," Lusk advised the committee. "Forensic placement, (in the same period) we've had an increase in community placement. This

is exactly what we want to see - an increase of 31 percent."

"I'll provide a brief overview of some of our successes, and some of our weaknesses," Lillard said, before reminding the committee that SB 702 - enacted in 2021 - "modernized West Virginia's forensic laws."

"I think the largest success for us has been the creation and implementation of the Dangerousness Assessment Advisory Board," Lillard noted. "We have had one referral from the courts to date."

Lillard cited staffing concerns as the department's primary weakness at this time.

Tuesday's final presenter was Mark Drennan, executive director of W.Va. Behavioral Healthcare Providers Association (WVBHPPA), to provide testimony relating to medical clearance.

"What we're talking about is the involuntary commitment process," Drennan began. "Our members at the (WVBHPPA), they're the gatekeepers of the mental hygiene process."

"There is a simple flow to the process," Drennan explained. "A loved one, or someone with knowledge of the person files an application stating

that 'this person is a danger to themselves or others.' If the court clerk accepts the petition, a pick-up order is initiated."

At this point in the process, the county sheriff's department is tasked with picking up the individual, and transporting them to the designated facility for a mental hygiene evaluation.

"That's where our folks come in," Drennan added. "If the individual is determined to be a danger, then they move forward to a mental hygiene hearing. If the court determines them to be a danger, they are transported to a hospital where they receive treatment."

"With regard to the mental hygiene examination, what are the qualifications of an examiner?" Sen. Ron Stollings, D-Boone, asked Drennan.

Drennan stated that examinations are performed by licensed practitioners with advanced medical and psychological training, before adding that "I think substance abuse is related to about 80 percent of the issues we've got right now."

LOCHHRA will reconvene during the next Interim Legislative Session, scheduled to begin Sept. 11.

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school administration or teachers and let them know how we can help.

While these additional services are a fantastic layer of support for our schools, the most valuable thing we have to offer our students is an amazing staff. Hardy County Schools has the BEST service and professional staff in the state and they cannot wait to get back into the schools with their students. While providing a solid and high-quality education is a top priority, we know

the value of building relationships with students. Many of you can recall quickly your favorite teacher from school and most importantly, how that teacher made you feel valued and capable. That is our goal for this year. We want each student to know how very valuable they are and that they can do great things.

Have a blessed 2022-2023 school year!

*Sheena Van Meter
Superintendent*

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ing to put 3000 more men to work.

Delinquent taxes in Hardy County amounted to about \$22,000.

Guy Mathias was remodeling his home at Mathias.

H. G. Muntzing was attending the Republican convention in Wheeling... Judge G.W. McCauley, M.A. Bean, H.M. Calhoun and Katherine McCoy were attending the Democratic convention in Bluefield.

Nola Hiser and William Pratt had been married in Washington... Theda Mathias and Fred Funderburg were married in Keyser.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Babe Shippe, a daughter... to Mr. and Mrs. A.J. May, a daughter.

105 Years Ago August 9, 1917

Capt. Chauncey McNeill had written to have his Examiner changed to Ft. Bliss, Texas, and added, "I will let you know when to change it to Paris, France, and later, Berlin, Germany." He was a captain in the 8th U.S. Cavalry.

Of the 154 men called before the draft board, 151 appeared. All asked exemption except for 43.

A meeting to discuss the Cumberland-Hot Springs highway was called for Moorefield for August 25. The late Senator Hiner was the the originator of the idea.

Mrs. Floyd Strawderman had died at her home near Howard's Lick.

\$400M tentative settlement reached in statewide opioid case

West Virginia cities and counties reached a \$400 million tentative settlement with three major U.S. drug distributors, lawyers announced Monday.

In a lawsuit in state court, the cities and counties accused the distributors of fueling the opioid epidemic. The companies are AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health and McKesson.

The funds will be distributed over 12 years.

"This is a monumental settlement for the state of West Virginia, and it's been a battle that's been waged by a lot of families, a lot of communities," Wheeling attorney Bob Fitzsimmons told news outlets. "A lot of bad things have happened as a result of the opioid epidemic."

Fitzsimmons and Huntington attorney Paul Farrell Jr. said the individual counties and municipalities still must approve the settlement.

Lauren Esposito, vice president of external and executive communica-

tions for AmerisourceBergen, said the settlement will avoid years of litigation and help get resources to areas affected by opioid misuse, as well as make sure health care facilities are able to access medications that patients and providers need, news outlets reported.

Cardinal Health said in an emailed statement, "We remain committed to being a part of the solution to the opioid epidemic and believe this settlement agreement will help provide necessary relief to West Virginia communities in need."

McKesson did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment Monday.

Last month, a federal judge ruled against Cabell County and Huntington in similar claims. They are not included in the settlement announced Monday and plan to appeal the ruling that rejected most arguments made against the drug companies.

WVDNR announces 2022-2023 season dates, bag limits for migratory game birds

West Virginia's hunting season dates and bag limits for migratory game birds have been set for the 2022-2023 season in accordance with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's annual guidelines.

The mourning dove season is split into three segments, with the first segment running from Sept. 1 to Oct. 9. The second and third segments are Oct. 31 to Nov. 13 and Dec. 19 to Jan. 24, respectively. Shooting hours on Sept. 1 are noon to sunset. For the remainder of the season, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

The woodcock season is split into two segments, from Oct. 15 to Nov. 19 and Nov. 28 to Dec. 6. The sora and Virginia rail season runs Sept. 1 to Nov. 9. The snipe season runs from Sept. 1 to Dec. 16. The early Canada goose season runs Sept. 1 to Sept. 11. The duck season is split into three segments from Oct. 1 to Oct. 14, from Nov. 7 to Nov. 12 and from Dec. 23 to Jan. 31.

Shooting hours for woodcock, snipe, rails, Canada goose, ducks and other waterfowl are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

One notable change to this year's

waterfowl regulations is the removal of the restriction on hooded mergansers. The five-daily merganser bag limit can now include up to five hooded mergansers with a possession limit of 15 in aggregate.

Federal regulations require all licensed migratory, including lifetime license holders and senior citizens, bird hunters to register with the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program and carry proof of registration while hunting. HIP cards are free and available at all hunting license agents and online at wvhunt.com.

All waterfowl hunters 16 and older must also possess a federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp or duck stamp, which must be signed by the hunter. Duck stamps can be purchased at local post offices, by calling 1-800-782-6724 or at usps.com/shop. Hunters should report harvested banded birds online at reportband.gov.

For more information about game bird hunting in West Virginia and for a full list of season dates and bag and possession limits, download a copy of the Migratory Bird Regulations at wvdnr.gov/hunting-regulations.

NEWS BRIEFS

Applications to hunt antler-less deer will be accepted by the Department of Natural Resources until August 12 at wvhunt.com. These applications cover hunting in limited permit areas. For more information consult the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary available at wvdnr.gov/hunting-regulations.

The WV Department of Arts, Culture and History is accepting applications for the WV Emerging Artists Juried Exhibition. Applications will be accepted through Sept. 2 for the exhibit, which will open Nov. 13. Entries may be submitted for painting, print/drawing, mixed media, crafts/wall hangings, photography, digital

art and sculpture. For more information and to print out an entry form, go to <https://bit.ly/3aBBwLV>. For additional information call 304-558-0220.

According to AAA on Aug. 3, the average price for regular gas in West Virginia was down to \$4.269 per gallon. The national average for a gallon of gas fell to \$4.163, down 14 cents since last week. But a slight uptick in gas demand as more people fuel up could end the steady drop in daily pump prices. New survey data from AAA finds that drivers are making significant changes to cope with high pump prices. Almost two-thirds (64%) of U.S. adults changed their driving habits or lifestyle since

March, with 23% making "major changes." Drivers' top three changes to offset high gas prices are driving less, combining errands, and reducing shopping or dining out. Across the state Parkersburg was low at \$4.274 and Weirton was high at \$3.763.

Hardy County's gas average was \$4.415. Hampshire was at \$4.385, Mineral at \$4.315, Grant at \$4.392, and Pendleton at \$4.419. Reporting stations in Hardy County (all for regular gas): Moorefield Sheetz was \$4.36. BP at Moorefield was \$4.40 and at Baker \$4.46. Pure at Mathias was \$4.40. Kerr's Shell at Wardensville was \$4.40.

MAYOR'S CORNER

BY CAROL ZUBER, MAYOR OF MOOREFIELD

I am getting very excited for our first food truck event which is less than one week away. The Celebrate Moorefield Committee has some delicious food lined up for you to purchase and enjoy. The Food Truck event is Saturday, Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will be at the town square at the Moorefield stoplight, "Carla's Garden." The vendors include Twisted Pig, Meadow Brook Farms, Drifters, Grilling Times, and Bekah's BBQ, and of course ice cream at Main Street Sweets and Treats. I think there will be something for everyone. Please come participate in this event and get something that will tickle your taste buds. Also Car-

icatures by Jed will be on hand to do FREE caricatures for all age groups. This event is sponsored by Capon Valley Bank and Thorne & Keplinger, DDS. Saturday is shaping up to be a day of great food, free caricatures and lots of fun. There will be some seating available. I will see you there.

This past week Councilwoman Mary Jo Johnson and I were fortunate to attend the Municipal League Convention. We attended workshops that address what every small town is facing in these difficult times. We feel we have brought back some good ideas, grant opportunities and some very good networking contacts. The Moorefield Town Council is always

looking for ideas to better our town.

The Celebrate Moorefield Committee is on the run and our next event will be another Farmer's Market on Aug. 27. We had a wonderful turn out at the last one and are looking forward to the next one.

The Celebrate Moorefield Committee plans to have several more events throughout the holiday season. See you on Saturday at the Food Truck and Caricatures at the square in Moorefield. I will be the one tasting something from everyone and licking my fingers. See you there. As always, I am hometown proud.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Farmers Market Coupons

The Hardy County Senior Center has farmers market coupons, and has started distributing them. Those interested need proof of identification, income, birthday and address. To pick up for someone else, all previous is required plus a paper the person has signed, with your name, authorizing you to pick up for that person. Hours: 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Music In The Park (1)

Free, family-friendly concert at Baker Park, Friday, Aug. 12 from 6-8:30 p.m. Pack a picnic, bring a lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy the music of Tide Springs, a band from Northern Rockingham County. Tide Springs highlights a variety of musical traditions with an emphasis on vocal harmonies. 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.

Music In The Park (2)

Free, family-friendly concert at Baker Park, Friday, Aug. 19 from 6-8:30 p.m. Pack a picnic, bring a lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy the music of Dunlap & Mabe from Winchester. With roots planted firmly in bluegrass, they stretch their sound in ways that all audiences will enjoy and leave the performance wanting more. 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.

Farmers Market

Saturday, Aug. 27 from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Carla Hardy Square, at the intersection of Winchester Ave. and Main Street. If you have questions, contact the Moorefield Town Office, 304-530-6142.

Drug Awareness Week

The last week of August is drug overdose awareness week. Potomac Highlands Guild will host a drug overdose awareness walk on Saturday Aug. 27. The event will be from 5-8 pm. Participants will walk from the big clock on Main Street to the Park. At the park, there will be food and drinks provided as well as having information tables, testimonies from those that have survived drug addiction as well as resources available to help those who come to the event looking for help. I am inviting the Moorefield Examiner to join in with our event and with your voice, you can help share with the community there is help available for those seeking help.

Food School

The next Food School will be on September 12, 2022 at 6 p.m. in East Hardy High School. No registration needed; classes are first come, first serve. event will be held in the school auditorium.

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.

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>

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.

Drug Take Back

The Moorefield Police Department maintains a permanent collection site for unwanted or expired prescription medication, located within the Police Department. It is located at 206 Winchester Ave. and is available to the public Monday through Friday from 9 a.m to 4 p.m. For more info, check the Moorefield Police Department Facebook page or call 304-530-1777.

Food Pantry

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

Honor Veterans

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

Heritage Tiles Available

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

Free Classes

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

County Commission Meeting

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tion to the audience.

Amendment #1 is the Clarification of the Judiciary's Role in Impeachment Proceedings Amendment, which, if passed, would clarify that courts and judges play no part in the impeachment process in the state legislature.

Amendment #2 is the Property Tax Modernization Amendment Summary of Purpose. If passed, this amendment provides the Legislature with authority to exempt tangible machinery and equipment personal property directly used in business activity, tangible inventory personal property directly used in business activity, and personal property tax on motor vehicles from ad valorem property taxation by general law.

The Commissioners expressed concern that this amendment was "a leap of faith," and noted that if there was even a 2% cut in revenue, that could well result in pay cuts or layoffs of state and county personnel. If the vehicle tax is abolished, they noted, people from "away" would pay no tax here and people "from here" would be forced to make up the shortfall.

Amendment #3 is the Incorporation of Churches or Religious Denominations Amendment. If passed, this amendment gives churches and religious denominations the option to become corporations.

Amendment #4 is the Education Accountability Amendment. This measure will clarify that the rules and policies promulgated by the State Board of Education are subject to legislative review, approval, amendment, or rejection. This means that any rules created by the West Virginia Board of Education could be overruled or changed by the state

legislature.

The Commissioners expressed their hope that voters would take time to familiarize themselves with each of the measures. Workman said, "We would appreciate local media's help in getting the word out."

The Commissioners voted to lend their support to the "Courthouse Green" project, which will light up courthouses with green lights from November 11-18, in support of veterans. Without significant discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to do that with the Hardy County Courthouse.

County Coordinator Wendy Branson reported to the Commissioners that the agreement with Tyler Robi- netto to install vending machines to sell snacks and drinks at the courthouse was ready to proceed. A contract for one year was in hand and ready to be executed. She said the agreement requires action yearly to renew it.

County Clerk Gregg Ely presented the Commission with an Order from Fiduciary Commissioner William Judy for the estate of Aaron A. Welton that required their approval. Schetrom moved acceptance, Workman seconded, and it passed unanimously.

The Jail Bill for the month of May was \$44,776.

It was reported to the Commission that \$10,148.60 had been collected for Farmland Preservation during the month of July.

With a unanimous vote, the Commission approved the minutes of its July 5 meeting, along with exonerations, settlements, consolidations, orders, the payroll register, the Clerk's report of wills admitted and executors appointed, and the Clerk's report

of administrators, curators and committees appointed.

A discussion of workplace safety issues was next. Workman told the other Commissioners about independent video journalists who are going to various government buildings to film in public areas. He said that, when officials have reacted badly, the filmed results have been posted online.

