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# \$154,000 and Counting...

# Hardy County Taxpayers Pay Stiff Price for Ongoing Criminal Investigations into See and McCausley

By Ken Bustin

Three criminal investigations into Hardy County officials – into Hardy County Sheriff's Department Deputy Tommie McCausley and Hardy County Prosecutor Lucas See - have, ums. to date, cost the taxpayers at least \$154,000, according to figures obtained from the County Clerk, pursuant to a Freedom of Information Act request last week.

1, 2021 until May 14, 2022, when then-Sheriff Bryan Ward, uncovered spite two ongoing criminal investion Dec. 16, 2021 and \$17,969.00 in insurance premi-

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McCausley was placed on paid leave by Sheriff Steve Dawson after a security audit of Sheriff's Department computers, tablets and cell phones, ordered by then-Chief Dep-

he returned to active duty, Deputy evidence of a "back door" into one Tommie McCausley's leave cost or more of the Department's comput-\$86,627.63, a figure that includes ers, and three computer hard drives \$57,060.34 in wages, \$11, 576.29 in in McCausley's possession allegedly Employer Taxes and Contributions, were found to contain a large number of explicit pornographic images of juveniles. The matter was turned over to West Virginia State Police to investigate.

That investigation, and a second involving an alleged death threat made by McCausley during his Those figures show that, from Jan, uty David Warren, at the behest of leave, remain active. However, de-

gations, Dawson restored McCausley to active duty on May 14, 2022.

A third active criminal investigation by West Virginia State Police, alleged victims were put on leave, added another \$7,132.50 to the total this one into alleged sexual misconduct by Hardy County Prosecutor Lucas See and involving two female employees of the County Prosecutor's Office, started late last year after State Police received reports from another \$4,751.18 and insurance the women. It resulted in Jessica Liller and Laiken Shoemaker being placed on paid administrative leave

where the alleged perpetrator was put on leave, in this instance the \$2,955.94, and insurance premiums while the alleged perpetrator remains on the job.

To date, Liller has received \$27,499.95 in wages, with Employer Taxes and Contributions adding premiums accounting for the final \$8,167.50 of the \$40,415.63 outlay.

During the same time period,

Shoemaker received \$16,875.00 Unlike the McCausley concern, in salary, while Employer Taxes and Contributions amounted to expenditure of \$26,963.44.

> Both Liller and Shoemaker remain on leave, so their salaries and employment expenses will likely continue at least until the conclusion of the criminal investigation into See, unless County Commissioners initi-

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# **Sheriff Dawson Arrests** Moorefield Man in Land **Boundary Right**of-Way Dispute

By Ken Bustin

What began as a land boundary and rightof-way dispute has resulted in a local man being arrested and charged with felony Destruction of Property by Hardy County Sheriff Steve Dawson, in what some see as a strongarm tactic and an overreach of authority on the part of the Sheriff.

Tyler Borror was arrested by Sheriff Dawson on July 5 at his property at 9173 South Fork Road in Moorefield, on a Criminal Complaint signed by Magistrate Judge Shawna Crites on June 28. But the story really begins much earlier, in 2021, when Borror purchased the property, which is bounded on the south by property owned by Ward Malcolm and his brother Timothy, with whom the boundary and right-of-way dispute has developed, and on the East side by the west prong of the South

The dispute centers around a long-disused waterway crossing by two bridges, and the question is whether Malcolm has a valid rightof-way across Borror's property.

## The Prelude and Run-Up

Between the time that Borror first looked at the property in the Spring of 2021, and the time the sale closed and he took possession in the Fall, Malcolm rebuilt one of the two former bridges - both of which washed out in the 1985 flood and remained abandoned since then - dumping fill into the waterway in the process. He also began constructing a roadway across Borror's property.

Soon after, disagreement erupted between the two over the construction of the roadway across the land and use of an alleged right-ofway to access the newly-rebuilt bridge. According to Borror, the first assertion Malcolm made was that he owned a portion of Borror's property on the west side of the waterway. Since this assertion didn't agree with his deed description, Borror hired L&W Enterprises to survey the property. Surveyor Curtis Keplinger's work confirmed Borror's deed: He owned to the river's edge.

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The newly-constructed bridge across the 'west prong' of the South Fork River, and right-of-way leading to it are the subject of a dispute between Tyler Borror, who owns the property from which this photo was taken, and Ward Malcolm, who owns the land across the bridge. The "No Trespassing" signs were erected by Malcolm's employees on Borror's land, according to the deed, survey, and surveyor. Borror's property extends to the edge of the river.

# Pursuit to protect and serve



**Christopher Short** 



**Matthew Delawder** 



**Devin Lowry** 



**Angel McCauley** 



# Five awarded Hotsinpiller Scholarship

Lt. James W. Hotsinpiller, Jr. and Deputy United States Marshal Derek W. Hotsinpiller Scholarship fund has awarded five additional scholarships in 2022.

Hotsinpiller. Jim was a mem-

The board of directors of the ber of the Bridgeport Police Department at the time of his passing. Derek followed in his oldest son and Derek's brother, of undergraduate study. Scholfather's footsteps, entering law enforcement, and serving as a Deputy United States Marshal. The scholarship honors the He was fatally wounded while memory of Jim and Derek attempting to serve an arrest

shal Dustin Hotsinpiller, Jim's are renewable each semester is the President of the Scholarship Corporation. This scholarship was established to assist students interested in pursuing degrees in criminal justice.

Providing applicants main-

Deputy United States Mar- tain eligibility, scholarships arships for graduating seniors are \$500 per semester, renewable for four years. Scholarships for college students who

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# Feds suing poultry producers over unfair worker practices

By Michael Balsamo

Associated Press

The Justice Department is expected to file a lawsuit against some of the largest poultry producers in the U.S. along with a proposed settlement seeking to end what it claims have been longstanding deceptive and abusive practices for workers.

The suit is being filed in federal court in Maryland naming Cargill, Sanderson Farms and Wayne Farms, along with a data consulting company known as Weber, Meng, Sahl and Co., according to three people familiar with the matter. The people could not publicly discuss the specific details of the suit before the filing was made public and spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity.

In its lawsuit, the Justice Department alleges the companies have been engaged in a multiyear conspiracy to exchange information about the wages and benefits of workers at poultry processing plants in order to drive down employee competition in the marketplace, the people said.

The government contends the data consultthe workers' compensation with the companies and their executives, the people said. By carrying out the scheme, officials allege the companies were able to compete less intensely for workers and reduce the amount of money and benefits they had to offer their employees, suppressing competition for poultry processing workers across the board, the people said.

The defendants and unnamed co- conspirators in the lawsuit account for hiring about 90% of all chicken processing jobs in the nation, one of the people said.

The suit is the latest example of the Justice Department's antitrust enforcement targeting

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# West Virginia foster care system lawsuit revived by court

By John Raby

An appeals court has revived a federal lawsuit that a lower court dismissed accusing the state of West Virginia of failing to protect children and fix action lawsuit. its overwhelmed foster care sys-

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals sent the lawsuit back to U.S. District Court in Charleston, pushing back on state claims that a federal court should have no part in disputes about the system. The lawsuit seeking class-

action status was filed in October 2019 by a Charleston law firm and two nonprofit advocacy groups on behalf of a dozen children against Gov. Jim Jus-Health and Human Resources

and other state officials. A U.S. district judge last year of the plaintiffs had left the foster care system, rendering their claims moot.

In its ruling reviving the lawsuit, the appeals court said it supported the idea of a class-

"For years, West Virginia's response to any foster-care orders entered as part of the individual state hearings seems to have been to shuffle its money and staff around until the orders run out, entrenching rather than excising structural failures," Senior U.S. Circuit Judge Henry F. Floyd wrote in the majority opinion. "Forcing Plaintiffs to once more litigate their claims piecemeal would get federalism

exactly backwards." Department of Health and tice, the state Department of Human Resources spokeswoman Allison Adler called the appeals court's decision "discouraging." In a written stategranted the state's motion to ment Thursday, she wrote that dismiss the case, saying that the the agency believes the fedstate court system should have eral lawsuit seeks "to interfere jurisdiction over child welfare with West Virginia state circuit

cases. He also determined six courts' decision-making abilities related to foster care cases."

The lawsuit alleges that the state's child welfare system has "significant administrative problems that hinder its ability to operate effectively." The 105page complaint describes stories of neglect and harm done to foster children while under the department's care. Many were in inadequate and dangerous placements, left without necessary services or forced to languish in foster care for years, including a 17-year-old suicidal boy who slept in a locked cell at a juvenile detention center, the lawsuit alleges.

The complaint also alleges that the state has failed to maintain an adequate number of appropriate foster homes, and that it resorts to quick placements among relatives without vetting or monitoring to ensure children's safety. The reliance upon kinship caregivers has increased significantly in the past decade.

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# **Applications available for** antlerless deer hunts

The West Virginia Division of Nat- mail by the first week of October. ural Resources is now accepting applications to hunt in limited permit areas during the 2022 antlerless deer season. Applications for the lottery are available online at wvhunt.com and will be accepted until midnight on Aug. 12.

"These limited permit areas provide antlerless deer hunting opportunities in counties or areas of the state where wildlife biologists have determined that issuing limited numbers of antlerless deer permits will help meet management objectives," said Chris Ryan, game management supervisor for the WVDNR.

Starting Sept. 1, all applicants can see whether they received a permit by logging into their account. Applicants who are selected will be notified by

A limited number of Class N stamps for resident hunters and Class NN stamps for nonresident hunters will be available. Successful applicants may hunt antlerless deer on private and public land on Oct. 20-23, Nov. 21 to Dec. 4, Dec. 8-11 and Dec. 28-31.

Hunters who want to enter as a group must know the other hunters' DNR ID numbers to enter the lottery. Hunters also may call their local DNR district office for help with the application process.

For more information on antlerless deer season dates and bag limits, hunters should consult the 2022-23 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary available at wvdnr.gov/ hunting-regulations.

- Kanawha County (North Portion)

- Raleigh County (East Portion)

- Nicholas County

- Webster County

#### Wildlife management areas, counties open for drawing: - Greenbrier County (North Portion)

- Beury WMA

- Camp Creek State Forest

- Greenbrier State Forest

- Hillcrest WMA

- Boone County

- Clay County (South Portion)

- National Forest and State Land (Nicholas County)

- National Forest and State Land (Webster County)

- National Forest Land (Pocahontas County) - National Forest Land (Randolph County)

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### **Guest Editorial...**

### OPINION

# The public loses out when government makes it harder to find out what it's doing

fieds is about exciting as watching paint dry, but it's necessary reading for some.

In Carmel, California, a 99-year-old foreclosing on her house after someone read the notice in the local paper and shared it with her grandchildren.

After reading a county financial report in the Ottumwa Courier, an Iowa pharmacist learned that a national pharmacy chain overcharged by five times the price of medicines to him securing the contract instead.

Dating back to the Colonial era, public notice has served a vital role in informing people about the activities of their governpublic actions, such as budgets, hearings, government contracts open for bidding, unclaimed property and court actions.

But despite its historical significance and importance, public notice has increasingly come under attack. In recent years, some cash-strapped state legislatures have tried to remove the requirement that public notices be published in newspapers, opting instead to allow government entities to post them for free on their own websites.

"It would be the classic example of putting the fox in charge of the hen house," says Richard Karpel, executive director of the Public Notice Resource Center (PNRC), a nonprofit organization that tions, including three medical marijuana serves as a clearinghouse for information about public notice legislation.

In 2018 alone, the PNRC tracked about 160 separate bills. About a dozen of them, if passed, would have either eliminated public notice from newspapers altogether; many others would have eliminated it in rather than the rule. Karpel says that publimited circumstances. Fortunately, most of the bills failed, due to the intense lobbying efforts of state newspaper associations.

Reading public notice ads in the classibecome a big part of the job," says Mark ingenuous argument." Maassen, executive director of the Missouri Press Association.

This past year, the Missouri Press Aswoman was able to stop the bank from sociation successfully fought three antipublic notice bills that worked their way through the state legislature. The most serious of the bills, SB 580, would have eliminated public notices in newspapers altogether. The association found its biggest allies among legislators in rural areas, where internet access is limited and it supplied the local jail. His complaints led local newspapers still have a strong presence. "Small rural communities still rely very much on the local newspaper for their news," Maassen says.

ment. Typical public notice laws apply to is that it costs taxpayer money to place the ads in newspapers. And, in fact, with the decline of commercial advertising, public notice advertising has become an increasingly important source of revenue for local newspapers, especially in smaller markets.

> At the Morgan Messenger, a weekly newspaper in Berkeley Springs, public notice ad revenue helps pay the salaries of its staff. "We couldn't give the public the news they want without it," says executive editor Sandy Buzzerd.

> Last year, Missouri newspapers made nearly \$6 million in public notice advertising when a number of ballot issues were up for a vote in the November midterm elecinitiatives. Those bills alone resulted in 11 consecutive weeks in some newspapers. It was the biggest public notice buy in memory, says Maassen.

But that kind of money is the exception, lic notice advertising is actually not a bigticket item for state and local governments. "It's a drop in the bucket compared to what Advocating to retain public notice "has they spend elsewhere," he says. "It's a dis-

tive behind the opposition to public notice. "It's often prompted by politicians in New Jersey and Maine, spearheaded by governors Chris Christie and Paul LePage toriously testy relationship with reporters.

is that it's no longer needed today, when the proposal received more than 80,000 everyone has a cell phone and should be comments, and the agency's director pubable to access notices on government web- licly admitted they made a mistake in limsites. But Karpel says cell phones are a "terrible" vehicle for public notices, which A primary argument against public notice tend to be text heavy and hard to read on a notice is supposed to do," says Steve Key, small screen. Plus, people often find notices by accident, while scanning the news- Press Association. "It's not just making inpaper for other information. "Reading a newspaper is a serendipitous process," says Karpel. "It encourages people to find notices that would get lost on the web.