One such filmed encounter, undertaken by an entity identified as Long Island Audit, took place at the Greenbrier County Building, and resulted in a confrontation with Sheriff's Department personnel.

Workman felt that it would be wise to brief employees on appropriate responses and what to do if they were made uncomfortable by such activities, particularly since the person filming seemed more interested in approaching staff and employees rather than elected officials.

"People are reaching their breaking points when they are getting pursued by people taking pictures or filming," he said.

Workman also discussed encouraging employees and elected officials to use the main entrance to the courthouse, in the interest of safety and security. While recognizing that each department has the right to make its own policies, Schetrom agreed with Workman's position, suggesting that the Commission send an "advisory letter" to officials and employees encouraging them to use the main entrance, where there was a security checkpoint. "It's where to start," he said.

The Commissioners also briefly discussed the policy regarding bringing children to work. While ac-

knowledging there were reasons that employees might need to do so, they agreed the policy might need review if it's found that such practices were distracting other workers.

Consideration was given to updating policy on "workplace responsibility" on the part of Hardy County employees. The was a need to keep accurate records of work time, personal time and sick leave, the Commissioners felt, and it was also important that employees understood what qualified as personal time or sick leave. After some brief discussion, it was decided that monthly reporting seemed sufficient. Schetrom moved to update the policy, and all approved.

Stephen G. Smith asked if there would be printed paper ballots for voters in the upcoming election. This question arose in a recent Republican Committee meeting, he said, and some folks wanted paper ballots.

Ely pointed out that printed ballots must be ordered in the next week or two to be available for the election, and that once printed, no changes could be made. He pointed out that even the paper ballots would be counted by machine, and that, since none of the voting machines used in Hardy County were ever connected to the Internet, there was no possibility of the sort of tampering that could occur when machines were online. In answer to a question about the accuracy of the machines, Ely said "I go above and beyond what the state requires." He invited anyone with concerns to come in and observe when this testing was taking place.

Ely said it was a considerable expense to purchase printed ballots for every voter, knowing that only a small number would be used and the

rest would be thrown away. Asked what the cost would be, Ely said that it has amounted to \$2.12 per ballot in a previous election.

Smith asked about becoming an election observer, suggesting that if he did, perhaps that would allay some concerns.

Ely welcomed him to not only observe the election, but also the public voting machine tests held prior to the elections.

Commission President David Fansler declared open the hearing for a zoning change, which re-classifies some residential tracts to commercial status. Planning Commission Chair Melissa Scott outlined the proposal before the Commission, which exists because a proposal to construct storage units on part of the land required a 200-foot buffer from any residences. Virtually all of the land was owned by the party who wished to build the storage units, but a small portion "touches Martin's property," Scott said.

There had been no opposition to the proposal, though the owners of some nearby residence had inquired if the re-zoning might re-adjust the tax rate? Once they advised that there would be no change to the tax rate, their objections ceased.

Brief discussion among the Commissioners produced the opinion that this was an area in which it was desirable to promote more commercial activity, whereupon Schetrom moved to re-classify the tracts as commercial. Workman seconded, and without further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Scott then briefed the Commissioners on the fact that FEMA had re-mapped the flood zones, and that new maps reflecting the changes

would be coming shortly. There were 145 properties newly mapped in, and 179 properties mapped out. The new plan was based on Lydar data. She said the Planning Commission was at work on the Comprehensive Plan, and currently working on the Agricultural chapter.

In a related vein, Schetrom spoke about the windmills being proposed for the Eastern part of the county. He said he had requested an audience with the state Government Organization Committee, but been told that there would be no hearing because there was no space in their schedule. The Commissioners said they felt the planning commission was unjustly labeled as opposed to alternative energies, when they "certainly are not," Workman said. They were, however, concerned about selecting an appropriate site for such installations, and believed that the proposed location was not a good one. It was also noted that such projects were not a good source of tax revenue for the County, since taxation of such installations is based only on the salvage value.

The Commission has a special session scheduled for 9 a.m. on Tuesday, August 9, in the Commission's meeting room, to discuss and make decisions the following items:

- 1.) Approve Emergency Absentee Voting Policy for the 2022 General Election;
- 2.) Designation & number of Election Boards for the 2022 General Election, and;
- 3.) Recommended Orders regarding claims against the estate of Barbara Ann Connor.

The next regular session of the Hardy County Commission is scheduled for Sept. 6 at 9 a.m. in the County Commission meeting room.

Board of Education Meeting

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The good news, he said, is they will be titled and warranted as 2023 models.

Asked when he projected the two newly ordered might arrive, See said the Blue Bird salesman projected they would arrive before the 2023-24 school year, but couldn't be more specific than that.

"Perhaps we could consult a fortune teller?" quipped Board member Dixie Bean to a round of chuckles from the Board.

New freezers for the East Hardy school arrived, See told the Board, adding that one of them arrived that day. The pads for them were poured, he said, and installation will proceed shortly.

At the Pilgrim's building, construction is completed to the point where they were ready for volunteers to "pull wire."

And the arrival of 150 cases of food was anticipated for Tuesday, See said.

An ongoing problem with a malfunctioning chairlift was again the

subject of discussion. The company that has the contract to maintain and repair the apparatus hasn't honored its obligations for several months, and previously the Board directed their attorney to write the company a letter. But See said there is a new person assigned to this area, there's been discussion of the problems and promises of action. Nonetheless, he said, he felt that they should be given no more than "one shot."

"If he fails, we'll go with Shenandoah Elevator," he promised the Board.

Board members inquired about a door found unlocked overnight at one of the schools. They asked if the lock had failed. "No," replied See. He felt someone entered using a key, but was unaware that the lock needed to be manually re-locked.

See told the Board that all the air conditioning units except one at East Hardy are up and running properly. The HVAC system for the new building arrived, he said, and just needs natural gas to be connected to it.

Shook asked about record-keeping for the planned maintenance dates for some of the buses. There were some dates omitted from reports, and he felt that careful attention needed to be paid to ensuring forms were completely filled out. In the event of an accident with a bus, it could be very important to mitigating liability exposure to have detailed records of planned maintenance and inspections. See agreed, and promised to follow up and ensure the problem is addressed.

The next item of attention was the approval of the employment policy. Without significant discussion, the proposed policy was approved unanimously as written.

Moving on to New Business, the Board turned its attention to the policy for use of school facilities. Board member Janet Clayton Rose, who asked last month that the item be placed on the agenda, said she recommended "we put this out for review and comment." She said her concerns were mostly focused on

outside use and liability.

Superintendent of Schools Sheena Van Meter said she could reach out to staff and ask them to send suggestions.

"I think we need to revise the policy and then put it out for review," Rose reiterated, adding, "And then make sure the people responsible for implementing it know what's required."

With a unanimous vote, the Board approved in-county and out-of-county transfers.

Moving on to the next agenda item – discussions between the Board and Superintendent – Van Meter told the Board that 16 students expressed interest in the Grow Your Own program. This initiative allows students to earn college credits while still in high school. The main emphasis is on students pursuing teaching careers, and encourages them to return to teach in their hometown schools. She said that students would be permitted to participate in the program even if they would not be able to ac-

cumulate the full number of credits, as in the case of a student beginning as a Junior.

"How many graduates this year will go into education?" asked Board member Douglas Hines. Van Meter said she believed about five from Moorefield High School and perhaps three from East Hardy High School. She said she hoped the new program will help boost those numbers in the future.

Van Meter provided the Board with a list of future meetings and a chart of training events that would be given to faculty and staff.

The exterior and signage on the Board of Education office was added to the list of agenda items for the future.

Hines asked if the Board might revisit the issue of giving more area gauges the opportunity to provide oil changes and inspections for buses.

Van Meter asked if the Board still wanted to hold meetings at each school. Bean said the Board Evaluation materials recently provided

state the Board is required to meet in every school in its jurisdiction and theorized that, "We could use some improvement." Van Meter suggested perhaps they should schedule one meeting in a different school every other month, and the Board members nodded their heads in agreement. It was suggested that perhaps a sidewalk sign could be made that would announce a Board meeting at that school on the day of the meeting, and which could be placed in front of the school.

The last major item on the agenda was Personnel. Van Meter said no executive session was needed. A lengthy list of projected hirings was approved as proposed.

Its business thus concluded, without further ado, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

The Board of Education's next regular meeting is Aug. 15 at 5 p.m. at the Board of Education office.

June Red Meat Production

Commercial red meat production during June 2022 totaled 600,000 pounds. This was down 9 percent from June 2021. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 859,000 pounds live weight, down 13 percent from June 2021. Cattle slaughter totaled 700 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,184 pounds.

Commercial calf slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 119,000 pounds live weight, down 2 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 400 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from the previous year, at 306 pounds.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

United States – Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.72 billion pounds in June, up 1 percent from the 4.67 billion pounds produced in June 2021.

Beef production, at 2.45 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled

3.04 million head, up 3 percent from June 2021. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from the previous year, at 1,339 pounds.

Veal production totaled 4.6 million pounds, 12 percent above June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 29,100 head, down 8 percent from June 2021. The average live weight was up 47 pounds from last year, at 270 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.26 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.5 million head, down 1 percent from June 2021. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 288 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.4 million pounds, was up slightly from June 2021. Sheep slaughter totaled 172,900 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, up 11 pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2022 commercial red meat production was 27.7 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2021. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent from last year, veal was up 4 percent, pork was down 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production were down 8 percent.

June 2021 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays. June 2022 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

Public Service District Meeting

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the property. As a result, board members expressed an interest in pursuing authorization to drill a test well on another adjacent property owned by the West Virginia Conservation Agency. PSD Board Chairman Rob Harper will reach out to local members of the Potomac Valley Conservation District Board in hopes of finding support for the District's request to drill a test well on WVCA property.

In other news, Moyers informed the board that the District's rate case has been finalized with the WVPSC and the water tariff documents were pre-

sented for approval and signatures. The execution of this document brings to an end the District's lengthy rate case, which involved a hearing before the State's three public service commissioners who ultimately ruled in favor of the PSD's proposal to keep the minimum bill for residential water rates at \$45.00 per month, rejecting WVPSC staff's recommendation that those rates be increased.

Other project updates included the District's purchase of two small parcels of land adjacent to an existing water storage tank near the Carla Acres

subdivision north of Moorefield. The PSD is moving forward with a project that will construct an additional water storage tank next to its existing tank. The District intends to put the project out for bids later this year.

The next PSD meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. at the office of the District. All board meetings are held at the PSD office and are open to the public.

Valley Health: names new president, vice president

Valley Health System President and CEO Mark Nantz announced July 12 that Tonya Smith, Pharm D, MBA, MHA, will be the system's next Senior Vice President of Acute Care and President of Winchester Medical Center, effective September 12, 2022. Smith's selection follows a nationwide search and an extensive interview process involving more than two dozen administrative and medical staff leaders.

"I am pleased to welcome Tonya back to our team," Nantz said. "She is an accomplished and visionary healthcare executive with extensive healthcare experience ranging from clinical pharmacist to hospital president. Throughout her career, Tonya has had success in developing enduring and trusting relationships with physicians, leading cultural transformation resulting in high quality, safety, patient experience and employee engagement, and increasing organizational effectiveness and system integration."

Smith served in leadership roles at Valley Health and Winchester Medical Center earlier in her career, including Director of Pharmacy, Corporate Director of Pharmacy and Vice President of Operations and Ancillary Services. Among her accomplishments at Valley Health was her leadership in the system-wide implementation of Epic, the electronic medical record, in 2014.

Smith left Valley Health in 2015 to become President of Munson Healthcare's Cadillac Hospital in Cadillac, Michigan, and soon thereafter became President of Munson's five other community hospitals. In 2020, she assumed additional responsibility for leading Munson's system integration efforts.

Smith is a graduate of the University of Maryland, where she attained her Doctorate in Pharmacy. She subsequently earned a Master's in Health Administration and a Master's in Business Administration from University of Maryland University College. An engaged community leader, she volunteers in non-profit and civic leadership capacities, including the United Way, Chamber of Commerce, and Rotary.

A native of Jefferson County, West Virginia, Smith looks forward to moving back to the area. "This move is more than professional, it is deeply personal," she said. "Not only did I serve as the Vice President of Operations at Winchester Medical Center for six years, it is the hospital where all four of my children were born. We will be moving back to the community where my husband and I, as high school sweethearts, grew up, got married, and started our family. I am honored and excited to serve a health system and community that have meant so much to me and my family."

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New Fiction

"The Family Remains" by Lisa Jewell – A London policeman called to the scene of a gruesome discovery. A wife with a dead husband and her own secrets. A single mother whose return home triggers a past coming back to haunt her. They are three people in a race to discover answers involving their own personal mysteries, only to find that each is connected in ways they could have never imagined.

"The Reckoning" (FBI Thriller; 26) by Catherine Coulter – At 12 years old, Kirra Mandarian's parents were murdered. She barely escaped with her life. Fourteen years later, Kirra is an attorney in Porte Franklin, Virginia, and determined to find the killer. She contacts Dillon Savich, who brings in Special Agent Griffin Hammersmith to work with Lieutenant Jeter Thorpe, a young detective who'd saved Kirra years

before. Emma Hunt, a 12-year-old piano prodigy and granddaughter of crime boss Mason Lord, was six when she was abducted and later rescued by her adoptive father, a San Francisco federal judge. She narrowly avoids another abduction in San Francisco, but her attacker escapes. In Washington, D.C., at Emma's performance at Kennedy Center, Sherlock and officers from METRO are assigned to protect her, but things don't turn out as planned... nothing turns out as planned.

"Bark to the Future" (Chet and Bernie; 13) by Spencer Quinn – When Chet the dog and his human partner, PI Bernie Little, are approached by a down-and-out older man with a cardboard sign at an exit ramp, Bernie is shocked to discover the man is a former teammate from his high school baseball team. Then the man goes suspiciously missing. With his former teammate likely in danger, Bernie goes back to his old

high school for answers, where much that he remembers turns out not to be true.

"A Dark and Stormy Tea" (Tea Shop Mystery; 24) by Laura Childs – Theodosia Browning finds herself a witness to a brutal murder. In the throes of alerting police, Theodosia recognizes the victim – it is the daughter of her friend Lois, who owns the Antiquarian Bookshop next door to her own Indigo Tea Shop. Even though this appears to be the work of a serial killer who is stalking the back alleys of Charleston, Lois begs Theodosia for help.

"Dirt Creek" by Hayley Scrivener – When 12-year-old Esther disappears on the way home from school in a small town in rural Australia, the community is thrown into a maelstrom of suspicion and grief. As Detective Sergeant Sarah Michaels arrives in town during the hottest spring in decades and begins her investigation, Esther's tenacious

best friend, Ronnie, is determined to find Esther and bring her home. When school friend Lewis tells Ronnie that he saw Esther with a strange man at the creek the afternoon she went missing, Ronnie feels she is one step closer to finding her. But why is Lewis refusing to speak to the police? And who else is lying about how much they know about what has happened to Esther?

"What She Found" (Tracy Crosswhite; 9) by Robert Dugoni – Detective Tracy Crosswhite has agreed to look into the disappearance of investigative reporter Lisa Childress. Solving the cold case is an obsession for Lisa's daughter, Anita. So is clearing the name of her father, a prime suspect who became a pariah. For Tracy, it means reopening the potentially explosive investigations Lisa was following on the dark night she vanished. As all the pieces come together, it becomes clear that Tracy is in the midst of a case that will push her loy-

alties and her resilience to the limit.

New Non-Fiction

"Opera: The Definitive Illustrated Story" by Alan Riding and Leslie Dunton-Downer – From opera's origins in the 17th-century courts of Italy to live screenings in public spaces today, the authors follow the history, explain musical terminology, trace historical developments, and set everything in a cultural context.

New YA Fiction

"Long Live the Pumpkin Queen: Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas" by Shea Ernschaw – Saddled with queenly duties after marrying her one true love, Sally Skellington wonders if she traded one captivity for another until she finds a long-hidden doorway to an ancient realm putting everything into perspective.

New JR Fiction

"Paola Santiago and the Sanctuary of Shadows" (Paola Santiago; 3) by Tehlor Kay Mejia – Thirteen-year-old Paola Santiago must return to the void to rescue her best friend Dante and face her biggest foe yet: El Cucuy, the lord of nightmares.

New Easy Readers

"Leo + Lea" by Monica Wesolowska – Leo is totally fixated on numbers and counting everything, even the words in the story the teacher reads; Lea is the shy new girl who shares his desk, and spends all her time drawing – but one day, in the noise of the playground, an accident brings them and their obsessions together in the beginning of a friendship.

"Biscuit and the Great Fall Day" (Biscuit) by Alyssa Satin Capucilli – Biscuit loves Fall! He picks apples, jumps in leaves, runs through a corn maze, and even goes on a tractor ride! Woof, woof!

This Week in West Virginia History

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.

Aug. 10, 1920: General Frank Kendall "Pete" Everest Jr. was born in Fairmont. Everest was a military aviator and a pioneer in U.S. rocket plane flying. In 1956, he flew the X-2 at Mach 3, exceeding 1,900 miles per hour and breaking the record of Chuck Yeager, his rival and close contemporary.

Aug. 11, 1844: Emanuel Willis Wilson was born at Harpers Ferry. He served as the seventh governor of West Virginia.

Aug. 11, 1994: The Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge became the 500th refuge in the National Wildlife Refuge system. It is one of the largest and most diverse freshwater wetland areas in central and southern Appalachia.

Aug. 12, 1937: Author Walter

Dean Myers was born in Martinsburg. In January 2012, Myers was named the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature by the Library of Congress.

Aug. 12, 1997: The Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel strike ended when 79 percent of the workers approved a new contract. A 10-month walk-out by steelworkers at Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel was the longest steel manufacturing strike on record when it concluded.

Aug. 13, 1900: Railroad mogul and founder of Huntington, Collis Potter Huntington, died. Raised in poverty, Huntington went west when gold was discovered in California. There he became rich, not from mining but by selling supplies to miners.

Aug. 13, 2018: The House of Delegates adopted articles of impeachment against all justices of the Supreme Court of Appeals.

Aug. 14, 1894: Entertainer Ada

Beatrice Queen Victoria Louise Virginia "Bricktop" Smith was born at Alderson. She performed in Paris in the 1920s and opened her own club, called the Music Box, in 1926.

Aug. 14, 1943: Astronaut Jon Andrew McBride was born in Charleston. McBride became an astronaut in 1979 and piloted the space shuttle Challenger on an eight-day mission in 1984.

Aug. 15, 1906: The Niagara Movement began a five-day meeting at Storer College in Harpers Ferry. The organization was founded in 1905 by a group of African-American intellectuals, including **W.E.B. DuBois**.

Aug. 15, 1946: The first FM radio station in the state, WCFC of Beckley, began regular programming.

Aug. 16, 1851: William Hope "Coin" Harvey was born in Buffalo, Putnam County. Harvey, a social reformer, was nominated for president of the United States by the Liberty



Bricktop Smith

Party in 1932.

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Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; (304) 346-8500; or visit e-WV at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Capito, Manchin Announce Funding to Support Economic Redevelopment and Revitalization

U.S. Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Ranking Member of the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, and Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.), both members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced several grants from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). These investments, which total \$412,509, will support economic redevelopment and revitalization in the region by increasing job opportunities and attracting investment.

"I am thrilled to see EDA investing in West Virginia and providing new opportunities for different regions to develop and implement economic strategies that work for

their specific communities," Ranking Member Capito said. "This funding will help retain and increase job opportunities, attract outside investment, and ensure that West Virginians thrive in our state."

"Investing in our local communities creates good-paying jobs and spurs economic opportunity, and today's announcement is great news for the entire state," Senator Manchin said. "The EDA continues to be a strong partner for West Virginia, and these investments will strengthen economic development, boost our growing tourism industry and expand media and education programs. I look forward to seeing the positive impacts of this funding and as a

member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue advocating for resources to support economic growth across the Mountain State."

Individual recipients:

• **Region 8 Planning and Development Council** — \$210,000 to support the development and implementation of a comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDS) in the region served by the Region 8 Planning and Development Council, which comprises Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, and Pendleton counties.

• **Region 7 Planning and Development Council** — \$70,000 to support the development and implementation of a CEDS for the region

served by the Region 7 Planning and Development Council, which comprises Barbour, Braxton, Gilmer, Lewis, Randolph, Tucker, and Upshur counties.

• **Eastern Panhandle Regional Planning and Development Council** — \$70,000 to support the development and implementation of a CEDS for the region served by the Eastern Panhandle Regional Planning and Development Council, which comprises of Jefferson, Berkeley, and Morgan counties and nine municipalities.

• **Appalshop, Inc.** — \$62,509 to conduct a feasibility study to expand media production and education hubs into Raleigh County and the surrounding areas.

5 ways to protect yourself from Medicare fraud

By Alex Rosenberg
Nerd Wallet

Medicare fraud is big business, and like most businesses, it has adapted to the new environment of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The public health emergency created an opportunity for fraudsters to modify and repurpose existing schemes," a spokesperson for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, or CMS, said in an email. CMS has seen bad actors take advantage of wider demand for telehealth, COVID-19 testing and vaccines as avenues for identity theft and fraudulent billing.

The Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Inspector General, or HHS-OIG, investigates fraud, waste and abuse in federal health care programs, including Medicare. Nearly 9,000 calls came into its fraud hotline each month, on average, from April through September 2021, according to HHS-OIG's Spring 2022 report to Congress.

Calling a fraud hotline is one of several actions Medicare beneficiaries can take to protect themselves. Here are five tips to help you avoid, detect and report Medicare fraud.

1. PROTECT YOUR MEDICARE NUMBER

In the wrong hands, your Medicare number could be used to steal your identity or submit fraudulent

medical bills.

"Our top tip is to guard your Medicare number just like your Social Security (number) and credit cards," the CMS spokesperson said. "You should only share your Medicare number with trusted health care providers or verified COVID-19 vaccine administrators."

Unexpected callers or visitors who ask for your Medicare information are suspicious, especially if they claim to work for Medicare. According to CMS, Medicare will never visit you at home, and a Medicare representative would ask for your Medicare number by phone only if you've given permission in advance.

2. BEWARE OF FREE GIFTS

Fraudsters might try to get your information by offering you something for free in exchange. If you're asked to provide your medical or financial information and promised a supposedly free gift or service, "that's something to question, or at least run by a medical professional that you trust," says Isaac Bledsoe, an HHS-OIG criminal investigator. Common examples of free offers might include COVID-19 tests, genetic testing services, or durable medical equipment like walkers or braces.

3. DON'T GET TALKED INTO UNNECESSARY CARE

Some schemes involve billing for expensive services that you might not need. For example, unscrupulous COVID-19 testing sites might add on unnecessary respiratory pathogen panels that can cost upwards of \$500. That's according to a January 2022 white paper by the Healthcare Fraud Prevention Partnership, a public-private anti-fraud group. If you're not certain, check with a trusted health care provider to confirm whether a service is necessary and what it might cost.

4. REVIEW YOUR HEALTH CARE DOCUMENTS

Medicare sends statements to explain what you were billed for, how much Medicare approved and paid for services, and the maximum amount you may owe to health care providers. Watch for any unexpected items or charges on these statements.

To help you keep track of everything, you can request a free "My Health Care Tracker" from your state's Senior Medicare Patrol, or SMP. SMPs are grant-funded projects that provide resources and counseling to help counter Medicare fraud, errors and abuse.

My Health Care Tracker documents include sheets to record information about your health care, instructions for how to compare your statements to what was billed, and contact information for agencies that can help with issues like errors or fraud.

5. REACH OUT FOR HELP

If you're concerned about potential Medicare fraud, there are free resources you can call for help. Don't hesitate to call even if you're not certain. Bledsoe encourages beneficiaries to report "anything that you may think is potentially harmful or potentially fraudulent."

There are two main government hotlines: Call CMS' Medicare help line at 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227). Call HHS-OIG's fraud, waste and abuse hotline at 800-HHS-TIPS (800-447-8477) or submit an online complaint at oig.hhs.gov/fraud/report-fraud.

You can also contact your Senior Medicare Patrol for help, and they can refer your issue to the appropriate authorities. Visit smresource.org for contact information.

Whoever you call first can help, and you don't need to contact separate hotlines. Bledsoe says that different agencies have made coordination a priority, so "there's no need to call nine different places to report it nine different ways."

"We can look into (issues) immediately and give sort of a quick answer of 'yes, this is something that is not good,'" Bledsoe says. "We can put your Medicare number on a 'potential vulnerable' list to look out for any future billing that you may not have asked for, and we can help you going forward."

Eastern's fall semester begins week of Aug. 22

The start of the fall 2022 semester at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is approaching, with academic courses and several of the college's short-term workforce training programs set to launch the week of Aug. 22.

The last day to register for most of Eastern's classes is Aug. 19.

Eastern is an open-enrollment institution, with a free application process. Financial aid options are available to many students, whether taking classes part-time or full-time.

Prospective students can visit the

college's website at easternwv.edu to review the Fall 2022 course schedules, research Eastern's academic or short-term workforce programs and program costs, and request information about programs, financial aid, enrollment procedures, and more.

Eastern, based in Moorefield, serves six rural counties in West Virginia's Potomac Highlands with academic programs and short-term workforce trainings. Eastern is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. For more information, visit easternwv.edu or call 304-434-8000.

Milk Production: 2nd Quarter

Milk production in West Virginia totaled 20 million pounds or 2.33 million gallons during the April - June quarter of 2022. This is up 1 million pounds from the same period in 2021 and the January - March 2022 quarter. The number of dairy cows averaged 5,000 head, unchanged from the same period in 2021 and the previous quarter.

United States – Milk production in the United States during the April

- June quarter totaled 57.9 billion pounds, down 0.5 percent from the April - June quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.42 million head, 32,000 head more than the January - March quarter, but 87,000 head less than the same period last year.

Note: A conversion of 8.6 pounds per gallon was used.

Summit Financial Group: second quarter EPS of \$0.92 on revenue, loan growth

Summit Financial Group, Inc. ("Company" or "Summit") (NASDAQ: SMMF) on July 28 reported financial results for the second quarter of 2022, including continued strong earnings on growth in total revenue and loans.

The Company, which serves commercial and individual clients across West Virginia, the Washington D.C. metropolitan area, Virginia and Kentucky through Summit Community Bank, Inc., reported net income applicable to common shares of \$11.8 million, or \$0.92 per diluted share, for the second quarter of 2022, as compared to \$11.5 million, or \$0.90 per diluted share, for the first quarter of 2022 and \$10.4 million, or \$0.80 per diluted share, for the second

quarter of 2021.

"We are pleased to report another quarter of solid operating performance with improvements in both net interest margin and our efficiency ratio," said H. Charles Maddy, III, President and Chief Executive Officer. "The continued growth in commercial and total loans, along with sustained strength in asset quality metrics, highlight our ongoing focus on meeting the credit needs of our customers while employing sound underwriting practices. Our solid financial performance during the first half of the year and projected loan growth give us confidence of continued strong operating results for the remainder of the year."

W.Va. Birth to Three Program

West Virginia Birth to Three is a statewide system of services and supports for families with children ages zero to thirty-six months who have concerns about their child's development.

If you have any concerns for your child's development, such as moving, talking, hearing, playing, learning, or growing, trust your instincts! Talk with your doctor if you have any questions about your child's growth

and know that WV Birth to Three is available at no cost to families for children found eligible.

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

OBITUARIES

Bonnie V. Kesner



Bonnie Virginia Kesner, age 83 of Moorefield, passed away Thursday evening, Aug. 4, 2022, at the Winchester Medical Center in Winchester. Born on Jan. 4, 1939 in Moorefield, she was a daughter of the late Harry Cleland "Hooker" Wilson and Sally Ann Hose Wilson. Her husband, Delmer Leroy Kesner preceded her in death in Jan. 2011. She was also preceded in death by a grandson, a great-grandson, a brother, and a sister.

Bonnie enjoyed sewing and quilting along with crocheting. These activities were usually accomplished as she watched television,

thus multi-tasking. She took up gardening later in life and enjoyed planting and tending to her flowers. She spent idle time in word search puzzle books as she watched for her hummingbirds to return. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and was cherished by all.

Surviving is a son, Rodney Kesner (David) of Daytona Beach, Fla.; two daughters, Debra Kesner Dean (Richard) of Hagerstown, Md. and Bonnie Lynn Fitzwater (Darrell) of Edgewater, Fla.; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted

11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022, at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel, 107 Washington Street with Pastor Randy Ours officiating. Interment will follow in the Olivet Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Due to the current COVID-19 recommendations, wearing of masks and social distancing by individuals unvaccinated is recommended.