> While politicized criticism of the news media in the "fake news" era may be fueling some of the anti-public notice sen- require that newspapers also publish them timent, Karpel says it's not necessarily a on their websites or on state press associapartisan issue. "You'd think public notice tion sites that aggregate notices. And some that's not always the case," he says. For without a legislative mandate. example, there is strong support for it in Republican-dominated states that have rural constituencies, including many states in whip era," says Maassen. the South and Upper Midwest.

full pages of legal notices that ran for four can protect the government from its worst instincts. That's because newspapers provide a neutral third-party source of information that government entities don't nec- the public would ultimately suffer. "The essarily want the public to see, which can loss would be transparency," says Karpel. ultimately backfire.

> mental Quality (MDEQ) found that out notices were removed from newspapers." the hard way. In 2016, the MDEQ was allowed to post exclusively on its own web-

site its draft approval of a proposal that Karpel says there's often a personal mo- would allow Nestle Waters to pump more groundwater from public wells. The proposal attracted no public attention or comwho want to stop the journalism they don't ment, until a Grand Rapids reporter wrote like." He points to anti-public notice efforts a story about it— 41 days into the 45-day public comment period.

Within three days, the MDEQ received respectively — two politicians with a no- thousands of comments, forcing the agency to extend the public comment period Another argument against public notice and schedule public hearings. Eventually, iting the notice to their website.

> "People don't understand what public executive director of the Hoosier State formation public. It's actually putting the notice in the hands of the people."

While newspapers may still be the best venue, they also have an obligation to make public notices as widely available as possible. More than a dozen states now is most threatened in Red states, but in fact associations, like Missouri's, are doing it

> "It's a way to answer critics, who say newspapers are still living in the buggy

To date, every state still requires the bulk An advantage of public notice is that it of public notices be published in newspapers, but that right may be taken away as state legislatures continue to chip away at it...

If that were to happen on a wide scale, "People would know a lot less about what's The Michigan Department of Environ- happening with their government if public

> By Maryanne Reed Dean, WVU Reed College of Media

# EXAMINER SAYS



## **Dog Days**

We love butterflies and in particular, monarch butterflies. It was sadorange and black insects have now been put on the endangered list. It's estimated that the population has declined between 22% and 72% over 10 years. Think about the North American monarchs. They take the longest migration of any insect species known to science. After wintering in Mexico they migrate thousands of miles to southern Canada. Along the way they breed multiple generations. The monarchs are threatened by loss in their habitat and an increased use of herbicides and pesticides in agriculture as well as climate change. People who care can do some things to help the monarchs. As a start they can plant milkweed.

# End

We're in the last week of Dog Davs, which end August 11. They began July 3 and last week was the epitome of Dog Days of Summer when our daily temps reached into the upper 90s. We really don't want any more heat reminders.

# **August 11**

Since we have some friends who dening to read that those wonderful live in Frederick County, Maryland and it isn't too far from Hardy County, we generally take a look at stories coming out of that area. Just recently we read an AP story about a small family farm where the owner believes in sustainable agriculture and also believes in educating the public on the idea. Jane Dennison has a mission: she heads a nonprofit and wants to plant one million nut trees across the Mid-Atlantic. As a start she's planted chestnut and hazelnut trees along with apple trees on her farm. Not a bad mix and chestnuts can sell for up to \$15 a pound. The really neat aspect is that even though it may take several years for nut trees to produce nuts, that production can last for decades. Besides, food trees are perennial, which means they can stay alive year-round and don't require annual planting. Now how great is that? We can't give you any contact details about the people involved, but we suspect you can talk with our extension folks and find out about Middle Creek Farm and their SilvoCulture's

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planting techniques.

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# MY UNBASED OPINION

By David O. Heishman

er and two straw hats. The booty I carried home from Vietnam picked up in-country before I left in July, 1969. I carried lighter and MPCs in my pockets and the hats on my lap aboard the World Airways, Boeing 707 that brought me back across the Pacific to Seattle.

M.P.C., Military Payment Certificates, the money we were paid with while in-country in Vietnam. Like regular dollar bills except smaller in size and different colors depending upon denomination. We called it "Funny Money." Think of the board game, Monopoly.

I haven't seen my stash of Vietnam treasures for several years, but if memory serves, my \$10 bill was bright orange. I brought it because I'd wadded it down in my pocket as change when I bought the lighter from a Papa san squatting against the bright red ten dollar bills have taken burned red patch on my leg. In those

\$10.00 in M.P.C., a Zippo light- fence outside a gate of Cam Rahn Air- over. base just before I boarded the plane.

> day I came down on orders as Enlisted Pay Officer for our headquarters compound. I was issued two armed guards, two large bags of MPCs and a sheaf of pay vouchers with which I was to pay the headquarters troops. I forget how many thousands of dollars I carried that day, but I've never

> carried more before or since. I forget what they called the day that every dollar we possessed became worthless. Think about the idea that when you wake up one mornmade worthless to spend. You must take every bill you own to your local bank and exchange it for another bill of same value but a different color. Suddenly, your old green ten dollar

Along with color change goes I got real familiar with MPCs the a limit on how much you can exchange. Amounts above a reasonable saved stash must be justified as to how they were acquired. Purpose of the whole exercise was to temporarily halt "black market" activity between troops and Vietnamese. I'll look for my ten dollar bill because I understand such money is far more valuable than face value to collectors.

The lighter was nothing special, except it turned out to be a Zippo knockoff. I bought it engraved with the typical cocky soldier's version of ing every dollar you own has been a portion of the twenty third psalm. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: fore I am the evillist s-o-b in

the valley." bills are worthless because your new the lid broke off leaving me with a

days, I smoked heavily, Camel cigarettes and Marsh Wheeling Deluxe cigars, so lighter got a lot of use.

The two straw hats I brought home as a gift for my mother. I'd asked my house girl to buy them for me before I left Qui Nhon. I figured I'd get taken for a bundle of MPCs if I bought them myself in town, so I asked my working lady to get them for me. I still have one of them. Mom wore them regularly for nearly 40 years until she died. Just plain, conical straw hats with a chin ribbon. She liked them because they are a cool head covering and bugs stayed out of her face around the rim when she worked in her garden.

Like a lot of other guys, all I want-I carried and used that lighter until ed was to get my butt home safe and sound. Trinkets and souvenirs were close to last in importance.

# GLANCING BACKWARD

## From the Moorefield Examiner Archives

#### Fifteen Years Ago **August 1, 2007**

Three new chic shops opened on Wardensville's Main Street: Trout Provisions, Coyote Coffee and Mountain Craft.

Heritage Weekend tiles were on sale depicting the Frye House of Wardensville.

The Rural Development Authority asked the County Commission to mediate a dispute between their organization and the Public Service District

The Hardy County School system was honored by the WV Education Department for its school meal initiative.

Nancy Cooley Hisghman, 73, Strasburg, died July 22...John Thomas St. Clair, 96, Memphis, Tenn., died July 10...Leonard Calvin Entsminger, 69, died July 23... Gladys Marie Fink, 87, Timberville, Va., died July 24... Victor Robert Wulf, 67, Baker, died July 26.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Cunningham, a son, Ethan James ...to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Laughlin, a son, Camden Edward.

#### **Thirty Years Ago July 29, 1992**

National Guardsmen and State Police spent 14 days eradicating 1.5 million marijuana plants in Pendleton, Grant and Hardy counties. The plants were burned. Street value was not available since many of the plants were immature. A mature plant could bring as much as \$2,000.

The Board of Education gave East Hardy High School boosters the goahead for fundraising for an athletic facility.

Plans for Heritage Weekend were announced. A movie was to be shown at the Drive-In, one of the few remaining outdoor movie theaters in

July 24...Leslie H. Taylor, 74,

Rheems, Pa., died July 23...Nellie Hedrick Cook, 81, Roseburg, Ore., died July 13...William Woodrow Wilson, 24, died July 21 of an accidental drowning...Arthur E. Dean, 86, Capon Bridge, died on July 21.

### **Forty-five Years Ago August 3, 1977**

Moorefield was celebrating its 200th Anniversary. Activities included a reception for the winners of the essay contest: Connie Sindy, Angela Riggleman, Kristi Crites and Tom McNeill, Jr.; a band concert, a reception for the undefeated teams, church homecomings, a hymn sing and a softball game.

Potomac Edison's request to delay payment of a \$10 million refund was

denied by the U. S. Circuit Court up- ing Hugh Vance, Jr. were married holding the Public Service Commission's ruling.

The West Virginia Library Commission approved a \$200,000 grant to buy and remodel the MG Market as the county library.

Catherine Stover Carr, 88, died July 20...William E. Taylor, 73, died July 27...Steven R. Earle, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Earle, dies July 31 in Morgantown.

Esther Mae Clymer and Garnett William Whetzel were married July Delphia Mallow Calhoun, 96, died 9. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Duke, a son, Christopher Newton.

### **Sixty Years Ago August 1, 1962**

West Virginia's oldest town, Romney, was preparing to celebrate its 200th anniversary.

Twenty-two young women were competing for Poultry Queen ... Judy Barton, Miss Majorette of America, from Knoxville, Tenn., was to entertain during the Poultry Festival.

Charleston on August 11 to choose a nominee to fill the position caused by the death of a State Supreme Court Judge. Hardy County was sending 17 delegates.

Albert Jackson See, 82, died July 29 in Weston

Annabelle Fitzwater and Lor-

June 23... Ilene Rebecca Hinkle and Clyde Frederick Weese were married July 22 ... Kaye Loraine Turner and Virgil Leroy Wilkins were married June 8... Mary Anne Inskeep and John Thomas St. Clair, Jr. were married July 1.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wolfe, a daughter, Jill Denise...to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Delawder, a son.

#### Seventy-five Years Ago **August 7, 1947**

Moorefield's water supply was declared unsafe from sewage pollution. The Lions Club went on record to help the town obtain a new water system.

Hardy County's assessed valuation jumped nearly one million dollars to \$9,069,180.

The State Health Department advised campers and others participating in outdoor activities to get immunized against typhoid fever.

David Van Meter, 74, died July A judicial convention was to be in 28... Bessie Lewis Carr, 65, Ridgeley, died August 3...Ezekiel D. Chaney, 77, died July 31 at Lost River.

Zada Viola Poland and Clifford H. Towles, Jr. were married July 26... Agatha Marie Whetzel and Victor Cain, Jr. were married July 20.

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### NEWS

# Capito, Manchin Announce \$13 Million in HHS Grants for W.Va.

By Kelley Moore Capito's Office

U.S. Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) and Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.), both members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, today announced \$13,009,453 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to bolster local health centers, provide maternal health services, increase access to HIV/AIDS treatment, support drug addiction research projects, strengthen youth vaccination programs, and enhance public health in West Vir-

"It's great to see many important initiatives across the Mountain State be recognized and receive the support they need to operate efficiently and effectively," Senator Capito said. "This funding will strengthen critical health services across West Virginia, while also supporting research initiatives important to public health. I will always advocate on behalf of the resources our state needs to help our residents lead health lives.'

more than \$13 million in these ten \$1,000,000 to W.Va. Perinatal Partcritical programs to support vital medical research, provide health services, increase access to substance use disorder treatment and further strengthen public health in West Virginia. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue advocating for funding to support healthcare services and research programs across the Mountain State," Senator Manchin said.

Individual awards are: Public Health and Emergency Preparedness Program: \$5,189,763 to the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources.

Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases Program: \$2,791,642 to the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources.

Immunization and Vaccines for Children Program: \$2,280,035 to the latory Program Standard Compli-West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources

"I'm pleased HHS is investing Management Strategies Program: nership, Inc.

> Health Center Cluster Program: \$424,667 to the Mountaineer Community Health Center (Paw Paw,

Grants to States to Support Oral Health Workforce Activities Program: \$400,000 to the West Virginia Department of Health and Human

Drug Abuse and Addiction Research Program: \$380,000 to Academic Research Enhancement Awards for West Virginia University and \$203,145 for Identifying Stigma Reduction Targets in the Context of an Appalachian HIV Outbreak from West Virginia University

Ryan White Title IV Women, Infants, Children, Youth and Affected Family: \$240,201 to the West Virginia University Research Corporation

W.Va. Manufactured Food Reguance and Enforcement Expansion: \$100,000 to the W.Va. Department of Rural Maternity and Obstetrics Health and Human Resources

# W.Va. School Clothing Allowance **Application Period Extended**

By W.Va. DHHR

Due to a statewide system outage affecting multiple state agencies and services, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' (DHHR) Bureau for Family Assistance has extended the deadline for accepting School Clothing Allowance applications for eligible children enrolled in W.Va. schools.

Families may apply online at www.wvpath.org. Applications that are through WV PATH must be received by 5:00 p.m., on August 12, 2022. A paper application may be requested by contacting a local DHHR office or by calling 1-877-716-1212. Paper applications must be postmarked by August 12, 2022 to qual-

Each eligible child will receive a \$200 benefit that may be used toor piece goods for families who sew clothing for their children.

The following groups will automatically receive School Clothing Allowance benefits for each school-

of June: Families with school-age children who currently receive WV WORKS cash assistance; Parents or guardians of children in foster care; Children ages 4-18 who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, are enrolled in school and whose household income is under 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Level; and families who received School Clothing Allowance in 2021 and currently have Medicaid coverage should have received a School Clothing Allowance application by U.S. Mail in late June.

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

School Clothing Allowance recipward the purchase of school clothing ients will receive an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card in place of the traditional paper voucher. This system change was implemented in 2021 to allow for both online transactions and increased choice of ven-

age child in the home by the end dors when purchasing school clothing or piece goods. The EBT card will operate like a debit card and can be used at any retailer who accepts EBT cash transactions. If the merchant does not accept EBT cash transactions, the benefit can be withdrawn as cash at a QUEST ATM to complete the purchase. Parents or guardians of children in foster care will receive the School Clothing Allowance benefit as a check.