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

David L. Mathias, Sr.



David Leroy Mathias, Sr., 85, of Mathias passed away Friday, Aug. 5, 2022 at Sentara RMH Medical Center, Harrisonburg, Va.

Born March 1, 1937 in Mathias, he was the son of the late John T. Mathias and Ola Seldon Mathias.

He served in the U.S. Navy and worked 50 years for the pipeline union. He enjoyed gardening, especially his yellow flowers, feeding his birds, and being with family.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Chester and Vernon Mathias.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra

Mathias; children David L. Mathias, Jr. of Mathias, Johnnie D. Mathias of North Attleboro, Mass., Rosemary Benita Novello (David) Of Rehoboth, Mass., Cheryl Ann Johnson (Tom) of North Attleboro, Mass., Roberta Jean Mathias (Charlie) of Winchester, Va., Dale Maynard of Manchester, N.H., Donnie Thompson (Theresa) of Locust Grove, Va., Terri Thomspson (Roland) of Troy, Va.; 17 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and a sister, Joann Strawderman of Hampton, VA.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022 at 1 p.m.

at McKee Funeral Home Chapel in Baker with Pastors Irene Mongold and Jonathan Hedrick officiating. Interment will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Mathias. Military rites will be accorded by the U.S. Navy.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, Aug. 9 from 6-8 p.m., at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Mathias Baker Fire Co., PO Box 59, Mathias, WV 26812.

All arrangements are being handled by McKee Funeral Home in Baker.

Charles W. "Buck" Myers



Charles Wilbur "Buck" Myers, age 63, of Moorefield, passed away July 21, 2022, near Wills Point, TX. Born on January 27, 1959, in Old Fields, he was a son of Amanda Louise Myers Kidwell of Moorefield. He was preceded in death by a brother and three uncles.

Buck was a U.S. Army veteran and he enjoyed hunting, bowling on the weekends, maintaining a small farm for years but most of all he enjoyed trucking on the open road.

Surviving in addition to his mother is a son, Damian C. Myers of Las Vegas, NV; the mother of his son, Carol

Myers; three brothers, Floyd "Buckshot" Kidwell, Robert Kidwell and Paul Kidwell, all of Moorefield; and uncles and aunts he was raised like his own brothers and sisters, Floyd Myers and Elwood Myers of Moorefield, David Myers and George Myers of Petersburg, Mary Carr of Bowling Green, Md., Betty Kesner of Moorefield and Becky Taylor of Purgitsville.

A Celebration of Life will be held beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel at 107 Washington Street in Moorefield with Pastor Matt

Lyon officiating. The family will receive friends from 12:00 p.m. until time of services. Military Honors will be accorded by the U.S. Army. Due to the current COVID-19 recommendations, wearing of masks and social distancing by individuals unvaccinated is recommended.

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

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

M. Elaine Southerly



Mary Elaine Southerly, 66, of Moorefield, passed away on Sunday, July 31, 2022, at Mon Health Medical Center in Morgantown, W.Va.

Born April 12, 1956, in Petersburg, she was the daughter of the late Junior F. and Ella Mae (Fitzwater) Cullers. Elaine was also preceded in death by her husband, John Merle Southerly and a half-brother.

Elaine retired from Hardy County Schools. She was the librarian at Moorefield Middle School. She previously worked in the assessor's office at the Hardy County Courthouse

for many years. She was a member of the Moorefield Church of the Brethren. She was a life long learner and had an extensive college education.

She is survived by two daughters, Elizabeth Simmons of Franklin and Jennifer Champ and husband, Shawn of Maysville; one sister Pam McCartney and husband, Jim of Morgantown; one brother, Tim Cullers and wife, Shawn, of Moorefield; two grandchildren, Allison Champ and Lindsay Simmons.

Friends will be received at the Elmore Funeral Home on Friday from

4:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.

Services were held in the Elmore Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, August 6, 2022. Pastors Russell and Lucy Webster and Pastor Shawn Champ officiated. Burial will follow in the Olivet Cemetery.

Memorial donations for Elaine may be made to the Moorefield Middle School Library.

Elmore Funeral Home is honored to be assisting Elaine's family with her arrangements.

Gilberto Valentin



Hospital in Petersburg.

Born March 20, 1948 in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, he was the son of the late Francisco and Blanca P. Valentin. He was also preceded in death by one son, Edgar Valentin.

Gilberto worked for many years at Pilgrim's Pride. He was a member of Comunidad luz y Vida.

He is survived by his wife, Trinidad Reyes Rojas; two sons, Gilberto Valentin and Gilberto Valentin; five daughters, Lisette Valentin, Xiomara Valentin, Omaira Valentin, Abimael Valentin, and Elizabeth Valentin; four sisters, Gladys Cavan, Beatriz Cavan, Myrta Cavan, and Carmen Cavan; eight brothers, Ramon Cavan, Heriberto Cavan, Manuel Cavan, David Cavan, Orlando Cavan, Rafael Cavan, Israel Cavan, and Nelson Cavan, 15 grandchildren, and special friends, Pastor John Vetter, Ramfis Gonzales, Rigo Rosado, and Anita Perez.

Friends will be received at Elmore

Funeral Home in Moorefield on Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2022 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Services will follow the visitation at 2 p.m. with Pastor Moises Saravia and Pastor John Vetter officiating. Burial will follow in Olivet Cemetery in Moorefield.

Elmore Funeral Home is honored to be assisting his family with his arrangements.

Gilberto Valentin Valentin, de 74 años, de Moorefield, falleció el sábado 6 de agosto de 2022 en el Grant Memorial Hospital en Petersburg.

Nacido el 20 de marzo de 1948 en Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, era hijo del fallecido Francisco y Blanca P. Valentin. También fue precedido en la muerte por un hijo, Edgar Valentin.

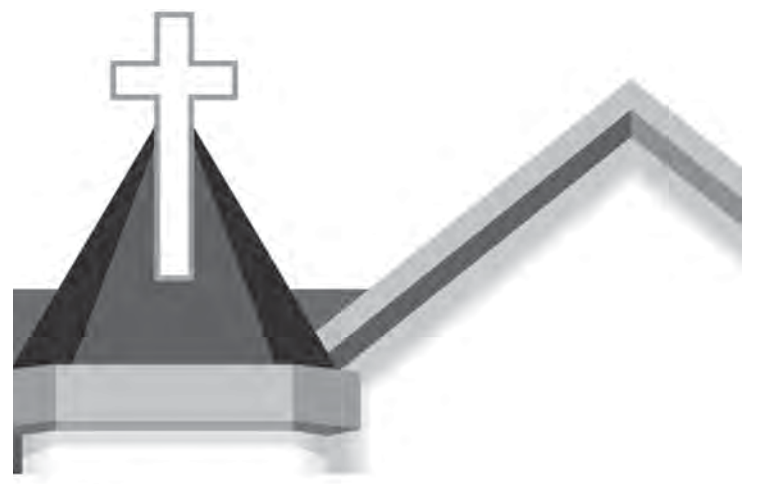
Gilberto trabajó durante muchos años en Pilgrim's Pride. Fue miembro de la Comunidad luz y Vida.

Le sobreviven su esposa, Trinidad Reyes Rojas; dos hijos, Gilberto Valentin y Gilberto Valentin; cinco

hijas, Lisette Valentin, Xiomara Valentin, Omaira Valentin, Abimael Valentin y Elizabeth Valentin; cuatro hermanas, Gladys Cavan, Beatriz Cavan, Myrta Cavan y Carmen Cavan; ocho hermanos, Ramón Cavan, Heriberto Cavan, Manuel Cavan, David Cavan, Orlando Cavan, Rafael Cavan, Israel Cavan y Nelson Cavan, 15 nietos y amigos especiales, el pastor John Vetter, Ramfis Gonzales, Rigo Rosado y Anita Pérez.

Los amigos serán recibidos en Elmore Funeral Home in Moorefield el martes 9 de agosto de 2022 de 10:00 a.m. a 2:00 p.m. Los servicios seguirán a la visita a las 2:00 p.m. con el pastor Moises Saravia y el pastor John Vetter oficiando. El entierro seguirá en el cementerio Olivet en Moorefield.

Elmore Funeral Home tiene el honor de ayudar a su familia con sus arreglos.



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Thur. Aug. 18: Baked pork chops, sweet potato fries, coleslaw, mandarin oranges

Fri. Aug. 19: Chicken nuggets, french fries, stewed tomatoes, pear

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 with us. Thank you for staying with us through all of the changes.

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Scenes around the 2022 Tri-County Fair

Photo essay by Carl Holcomb



The "Hawaiian Hula Dancers" including Wyatt Martin (right) performed during the costume contest alongside their dressed up goat.



Jaylen Rumer and her goat are decked out in a cop and prisoner theme they showed off during the costume contest at the Tri-County Fair.



Hannah and Brooke Taylor, dressed as the "old grannies," lead around their sheep dressed as a grandpa around the arena during the show.



Tri-County fair pageant dancers perform at the fair.



From left to right: Jaylen Rumer with "prisoner and guard"; Gracie Hedreick with "Beach Bums," Owen Champ with "firefighter and dalmation," Jordan Wilkins as "cop and partner," Isabella Hoover with "Lilo and Stitch," and Wyatt Martin with "Hawaiian Hula Dancers"



First place winning arrangement of jams submitted for the fair.



Flowers submitted for contest at the fair.



Chloe Miller leads her steer in the arena.



Area 4-H and FFA members show off their cattle.



Grace Simmons (left) & Caroline Auville (right) embrace in front of crafts at the fair.



Gracie Heishman spends her last moments saying goodbye to her sheep, Jewels, at the Tri-County Fair.



Pageant court, from left to right: Kensey Harper as Miss Congeniality, Anna Goldizen as 4th runner up, Shelby Landis as 2nd runner up, Zanna Parker as the 2022 Queen, Rachel Bosley as the 2021 Queen, Autumn Crites as 1st runner up, Jesslyn McCaslin as 3rd runner up, and Addison Curl as Miss Photogenic.

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The search is on for one-room schools

By Jean A. Flanagan
Special to Examiner

Hardy County had, over the course of approximately 50 years, more than 120 one-room school houses, according to information Mathias resident Shefa Benoit has gathered from a variety of sources.

"We have identified roughly 125 schools," she said. "Some were started in the mid-1800s and another group was built around the turn of the (20th) century."

Benoit, an Americorp volunteer, has partnered with the Hardy County Convention and Visitor's Bureau (Visit Hardy) and the Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area to create a Heritage Tour of one-room schools in Hardy County. She is looking for the community's help.

"I'd like to hear from people who own a one-room school, who know the location of a one-room school,



Photo courtesy HC Tour and Craft Assoc.

Maple Grove School is one of the county's one-room schools. It has been lovingly restored by the Hahn family and will be included on the Heritage Trail.

who have direct or indirect experience in a one-room school," Benoit said. "If people have artifacts from a school, we would like to photograph them, document them. If their parents or grandparents attended a one-room school and told stories, we would like to hear them."

The Heritage Trail, a driving tour of one-room schools, will be launched in late September or early October. Benoit is adamant, listing a structure does not mean the public will be able to come onto private property.

"This will not be intrusive," she

said. "At the most, someone will stop on the road and take a picture. We make it clear, going onto someone's property constitutes trespassing."

One-room school houses have been on Benoit's radar since she arrived in Hardy County.

"I moved to Cullers Run, to a farm that was across the road from the Cullers Run school," she said. "The physical building had been lovingly restored by the Shifflet family. There is a Cullers Run School Association that had a reunion every two years and I was invited to one of those reunions."

While the building, which was enlarged to become a two-room school, was restored, there was nothing documented about the students who attended the school. "At the reunion, I met several former students and offered to record their oral histories," Benoit said.

Benoit made video recordings of several former students and made them available on a website that has since been discontinued.

Having recently retired, Benoit set about to find a "project to engage with the community," she said. "I knew about Cullers Run and I knew there had to be more."

Benoit is also no stranger to Heritage Trails and the idea that specific themes can be used to connect the community to its history. "At Old Miss (the University of Mississippi), I was involved in the study of Foodways and the way food connects us to our history and culture," she said.

The study of Foodways is part of the university's Southern Studies curriculum in the College of Liberal Arts. The One-Room School Heritage Trail is a vital part of the community, Benoit said, because it connects us to our past.

"Local history promotes pride in our community," she said. "We'd like to encourage people to take a leisurely tour of our county instead of speeding through to some other location."

And if people take a leisurely tour, they may want to stop for lunch, or even spend the night, which will benefit local businesses.

A Heritage Trail of one-room schools also opens opportunities for other resources. "As part of the Heritage Trail in the future, I would like to create a toolkit that will include the steps to preservation and the resources available to do that," Benoit said.

Benoit has identified 20 schools, which will be featured in the launch of the Heritage Trails.

"We know there is more, but we're starting with 20," she said. "That's why we're asking for the community's help. Anyone with any interest, anyone with direct or indirect knowledge or experience, I'd like to hear from you."

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HARDY COUNTY SPORTS

Wratchford carries tradition into role as next MHS athletic director

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

Blue and gold has been running in Jared Wratchford's veins his entire life, so the Yellow Jackets pride within him has a chance to grow more after being named the new Moorefield High School Athletic Director for the 2022-23 academic season.

"It's exciting. I am really excited about this opportunity. We have a lot of rich tradition here in Moorefield and just to be able to play a role in that in whatever way possible, whatever these coaches need from me to help make our programs as successful as possible is what I am here for. I want to be a resource for them. I am really looking forward to this position," Moorefield High School Athletic Director Jared Wratchford remarked.

Former MHS co-athletic directors Matt Altobello and Pat McGregor (principal) have made this an easier transition having organized the fall sports schedules.

"We haven't talked much about scheduling so far, since I haven't met with all the coaches. The coaches do most of the heavy lifting with the scheduling. Coach Altobello and Coach McGregor have done a fantastic job getting everything ready for this school year, since I am just now transitioning in. They have everything done for the fall. Kudos to them for that. I

will be stepping in more for the winter sports for scheduling and such. I hope to schedule a few new teams. Every game around this area is a good game with Petersburg, East Hardy, Frankfort, Pendleton County and Tucker County. All those games are so much fun and that's why you want to play. You don't want to take those games away," Wratchford explained.

Wratchford is no stranger to Moorefield High School athletics as a former student-athlete alumnus competing for the 2003 football state championship team, earning four regional appearances in boys basketball and a member of the baseball squad.

"I played football for a couple years and was on the last state championship team in 2003. I played basketball and baseball all four years. I have coached here now for about seven or eight years, giving back. It means a lot. I love this town and I love this school. They are special people. There is no other place you'd rather win at than in Moorefield. The fans get behind you and get fired up. It is fun to live in this town and play for this school, especially when you are successful."

Wratchford attended West Virginia University where his gold and blue passion continued, while earning a degree in secondary education with an emphasis in social studies and completed his masters degree.

Wratchford is now an

alternative education teacher at Moorefield Middle School.

Wratchford's coaching experience started at Morgantown High School when he was a WVU student, gaining knowledge in the off-season programs offered there.

"I started out at Morgantown High School in their off-season program when I was at WVU. It was like a summer job for me. They wanted students who were interested in coaching to work their kids out during the summer. We took them to camps. I kind of got hooked on coaching there and decided this is what I wanted to do. Obviously, I couldn't wait to get back home and get started. That was the goal all along and hopefully that will continue for a long time," Wratchford noted.

Wratchford spent several seasons as the Moorefield Middle School Boys Basketball head coach and moved on to become the Moorefield High School Boys Basketball assistant coach for the past six seasons working alongside head coach Scott Stutler.

Wratchford is already on the recruiting path for a new wrestling coach and is proud of the accomplishments of the Yellow Jackets grappling squad, especially winning the team and individual state titles.

"We're trying to fill a position there in wrestling, but you can't discredit the championships there. Coach [T.J.] Van Meter did a great job and that's what



we want to see from all of our programs. Regardless of what the future holds, we want to put the best product out there. Obviously, we want our athletes to be students first. That's the most important thing, but we want them to be successful and have the best experience."

Wratchford looks forward to working with the coaches and student-athletes with a vision of bringing the Yellow Jackets pride to each competition and hopes to have the school fight song resounding in the stands every time.

"First off, I want to meet with all the coaches to let them know I am there to support them. I want all of us to be able to collaborate together to give our student-athletes the best experience they can possibly have. One of the things I am focused on is fan engagement. I want to get more involved in social media as a lot of our students are on social media. I would like to get more students involved at the games, even students who aren't competing as athletes. Sporting events should be fun activities for them

to do. They can come up with themes for games. It should be a school-wide and community-wide event that gets as many people involved as possible," Wratchford commented.

Having mascot color themes and spirit activities will help the school's pride become more visible in support of the teams.

Wratchford has seen many student-athletes grow within the Moorefield athletics programs, but one group really stands out.

"It is crazy. There is one specific group, that 2020 group.

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Cougars revive golf program with successful season start



The 2022 Moorefield Golf team roster includes: James Williams, Carson Whetzel, Isaac Rumer, Dylan Colasessano, Tyler Miller, J.J. Carr, Jeb Wagner, Marcus Cremann, Trevor Baldwin and William Kimble.

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

East Hardy High School revived a golf program which had been dormant for nearly a decade and roared to a runner-up finish at Valley View Golf Course during the season opener last Tuesday, finishing just behind the Golden Tornado, while last season's state tournament representative and fellow host Moorefield tied with Petersburg for third place among six total teams in the first day of competition.

"It's exciting and a lot of these kids are interested in playing golf. It's a sport you can play for the rest of your life and I think we will have fun. Hopefully they are relaxed enough today, not to have a bad day. I think they will have fun. Your goal is to always do well. I think our main goal is to just get better for next year and see where we are at," East

Hardy Golf first-year coach Matt Teets commented.

"We actually didn't do too bad for our first golf match of the year."

Keyser Golf won the first match of the season by a score of 167 and was led by Owen Sweitzer with the overall low-medalist card of 37.

East Hardy Golf finished in second place with a score of 184 and was paced by low-medalist sophomore Jordan Teets with a score of 38, followed by junior brother J.W. Teets with a 41, junior Wade Hershberger with a 52 and Levi Mongold shot a 53. Cougars junior teammate Nate Smith was on vacation and will return as the third seeded golfer.

"I'm very excited. It means a lot to be on the team, because my dad used to coach it. It is something I have always enjoyed. I hope we win everything," East Hardy Golf member Wade Hershberger noted.

The East Hardy Golf head coach is Matt Teets and two of his sons, J.W. and Jordan are competing on the team this year.

"I'm pretty excited, because my dad played golf in college and he kind of bought us a driver last year and told us if we liked it that maybe he would get us some irons. We started playing last summer and again all this summer. Hopefully we can at least compete and have a good time this year. I'd like to make it to the state tournament and I think our team could make it to the state tournament. Our goal is to just make it there. It is fun having our dad coach us and we kind of talked him into it," East Hardy Golf member J.W. Teets said.

East Hardy proved the long hiatus from the sport of golf wasn't a hindrance to the talent on the links and made quality drives and putts.

"J.W. and Jordan, I think they will be able to compete. If Jordan

gets his head on straight, he will do fine. The other members of the team have a ways to go, but all it takes is effort and they will get better. I kind of got roped into this job. I told them I would coach if they didn't find a coach. I think they quit looking when I told them that. It will be special coaching my boys, but it will be fun. Levi has been practicing all summer and getting better out there. Wade is coming on. He has potential. If he gets his clubs straightened out, he will be okay. He doesn't have his distances down yet. Nate Smith is at the beach, but when he comes back he will be our number three golfer. He is a decent golfer."

The Yellow Jackets earned a third place tie with Petersburg with a score of 186.

Moorefield Golf was guided by J.J. Carr with a low-medalist score of 39, followed by James

Williams with a 47, Dylan Colasessano shot a 49 and Isaac Rumer rounded out the scoring with a 51.

Moorefield's Trevor Baldwin made a 51 and Tyler Miller ended the day at 54.

Colasessano landed in the sand bunker on the first hole and noted it was his best shot of the hole as putting was a bit of a struggle to finish out, but regained his composure on the next green.

Overall, the Yellow Jackets had some difficulty on the putting surface and have the rest of the season to work on making strategic improvements.

"It is really good to get started. I am excited to have a new group with a mix of experienced players and novice players. We're anxious to see how much we improve from today. I am sure our scores will get

better and everybody's scores will get better as we go along," Moorefield Golf coach Wade Armentrout remarked.

"It is always different when you are playing against other teams and the competition part of it is good. Now once we get past that and understand what we need to improve on and be able to do that on a consistent basis. Consistency is key."

"We are going to use that team score we had today and make sure our team score is better than that in every match after this. We'll take this one and use it as a baseline. It is always your goal to be playing your best golf at the end of the season, not necessarily now. Our seniors have a lot experience at good golf courses and as their games improve, I am sure they will

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The 2022 East Hardy Golf team members are: J.W. Teets, Levi Mongold, Jordan Teets, Wade Hershberger and Nate Smith (not pictured).

SPORTS

Moorefield and East Hardy Football have first Day of Practice for upcoming season



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THE OLD MASTER

By JAY FISHER



The Old Master's Views

In the last couple of years, the success of WVU's football team was more on defense than offense. The past three seasons, the Mountaineers have scored 21 or more points 16 times in 35 games – and two games were against subpar FCS teams, and one was a double overtime game. Last year, WVU ranked 88th in scoring offense. So the defense has needed to play well, pretty much week in, week out.

The 2022 edition of the WVU "D" will have a lot of new faces from last year's version. No fewer than seven starters from the regular season finale last year are gone – some graduated, and others transferred.

To replace them, WVU will rely on returnees such as Charles Woods, Davis Mallinger, Aubrey Burks, Andrew Wilson-Lamp, and Mala-

chi Ruffin. Woods was arguably the best defensive back at the end of last season, while the rest showed some promise as backups. They aren't the only ones who will be counted on in the secondary; WVU has plenty of incoming transfers to supplement the returning players. Jasir Cox (North Dakota State), Marcis Floyd (Murray State) and Wesley McCormick (James Madison) are stepping up from FCS, and Rashad Ajayi (Colorado State) is coming in from a Group of 5 team. All have promise, and I think WVU fans will see plenty of these transfers contributing a lot this year. There are also some new recruits who will hope to make an impact as well. They include Tyrin Woodby, Jaylon Shelton, Jacolby Spells, Mumu Bin-Wahad, Christian Stokes, and Hershey McClaurin.

The new look secondary will be much less experienced (at least in terms of Power 5 play) than last year, but they appear to be longer and more athletic than before. That is reason for some optimism, especially as the season wears on. Also, many of the replacements do have a good bit of college experience, even if they

aren't from Power 5 conferences.

At linebacker, two starters (Scottie Young and Josh Chandler) are gone, and key backup Deshawn Stevens also used up his eligibility. But I think this year's group might actually be better than last year. Lee Kpogba will take over for Chandler in the middle. He has some experience at Syracuse. Lance Dixon (PSU) is another Power 5 transfer, and he can provide some depth. As a group, they have size to stop the run, but they are more mobile and quicker than last year. Of note, Moorefield's Wil Schoonover will also provide some depth at linebacker.

The defensive line was hurt by the surprise transfer of Akheem Mesidor to Miami, but there is plenty of talent left. The leader will be Dante Stills, who is one of two Mountaineer defenders on the pre-season All Big 12 team (Charles Woods is the other). Taijh Alston had a very solid year last year, and Jordan Jeffer-

son was impressive as a backup last year. A couple of other players have looked good in fill-in roles last year: Sean Martin and Edward Vesterinen. There are a couple of transfers who might make an impact along the line: Zequi Lawton (Cincy) and Mike Lockhart (Georgia Tech), and Hammond Russell was a redshirt last year, but could play this year.

It looks like the defense has potential. The strength looks to be up front with the line, but the linebacking corps should be very good too. Hopefully they will be strong enough to give the secondary time to gel and improve as they learn the scheme and how to play with each other.

Another factor is that hopefully improved special teams will mean teams have worse field position, which makes the defense's job a bit easier, and that the offense will be improved, which could take a lot of pressure off the defense, which won't feel like it has to hold opponents under 20 points every time. Next week, the offense – which will have fewer new faces, but will undergo more change than the defense.

Wratchford carries tradition into role as next MHS athletic director

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I had them as sixth, seventh and eighth graders when they were in middle school and all four years in high school. I just moved up with them. Seeing that group really grow and what they are doing now and the successes they are having, it is a really good thing to see. I am very proud of all of them. You see group after group coming by. Not just only physically, but their maturity level, emotionally, spiritually. It is amazing to watch these kids develop into the great young adults they will become," Wratchford stated.

When asked what traditions

Wratchford likes the most, he stated he likes them all.

"I like them all. That is a good question and I will have to think about it. I really like our fight song. I feel our fight song is unique. I would love to have the drum-line come to other events and do stuff like that," Wratchford said.

Wratchford plans to be very involved overall at games and other activities for the school.

"People will notice me, not only at games, but practice, too. I am not here to micromanage our coaches, because they do a great job. I just want to be a

resource for them. That goes for the students as well. Anything I can do to make their experience better. Some of them might have desires to play at the next level and I want to be able to help them reach that goal in the best way I can," Wratchford added.

"Our number one goal is to be here for the kids. We want them to have a great experience. I am excited to be around these kids and they keep you young. I want to have a good impact on as many students as possible."

Wratchford is married to Chelsi and they have two kids, a daughter Julia who is four years

old and a son Jace who is 16 months old.

"My kids are excited about coming to games and they will be decked out in all their Moorefield gear without a doubt. I am just going to stay in blue and gold my entire life, from when I was a kid to when I was out in Morgantown and come right back here to the blue and gold," Wratchford concluded.

Wratchford hopes to have the school spirit with the blue and gold thriving in the community as the new athletic director for Moorefield High School.

SPORTS

Cougars revive golf program with successful season start

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be good encouragement and motivation for our other players to improve.”

Petersburg was led by Lucas Riggleman with a score of 42, while the lone Vikings female golfer Samantha Colaw garnered a card of 50.

Frankfort finished in fifth place with a score of 194 and Pendleton County took sixth place with a score of 227.

The Falcons were paced by Ashton Moorehead with a 40 and the Wildcats were led by Cameron Beachler with a 47.

Moorefield Golf has a pair of seniors this season in J.J. Carr and Isaac Rumer, two juniors on the squad are James Williams and Carson Whetsel, followed by sophomores Dylan Colasessano and Tyler Miller, plus four freshmen Jeb Wagner, Marcus Cremann, Trevor Baldwin and William Kimble.

Moorefield Golf made huge improvements on the second day of competition at Polish Pines Golf Club in Keyser on

Wednesday by winning the 18-hole match with a score of 345 led by overall low-medalist Carr with 76 and Williams with 84, followed by Miller with 90 and Rumer with 95.

The Golden Tornado placed second at their home course with a score of 350 and was paced by low-medalist Drew Matlick at 77.

East Hardy's Jordan Teets was a low-medalist with a card of 79, but the rest of the team struggled as the Cougars took fifth place in Keyser. J.W. Teets shot a 90 followed by Mongold with a 111 and Hershberger notched a 122.

East Hardy Golf is ready to compete this season and visited Pendleton County yesterday, then travels to Woodstock next Tuesday.

The Cougars return to Pendleton County on August 17 and return home to Valley View in Moorefield on August 23 and September 5.

East Hardy visits Union on September 8 and sees Pendleton County on September

14 prior to finishing the regular season at home on September 20.

Moorefield Golf is scheduled to be home at Valley View on August 9, August 16, August 23, September 5, September 8, September 15, September 20 and September 26.

The Yellow Jackets visited Pocahontas County on Monday. Moorefield travels to Pendleton County four times this year on August 17, 24, 30 and September 6.

Moorefield Golf visits Southern Garrett in Maryland on August 29 and returns to Keyser twice more on September 13 and 19.