#### **Monthly Income Limits** for the School Clothing **Allowance Program for 2022**

Number of Persons in Household and Income Limit:

- 1 \$1,396
- 2 \$1,888
- 3 \$2,3794 - \$2,871
- 5 \$3,363
- 6 \$3,855
- 7 \$4,347
- 8 \$4,8399 - \$5,331
- 10 \$5,823

# West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History Accepting Applications for West Virginia Emerging Artists Juried Exhibition

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WV-DACH) is currently accepting submissions for the 2022 West Virginia

State Capitol Complex in Charleston.

Emerging Artists Juried Exhibition pieces for the exhibit jurying in paint- ated between 2020 and 2022. Digital

through Sept. 2, 2022. The exhibit will ing, print/drawing, mixed media, open Nov. 13 at the Culture Center, craft/wall hangings, photography, digital art and sculpture. The pieces Eligible artists may submit two that are entered must have been cre-

To be eligible to enter the exhibi-

domicile in West Virginia. Exceptions to this requirement are made for students and military personnel ment by the exhibition's entry date. who have West Virginia resident status and a home address in the state. awards for the exhibition. The Best

images, not original pieces, are sub-

mitted for the jurying process.

Entrants must be listed on the West Virginia Artists Registry or must submit information for the registry along tion, artists must be 18 years of age with the submissions for this exhibior older and maintain a permanent tion. To register, submit a CD/DVD or USB memory stick with six examples of current work to the depart-

The department will present three

of Show/Purchase Award receives \$1,000. Second place receives \$500 and third place receives \$250. For more info and to print out

an entry form, go to https://bit. lv/3aBBwLV. To request an Artists Register form, contact Laiken Blankenship, WVDACH exhibits coordinator, at (304) 558-0220 or Laiken.J.Blankenship@wv.gov.

# **Glancing Backward**

#### **Ninety Years Ago August 4, 1932**

Governor Roosevelt was to begin his drive for the Presidency on Aug. 18 in the Middle West. President Hoover would be formally notified of his renomination as would be vice president Curtis.

The State Road Commission had passed a resolution that only one member of a family could work on the state roads.

State troopers had nabbed 5,227 violators of the dry law during the last fiscal year. State road workers in this section

were receiving \$150 to \$185 a month in this district. R.S. Ritchie, Westernport, formerly a Hardy County man, had received the Purple Heart for wounds received

the day after. Clifton Curry, Monterey, Va., waxed indignant because Highland County and the South Branch Valley

One hundred and forty-six 4-H dy were camping at Harness Ford.

The Philadelphia Sales Company had purchased the stock of Lazarus Store and moved it away.

Mortimer Williams Gamble, 70, prominent lawyer, had died at his home...Ezekiel D. Chaney, 77, Lost River, died July 31.

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

### 105 Years Ago **August 2, 1917**

A warning had been issued from Washington that German sympathizers were distributing court plaster that contained tetanus germs.

One hundred and fifty-four men in the Meuse-Argonne in 1918 just had been called for the first day exbefore the Armistice — 14 years to aminations by the local draft board which met Aug. 2, 1917. Fifty men at his home...John T. Van Meter, Old presented themselves and the examination of each lasted about 15 min-

The Boy Scouts had gone to Har-

ness Ford for their annual camp.

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The barn at McNeill belonging Club members from Grant and Har- to R. E. Saville had been struck by lightning and a horse belonging to Charley Cain had been killed.

F. B. Mathias was here to tell his family goodbye before leaving for parts unknown. He had received orders to leave.

Walter Neff had completed his new home on South Fork

The new U. B. Church at Kessel was dedicated July 29. The church cost about \$2,200 and all had been provided for except \$819. At Sunday's collection \$824 was raised.

Blackberries were selling at \$1 a bushel and huckleberries for \$1.75

Rev. Barrett, Rev. Hall and Rev. Thomas were all receiving funds to purchase testaments to present to each soldier leaving the county. Simon J Bowman Rio had died

Fields, had died at his home. Blanche Lloyd and Angus Inskeep

Seymour had been married in Cum-

# Fran Wonders

### By Fran Welton

I wonder why it is taking so long Biden's advisory million dollar busi- Xi aren't complicit in the deaths and to review the Hunter Biden Laptop ness I wonder just how many times to see the names of people involved Biden/Dems received advice from in the Biden/Dems family Ukraine, Xi? How much influence did Xi have China and Russian political operations. Was treason committed?

Reported is that Biden has 40 years of associations with the Chinese Communist Regime, does that mean every party secretary or president since Mao Zedong's last years to Xi Jinping's political rise in 2013 as President of the People's Republic

mittee. Then as the Vice President he from Russian Communist Rule. was influential in foreign affairs during Obama's presidency. As a part of Obama/Dems plan to bring the US to its knees as a third world country I wonder if Hunter/Biden's service spent with Communist Countries was part of that plan.

When I look at the happenings

on Biden's/Dem's Executive Orders?

I wonder about Biden's trips and phone conversations with Xi and the decisions we are now experiencing the fallout from; executive orders on the fuel industry, regulations in every area of manufacturing in the US, the Green New Deal, exiting Afghanistan, electric cars, China purchasing our land and food manufactur-Biden was elected to the US Senate ing companies, our China aluminum in 1973 and spent 12 of those years as deal, our lateness in supporting the Chair of the Foreign Relations Com- Ukraine's fight to keep their freedom

I wonder about the several months that Biden let pass and his not sending military support to the Ukraines that would stop the Russian invasion on the spot. So did conversations from Putin to Xi not influence Biden/Dems on their decision to hold back the necessary support? I wonthe world over since the Hunter/Joe der if Hunter/Biden/Dems, Putin and

losses in Ukraine.

What about the back log of the shipping industry that caused the US and world shortages of food and supplies needed to sustain life? I have to wonder a lot about who was behind that fiasco. The majority of those supplies came from China. I will never believe it was accidental

I wonder how long it will be before all our pharmaceuticals will be shipped from China. They already have a lot of our military and medical research and development proj ects, our electric car research and development and battery production, along with the uptick in production of turbines and solar panels. Wonder how much of our inflation problems can be attributed to Communist Regimes influence over the Hunter/ Biden's/Dems. I wonder if Biden hasn't already lost Taiwan.

## News Briefs

were left off a map sent out by The

The Town of Moorefield's first Brush Day is Tuesday, Aug. 9. Residents may dump trash and natural yard waste at the old wastewater plant on Sewer Plant Road. No commercial dumping is allowed. No building materials, trash or tree limbs over eight inches in diameter will be accepted. Brush Day will continue on the second Tuesday of each month through October from 7 a.m. until noon.

The WV Department of Motor Vehicles was shut down last week due to a system wide mainframe outage. Check their website at https://transportation.wv.gov before you drive to average price for regular gas in West the office. Some services were able to be processed.

## \*\*\*\*\*\*

Southern West Virginia was affected by the same thunder storms that caused the floods in eastern Kentucky and western Virginia. Kentucky was hit hardest.

## \*\*\*\*\*

As West Virginia's Republican supermajority continued advancing a sweeping abortion ban bill Tuesday, Democrats failed for the second time in two days to garner enough support to add exceptions for rape and incest

## \*\*\*\*\*\*

According to AAA July 28, the Virginia was down to \$4.391 per gallon. The national average for a gal-ville was \$4.46.

lon of gas fell to \$4.27. Since Monday, the national average for a gallon of regular gasoline has fallen eight cents to \$4.27. The estimated rate is 80,000 b/d lower than last year, but it could pressure pump prices and slow price decreases if the trend holds. Across the state Parkersburg was high at \$4.595 and Weirton was low at \$3.841 Hardy County's gas average was \$4.479. Hampshire was at \$4.460, Mineral at \$4.454, Grant at \$4.459, and Pendleton at \$4.359. Reporting stations in Hardy County (all for regular gas): Moorefield Sheetz was \$4.45. Moorefield Exxon was at \$4.55. BP at Moorefield was \$4.46 and at Baker \$4.46. Pure at Mathias was \$4.46. Kerr's Shell at Wardens-

# MAYOR'S CORNER

## By Carol Zuber, Mayor of Moorefield

The Farmer's Market was a suc- for our next downtown event. Aug. chase all the delicious items that were being sold. We learned a few things for our next Farmer's Market. the vendors for participating in the downtown Farmer's Market.

The Celebrate Moorefield Com-

cess. We had a good mix of vendors 13 is the food truck extravaganza. offering delicious fruits, vegetables, Food Trucks will be selling their best honey, baked goods, meat and flow- fare from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Caricaers. We had a crowd ready to purtures by Jed will be there to sketch your portrait. It is open to all ages. He will also do couples or families. This event is FREE and it is sponsored All of our vendors plan to return to by Thorne & Keplinger, DDS and the next Farmer's Market which will Capon Valley Bank. It sounds like a be Aug. 27. We would like to thank fun day to eat, socialize and pose for a cartoon drawing. Don't forget to visit our downtown stores while you are there! The Celebrate Moorefield mittee is on the move and preparing committee is open to new ideas and

we have heard from some of you. It is anticipated there will be activities planned through December.

I would like to give a pat on the back to the Moorefield Public Works Department for working long hours last Sunday. They were doing an upgrade to the sewer lines extension. I appreciate all the Moorefield town employees. They care about our town. Again mark your calendars on Aug. 13 and Aug. 27 for upcoming events downtown.

As always, I am hometown proud

The American Legion wants to

make sure they honor each Veter-

an who is buried in Hardy County

with a flag on their grave for Me-

morial Day. Please contact Karen

Malcolm at 304-257-6458 with

the name and grave site of these

honored veterans. You can text the

# COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

## **Meeting Notice**

The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting will be Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2022, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be at the Farm Credit building, 550 South Main Street, Moorefield. Additional information is available on the District webpage: www.wvca. us/district/pvcd.cfm or by contacting the office at 304-822-5174. The meeting agenda will be available three days prior to the meeting. Copies are available on the webpage or by contacting the office at 500 East Main St., Suite F, Romney. The public is invited.

# Music In The Park (1)

Baker Park, Friday, Aug. 5 from Linden, Va. As a duo they high-

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. 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 Free, family-friendly concert at selections are drawn from gospel, bluegrass, folk, old time, blues, and 6-8:30 p.m. Pack a picnic, bring a original compositions. All Hardy lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy County Health Department guidethe music of Davis Bradley from lines will be followed. Bad weather location: EHHS Auditorium. For on Fridays at noon in the United light a variety of local musical more information, Lost River Projtraditions. Their song selections ects is on Facebook and Instagram.

# **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.

# **Wardensville Senior Lunch**

All Seniors are invited to lunch Methodist Church basement on Main Street in Wardensville.

# Flu and COVID Shots

partment will give free COVID at 304-434-2525. vaccinations and booster shots. Call to schedule your appoint- Drug Take Back ments: 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 formation check the Moorefield later. Spay Today: 304-728-8330 or https://spay-today.org

## **Dead Animals**

The West Virginia Division of the pickup and disposal of dead ways and will not go on private dance with federal USDA policy. property. To report a dead animal Honor Veterans

on a state owned road, please no-The Hardy County Health De- tify your local district DOH office

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 in-Police Department Facebook page or call 304-530-1777.

## **Food Pantry**

The Moorefield Church of God Highways has a policy regarding Food Pantry is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The church animals. The DOH will only pick is at 212 S. Elm St. in Moorefield. up carcasses on state owned high- They provide commodities in accor-

name and site or leave her a voicemail. You can also email her at kcmalcolm@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.

### COMMUNITY

# July Yard of the Month Author Joy Callaway to Discuss



July Yard of the Month belongs to Fran and Gene Stickley, 328 S Main St., Moorefield. Yard of the Month is sponsored by the GFWCWV Moorefield Women's Club. Nominations are welcome from the public or property owner by the 10th of each month. To make a nomination contact Billie Jo High at 304-257-6463 or Tracey Ratliff at 304-490-9002.

# **Camp Fun at Heritage Reservation**



Seven scouts along with two scout masters of Boy Scout Troop 60 recently attended scout camp at Heritage Reservation - Camp Freedom located in Farmington, Pa.. Lake Courage, a 270-acre lake, is the centerpiece of Heritage Reservation. Scouts enjoyed many outdoor activities and were able to complete various merit badges including archery, chemistry, environmental science, kayaking, forestry, nature and weather along with many other subjects. From left to right: Back Row - Robert Williams, Adam Sherman, Kyle Molen, and Scott Sherman; Front Row - Chris Baldwin, Geoffery Williams, Kurtis Molen, Conner Walters, and Drew See.

# Three West Virginia colleges receiving \$650,000 in pandemic relief funds

Three higher education institutions nity and Technical College, U.S. Sen. some \$212 million from pandemic of more than \$650,000 from federal the COVID-19 pandemic.

er Community and Technical Coland Eastern West Virginia Commuleges and universities have received College in Moorefield.

n West Virginia are receiving a total Lioe Manchin, D-W Va. announced relief funding

The funding is through the U.S. The funding goes to the New Riv- and will support students and institutions affected by the pandemic, Man-

The awards are \$353,749 to New funds to respond to and recover from Department of Education's Higher River Community and Techni-Education Emergency Relief Fund cal College in Beaver, \$213,156 to Alderson Broaddus University in Philippi and \$91,158 to Eastern West lege, Alderson Broaddus University chin's office said. West Virginia col- Virginia Community and Technical

# The Grand Design at WordPlay

By Marlene England

Best-selling historical fiction author Joy Callaway will visit Word-Play bookstore in Wardensville on Saturday, August 13, at 4 pm to discuss her newest novel, The Grand Design. Set in both 1908 and 1946 at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, The Grand Design tells the story of Dorothy Draper, America's first female interior designer, and how the historic Greenbrier and the love Draper found there as a young woman influenced her bold shift from illustrious New York socialite to world-renowned decorator.