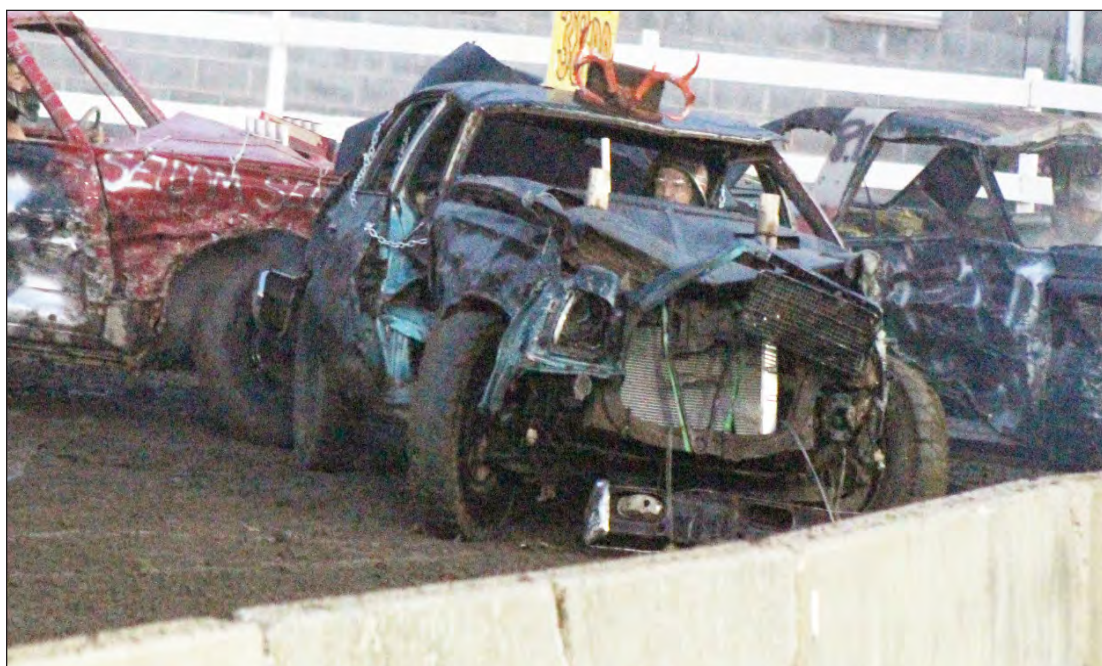
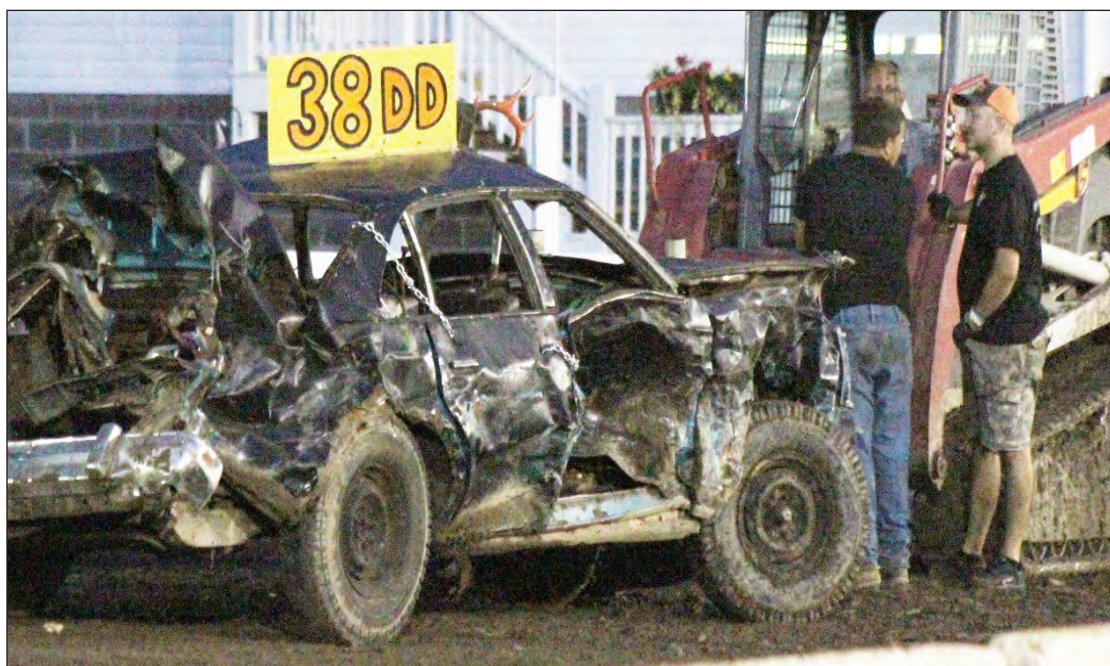
The Class A Region II Golf Championships will be held at Valley View in Moorefield on September 26.

The state golf tournament at Oglebay Resort in Wheeling will be on October 4-5 this year.



Top: Moorefield's Trevor Baldwin chipped to the green on the fourth hole at Valley View Golf Club. Bottom: East Hardy's J.W. Teets swings on the second hole tee during the season opener.

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(PUBLIC NOTICES)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP
STATE PROJECT: X316-H-125.16
FEDERAL PROJECT: NHPP(0484)118
CORRIDOR H
WARDENSVILLE TO VIRGINIA STATE LINE HARDY COUNTY

The West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOT) will hold a Public Informational Workshop on Thursday, August 18, 2022, at the War Memorial Building, 190 Main Street, WardenSVille, Hardy County, West Virginia for the proposed WardenSVille to Virginia State Line Section of the Appalachian Highway Corridor H Project. This meeting complies with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requirements.

NO FORMAL PRESENTATION WILL BE MADE. The scheduled workshop is from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and the public will be afforded the opportunity to ask questions and give written comments on the project throughout the meeting. A handout with project details will be available at the meeting and on the WVDOT Website.

Those wishing to file written comments may send them to Travis Long, Director Technical Support Division, West Virginia Division of Highways, 1334 Smith Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301 on or before Monday, September 19, 2022. Visit the WVDOT Website at <http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment> for project information and the opportunity to comment on the project.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA THAT BEING THE JUVENILE COURT OF SAID COUNTY

IN RE: S.M.
 CASE NO. 21-JA-28 A.M.
 21-JA-29

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Ernest T. Magruder III
 Unknown Address
 You are hereby notified of the above styled action pending in the Circuit Court of Hardy County, West Virginia, that can result in the permanent termination of your parental, custodial and/or guardianship rights. Every child, parent, custodian and/or guardian has a right to counsel at every stage in this proceeding.

This case is scheduled for an adjudicatory hearing before the Circuit Court of Hardy County, West Virginia, on August 24th, 2022 at 11:30am. This hearing will be held at the Hardy County Courthouse, 204 Washington St., Moorefield, WV 26836. You must appear at the hearing set forth above to protect and defend your interests. You are also required by law to file an answer in this action before August 24th, 2022. Jonie Nelson a competent local attorney has been appointed as your attorney in this matter. She can be contacted at her address of P.O. Box 458 Petersburg WV, 26847, and a phone number (304) 257-5050.

You can obtain a copy of the petition filed in this matter and further information about this case from the Hardy County Clerk's Office located at the Hardy County Courthouse, 204 Washington St., Moorefield, WV 26836 or by calling this office at (304) 530-0230 or facsimile (304) 530-0231.

Lucas J. See, Prosecuting Attorney, Counsel for Petitioner
 Hardy County Courthouse,
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS HARDY COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT
HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA PROPOSED NEW OFFICE FACILITY
 General Notice
 Hardy County Public Service District (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
 Proposed New Office Facility
 060-0958

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Hardy County Public Library located at 102 N. Main Street, Moorefield, Hardy County, WV 26836, until Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 10:00 am local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project includes the following Work: Construction will include site development and a new building to provide administrative space and a garage facility for equipment. The single-story, 6,000 SF structure will be comprised of concrete masonry units and pre-engineered metal building components with structural metal stud infill at the exterior of the office portion of the building. The roof will be ribbed metal panels per the metal building manufacturer. Exterior cladding of the office portion of the building will be split face CMU veneer and ribbed metal panels for the garage portion. The exterior doors will be galvanized hollow metal doors and frames and the interior doors will be primarily hollow metal frames with solid core wood doors. Interior partitions will be non-load-bearing metal studs and drywall. Finishes will include painted drywall, carpet tile, and LVT. Ceilings will be acoustic lay-in ceilings. The building will include electrical and data systems, lighting, plumbing and HVAC systems. There is also an alternate for using CMU bearing walls and steel joists in lieu of PEMB.

Bids are requested for the following Contract: Proposed New Office Facility Work shall be substantially completed within 240 calendar days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run with final completion 30 days thereafter. Liquidated damages shall be \$1,000.00 per day. Obtaining the Bidding Documents Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website: QuestCDN: <https://tinyurl.com/zu5z8553> or www.thetrashergroup.com Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website. Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

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Notice: Please take notice that the Hardy County Board of Health during the May 18, 2022, approved a revision to the Fees for Service and Permit Schedule to be effective October 1, 2022. The fees are to be used for the purpose of conducting the public health programs for which the fees are collected and no portion of these fees will be used for any purpose outside the authority of the Hardy County Board of Health. There will be a thirty (30) day comment period beginning August 12, 2022 and ending September 12, 2022. Copies of the regulation can be obtained at the Hardy County Health Department during normal business hours Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. THIS NOTICE IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE IN THE FORM OF A LEGAL NOTICE.

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Tariff Form No. 8-C (Tariff Rule 14.2 et seq. (Historical Rule 30-C))

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY, a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, an application containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 220,000 customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2022, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will increase revenue approximately \$90,914,544 annually, an increase of approximately 73.8%.

The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers of Mountaineer Gas COMPANY will be changed as follows:

	INCREASE	INCREASE
Residential	\$ 25.08	34.67 %
Commercial	\$125.40	42.35 %
Industrial	\$28,212.95	117.09 %
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Resale customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY include Canaan Valley Gas Co., Cardinal Natural Gas Company Northern Division (formerly known as Lumberport-Shinnston Gas Company and Blacksville Oil & Gas Company, Inc.), Consumers Gas Utility Co., Dominion Energy WV, Megan Oil and Gas, City of Philippi, and Southern Public Service. The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive an increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested increased rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following offices of the Company: Mountaineer Gas Company Office 501 56th Street SE, Charleston, West Virginia 25304. A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The Rule 30-C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the cost of purchased gas. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty-five (25) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases and to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions must be mailed or hand-delivered and be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.

08/03,08/10

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Hardy County, West Virginia
IN RE: THE CHANGE OF NAME OF Debra Ann Craddock To Debra Ann Williams
Circuit Court Case Number: 27-P-38

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF CHANGE OF NAME:

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of October 2022 at the hour of 10:15 am or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard, Debra Ann Craddock will apply by the Petition to the Circuit Court of Hardy County, WV, at the Courthouse thereof in the City of Moorefield for the entry of an Order by said Court changing the name from :Debra Ann Craddock to Debra Ann Williams. Any person who has objection to the changing of said name for any reason may appear at the time and place set forth above and shall be heard in opposition to such change. The publication shall contain a provision that the hearing may be rescheduled without further notice or publication. Given under my hand this 4 day of August, 2022

08/10

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated May 18, 2015, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 288, at Page 392, Joshua McCasland and Deanna Hope McCasland did convey unto Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill & Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Hardy County Courthouse, in Moorefield, West Virginia, on Monday, August 29, 2022, at 9:50 AM The following described real estate, with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Capon District, Hardy County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

STATE OF West Virginia, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL OF THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE, TOGETHER WITH ALL RIGHTS, RIGHTS OF WAY, IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND APPURTENANCES HEREUNTO BELONGING, LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN CAPON DISTRICT, HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A NH S REBAR FOUND IN THE LINE OF LOT 25 OF ANDERSON RIDGE SUBDIVISION AND CORNER TO J. SNYDER; THENCE WITH SAID SNYDER S 47 DEG. 11' 19" E 402.13 FEET TO A NR REBAR FOUND IN THE LINE OF SAID SNYDER; THENCE ACROSS THE PARENT TRACT S 27 DEG. 33' 57" W 912.33 FEET TO A NR S REBAR SET SOUTHEAST OF A DITCH; THENCE S 35 DEG. 41' 06" W 262.67 FEET TO A NR 5 REBAR SOUTHEAST OF AN ACCESS ROAD; THENCE N 74 DEG. 23' 35" W 577.00 FEET TO THE CENTER OF THE ACCESS ROAD TO ANDERSON RIDGE SUBDIVISION; THENCE WITH SAID ROAD THE FOLLOWING CALLS: N DEG. 38' 42" E 264.02 FEET, N 21 DEG. 20' E 30.88 FEET, THE LINE OF LOT 25 OF ROAD AND WITH LOTS 28, 27 AND 25 OF SAID SUBDIVISION S DEG. 27' 50" E 192.40 FEET TO A KOHNE CONT. NR 5 REBAR FOUND, CORNER, TO LOT 28; THENCE N 38 DEG. 27' 42" E 793.48 FEET TO THE BEGINNING, CONTAINING 16.40 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SURVEYED BY K. F. SNYDER & ASSOCIATES DATED AUGUST 22, 1986, SAID METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION ATTACHED TO THE DEED RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 321, AT PAGE 539, TO WHICH REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE; AND BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO JOSHUA MCCASLAND BY DEED FROM ROBERT G. JENKS AND CYNTHIA M. JENKS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, DATED JUNE 21, 2013, RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE IN DEED BOOK 327, AT PAGE 810.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 360 Anderson Ridge, WardenSVille, WV 26836. AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Joshua McCasland and Deanna Hope McCasland by Deed dated June 27, 2013, from Joshua McCasland and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 328, at Page 286.

The above-described property will be sold subject to any covenants, restrictions, easements, leases and conditions of record, and subject to any unpaid real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a deposit with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale. Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

Richard A. Pill, Member
 08/10, 08/17,08/24

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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 of 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 is listed herein. Claims against the estate(s) must be filed in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-1-14A(10).