The Grand Design released in May through HarperCollins Publishing, following Callaway's other historical fiction novels, The Fifth Avenue Artists Society and Secret Sisters. Amidst a busy book tour schedule throughout West Virginia and the Eastern US, Callaway made time to respond to questions about her newest book:

graduate of Marshall University, but 1940s visiting his family who had tell us about your other connections to West Virginia, and specifically to The Greenbrier.

Callaway: My West Virginia roots run deep. On my dad's side of for eight generations! Both sets of grandparents are from the Charleston area, and our family has had a lake house at Flat Top Lake near Beckley for five generations. Although I grew up in Charlotte, West Virginia has always been my heart home.



Joy Callaway

is very special as well. For generations, both sides of my family have gathered for big family reunions at The Greenbrier, and it's the backdrop to so many treasured memories.

Another fun connection is that my grandfather actually spent summers Question one: We know you're a home from Duke University in the relocated to White Sulphur Springs so that his dad could manage a local ribbon mill. One summer, while Dorothy Draper was decorating, my grandfather was employed by the hothe family, we've been in the state tel to install a new fire alarm system. He had so many special memories of seeing her designs come to life.

> Question two: What led you to write a book about Dorothy Draper and her legacy at The Greenbrier?

Callaway: I always took history tours when I visited The Greenbrier (of course) and was always fascinat-

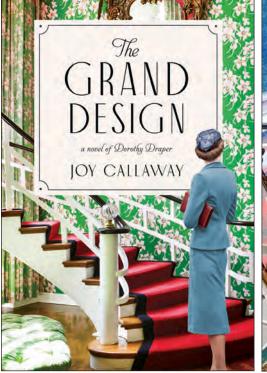
ed. I knew for years that I wanted to write a book set at The Greenbrier, but I wasn't sure which part of its vast history I wanted to focus on and I kept thinking about who should tell its story. During tea time one year during our family reunion--I think it must have been 2016--I was sitting in the Victorian Writing Room with my grandpas and we started talking about how you couldn't separate Dorothy Draper's legacy from The Greenbrier's and vice versa. We talked about how Dorothy Draper transformed The Greenbrier back into the splendor that it had once been known for prior to its being transformed into an army hospital during WWII and how her designs continue to be a reason many visit, and we discussed how The Greenbrier (and, of course, Carleton Varney) had, in so many ways, carried Dorothy Draper's legacy forward by preserving and honoring her designs. During that conversation, I knew that I wanted to tell the story about these two main characters -Dorothy Draper and The Greenbrier and how they both made each other

Question three: How often did you visit The Greenbrier while you were writing The Grand Design?

Callaway: Probably four or five times! In between those times, I bugged historian Bob Conte almost daily, so though I wasn't at The Greenbrier in person, I was there in spirit almost continuously.

Question four: If you could meet Dorothy Draper, what would you most want to ask her?

Callaway: She is such an inspiration to so many. I think I'd want to know who inspired her most





Historical fiction author Joy Callaway will discuss her newest book, The Grand Design, on Saturday, August 13, at 4 pm at WordPlay, 50 West Main Street, in Wardensville. The event is free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

# West Virginia Peach Festival is Aug. 5, 6 and 7 in Romney

al West Virginia Peach Festival the first weekend in August. This year's festival will introduce Horse Drawn district Friday, Saturday and Sunday with two beautiful Belgian Horses named Rusty and Jake.

There will be plenty of local peaches as well as peach pie, peach ice cream, Peachy Bake Off competition, peach tea, peach wine and peach beer tastings. The Kid's Corner will feature Susie the Clown, bouncy house fun, skate board canoe races, puppet show, water slide and

while the parents enjoy all the wonderful free music and entertainment. Performers include the Pan Jammers, Carriage Rides through the historic Honey Bees, Bud's Collective, New Grand Marshal of the Peach Festi-Generation Bluegrass Youth, Travis Minnich, Rain Crow, Madison Wrye and Center Fire. If you would like to perform, sign up for West Virginia's have new Peach Festival Royalty to p.m. until 3 p.m.

> Wear a pair of comfortable shoes so that you can visit over 130 craft and food vendors, the antique car show, the motorcycle show, History Alive with soldier's encampments, schedule of events.

Romney is hosting the 9th Annumany games to keep the kids happy chat with a Native American in full regalia and watch many craftspeople demonstrating heritage crafts.

We will have royalty as well. val parade on Saturday morning is Evan Staley, former kicker for the WVU Mountaineers. Plus we will Got Talent Open Mic Friday from 1 be crowned on Friday and this year's Knight of Olde Hampshire. You can visit WV Peach Festival on Facebook to see information on all the fun happenings or visit the website at www.wvpeachfestival.com to see the



# August Activities at the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center

By Kelly Bridges

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

## **THURSDAYS**

a Ranger, Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. Enjoy a morning outdoors with stories and games perfect for preschool and early elementary age children.

# **FRIDAYS**

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

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Junior Ranger, Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. Make connections Bender, honey and beeswax products. to the area's natural and cultural history with

activities for the young and young at heart. 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Evening Program, Seneca Shadows Campground Amphitheater.

End your day with a family friendly program and a visit from Smokey Bear from 11:00 a.m. - ern National Forests Interpretive Association ble. Sponsored by the Eastern National Forests to create lasting memories. You do not need to be a guest of the Seneca Shadows Campground to attend. (In the event of rain, this program will be held at the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center.) Sponsored by the Eastern National Forests Interpretive Association in cooperation with American Land & Leisure.

August 5: Two Truths and a Lie. Find out how much you really know about the forest on this short interactive evening hike.

August 12: Stories and S'more. Learn the 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Storytime with origins of chocolate, marshmallows, and graham crackers and how they relate to the Monongahela National Forest.

> August 19 & 26: Birth by Fire. Spark your curiosity for the important role of wildfire in nature. **SATURDAYS**

9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Visiting Artisans, Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. Sponsored by the Eastern National Forests Interpretive Association. August 13: Frank Ceravalo, photographer and Stephanie Bender, honey and beeswax products. August 20: Nevada Tribble and Emily Prentice. August 27: Stephanie

11 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on August 13, Smokey Bear's Birthday Celebration, Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. Celebrate Smokey Bear on his birthday and enjoy giveaways, special treats, 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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

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

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Pioneer Visits, Sites Homestead; August 6: Spinning Wheels with Enrika McMillon; August 13: Broom Making with Gary Robinson and Old Time Music with Dave and Cindy Proudfoot; August 20, Dulcimer Day; August 27, White Oak Basketry with Judy Van Gundy

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Discover Foraging, Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. Learn the rules and best practices for finding food and drink in the forest to enjoy a taste of the past.

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Concert and Speaker Series, Seneca Shadows Campground Amphitheater. Kick back to the sounds of local musicians or sit up and take note as subject matter experts share their knowledge. You do not need to be a guest of the Seneca Shadows campground to attend. Sponsored by the Eastin cooperation with American Land & Leisure.

August 6: Learning Coordinator Becca Myers of Experience Learning and local astronomers will deliver an interactive experience around the moon and dark skies.

August 13: Ben Townsend has traveled across the country and around the world spreading his take on West Virginia music. Ben performs a rich blend of old-time music on banjo and fiddle.

August 20: Jesse Milnes grew up in the world of West Virginia old-time music, learning from masters like Melvin Wine and Ernie Carpenter as well as his father, Gerry Milnes. Jesse is a vocalist, fiddle player and guitarist.

August 27: Heather Hanna was born and raised in the coal fields of West Virginia. Heather is an accomplished songwriter and vocalist.

## **SUNDAYS**

9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Visiting Artisans, Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. Sponsored by the Eastern National Forests Interpretive Association. August 14: Frank Ceravalo, photographer. August 21: Nevada Tribble and Emily Prentice

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

Interpretive Association.

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

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Discover the Atlatl, Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. Test your aim with this ancient weapon which predated the bow and arrow.

## **MONDAYS**

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

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

Seneca Rocks Discovery Center is open Thursday through Monday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed Tuesday and Wednesday. Sites Homestead is open Thursday through Monday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

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

## AT THE LIBRARY

#### **SRP Ending Soon**

Just a reminder that the last day to get credit for any books read during the Summer Reading Program and to deposit any tickets you have in the prize bags is Saturday, Aug. 6. Prize drawings take place Monday, Aug. 8!

#### **New Fiction**

"Foote" by Thomas A. Bredehoft - Bigfoot private investigator Big Jim Foote finds himself caught in the center of two murder investigations in Morgantown, West Virginia.

"Forsaken" (Magic: The Gathering: War of the Spark; 2) by Greg Weisman – Forsaken by her friends, Liliana Vess fled Ravnica after the defeat of Bolas. She was hostage to his wicked will, forced to assist in his terrible atrocities on pain of death — until Gideon, the last one who believed in her goodness, died in her place. Haunted by Gideon's final gift and hunted by former allies, Liliana now returns to the only place she has

left: home.

'Laetitia Rodd and the Case of the Wandering Scholar" (Laetitia Rodd; 2) by Kate Saunders – In 1851, private detective Laetitia Rodd is enjoying a well-earned holiday when she gets an urgent request for her services. Mrs. Rodd's neighbor Jacob Welland is a reclusive, rich gentleman dying of consumption, and he wants Mrs. Rodd to find his Oxford scholar brother, who has been missing for 15 years.

#### **New YA Fiction**

"Daughter of Chaos" (Chilling Adventures of Sabrina; 2) by Sarah Rees Brennan – With her powers growing daily, Sabrina Spellman must find her way among the witches and warlocks at the Academy of Unseen Arts, and determine if her new classmates are friends or foes. Half-witch, half-mortal Sabrina Spellman has embraced her dark side and her witchy roots. Now her power is growing daily. She's leav-

ing her friends at Baxter High to find her way among the witches and warlocks at the Academy of Unseen Arts. Prudence is the cruelest, most cunning witch at the school. And Nick Scratch is a bad-boy warlock and incurable flirt. When Sabrina accidentally draws the attention of a bad-luck demon, can she count on Prudence and Nick to help her?

"Find Me" (Shatter Me) by Tahereh Mafi – Kenji will do anything to protect the people he loves. He must continue to help lead the resistance while supporting Juliette as she reels from Warner's betrayal and stand up to the people he trusts the most in order to save those he cares

#### **New JR Fiction**

"The List of Things That Will Not Change" by Rebecca Stead – Despite her parents' divorce, her father's coming out as gay, and his plans to marry his boyfriend, 10-year-old Bea is reassured by her parents' uncondi-

tional love, excited about getting a to seize their 175-year-old house stepsister, and haunted by something she did last summer at her father's lake house.

phy - Thirteen-year-old Patricia, house to the Underground Railroad, widely known as Sweet Pea, navigates her parents' unconventional divorce and finds herself in the unlikely role of her town's advice columnist.

Fantasy; 12) by Geronimo Stilton – Once again Geronimo is summoned to the Kingdom of Fantasy, and this time he must rescue five princesses of The Kingdom of Lotus Flowers creatures, and more while eluding the who have been kidnapped by a terrible witch — but first he must journey to the Island of Dragons to find the bravest, the wisest, the silliest, and wittiest, and the most sincere dragons who prophecy says will aid him in his mission.

"Last in a Long Line of Rebels" by Lisa Lewis Tyre – When the city of Zollicoffer, Tennessee, where her family lives, announces plans

through eminent domain, 12-yearold Louise Mayhew needs to come up with a way to save it — and her "Dear Sweet Pea" by Julie Murancestor's Civil War diary linking the as well as a hidden treasure, seem to offer her family the best chance of

saving their home. "Young Captain Nemo" (Young "Island of Dragons" (Kingdom of Captain Nemo; 1) by Jason Henderson – Seventh-grader Gabriel Nemo, the famous Captain Nemo's descendant, and his friends Peter and Misty save sinking ships, face mutant sea Navy and Peter and Misty's parents.

#### **New Easy Readers**

"Time to Fly" by George Ella Lyon – A mama bird tries to convince a baby bird to leave the nest.

"Owls" (Explore the World with Gail Gibbons -Gibbons celebrates the similarities and differences in the many species of owls, from large to small, living in diverse environments and making many different kinds of nests. She covers the basics of owl behavior, providing information on how they hunt, and the many factors that have led some owls to become endangered.

"I Am Amazing" by Alissa Holder - Ayaan loves being a superhero and offering a helping hand, but when two classmates tell him he does not look like a superhero, Ayaan's father assures him that superheroes come in all shapes and sizes.

"Lawrence, the Bunny Who Wanted to Be Naked" by Vern Kousky -Lawrence's mother has dressed him in fancy outfits since he was a baby bunny, but he finally finds a way to persuade her to let him be naked like the other animals.

"What is Math?" by Rebecca Kai Dotlich – A rhyming picture-book introduction to math for the very young, with visual depictions of everyday STEM applications.

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# **Arrest, Land Boundary Right-of-Way Dispute**

boundaries of Borror's property extended to the the river, Borror said he informed Malcolm and his employees that their use was unauthorized and that he wanted the roadway removed. Malcolm discontinued his assertion of ownership and then said he possessed a right-of-way, though Borror says he was never offered any substantiation of that claim.

The two men discussed and debated the issue on at least three occasions, Borror recalls. During one of those discussions, according to Borror, Malcolm inquired if Borror would grant him a right-of-way in exchange for compensation, a question Borror thinks clearly demonstrated Malcolm understood that he actually had no valid right-of-way. Borror says he countered Malcolm's inquiry by suggesting Malcolm trade a piece of land for the right-of-way; Malcolm then dropped the inquiry completely.