ESTATE NAME: CAROL PARKER HALEY EXECUTRIX CHERE LYNNETTE LINK 85 LOWER ARKANSAW ROAD BAKER WV 26836-0030
 ESTATE NAME: ALMA LOUISE DISPANET SHIPE ADMINISTRATOR WOODROW WILSON SHIPE JR 321 ALLEGHENY DRIVE MASSANUTTEN VA 22640-3211
 ATTORNEY WILLIAM H BEAN BEAN & BEAN PO DRAWER 30 MOOREFIELD WV 26836-0030

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 ESTATE NAME: DARLEY DORIS SMITH ADMINISTRATOR JONATHAN G SMITH 804 COTTONWOOD STREET MORGANTOWN WV 26505-2620

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ESTATE NAME: ELEANOR CATHERINE CO EXECUTRIX ALICE D CROSS 99 CROSS LANE MOOREFIELD WV 26836-0035
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ESTATE NAME: SAVANNA ELIZABETH ANN HOSE ADMINISTRATRIX MARY ELIZABETH KIDWELL NORTH RIVER ROAD BAKER WV 26801-8056
 ATTORNEY WILLIAM H JUDY JUDY & JUDY PO BOX 636 MOOREFIELD WV 26836-0636

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 08/03/2022
 Gregory L Ely
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 Commission 08/10, 08/17

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STATEMENT FROM THE FAMILY: My mom has made the decision to sell her property (6.345 acres) and home on Horn Camp Road, located between Short Mountain and Nathaniel Mountain Hunting Grounds as well as her personal property which includes beds, several dressers, chairs, trunks, living room furniture, 2 washers, 2 dryers, gas range/oven, upright freezer and side by side refrigerator, Kitchen table and chairs, dinnerware, Tupperware, multiple appliances, my dad's tools, 8 Firearms, John Deere Tractor, bush hog, fork lift, plows, trailer and much more. House has two bedrooms upstairs with a full bathroom with walk-in shower and two bedrooms downstairs with a full bathroom, a workbench and two fruit cellars. There is a three car garage with one section that has been used as a work area for lawnmowers and the tractor. There is another pole building on the property that was used as a work shop and two stall garage. There is currently no cellphone service in the area and no internet to the house but HardyNet is in that area with excellent service. The property is in the process of being appraised and once all is inventoried and more pictured check back for that info and updates.

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HOUSEHOLD: Heritage gun safe; tube radio; treadmill; bedroom suite; couch/chair; kitchen table/chairs; bar stools; recliner; rockers; end tables; lamps; antique phone; crocks; wood bucket; deer mounts; Magno-Ton guitar; massage chair; dishes; comic books; 78 and 33 records; TV; kitchen appliances; bookcase; lots of Avon bottles AND MANY OTHER ITEMS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION.

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Wednesday, Sept. 21 | 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. | Eastern Main Campus, 104B
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PRINCIPAL LETTERS

East Hardy High School

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope that everyone had a restful and relaxed summer. Last year presented many challenges to our school community. Student resiliency, staff adaptability, and community support helped deal with various obstacles that were faced. Our goal is to create a positive, supportive, enriching learning environment for our students. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with parents to ensure our students can achieve their highest potential. Creating engaging lessons to challenge our students to reach this potential will be our primary focus moving forward.

Students in grades 7-9 will begin classes on Friday August 19th. Students in grades 10-12 will begin classes on Monday August 22nd. Doors open at 8 am with instruction beginning at 8:15 and students will be dismissed at 3:00. Parking permits are required for students to park on campus. The cost is \$40. Please see Mrs. Rudy for information on parking permits. If students are leaving school early to obtain a driver's permit/license, please note that these absences will no longer be excused prior to 3 p.m. Handbooks will be distributed to each student at the beginning of school. Please carefully read the student handbook for other important information.

We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our students need support from both the home and school. A strong partnership between parents and the school makes a huge difference in a student's education. Communication and transparency is a huge facet in continuing to build relationships with all stakeholders. Please contact teachers or the school anytime that you have questions/concerns/suggestions. We are all in this together with the overarching goal to make our students reach their highest potential.

Sincerely,
Derick Parks EHHS Principal

Moorefield High School

Dear Parents:

It is hard to believe, but it is that time of year again—the beginning of a new school year is just around the corner. Here at Moorefield High School, we practice an “open door” policy and believe teamwork is the key to ensuring that our students are receiving the best education. It is your support, involvement, and enthusiasm that inspire your child to do his/her best. It is our job as educators to believe that all students deserve a quality education; working together we can make a difference. Please feel free to call or stop by any time to discuss any needs you may have regarding your child's education.

All students will begin school on August 19, 2022. MHS will open doors at 8:00 a.m. and classes will begin at 8:29 a.m. Please remember that car rider drop-off and pick up is on the side of MHS near the high tunnel. Students driving may park in any slot available until parking passes are available.

All students have received their schedule for next year. If you need a copy of your schedule or a schedule change, Mr. Dayton will be available on August 11th from Noon – 6:00 p.m.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. I look forward to a successful journey with you and your child in the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mac
Principal MHS

PRINCIPAL LETTERS

Moorefield Middle School

Dear MMS Parents,

Moorefield Middle School staff would like to welcome everyone back for a great school year. We are excited to get the year started and greet all of our new and returning students. Parents, please help us in having a successful year by being involved in your child's education. Together we can reach a high level of success for all of our students.

Moorefield Middle School will offer a Back to School Night on August 16th from 4:00 – 6:00. Students along with parents will be able to tour the school, meet our teachers and get a copy of their schedule. We will also have tables set up to educate parents on LiveGrades, Attendance and other policies and procedures at Moorefield Middle School.

All students will begin school on August 19th. The doors at Moorefield Middle School will open at 8:00 and the tardy bell will ring at 8:25. Our school day will end at 2:55. To help ensure safety during our school day we ask that visitors enter the building through the main entrance on the track side of the building between the times of 8:25 – 2:55.

Our Staff is excited to get students back and start on a successful school year. I hope everyone is having a great summer and we are look forward to seeing you soon.

Thanks,

Scott Stutler, MMS Principal

Moorefield Elementary School

“The Excitement of a New School Year”

The faculty has been busy preparing the school and classrooms for an exciting year of learning. We are looking forward to hearing about summer adventures, talking to returning students, and getting to know our new students and families.

Student success is the goal of every staff member at MES. We believe every student will learn to full potential with our dedication to high quality instruction. We are prepared to offer support as needed because educating a child is an important job, and we need your help. We ask for your support by sending your child to school ready to learn. Attendance and arriving on time are also important. Please encourage your child to do their best, monitor homework and progress, and ask your child to share what they learned at school each day.

***** NOTICE: The arrival and dismissal times have changed!!

- 8:00am Doors open for students to enter
- 8:00am Breakfast begins
- 8:20am Breakfast ends - Instruction begins
- 2:40pm Car riders – early buses dismissed
- (It is very important for the parking lot to be clear by 2:55pm)
- 2:55pm Bus riders dismissed

You are a vital partner to help your child understand that school is important and success in school is something that your family values. Help your child begin school by expecting this to be a positive and successful school year. I encourage you to communicate with your child's teacher if you have any questions during the school year. We look forward to partnering with you to help your child learn! Working together, we can make this another great year at MES.

Check us out online at www.hardycountyschools.com
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 Principal: Wade Armentrout

PRINCIPAL LETTERS

Moorefield Intermediate School

Dear Moorefield Intermediate School Community,

Greetings! It is my pleasure to welcome you back for another great school year! I hope summer break has been a time for relaxing and renewal. While summer does provide a break from the daily routine of going to school, the staff at Moorefield Intermediate have been very busy preparing for a fantastic year and making our building look beautiful. As with all things, there are changes this year. Working with several stakeholder groups and our LSIC, we updated our vision statement for MIS to say we are committed “To empower our students with the skills and mindset to be successful”. While our vision statement changed, our mission of “Motivating Independent Student Leaders” has NOT changed. We will continue to teach and build leadership habits by building classroom connections and engaging students in leadership clubs. We will work hard each day to meet your child’s academic, social, and emotional needs. Your child is unique and valuable and we are excited to work with you to help them achieve GREATNESS!

Personnel Changes:

I am very happy to introduce to you educators that will be joining the MIS family. Mrs. Victoria Peck will join our 4th grade team. Mrs. Amelia Wagner will be joining our special education team. Mrs. Sandy Hedrick will be joining our school as an aide. Mrs. Bridget Sions has moved to a 3rd grade position and Ms. Amy Welton has moved to our Title I Reading Specialist. Additionally, Ms. Stephanie Armentrout (our assistant principal) will be full time at MIS. We are excited to have her support every day. We also will have a new guidance counselor. I am enthusiastic that our new additions/changes will bring new knowledge, experience, and joy to our school.

Important Reminders:

- School opens at 8:00. Students will have the opportunity to eat breakfast in the cafeteria or take a grab and go breakfast to their classroom.
- Any students arriving after 8:25 will be tardy and MUST be signed in by a parent or guardian.
- School will be dismissed at 2:50 and all students must be picked up by 3:05.
- Breakfast and lunch are FREE for all students thanks to the Community Eligibility Program (CEP).
- ALL transportation changes must be in writing (note/e-mail/fax) by 2:30. To provide for the safety of your child, we will NOT accept phone changes.

Finally, I know that your child is your most precious gift. I look forward to working together to support your child. Moorefield Intermediate School staff will be anxiously awaiting the first day. We will work diligently to provide a rigorous and enjoyable education for your child. Our goal is to build positive relationships with each family in our community. We encourage you to help us achieve our goal by communicating with teachers, attending parent nights, joining the MIS PTO, reading with your child each night, and talking with your child about our school. I promise to work each day to make your child’s experience at MIS a successful one.

I am looking forward to seeing all students on August 19th. If there is anything I can do to assist you until then, please do not hesitate to call me at MIS at 304-530-3450 or email me at achamp@k12.wv.us

Best wishes,

Amber Champ, MIS Principal

PRINCIPAL LETTERS

East Hardy Early Middle School

WELCOME BACK, EAST HARDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES!

East Hardy Elementary School is very eager to welcome our students back and begin what promises to be a wonderful year! We are excited to open our doors for the first time as an elementary school, serving grades PreK – 6. Our children are our community's greatest asset, and we are truly looking forward to the opportunity to help them grow and develop this year.

As parents and family members, your role is critical in your student's success. Not only do we ask that you ensure your children are at school on time each day and get adequate sleep so they can learn while in school, but we also ask that you have high expectations for your children. Please talk with them about what they are learning at school, what they are struggling with, and what successes they have had. Help your children to set goals and work with them to achieve them. We believe that as caregivers, you are our most important partnership in your child's education!

Important Reminders

7:50 a.m. Doors open for car riders and bus drop off

8:20 a.m. Instruction begins

2:53 p.m. Dismissal for car riders and buses

Again this year, due to the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), all students in Hardy County will receive free breakfast and lunch. Please carefully read the student handbook for other important information.

Back to School Events

Back to School Bash is Saturday August 13 from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. We'll have food, ice cream, bounce houses, games, and more!

Meet the Teacher Night is Wednesday August 17 from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Kindergarten families are invited to an Open House on Friday August 19 from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm. The first day of school for Kindergarten is Monday August 22.

Pre-K families are invited to an Open House on Thursday August 19 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. The first day of school for PreK Group A students is Monday August 29. The first day of school for PreK Group B students is Tuesday August 30. All PreK students will attend on Wednesday August 31. Group information will be sent out in a phone call and a letter.

EHES Staff is looking forward to working together to help ensure your child has a wonderful school year. Please be sure to communicate with your child's teacher if you have any questions during the year. Great things can happen when there is a strong partnership between families and the school!

Warmest regards,

Emily Morris, EHES Principal

Hardy County Schools Provide Meals to Students at No Cost

Students in Hardy County will have the opportunity to eat breakfast and lunch at school at no cost through a program called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). The CEP was enacted as a result of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act and provides universal meal service to children in high-poverty areas. This is the second year for the full-county option.

The CEP serves as an alternative to collecting, approving and verifying household eligibility applications for free- and reduced-price eligible students in high-poverty Local Education Agencies (LEAs). If at least 40 percent of a school's students are directly certified for free meal benefits, the entire school qualifies for the option.

"I am proud that Hardy County Schools will be participating in the CEP program to help meet a crucial need for many students in our county," said Sheena Van Meter, Superintendent of Hardy County Schools. "We know academic achievement increases when our students are well-fed and ready to learn, and we must provide secure and reliable access to nutritious meals so all students have a chance to achieve at the highest level possible."

Hardy County will have all six schools participating in the CEP, including elementary, middle and high schools. The program allows the school system to feed roughly 2500 students each day.

The 2017 Feeding America: Map the Meal Gap data reports high levels of food insecurity and hunger across the country. In West Virginia, more than 14 percent of residents, and over 79,000 children, live in food insecure households. This program targets children in Hardy County to help ensure students receive healthy meals.

NOTE: This program does not remove or reduce amounts owed for meals before the program started.

For more information, contact Rebecca Lewis, Child Nutrition Director, at 304-530-2348, extension 9223.

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2022 - 2023 School Calendar

Monday, Aug. 15.....	First Day for Staff
Friday, Aug. 19.....	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS, Grades 1st-12th
Monday, Aug. 19.....	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN
Monday, Aug. 29.....	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR PRE-K STUDENTS
Monday, Sept. 5.....	Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
Friday, Sept. 21.....	Early Release
Friday, Oct. 20.....	Early Release
Friday, Oct. 21.....	NO SCHOOL
Monday, Nov. 11.....	Veterans Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL
Friday, Nov. 18.....	Early Release
Monday, Nov. 21 - Friday, Nov. 25.....	Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL*
Friday, Dec. 9.....	Early Release
Friday, Dec. 22.....	Early Release
Monday, Dec. 23 - Friday, Jan. 2,.....	Holiday Break - NO SCHOOL*
Friday, Jan. 4,.....	PL Day Student Work from home
Monday, Jan. 16,.....	Martin Luther King Holiday - NO SCHOOL
Friday, Feb. 10,.....	Early Release
Friday, March 8,.....	Early Release
Friday, March 29,.....	Early Release
Friday, April 6,.....	Early Release
Monday, April 7 - Monday, April 10,.....	Spring Break - NO SCHOOL*
Friday, April 14,.....	NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, May 10,.....	Early Release
Monday, May 18,.....	Last Day for Pre-K students
Wednesday, May 26,.....	Early Release - LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS*

* Dates may be changed because of inclement weather.

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A Message from the Superintendent

Dear Friends,

Hardy County Schools continues to thrive during a challenging time. Our students have more opportunities than ever before for experiential learning, social emotional learning, and high-level academic engagement. We provide opportunities for students to receive dual credit (both high school and college credit simultaneously) through our partnership with Eastern WV Community and Technical College. High school students in Hardy County will also have the opportunity to be part of the West Virginia Department of Education's first "Grow Your Own" teacher program. Students entering the ninth grade can begin taking college courses that will lead to one year of college completion towards a teacher education program at no cost. This will help us grow teachers in our hometown that want to work and live in Hardy County.



Now more than ever, we have resources in place to support families. Hardy County Schools continues to be a Community Eligibility Program (CEP) qualifier, meaning all students receive free breakfasts and free lunches. Through our Communities in Schools Program, each school has an amazing social worker that will work directly with students and families to ensure that student needs are met, and they are able to be successful at school. A partnership with EA Hawse provides counselors in schools to work with more intensive mental health needs as well as the physical needs of students through the on-site clinics. There is a plethora of supports and benefits awaiting our students and their families, but communication is key. Please communicate with your school administration or teachers and let them know how we can help.