During the period these discussions took place, Borror says Malcolm's employees and family members continued to trespass on his property, and hauled and dumped additional fill on the alleged right-of-way across his land on a near-daily basis.

Eventually, frustrated by the continued encroachment Borror called the West Virginia State Police. Trooper B. W. Thorn responded to the call, but told Borror that police had no ability to act in the matter, that it was clearly a civil dispute. Although Borror says Thorn was careful to clarify that he wasn't offering legal advice, he said Thorn told him that a landowner is entitled to secure and protect his property, mentioning the possibility of rocks or a fence. Thorn left, but called later to tell Borror that he had also spoken with Malcolm. Malcolm's employee, Dave Colette, subsequently confirmed this conversation, telling Borror that Thorn told Malcolm to stay off Borror's property. Colette also subsequently placed a stop sign on Borror's property, directly in front of the bridge, to prevent its use.

In an attempt to secure his property and prevent the daily trespasses by Malcolm's employees, Borror finally placed a large rock in the roadway on his property, near the bridge entrance. Malcolm's employees soon removed that rock. After several rounds of replacing the rocks and having them removed again, Borror says he found the rocks pushed into the waterway, apparently in an attempt to prevent him from retrieving and replacing them. Malcolm's crew continued to haul and dump fill into the stream and

on his land, Borror said. On June 15, Malcolm and his attorney, Nathan Walters, and Borror's surveyor Keplinger walked around Borror's property, although Borror said they made no attempt to contact him. On the following day, in a conversation with Keplinger, Borror said the surveyor mentioned, for the first time, the potential existence of a right-of-

After the survey confirmed the way, though Keplinger made no at- missing security cameras, and told tempt to substantiate the statement.

> The following day, when Borror came to his property, he discovered an unfamiliar vehicle parked inside the fence on his land. Wondering if he might have discovered a burglary in progress, he parked his vehicle in his driveway at the fence line and proceeded to walk in toward his home As he did so, he became aware of Malcolm's daughter and son-in-law near the bridge at the edge of his property. Borror says they began screaming threats and obscenities at him from the edge of the property. He went to check on his house, and finding no sign of trouble, returned to his vehicle and drove away a few minutes later.

> Soon after, Sheriff Steve Dawson and Captain Jon Baniak appeared and walked the property, leaving without making any contact with Borror, though Baniak returned later to talk to him. He said that he and Baniak had a very cordial conversation, during which the Deputy confirmed what Trooper Thorn had already suggested: that the dispute was a civil matter. Baniak left with no action taken.

> Beginning about June 28, Sheriff's Department vehicles began visiting the property twice a day, entering Borror's land each time, but no one had contact with Borror. His security cameras recorded these visits.

# **The Arrest and Charges**

On July 5, Borror was working at his property when Dawson and Sergeant Brad Short arrived. Borror had installed a new gate earlier that day, which Dawson and Short had to scale to gain entrance. Borror said Dawson approached the home and pounded on the door. When Borror asked if he could help him, he says Dawson told him very belligerently to come out, that he needed to talk to him. Borror said he told Dawson that his attitude put Borror in fear for his safety, and that he could talk to him without coming out, but eventually opened the inside door, leaving the screen door between them. He says Dawson ripped the screen door open without further explanation, jerked him out of the house and placed him under arrest.

Borror said he was neither read his rights, nor told why he was being arrested until they arrived at the Sheriff's office in Moorefield. He was charged with felony destruction of property, transported to the Potomac Highlands Regional Jail in Augusta by Deputy Ben Parker, and released later that evening on \$2,000 bail.

On July 17, Borror discovered that three of his security cameras had been ripped down and were missing. The security footage revealed that Malcolm's employee, Colette, was filmed in the act of dismantling the cameras and carrying them away. Borror called West Virginia State Police once again, and Corporal N. J. Schellhaus responded. Borror advised Schellhaus that he had camera footage of Colette carrying off his

him where he believed the Trooper could locate Colette. Schellhaus went to find Colette, retrieved the cameras and left them on Borror's porch later that day. Borror said Schellhaus told him in a subsequent phone call that he had already called the Hardy County Sheriff and was aware that criminal charges were pending against Borror, and was declining to charge Colette with trespassing or theft, since he believed the cameras were located on Malcolm's property – the survey establishes they were not - and that Schellhaus would not respond to any further calls from Borror about the matter. This was a civil matter, not a criminal one, Schellhaus told Borror, and he shouldn't be wasting police officers' time on it.

On Monday, July 25, the matter came before Magistrate Judge Shawna Crites, but was continued for 30 days by agreement. Borror was charged with Destruction of Property in the amount of \$4,000. In his affidavit supporting the Complaint, Dawson says, "On Monday, June 27, 2022, this officer received four (4) photographs showing the damages Borror had done to Ward Malcolm's road by using equipment to dig it up. The photographs also show large rocks and other debris Borror had dug up out of the river and placed on the bridge.'

The affidavit goes on to say, "On Tuesday, June 28, 2022, this officer spoke with Ward Malcolm who advised his current expenses to correct that damage caused to his property was \$4,000."

Four photographs are appended along with the affidavit, illustrate ing several rocks and a small tree trunk adjacent to the entrance to the bridge, with one rock sitting on the deck of the bridge. The report does not identify the photographs' source, nor does it indicate further investigation was done to confirm allegations that Borror placed the debris there, including any attempt to speak with him prior to applying for the arrest warrant. There is also no verification of Malcolm's claimed costs.

After examining that report and plat, the Examiner called Borror's surveyor, Keplinger, for confirmation. Contrary to the allegations in Malcolm's statement and Dawson's affidavit appended to the Complaint, Keplinger immediately confirmed that Borror's land extends to the river's edge, and reaffirmed that his survey concurred with the description in the deed. The survey map and its supporting notes make no mention of any rights-of-way or easements, except that of the adjacent South Fork Road. When asked why no rights-ofway or easements were noted or referenced in the report, Keplinger's demeanor abruptly changed and he said, "I'm not going to say any more. This matter is likely to end up in court."

An Examiner reporter visited Borror's property, and visually confirmed that, with the possible exception of one rock, the debris shown in the photographs was located on property that the deed, the survey, and the surveyor all agree belongs to Borror not Malcolm. Since Malcolm makes no claim of ownership of the debris, Borror appears to have been charged with "destruction" of his own property. The bridge deck shows no apparent damage from any rock placed on it, so even if it can be conclusively proven that Borror placed it there, substantiating a claim for \$4,000 in damage appears challenging.

#### **Which Bridge? What Right** of Way?

Dawson's affidavit appends the deed to Malcolm's property, circling a passage that could convey a rightof-way. But more careful reading of that passage and those surrounding it that were not circled in the appended copy of the deed, tell a different and more complicated story.

It is important to understand that there were once two bridges, only about 100-150 feet apart, and of very different types; both have been gone and abandoned for decades.

The first, referred to as the "swing" bridge, was a foot bridge located downstream of the recently-rebuilt vehicular bridge. It washed out during the 1985 flood, 37 years ago. The language potentially granting Malcolm the right-of-way addresses that bridge, but is mute on the other vehicular bridge that Malcolm rebuilt in 2021. That a right-of-way once existed to the "swing" bridge seems apparent from the portion of the deed circled in

the appendage to Dawson's report: The grantees, their heirs and assigns, and the said Frank Coneway are hereby granted the right to use the foot bridge or swing bridge across the west prong of the South Fork leading from the lot reserved by the said Rosa King to the island between the prongs of the river, with right of ingress and egress from said bridge across the lot reserved by Rosa King; and the grantor Rosa King, her heirs and assigns, and the grantees, their heirs and assigns, and the said Frank Coneway shall be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of said bridge."

A right-of-way to a foot bridge implies a walking right-of-way, but would not automatically confer the right to construct a roadway suitable

for vehicular traffic. But this easement does not apply to the bridge in dispute: The deed to Malcolm is dated 1967. A date cast into one of the disputed bridge abutments places its construction date in the 1970s. Since the disputed bridge had not yet been built, the right-ofway described in that deed could not have applied to it.

A separate grant in the deed - specifically to Frank Coneway, and terminating upon his death - granted him the right to use a 3.5-acre parcel with a farmhouse located on it, "together with an easement of right of way from the South Fork River and following

the present roadway to the old farmhouse." This right-of-way is specifically to the river, but does not grant an easement or right-of-way across the land Rosa King kept for herself, which is now Borror's property.

The bridge that is the subject of the dispute was also washed out in 1985, was reportedly briefly rebuilt, and washed out again about 1991, still more than 30 years ago. The satellite view on Google Maps of the property clearly shows concrete abutments but no bridge – appearing to confirm the veracity of Borror's claim that the bridge was only recently rebuilt. Thus, under the most generous interpretation of the facts, the use was discontinued 31 years ago.

#### The McCausley Connection

Land and boundary disputes are not rare in rural West Virginia. They occur often, and when they are not resolved amicably by discussion and negotiation between the parties, they end up as civil actions in the courts. They are not criminal matters.

Borror was told by both West Virginia State Police Troopers and Hardy County Sheriff's Deputy Baniak that the matter was civil. One Trooper told him to stop wasting police time with it. But then he was arrested on a felony charge that, at best, seems factually unsupported. He was disturbed, and puzzled why a veteran law enforcement officer like Dawson would act as apparently one-sidedly as he did. Borror wondered if there was some other factor he wasn't seeing.

There may have been.

Dawson's loyalty to Deputy Tommie McCausley, and the Deputy's apparent influence is well-noted. Throughout an extensive, ongoing criminal investigation into McCausley's alleged improper access to and possession of explicit child pornography files, and death threats toward a former co-worker, Dawson has remained his staunch supporter, even returning him to active duty while the criminal investigations continue. There's speculation into the nature and extent of McCausley's ability to influence or compel Dawson's actions. It's an easy leap that Dawson's loyalty might govern his behavior in other situations involving McCausley and those to whom he might be connected.

The document recorded in the Hardy County Registry of Deeds, Book 305, Pages 919-933 may shed light on that theory. The document is a Deed of Trust, executed by McCausley and Ward Malcolm, in the amount of \$138,710.64. Malcolm is effectively the guarantor of McCausley's loan, pledging 176.69 acres of property as security and suggesting that McCausley would have good reason to keep Malcolm's interests forefront.

#### It's Built and Filled. Is it Permitted?

Concerned about the dumping of fill into the river, and the possibil-

ity of diesel fuel spilling into some of the fill, Borror said he contacted the Romney office of the Environmental Protection Agency to ask if Malcolm had applied for or needed any permits to rebuild the bridge or place fill in the river. He spoke with inspector Chad Swick, whom he said initially responded with great interest, promising to make an on-site inspection the next day. Swick did visit the property, and was met by Malcolm's employee David Collette. After an extended conversation with Colette, Swick departed without actually making a full inspection, as recorded by Borror's security cameras.

A phone call from the Examiner to Swick later the same day, asking about his inspection, received a very dismissive response. Swick said he, "didn't deal with the press," and said any inquiries would have to go to a public relations officer in Charleston. When asked if he had contact information for that office, Swick said he did not. When asked if he would report his findings, Swick said he would do so, and projected it would be "a month or more" before the report was completed and reviewed.

### **And In The Present Moment**

The criminal charges against Borror are pending, and the matter continued for 30 days. Attorney Daniel James of Keyser represents Borror. In addition, Borror says he has retained counsel to pursue his civil concerns.

Repeated calls to Ward Malcolm went unanswered and unreturned. Malcolm was present at Borror's hearing on July 25. Approached for comment, he declined to discuss the matter, saying simply that, "I want to be able to use the right-of-way that I've been using for 50 years," before referring the reporter to his attorney, Nathan Walters, for comment.

Walters initially responded by saying, "We hope you'll report both sides," and provided his contact information. Walters was unavailable when called, but his assistant returned the call and asked for an e-mail address to which Walters could reply. The next day, Walters emailed his response: "While we sincerely appreciate your interest in the real estate issue the Malcolm's [sic] are presently involved in, our Law Firm's long-standing tradition is not to comment on pending issues our clients may or may not have."

Walters suggested reaching out to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office for information on the criminal matter pending against Borror. Calls to Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Orrin Staggers, who was present at Borror's hearing and the apparent prosecutor for the matter, were unreturned at press time.

Meanwhile, Malcolm or his employees have apparently erected "No Trespassing" signs on Borror's land, on either side of the roadway they have built, near the entrance to the recently-rebuilt bridge.

# **Feds Suing Poultry Producers**

companies the government believes engage in anticompetitive behavior to stifle workers or harm consumers. It also comes as the department continues a broader investigation into labor abuses in the poultry industry.

The suit is being filed with a proposed consent decree — a settlement that would require the companies to pay \$84.8 million in restitution for workers who were harmed by the unlawful information sharing network, the people said.

The settlement would also put in place a federal monitor selected by the Justice Department who would ensure compliance for the next decade. The consent decree also would permit Justice Department lawyers and investigators to inspect the poultry processors' facilities and interview their employees to ensure they are complying with the terms, the people said.

The suit comes as Cargill and Continental Grain — of which Wayne Farms is a subsidiary — formed a joint venture to acquire Sanderson Farms, paying \$203 per share in cash for a company that last year processed more than 4.8 billion pounds of meat.

The companies plan to combine Sanderson Farms with Wayne Farms to form a new, privately held poultry business. Operations will include poultry processing plants and prepared foods plants across Alabama. Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Texas.

Wayne Farms has more than 9,000 employees. It makes products under brand names including Wayne Farms fresh and prepared chicken, Platinum Harvest premium fresh chicken, Chef's Craft gourmet chicken, Naked Truth premium chicken and Ladybirdy premium chicken.

Laurel, Mississippi-based Sanderson Farms has 17,000 employees and 12 plants. It processes 13.6 million chickens per week.

The proposed consent decree would also resolve allegations that Sanderson Farms and Wayne Farms treated chicken farmers unfairly by using a system that reduced their pay for low performance.