While these additional services are a fantastic layer of support for our schools, the most valuable thing we have to offer our students is an amazing staff. Hardy County Schools has the BEST service and professional staff in the state and they cannot wait to get back into the schools with their students. While providing a solid and high-quality education is a top priority, we know the value of building relationships with students. Many of you will quickly be able to recall your favorite teacher from school and most importantly, how that teacher made you feel valued and capable. That is our goal for this year. We want each student to know how very valuable they are and that they can do great things.

Have a blessed 2022-2023 school year!
Sheena Van Meter, Superintendent

An advertisement for EZCARE Walk-In Medical Center. At the top, a chalkboard with the words "Back to school" written on it is shown next to a pencil and a paper airplane. Below this, the text "HAVE A GREAT YEAR!" is written in a bold, bubbly font. The EZCARE logo is prominently displayed in a large, stylized font, with "WALK-IN MEDICAL CENTER" underneath it. The address "747 N Main St, Moorefield, WV 26836" and the phone number "Phone: (304) 538-8000" are listed at the bottom.

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An advertisement for Summit Community Bank. The top half features a large, stylized cloud shape containing the text "Welcome Back to SCHOOL" in a mix of cursive and bold, block letters. Below the cloud is a row of many sharpened pencils. The bottom half of the ad features the Summit Community Bank logo, which includes a stylized mountain peak. The text "Summit COMMUNITY BANK" is written in a serif font, with the slogan "Service Beyond Expectations" in a script font below it. At the very bottom, the website "MySummit.bank" and phone number "304-530-1000" are provided, along with a "Member FDIC" logo.

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Quick Facts About Attendance

All absences (full or partial days) must be explained by a written note. The excuses are to be signed by the parent/guardian or physician and specific dates must be provided.

Written notes regarding a student's absence from school must be submitted within three (3) instructional days after the first day of the student's return and must cover the duration of their absence. If written notes are not received within this time frame, the date(s) of absence will be recorded as unexcused, regardless of the reason.

The student is allowed 10 days of illness verified with a parent note during a school year. Absences beyond this must be verified by a medical provider or will be counted as unexcused absences.

Leave of educational value must be approved in advance by the principal of the student's school.

When a student accumulates three (3) or more unexcused absences in a year, the at-

tendance director, assistant or principal shall contact the parent, guardian or custodian of the student to ascertain the reasons for the unexcused absences and what measures may be taken to assist the student in attending school.

When a student accumulates five or more unexcused absences, the attendance director, assistant or principal shall contact the parent, guardian or custodian of the student to ascertain the reasons for the unexcused absences and what measures may be taken to assist the student in attending school.

A student is considered truant when he/she

accrues ten (10) or more unexcused absences during a school year.

Compulsory school attendance continues to the 17th birthday or for as long as the student continues to be enrolled in a school system after the 17th birthday.

School attendance and satisfactory academic progress are conditions of licensing for privilege of operating a motor vehicle for a person who is at least 15 but less than 18 years old.

Attendance Matters!

Although some absences are unavoidable, when students miss too much school— regardless of the reason – it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent—which means missing 18 or more days over the course of an entire school year. Research shows:

- Children chronically absent in kindergar-

ten and 1st grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade.

- By 6th grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk for dropping out of school.

Absences, whether they are excused or unexcused can add up quickly. A child is chronically absent if he or she misses just two days every month!

Clearly going to school regularly matters!

We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance:

Make sure your children keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.

Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.

Ensure your children go to school every day


unless they are truly sick

Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.

Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your children feel anxious about going to school.

Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your child to school.

Here's to another year of learning.



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2022-2023 MOOREFIELD Bus Routes

Mike Wilson #68/40

Fort Run Hollow, Dover Hollow, Caledonia Heights, Yellow Bud Apts {MHS ONLY}, Winchester Ave (PM run only).

Rick Shirk Bus #50

Old Fields Rd., Shockey Rd., Fish Pond Rd., Portion of Rt. 220 to Old Fields Bridge.

Nathan Vetter Bus #14

Carla Acres & Ogden Farms, Spring Street {MES, MMS, & MHS} (AM/PM), Powder Spring Hollow.

Josh Ritchie Bus #23/68

Rig West, Rig Rd. from Riggelman's Grocery to Gap Bridge-Going North on 220 to Coby's Trailer Park, Lem Cleaver Rd., C D Alt's.

Travis Weatherholtz Bus #46

Durgan Hollow, Jenkins Hollow, Durgan at Rt. 220 from Golf Course to Cold Springs Rd.

David Vetter Bus #67

Trough Rd., Cunningham Lane, Portion of Route 55/Cunningham to MMS, Day Care Center (PM run only) and Yellow Bud.

Deborah Phares Bus #58

State Park Rd. from Monument to South Fork Rd, Misty Terrace {MMS&MIS}, Tannery from Misty Terrace, South Fork Estates, Rod&Gun Club.

Ralph Rinker Bus #59

JC Markwood Rd., Mountain View Rd., Huffman Rd., 220 from Mountain View Rd. to Fish Pond Rd Andy Miller *Bus# 62

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Dooley, Darlington School Rd., Hutter Rd., Arlington Manor, Cold Springs Rd.

Bill Landis Bus #66

Beans Lane (AM&PM), Snyderville Rd., Welton Orchard Rd., Frosty Hollow Rd., Portions of Rig Rd.

Kevin Miller Bus #2

River Rd., Mike's Rock Trailer Park, Rohrbaugh Ln., Portions of South Main St., Portions of Winchester Ave.

Will Hunt Bus #60

ChIPLEY Lane Apts {MMS & MIS Only}, Portions of Kessel Rd., Natwick Circle, Walnut Bottom Area, Southern States.

Ben Wolfe Bus #69

Pendelton County Line down South Fork to Backwoods Ln. and Malcolm's Grocery.

Keith Smith Bus #63

Meet WVSDDB bus as needed; Hampshire County Bus (Mill Creek Ruritan Club), Hampshire County Line to Mountain View Rd., Reynolds Gap Rd., Portion of 220 from River Bridge to Ponderosa, HL Wilson Trailer Park Smith's Napa.

Mark Wratchford Bus #64

Misty Terrace, Tannery Hollow, Brighton Ave., Rohrbaugh Ln., Arlington Manor, Moorefield Examiner.

• (All MES & MHS IN AM: ONE RUN ONLY)•

Mark Wratchford Bus #64

Misty Terrace, ChIPLEY Ln. Apts, Tannery Hollow, Brighton Ave., Rohrbaugh Ln., Arlington Manor, Moorefield Examiner.

{MMS/MIS PM only at RDA }

{MES 1st Run//MHS 2nd Run// MIS-MMS:RDA

Jim Beahm Bus #19

Bean Settlement Area, Rt. 55 East to Upper Skaggs Run, Luxemburg, Old Rt. 55 West to Cunningham Lane, Day Care Center (AM run only), Mt. Olive Rd. {MIS & MMS}, RDA Parking Lot Across from Court House (AM only).

All students, grades Pre-K - 2 & 9-12, living between stop lights are car riders or walkers. Students going to MMS and MIS will be picked up across from the courthouse at the RDA Parking Lot. AM Bus 19, PM Bus 57

BUS UNLOADING AND LOADING SCHEDULE SCHEDULE

School	Buses Morning	Evening	School	Buses Morning	Evening
MHS 64	7:35 a.m.	2:55 p.m.	MIS Remaining	7:40-7:55 a.m.	3:12 p.m.
MHS Remaining	7:40-7:55 a.m.	2:55 p.m.	Ehems all	7:47-7:57 a.m.	3:10 p.m.
MES all	7:40-7:55 a.m.	2:45 p.m.	Ehhs all	7:45-7:55 a.m.	3:24 p.m.
MES 64, 17	7:40-7:55 a.m.	2:35 p.m.	MMS 19	7:35 a.m.	3:05 p.m.
MIS 19	7:35 a.m.	3:12 p.m.	MMS Remaining	7:40-7:55 a.m.	3:05 p.m.

If you have any questions please call David Redmon, Transportation Supervisor/Bus Supervisor at 304-530-2348 ext. 9226

East Hardy Bus Routes

Steve Stevenson Bus #47

Trout Pond, Thornbottom, Mill Gap, Rockbridge Road, Big Ridge Road, Portion of 259, Portion of Old Baker Rd.

Maria Ravo Bus #54

Waites Run, Carpenters Ave, Portions of 55 in Wardensville and Portions of Rt.259 to entrance of Corridor-H.

Chad Fitzwater Bus #51

Dove Hollow, strawderman Hollow, Mongold Rd., Grover Smith Hollow, Funkhouser Rd., State Park Rd., and Portion of 259.

Shayn Hose Bus #52

Old Rt.55 to wardensville, Furnace Rd., Sand Field Rd., warden Lake and Portions of Pine Ridge.

Pete Luttrell Bus #43

Rt. 29: sperry's Run, Lower & Upper Arkansas, Portion of N. River, Rock Oak Rd., Needmore Rd., Portion of 259 from Rt. 29 to Baker.

Ryan Kessler Bus #17

Whetzel Hollow, Portion of Kimsey Run, Portion of Helmick Rock Rd., Parker Hollow Rd., Branch Mountain, & Dove Hollow.

Ronnie Freed Bus #51

Jenkins Hollow, Crab and Cullers Run, Park Rd., Shoemaker Hollow and Portion of Rt.259.

Keith stull Bus #56

Caldwell Hollow, Gap Run, Lower and Upper Pine Rd., Route 55, Needmore and Rock Oak Rd.

Lisa Walker Bus #65

Trout Run Rd from Perry to Wardensville, Trout Run Cut-Off Rd. to Wardensville, Portions of Rt. 259 to Entrance of Corridor-H.

Jacob Eberly Bus #12

Rt.259 from Hebron Church to Entrance of Corridor-H, Hott/Miller's and Pine Ridge.

Daniel Leatherman Bus #70

Portion of Rt. 55 North, North Mountain Rd to Warden Acres

Tyler Bradfield Bus #48

Caldwell Hollow, Gap Run, Lower and Upper Pine Rd., Route 55, Needmore and Rock Oak Rd

Randy Sager Bus #57

Route 259 from Virginia State Line to Lost City

School Bus Safety Rules

1. Be on time.
2. Never run to or from the bus.
3. Stand back from the curb.
4. Don't push or shove.
5. Stay in your seat.
6. Don't yell or shout.
7. Always obey the driver.
8. Always wait for the driver's signal before crossing.
9. Always cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus.
10. Never crawl under a school bus.
11. An adult should be present at the bus stop. Especially when children under age nine are present.

School Bus Facts

School buses are the largest mass transit program in the U.S. School buses provide approximately 8.8 billion student trips per year. In contrast, transit buses

provide only about 5.2 billion unlinked passenger trips each year in the U.S.

Every school day, some 440,000 yellow school buses transport more than 24 million children to and from schools and school-related activities in the United States.



There is no safer way to transport a child than in a school bus. Fatal crashes involving occupants are extremely rare events, even though school buses serve daily in every community - a re-

markable 8.8 billion student trips annually.

The Transportation Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences estimates that every year more than 800 school-aged children are killed as passengers in other motor vehicles, or walking or riding bicycles, during "normal school transportation hours." Most of these deaths could be prevented if children rode in school buses. Parents need to know that driving a child to school is not a safety smart decision- the school bus is the safest way to and from school. Even worse is allowing a child to drive themselves to school, or riding with other teenagers to school, increases the risk of fatality by 10 percent.

Emergency Weather Information

Announcements regarding school closings at times of inclement weather conditions and other causes will be made over radio and TV stations starting at approximately 6:00 am. If you have scanner this info is broadcasted by 911 as soon as a decision is made by school

personnel. Do not call 911 for this info. Parents and students should not call the radio stations for such information because this will interfere with getting the message to the radio and TV stations.

Current school information can be ob-

tained by calling Hardy County Schools at 530-2348 ext. 555.

School cancellations, delays and early dismissal due to inclement weather or other causes will be announced on the radio and TV stations listed below.

WELD Fisher	690 AM or 101.7 FM
WHSV-TV	Channel 3
WUSA	Channel 9
WSVA Harrisonburg	55 AM
WQWV Petersburg	103.7 FM

Procedure for Loading and Unloading of Young Children At the Bus Stop

As required by the West Virginia State Board of Education Policy 4336

The parent/guardian or their designee shall be at the bus stop for both pick-up and delivery of all students pre-k thru second grade. If a parent/guardian elects to designate another adult or sibling (6th grade thru 12th grade) they shall make a request in writing to the school the child attends and Hardy County Schools Transportation Department listing all approved names.

In the event no one is at the bus stop for delivery, the student will be kept on the bus and the bus operator will immediately ra-

dio the Transportation Department advising that no one was there to meet the student.

The Transportation Department will then attempt to contact the parent or emergency number.

If there are no active phone numbers in WVEIS an attempt to call the school will be made. The child may be returned to the school if appropriate supervision is available. The student will be taken to the Transportation Department for pick-up, if no one can be reached before the end of

the run. If no one comes for the student by 5:00 p.m., Child Protective Services will be contacted for further disposition.

In the case where parents consistently (3 times) fail to meet the bus or do not have active phone numbers, Child Protective Services will be called immediately.

If you have questions, please contact David Redmon. Transportation Supervisor/Bus Supervisor@304-530-2348 ext 9226. Policy 4336 may viewed on the West Virginia Department Website at <http://wvde.state.wv.us>.

Protocol For Extreme Cold Weather Delays

The following protocol will be followed for the delaying of schools in the event of extreme cold weather:

- The ability to ensure the safety of students as well as to safely operate school buses will be the overall factors when making a decision to delay school due to extreme cold temperatures.

- If morning weather is suspected to be extreme relative to cold temperatures, the Director of Transportation and Superintendent will review all available data to determine the temperatures and wind chill in all parts of the county.

- If temperatures are recorded at 6 degrees F or below, wind chill

factors will be accessed to determine the effects on the temperature recordings.

- If wind chill has decreased the actual temperatures being recorded to 3 degrees F or below, school will be delayed for 2 hours.

- If the actual recorded temperatures are reflected without any effects from wind chill to be 6 degrees F or above, school will open on regularly scheduled time.

- All parts of the county will be assessed. School will be delayed relative to the overall assessment of the temperatures in different parts of the county and not just one area. Decisions will be made relative to actual temperatures as well as the effect of wind chill.



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