The farmers sign contracts to raise the chickens and the processing companies provide the birds and the feed. Their pay is then determined by how well the farmers perform compared to other chicken growers. The Justice Department alleges that the companies' use of that compensation method, known as the "tournament system," resulted in their failure to provide information for farmers to evaluate and manage their financial risk.

Generally, chicken producers en-

ter long-term contracts with meat companies that farmers say lock them into deals that fix their compen-

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sation at unprofitably low levels. As part of that settlement, Sanderson Farms and Wayne Farms would be prohibited from reducing the base payments to chicken growers as a way to penalize them for under- performance, the people said. The consent decree would, though, allow the companies to offer incentives and bonuses to growers, according to the people.

The proposed consent decree is being filed as part of the suit on Monday. Under federal law, the proposal would also be published in the Federal Register and there would be a 60-day period for people to send comments to the Justice Department before a court could accept and finalize the agreement.

# **Foster Care Lawsuit**

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About 6,600 children are in the foster care system: Demand for services has swelled in part because of the state's highest drug overdose death rate in the nation. The lawsuit asserts that West Virginia can no longer use the opioid epidemic as an excuse.

There were failed attempts in this year's legislative session to address the foster care system, which falls under the DHHR. Pay raises for social workers were gutted after a bill aimed at improving foster care services unraveled on the Legislature's final day in March, then were revived after officials tapped funds from existing vacant positions.

In June, a dashboard debuted with some foster care data collected by the state. Advocates have said making the data available to the public

could help both policymakers and nonprofit groups interested in assisting children while keeping residents informed.

That same month, a Virginia consulting firm was awarded a contract to conduct a thorough review of the DHHR, whose \$7.6 billion budget represents 39% of the state's entire spending. Justice, a Republican, vetoed a bill in March that would have split the DHHR into separate agencies, saying he first wanted to look into its "issues, bottlenecks, and inefficiencies."

In 2019, West Virginia agreed to expand mental health services for children after a federal investigation found the state unnecessarily institutionalized kids with emotional or be-

# **OBITUARIES**

# **Dotty Lou Constable**



Mt. Olive Road, Rio, passed away Thursday evening, July 28, 2022, at the Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, surrounded by her family.

Born on Sept. 24, 1951, in Fabius, W.Va., she was a daughter of the Milagros and Manuel Sanchez. late Vernon Allen Helmick and Erma Myers, also preceded her in death.

Wayne Constable; a son, Dwayne (Rhonda) Constable of Baker; a sister, Linda (Richard) Wolfe of Moore- joyment in reading her Bible. Dotty

Dotty Lou Constable, age 70, of field; two granddaughters, Chelsea Graham and Shyane Sanchez; four grandsons, Drew, Dalton, Mikey, and Seth Constable; and six great-grandchildren, Jillian, Jackson, and Genevieve Graham, Raeya Constable, and

Dotty loved her family. She en-Lee Crider Helmick. A son, Michael joyed fishing, shooting, and riding Scott Constable, and a sister, Anna her four-wheeler that she nicknamed the M&M, for "Mike & Mom" after Surviving is her husband, Waldo her late son, Michael. She savored good food and especially loved seafood. In recent years, she found en-

was short in stature but mighty in spirit, never one to let her opinions go unknown. She worked for several years as a custodian at Moorefield High School, and some of her favorite memories were made with the students who she would frequently refer to as "her kids."

Dotty's request to be cremated has been honored and a private family service will be held at a later date.

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

### Elmo P. Loomis

Elmo P. Loomis, age 100 years old, went to sleep while in the loving care of his son Elmo, Jr. and daughter-in-law Sherry, on July 26, 2022 in Baker.

He was predeceased by his wives: Dorothy Chatterton and Mary Williams, a son Michael, grandson Frank Loomis, and granddaughter Sarah

Philips. Elmo is survived by 2 sons and numerous Hudson, & Mary (husband Fred deceased) Komm. grand- and great-grandchildren.

Daniel (wife Judith).

The three daughters are: Nancy (husband Bob deceased) Hughes, Mable (husband Lorne deceased)

Elmo was a long-time resident of Mannville, The two sons are: Elmo P., Jr. (wife Sherry) and N.Y. Elmo farmed most of his life and retired as Warehouse Manager of Blount Lumber Co. Services will be announced later. All arrangements are being handled by McKee Funeral Home of Baker.

# **Charles Edward Mullins**



Charles Edward Mullins, age 87, born on June 23, 1935 in Holden, W.Va. He was the son of John Lee Mullins and Maude Canterbury Mullins. He was preceded in death by his parents and all his 5 siblings: Irene, Dorothy, Tennis, Helen and Herbert. Charlie was the baby of the family. He is survived by his first wife Amanda Stroud Grimmett, with whom he had 3 children, Timothy James Mullins (Valerie), Toni Adeline Mullins Wilkinson (Charles) and Thomas Christopher Mullins (Jennifer); his second wife Evon Daboul Pena with whom he had one child, Eric Gregory Mullins; and his third wife of almost 38 years with whom he had two children, Charles Michael and Milda Marie. He has four granddaughters: Heather Amanda (Darien), Harley Jade, Taylor Mae and Lilly Belle; and one grandson,

granddaughter, Lucy Evangeline.

Charlie was of the Catholic Faith anointing of the sick and the last rites endotracheal tubes to prevent erosion at the VA from a Catholic priest.

Charlie was an avid hunter, both bow and gun, and a fisherman. While in Florida we owned our own open fisherman boat and even entered into tournaments with much bigger vessels, but Charlie was fearless.

Charlie was a Respiratory Therapist, one of the first in the nation holding #74 in the Respiratory National Registry. He also was very knowledgeable in the hyperbaric chambers and when the Eastern airlines plane went down in the everglades, Charlie, who was the department director, ran the hyperbaric chambers 24/7 with his employees to Troop 32 in 1998. Charlie was and saved many lives and limbs of an Assistant Scoutmaster, becoming the victims who went down in the Everglades in alligator-infested waters. Charlie also was known to be flown to Houston, Texas by Dr. JR Maxwell to check the hyperbaric at Camp Potomac, which he thorchambers at his center. Charlie held the longest tenure as a department the Order of the Arrow, attaining the director in the State of Florida, with rank of Vigil. He was awarded the 33 years at Miami Heart Institute in District Award of Merit and the Sil-Miami Beach. Charlie was instru- ver Beaver in Scouting. He was also mental with coming up with the self- awarded the Bronze Pelican which Heimlick maneuver back in the early is a Catholic Boy Scout Award. He 60s when he first taught CPR with was awarded the 35th Star by then-Toni Fiocchi and Adeline Jenkins, Governor Manchin, which was preboth RNs, to the Doctors and nurses sented by delegate Ruth Rowan on at Miami Heart Institute and the Fire his behalf. He also was awarded the

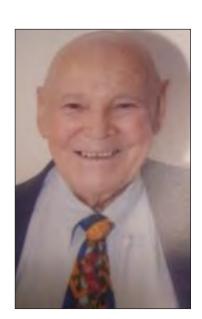
Jackson Thomas. He has one great up with the original CPAP and Peep pressures to be used on patients after extensive testing he performed in the and he received the sacraments of the lab. He also devised the double cuff to the trachea. He also refined the 7200 Ventilator when the company brought it to him as a prototype to see how he liked it and how it could be improved. He suggested changes that were implemented. He was always teaching and uplifting his employees to reach to better themselves; some even became doctors.

Charlie was an avid Boy Scout, having been a Scout as a youth during the Depression and helped the war effort with the Scouts by collecting steel. He then began his adult Scouting tenure when his son was a Wolf Cub Scout in 1994, then crossed over Scoutmaster in 2001 after his son Charlie became Eagle. Charlie was asked to be the rifle range and shotgun range director for several years oughly enjoyed. He was also part of Beach Rescue Dept. He also came zen Award which was presented to will be in the near future.

the whole troop by Senator Manchin. He also received the Spirit of Giving Award, The American Legion Service Award, and he was a semifinalist for the Knight of Old Hampshire.

Charlie retired 3 times, first from Miami Heart to move to our farm, leaving behind many friends especially Nelson Burgos and Greg Mejia; the second time from Grant Memorial Hospital Respiratory Therapy Dept where he worked with Amy; and the third from Walmart in Moorefield where he had many friends especially his boss Aneita Shirk and his buddy Jeff Whetzel. Charlie never met a stranger and he made everyone feel part of the team, whether it was with his 42 employees, or as a therapist, or as a sporting goods department worker, or even at camp. Charlie will be missed by many and in lieu of flowers his family asks that if you want to remember him to either donate to St Jude Children's hospital, to Troop 32 or to the Romney Food Pantry. These were his three most important charities. You may also do a random act of kindness in his name. Charlie passed on Thursday, July 28, at 7:55 a.m. due to the progression of Alzheimer's Disease. He passed at home with his wife and daughter Milda Marie and was followed by Milda, Timmy and Milda Marie to the funeral home. McKee funeral home is in charge of and Rescue personnel of the Miami Hampshire County Outstanding Citi- arrangements. A celebration of life

## Robert Forrest 'Bob' Seaman



91, of Hickory Hill Road in Purgitsville passed away Saturday morning, Dec. 5, 2020, at Piney Valley Nursing Home in Keyser.

Born on May 25, 1929, in Reedy, W.Va., he was a son of the late Oda Hoyt Seaman and Opal Sylvestress Tennant Seaman. Two brothers also preceded him in death, making him the last surviving member of his family.

Bob was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean War, was an All-Star catcher in his youth; coached sports for many years and was a member of the W.Va. Athletic Association. A graduate of West Virginia Institute of Technology and Kent State Universi-

Robert Forrest "Bob" Seaman, age ty, Bob's educational career included serving for seven years as Principal at Moorefield High School.

> He was a past member of the Moorefield Lions Club and was a former owner of Fox's Pizza Den in Moorefield. After the sale of Fox's, Bob became a longtime delivery person as he enjoyed talking to people. Bob was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying gardening, working his farm, hunting, and fishing.

Surviving is his wife of 58 years, Betty Margaret Wood Seaman; two sons, Stephen (Barbara) Seaman of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Ted Seaman of Cincinnati, Ohio; three grandchildren, Stephen Seaman,

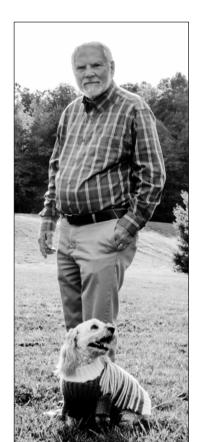
Caitlin Seaman and Ryan Seaman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held beginning at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022, at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until time of services. Military Honors will be accorded by the U.S. Army.

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

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

# **Stephen Manarah Townsend**



passed away on July 27, 2022 at his home in Buckhannon. His battle with serious medical issues in recent years showed his courage in facing positive attitude. Despite these challenges, he stayed strong and enjoyed his life to the fullest.

Steve was born Oct. 31,1946 in Martinsburg to Helen Virginia Gold Luttrell Townsend and Lyle Addison Townsend, Sr. who preceded him in death. His grandparents were Elston Manarah Luttrell and Annie Cleavland Sloanacker Luttrell and Frank Addison Townsend and Martha Charme James Townsend. Steve is survived by his wife, Della Townsend of Buckhannon, and two sons (born of his first marriage to Nancy Marshall Townsend) Benjamin Townsend of Hampshire County, and James Townsend of Moorefield; by three brothers, Lyle Addison Townsend,

Stephen Manarah Townsend of Clay County, Andrew Keith Townsend and his wife Michele T. Grove of Galena, Ill., and Charles David Townsend of Star City, W.Va.

Steve is also survived by numerlife challenges with a smile and a ous nieces, nephews, and cousins of several generations and by various in-laws, most of whom reside near Upshur County or surrounding counties in West Virginia.

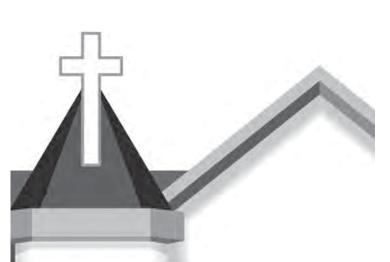
> Steve graduated in 1964 from Moorefield High School. After high school he attended WVU and served for four years in the US Navy. While in the Navy he served as a radarman on the USS Elicoman.

Steve spent time working in Romney, specializing in Vocational Rehabilitation Services with the blind and others. He studied at numerous colleges, ultimately receiving a Masters Degree in Psychology. Steve worked for many years in Romney, as a private Psychologist and also at the W.Va. School for the Deaf and Blind. Jr. and his wife Gladys Townsend He also provided psychological ser-

vices to ResCare for over 30 years, specializing in services for adults and children with disabilities.

In addition to his work, Steve greatly enjoyed spending quality time with his family, friends and neighbors. Many happy meals, celebrations and gatherings were held at his homes over the years. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed time spent with nature. He learned his love of the outdoors from his father and from his time spent in the Boy Scouts of America where he earned his Eagle Scout and Order of The Arrow awards.

Steve will be remembered in a celebration of life ceremony on Aug. 20, 2022 at the Shaffer Funeral Home in Romney, with friends received from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., followed by a service at 1 p.m. Steve was a recipient of Hospice services from WV Hospice in Buckhannon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hospice foundation.

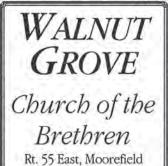




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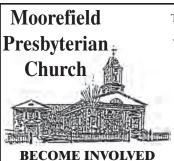
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## NEWS

# Congress honors WWII hero of Iwo Jima with ultimate salute

By Kevin Freking

Associated Press

Congress gave its ultimate final salute Thursday, July 14 to Hershel W. "Woody" Williams, a 5-foot-6 "force of nature" in the battle of Iwo Jima and the last remaining Medal of Honor recipient from World War II.

Seventy-seven years after his wartime heroism, Williams, who died last month at 98, lay in honor in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda, a tribute reserved for the nation's most distinguished private citizens. Only six others have received the honor: civil rights icon and four Capitol police officers.

corporal when U.S. forces came ashore on the strategic Japanese island in early 1945. Williams moved ahead of his unit and eliminated a series of Japanese machine gun positions. Facing small-arms fire, he fought for four hours, repeatedly returning to prepare demolition charges and obtain flamethrowers. President Harry Truman awarded him the Medal of Honor, the military's highest decoration, later that year.

But the new tribute to Williams the biggest Marine, standing only

Rosa Parks, the Rev. Billy Graham was about more than his bravery in 5- foot-6 and weighing in at 130 throughout the country. combat service. It served as recogni-Just 21, Williams was a Marine tion for a generation of heroes, now dwindling in numbers, who fought in World War II. House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy said Williams wanted Thursday's ceremony as a way to recognize every Medal of Honor recipient from that war.

> "With Woody's passing, we have lost a deeply selfless American and a vital link to our nation's greatest generation," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said during the ceremony.

Pelosi said Williams was far from

pounds, "yet he was a force of nature on the battlefield." She said he singlehandedly destroyed seven enemy positions, and that Truman said he acted with "unyielding determination and extraordinary heroism."

Lawmakers have lauded Williams throughout the week, marveling at his youth during his actions at Iwo Jima. They also hailed his public service following his military career, which included establishing a foundation that works with local stakeholders to create monuments for Gold Star families of the fallen

Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., recalled meeting Williams at one such

ceremony in Owensboro, Ky. "By that point, he'd been giving back to his beloved country for 77 years," McConnell said. "So, need-

less to say, Woody's service leaves us a rich legacy." Williams was well known in his native West Virginia. In 2018, a Huntington, W.Va., medical center was renamed in his honor, and the Navy commissioned a mobile base sea ves-

sel in his name in 2020. The state's two senators took the

Senate floor Wednesday to remember him. Democrat Joe Manchin called him the "greatest of the greatest generation." Republican Shelley Moore Capito recalled his humility, saying that when Truman presented him with the Medal of Honor, Williams remembered asking himself why he was selected for the nation's highest military honor when Marines right beside him did not make it home.

"That shows you the kind of man that Woody Williams was, always putting his country and his comrades first and never concerned with who got the credit," Capito said.

# W.Va. Legislative Committee: Opinions differ on new electronic death certificates

By Autumn Shelton

West Virginia Press Association

Speaking at Tuesday's meeting of the Joint Committee on Government and Finance, State Sen. Tom Takubo, R-Kanawha, was clear on his opinion of West Virginia's new electronic death certificate filing system.

"I think this system has been horrible. What's concerning to me is it won't let you list the primary and the secondary causes of death. It won't let you do that.," Sen. Takubo said.

During the meeting, members of the committee were provided with updates from numerous state department officials. Of those updates, one area of concern centered around the state's electronic death certificate filing system and another concern involved the slow implementation of the WV Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHR) Integrated Eligibility System.

Dr. Ayne Amjad, director of the Bureau for Public Health, appeared before the committee to speak about the state's Vital Registration System - used in the preparation of death certificates

Amjad stated that in January 2019, Netsmart was contracted to provide hosting services and IT support for the system.

"Around April of 2020, the project

was deemed to be at risk" due to unfulfilled change orders and excessive turnover, Amjad explained. "By January of 2021, we did engage our legal counsel to look into that contract for failure to meet their milestones."

The DHHR terminated their contract with Netsmart in April of 2021, after paying out \$141,000 of the \$2.4 million contract. The DHHR has since secured the services of VitalCheck to assume hosting and IT responsibilities. To date, according to Amjad, VitalCheck has been paid \$1 million by the state for "the death-registration system that is currently in effect."

Currently, as Amjad explained, there are "about 5,900 users of the electronic system in the state. That consists of funeral directors, medical certifiers, hospice care facilities, and so on. In 2022, so far, we have registered over 13,500 deaths. The majority of those have been electronic."

Amjad further stated that user reviews have been generally positive, with only a few complaints.

"The benefits of the electronic death certificate system - it does improve accuracy and completeness," Amjad noted. "If anyone has ever filled out those death certificates and this has happened to me as well - it comes back to you if there's anything that isn't legible. This way, it gets to the National Center for Health demic and other factors have pre-

Statistics faster."

Addressing the system, Takubo also expressed his concern that death certificates are being completed with an inaccurate cause of death listed simply to expedite an overly-cumbersome filing process.

"I think it's going to skew data when we're trying to track some of these things down the road."

"If providers are not finding what they want, I would hope they're not just putting something in to get by,' Amjad concluded. "If there's something missing, a provider can call in and someone will walk them through it. Unless someone tells us, we don't know what they're struggling with."

To address the DHHR's Integrated Eligibility System, Justin Davis, assistant to DHHR Cabinet Secretary Bill Crouch, appeared before the committee

The Integrated Eligibility System is anticipated to become a single framework to house three of the DHHR's current operating systemsincluding the child welfare system, Davis explained.

The \$308 million, 10-year contract with Optum to create this fully integrated system within 29-months was awarded in November 2017.

However, nearly five years later, numerous policy changes, the panvented the project from moving out. Depending on the August Redisforward as quickly as was initially anticipated.

The first phase of the consolidation process "went live in February 2020" when the former online application system inROADS was replaced with WV PATH, Davis said, adding that this switchover modernized the way people can apply for Medicaid, SNAP benefits, energy assistance and more.

Roughly 84 percent of project funding is federal with remaining funding provided by the state, Davis noted. He said costs have not risen above the initial \$308 million contract.

The ultimate goal of the new system is to allow the DHHR to move quickly with regulatory changes and provide coordinated services for child welfare case management, which has been slated for system integration this year, he stated.

Other speakers appeared before the committee to discuss state-wide projects that are moving along as anticipated -- Roads to Prosperity and broadband access.

Jimmy Wriston, cabinet secretary of the Department of Transportation, discussed Roads to Prosperity.

and in the process of a federal close- cal government, encourage public/

tribution process, which allows states to request additional funds, West Virginia may finish those projects with very little service debt.

Various General Obligation Bond projects are all "under contract and under construction," he continued The 2021 General Obligation Bond (4) project will be under contract by the end of this year.

W.Va. Turnpike Bond projects should be complete this year, Wriston stated.

In response to a question from House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay, about the impact of inflation on project cost, Wriston said it is putting stress on contracting partners.

"We do have escalation clauses for asphalt and fuel in our contract." Wriston explained. "We are struggling, but we are struggling together. We are working through our plans. We are going to put as many projects out as we can afford "

Next, Kelly Workman, director of the Office of Broadband, provided a status update of programs designed to introduce broadband to West Vir-

ginia's underserved areas. Workman shared the four main According to Wriston, the Grant strategies of the West Virginia Anticipation Revenue Vehicle Bond Broadband Investment Plan: lever-(GARVEE) projects are complete age private investment, involve lo-

private partnerships, and connect the unconnected.

According to Workman, the Office of Broadband has funded 10 separate projects "totaling about \$21 million" through their Line Extension Program.

"Those projects will serve about 6,000 residents," Workman noted. "They will generate about 430-miles of fiber infrastructure within the state.'

Workman added that two upcoming projects in Preston County will create an additional 150-miles of fiber optic line, while servicing approximately 3,000 residents.

The Office of Broadband has also partnered with the Department of Natural Resources to determine the most efficient method to provide broadband service to West Virginia State Parks. Watoga State Park, according to Workman, will be the first to receive such service.

"The State of West Virginia has received its allocation of Capital Projects Funds," Workman said. "That's \$136 million that is coming from the U.S. Department of Treasury. Thus far we have allocated one project through that funding source - the Comcast project in the Northern Panhandle. West Virginia was among the first four states in the nation to be approved for that funding."

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# This Week in W.Va. History

By Michael Keller

W.Va. Humanities

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

Aug. 3, 1897: Fire destroyed much of downtown Lewisburg. The town rebuilt and evolved in the next century into the hub of one of the state's major farming areas and a center for education and the arts.

Aug. 3, 1907: Harley Orrin Staggers Sr.

was born in Keyser. Staggers served in the

U.S. House of Representatives for 32 years. Aug. 4, 1824: John Jay Jackson Jr. was born near Parkersburg. Jackson was a prominent judge who became notorious among those trying to organize labor unions in West Virginia. He blocked an effort by Mother Jones and United Mine Workers leaders to or-

ganize the miners of northern West Virginia. Aug. 4, 1897: Musician William Jennings "Billy" Cox was born near Charleston. Cox, known as the "Dixie Songbird," ranked as one of West Virginia's premier country music

vocalists and songwriters during the 1930s.

Aug. 5, 1958: Jennings Randolph defeated former governor William Marland in the Democratic primary for U.S. Senate. Randolph went on to become the senior senator from West Virginia.

Aug. 6, 1864: Delayed three times by the Civil War, Sisters of the Visitation of Holy Mary finally arrived in Parkersburg, where they later founded DeSales Heights boarding school for young women.

Aug. 7, 1864: In what became known as the Battle of Moorefield, Union troops under Gen.

William W. Averell attacked the headquarters of Gen. Bradley Johnson. The Confederates were routed and fled south into the town; the Union captured 500 men and 400 horses.

Aug. 7, 1877: West Virginia voters chose Charleston as the state capital over Clarksburg and Martinsburg.

Aug. 8, 1915: Businessman Alex Schoenbaum was born in Richmond, Va. After settling in Charleston in 1943, he went into the restaurant business. His restaurants were named Shoney's when Schoenbaum's nickname was selected in

an employee contest.

Aug. 9, 1916: A storm front from the northwest dumped nearly six inches of rain in less than five hours on the headwaters of Cabin Creek in eastern Kanawha County. 71 people died and 900 homes were destroyed in the flood.

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Alex Schoenbaum



**Billy Cox** 



Desales Heights nuns, 1948

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from office, pursuant to West Virginia Code §6-6-7(b)(1)(A). That process, outlined in detail in the July 27, 2022 edition of the Moorefield Examiner, provides a way for the County Commission to remove another County officer for cause.

In addition to the ongoing criminal investigations into McCausley and See, both are Defendants in civil actions, creating additional expensive liability on the part of the County.

McCausley, Sheriff Steve Dawson and the Hardy County Com-

being brought by former Sheriff's Department Public Information Officer and Technical Operator David Maher, after Dawson abruptly terminated Maher at the beginning of the investigation into McCausley. Maher originally discovered the security breaches in Sheriff's Department computers and was able to recover some of the pornographic images from the encrypted hard drives in McCausley's care, after being directed to conduct the security

ate action to attempt to remove See mission are named in a civil action Upon taking office in January 2021, Commission for the Actions of Tom-fendants. Both suits, similar in na-Sheriff-Elect Dawson told State Police that he was "concerned" Maher might have planted the images on McCausley's hard drives, and asked State Police to expand the investigation to include him. Maher's civil action encompasses several counts, including Wrongful Termination, Violation of the Whistleblower Act, Slander, Failure to Adequately Supervise [Deputy McCausley], and Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress. A final count of Vicarious audit by then-Chief Deputy Warren. Liability Against the Hardy County

mie McCausley and Sheriff Steve ture, include the same four counts: Dawson includes the Commission's actions by virtue of being Dawson and McCausley's employer. Similarly, the County Commission has additional exposure on the other counts, especially the Wrongful Termination Hardy County bears the cost of the and Violation of the Whistleblower Statute counts, because it was also Maher's employer.

Two additional civil actions were filed earlier this month by Liller and Shoemaker, and name See and the Hardy County Commission as De-

Sexual Harassment, Retaliation, Battery, and False Imprisonment.

Because Dawson, McCausley and See are all being sued in their official capacities as well as personally, lawyer representing them in their professional capacities.

According to County Clerk Gregg Ely, the County's insurance has paid any lawyer's charges incurred to date. However, that could change in the future if policy limits

are reached, or premiums for the coverage could increase steeply in the event that any or all of these lawsuits drag on for long periods of time and incur heavy legal fees. Additionally, if the Plaintiffs prevail in any or all of these suits and it results in substantial monetary awards that exceed insurance policy limits, taxpayers could be on the hook for any amount in excess of the coverage.

# **Five Awarded Hotsinpiller Scholarship**

have completed their sophomore year in a related field of study are \$1,000 per semester, renewable for two years.

Enforcement Officers who are pursuing Criminal Justice degrees.

Since its inception, the Board has awarded more than 50 scholarships. Three were awarded in March of 2022 and in July, the following four

Moorefield High School, where he has maintained a 4.0 grade point average and been active in National

Safety program, receiving his certification of completion. Short will fall of 2022, pursuing a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Intrigued by the law and protecting those in his community, he intends on applying to the West Virginia State Police Academy upon college graduation. He is an employee of Walmart and a member of Believers Victory Center

Matthew Wolfe Delawder is a senior at Moorefield High School, where he is an honor roll student

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participated in the Law and Public Caverns." Delawder was chosen during the summer of 2021 to represent

Hunter Finn is a junior at West Vir-

minor in forensic & investigative science. He was inspired by his dad, a former police officer, to pursue a career in law enforcement. He said he aspires to work in a career which positively impacts the lives of people at their lowest. Growing up in a Christian boys' home in Atlanta – Eagle Ranch – he experienced firsthand how at-risk youth can head into a life of trouble unless positive reinforcement intervenes. He has acquired an empathy for young adults in trouble with the law and would be blessed to serve as a first responder, providing guiding light to turn lives around.

West Virginia State Trooper Devin Lowry is a husband and dad, enrolled in a Master's Program for Development Psychology at Liberty Univer-

sity. He is assigned to the Wheeling Detachment in Ohio County. He has served as a trooper for 10 years and has had the pleasure of working in Upshur, Wetzel, and Tyler counties.

Angel McCauley has been a law enforcement officer with Buckhannon Police Department since 2018. Her focus has been investigations and community policing. She received her first promotion this year and will soon help mold and shape four new patrolmen. Angel was named runner-up for police officer of the year in 2021. She is a nationally registered EMT and is employed with the Upshur County EMS. She's a single mother to two school-age children. Angel is pursuing a degree in criminal justice/sociology from Continued from page 1

West Virginia University. Interested individuals can get in-

formation about applying for the scholarship from their school counselor or online at www.hotsinpillerscholarship.com.

Held in Bridgeport each June, the Derek Hotsinpiller Fallen Stars Memorial 5K is a major fundraiser for the scholarship fund. Private and corporate donations are also instrumental

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his school and state at the Envision attend Potomac State College in the Law and Forensics Forum in Washington, DC., working with students from across the nation to learn about the legal system and crime-solving through forensics. He will attend West Virginia University this fall to study criminology. It has been his dream to protect others and stand up or the people who cannot stand up for themselves. His long-term goals include military service and application to the FBI or another federal agency, possibly doing detective work in his home state of W.Va.

ginia University, pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminology with a

The Legislative Oversight Com-

"At the end of June, we had 983

governor passed a few years ago."

The "corrections consolidation,"

and the "2-2-2" pay raise were both

enacted in 2018. The "consolidation"

saw the restructuring of several de-

partments beneath the correctional

department umbrella, while the pay

raise provided an additional \$6,000

in the salaries of current officers, as

well as an increase in the starting sal-

"COVID did the same thing to us

that it's done to many people, and it's

been downhill since then," Douglas

said. "We have had significant issues

recruiting and retaining staff. It's a

ary of those newly hired.

tough job on the best day."

Jails, correctional facilities see 983 staff vacancies fered to correctional officers in recent years, Douglas noted, they

> thought they were.' statewide officer-vacancy rate is

remain "not as competitive as we

'about 30 percent." "I also want to highlight some facilities that are worse than that," Douglas added. "We now have officer-vacancies of 70 percent at Vicki Douglas Juvenile Center, 53 percent at Chick Buckbee Juvenile Center, 58 percent at Eastern Regional Jail, 65 percent at Potomac Highlands Regional Jail, 48 percent at Northern Regional Jail, and 42 percent at Western Regional Jail."

The current starting salary of a corrections officer in West Virginia is \$33,214.

"Just in the last six years or so we've gone from \$22,000 starting salary to \$33,000, which is just amazing," Douglas said. "But unfortunately the situation we're in now with our competitors - everybody else increased their rate of pay, as well."

Douglas explained how the significant staffing shortage has resulted in the need for some officers to work five 16-hour shifts per week, before transitioning the discussion to the state's recently enacted "work release pilot program." Douglas presented the program as one of the more positive DCR developments of recent years.

"The beds (in work release centers) are not full now," Douglas told Despite the increased salaries ofthe committee. "We still have a few

beds in those facilities, but we're working every day to fill those."

Douglas explained how although stricter guidelines enforced during Douglas explained that the the COVID-19 pandemic limited DCR's ability to relocate inmates into work release facilities, those restrictions were lifted this past April.

'We're still in the process of moving inmates in and determining if they're appropriate for a work release placement, because the work release unit is really the last stop," Douglas said. "So it's going to take us a little bit to get those beds full, but that's what we're working on."

To be eligible for placement at a work release facility, an inmate must be classified as "minimum security," and be scheduled for release within 24-months. While enrolled in the program, participants leave the facility each day to attend their job, and have access to a "variety of re-entry services," according to Douglas.

"We're very proud of our work release units," Douglas added.

"The empty beds in the work release program, is that due to folks who just don't qualify?" Del. Bryan Ward, R-Hardy, asked at the conclusion of Douglas' presentation.

"It is entirely due to COVID, Douglas replied. weren't moving people during COV-ID, we got behind. We have offenders that are going to be placed in those facilities. It's just a matter of getting them moved down the system.'

"This is a world class program,

deserves over the years," Douglas added, before explaining how the program's ability to grow going forward is limited only by staffing.

Sen. Charles Clements, R-Wetzel, then shifted the conversation slightly when he requested an explanation of certain statistics regarding those released from incarceration through the "non-violent offense program."

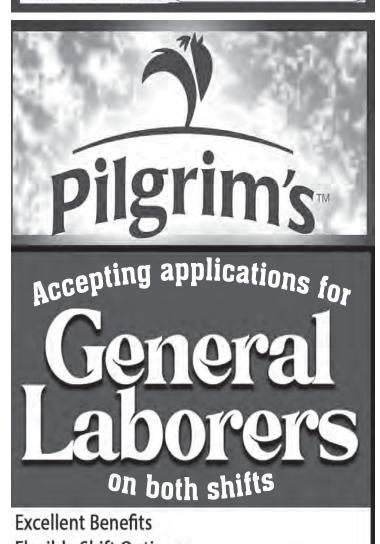
"There were 28 individuals who have had their parole revoked," Wetzel said. "I just wondered, out of curiosity, were they for technical violations, or serious offenses?"

While Douglas did not have that information readily available, he did explain that parole-revocations only account for about eight-percent of offenders released through the non-violent offense program. The other 92 percent are typically taken off parole after the successful completion of one year.

"What research has shown is there is really no public-safety benefit to keeping people on parole for extended periods of time," Douglas said. "They will inevitably do something that might not get me or you put in jail - like having a beer on Friday night but will land them in jail. And that starts a whole other cycle of being in jail, and losing their job, et cetera."

The Oversight Committee will reconvene during September's Interim Legislative Session, when they will be presented with a full report perand it hasn't gotten the attention it taining to the per diem jail fee.





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# W.Va. facing behavioral health crisis; advocates call out

By Matt Young

There is a health and safety crisis unfolding in West Virginia, and it is impacting a segment of the state's population that is far too often overlooked – those with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

In a recent interview, several leaders within the state's healthcare community discussed the need for increased and sustained federal funding in an effort to combat this crisis.

"This is a huge issue for us in West Virginia," said Mark Drennan, CEO of the W.Va. Behavioral Healthcare Providers Association (WVBHPA), in reference to a worsening labor shortage. "The workforce is something that we've been tracking for a number of years, and we predicted this to happen beginning back about five years ago. We've written progressively more and more dire letters

to our state and federal partners just think is better and serving those indishowing what a bad situation was coming - and is now here."

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) defines I/DDs as "a group of conditions due to an impairment in physical, learning, language, or behavior areas. These conditions begin during the developmental period, may impact day-to-day functioning, and usually last throughout a person's lifetime." The University of Minnesota clarifies the CDC's definition even further, citing "autism, behavioral disorders, brain injury, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, fetal alcohol syndrome, learning disabilities, and spina bifida" as being conditions which fall under the I/DD umbrella.

"A few years ago, we made the decision as a state to deinstitutionalize our congregate-care settings for individuals with I/DDs," Drennan noted. "So instead of being served in large institutions, we're doing what we

viduals in their home communities."

Drennan further explained how as a result of low pay and increasingly difficult working conditions over the last nine years - the WVBHPA alone has seen a workforce reduction from "over 14,000 to around 7,800."

This reduction represents a dramatic decrease in resources, as the WVBHPA accounts for approximately 25% of West Virginia's home and community-based service programs (HCBSs). This decrease falls in line with the national average, as some estimates show the turnover-rate to be as high as 50% annually. West Virginia, it seems, has been particularly hard-hit by the workforce reductions. Kevin Trippett, president and CEO of Westbrook Health Services, cited areas such as Wood County as being understaffed by nearly 75 percent.

We are desperately short on staff," Trippett noted. "Our managers - who really need to be traveling from home to home, ensuring compliance and addressing needs of the workforce are actually having to pick up shifts. Some are working many weeks in a row without a day off."

Trippett further explained how the staffing-shortage has resulted in Westbrook's inability to accept new clients who are in need of services. HCBS programs provide these services to individuals living in their own homes, as well as those residing within a group-home environment. At \$108 million, the state provides approximately 25% of the annual HCBS funding. The other 75% is provided by the federal government.

West Virginia advocates are encouraging members of Congress to include \$150 billion in additional HCBS funding in the reconciliation spending package that is currently being negotiated.

"Westbrook had established 10 group homes in Wood County, and three group homes in Spencer (Roane County) to take care of these individuals," Trippett said. "The problems for us started when the state took on a minimum wage increase. When the state increased the minimum wage, it did not increase the rate of reimbursement for the services. For us, that meant that our costs went up without any change in the revenue source to cover those costs.'



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# Tharp's solo shot elevates Reds over Cardinals in RCBL playoffs

By Carl Holcomb Moorefield Examiner

The Bridgewater Reds rallied from a five-run deficit and clinched the decisive third game of the Rockingham County Baseball League quarterfinal playoffs as Brett Tharp hammered the game-winning solo home run in the bottom of the ninth inning to edge the Grottoes Cardinals 13-12 at Ray Heatwole Field in Bridgewater

on Saturday night. Bridgewater Reds right fielder Brett Tharp stepped up to the plate in the ninth inning as the leadoff batter and made a sign of the cross and pointed to heaven, then focused on a curve ball coming across the plate and smashed the game-winning solo home run to eliminate the Cardinals and advance to the semifinals.

"It feels good, because I had been struggling all game. It felt good to get ahold of one finally and get it over the fence. I thought it hit the top of the fence and I was looking to just get a double or triple and let the guys behind hit me in to win the game. It was very intense [game]. We got on top there and we went back and forth there the whole game. They got on top, but we never quit and finally came back. We put some hits together and tied it back up. Our pitching did a hell of a job," Bridgewater Reds right fielder Brett Tharp remarked.

"I always pray. Every bat you want to pray to God to help you. Other watching over you, too. They helped me get the ball where I needed it to be. It's worth it [late game]. We get into the next round and hopefully we can pull through this and win it all."

School and Bridgewater College

The Bridgewater Reds will play

the Clover Hill Bucks in the semifi- field foul territory, but lost his footnals, while the Montezuma Braves face the Stuarts Draft Diamondbacks.

Tharp went 2-for-4 at the plate in this playoff game and scored twice.

nered the lone Reds hit on a single the tag at home plate denying the goand was stranded on the pond.

Overall, the Reds and Cardinals collected 17 hits apiece in the playoff

It was a pitcher's duel until the third inning where Bridgewater built a 4-nil advantage.

The Reds' Jordon Yankey reached base on an error and Grey Sherfey singled, then Tharp bunted up and the ball was caught on a diving play by the Cardinals pitcher.

Bridgewater's Noah Cornwell smacked an RBI single, then Blake Sipe singled and Chris Huffman crushed a two-run producing double for a 3-0 lead. The Reds extended the lead as Sipe scored on a groundout.

The Cardinals got on the scoreboard in the fourth inning as Dylan single with the bases loaded as the Nicely and Cameron Ivrine came across home plate.

A passed ball scored a run for the Reds during Tharp's at-bat, then he Florentino-Sosa belted a two-RBI was hit by a pitch and moments later was caught stealing second base with a slide move that didn't avoid the tag.

Grottoes scored four runs in the top of the fifth inning which included a two-RBI double by Cameron Irvine The Cardinals got on the base path and took the lead on an RBI single from Garret Huffman, 6-5.

Bridgewater tied the game as Capeople, people that have passed are den Swartley hit an RBI single plat- three Grottoes players went down in

ing Huffman. The Reds regained the lead in the a strikeout from Yankey and a

Tharp didn't contribute at the plate

with two baserunners aboard. It looked like Tharp was going County Baseball League playoffs, to make a miraculous catch in right

ing in a hole on a diving attempt in the seventh inning.

Jacob Dansey tied the game at 7-all on an RBI single into left field During the first inning, Tharp garand the throw home was in time for ahead run.

The Cardinals kept the momentum going as Dalton Nicely hit an RBI single and Irvine plated two more runs on a single.

Grottoes took a 12-7 lead as Witt Scafidi garnered a two-RBI broken bat double

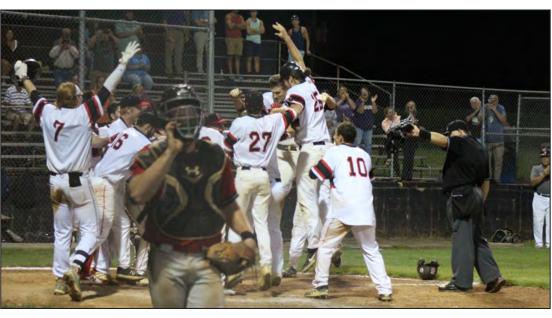
Bridgewater rallied in the eighth inning to knot up the contest, 12-all Tharp drew a walk with one out, then Noah Cornwell doubled. Sipe plated Tharp on an RBI single with a wicked hop in center field eluding the Cardinals player. Chris Huffman hit into a fielder's choice with the baserunner safe at second base.

Cayden Clements notched an RBI Reds cut the deficit to 12-9. After a pop-out with the shortstop falling on the catch, Antonio

single to make it 12-11. Yankey brought home the tying run on a single blooper falling in between three Grottoes players in

shallow right field. in the ninth inning as Dalton Nicely just barely beat the throw to first base, but was stranded as the next order on a flyout caught by Tharp, sixth inning on a bases loaded walk groundout induced by Huffman. Tharp came up to the plate and delivered the game-winning home Tharp is an East Hardy High during that round with a strikeout run to carry the Reds into the next semifinals of the Rockingham









# Moorefield Football Hosts Youth Camp at Yellow Jacket Field





### SPORTS





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## **Pin Winners:**

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# THE OLD MASTER

By Jay Fisher

The issues of NIL payments and less good – or even bad – reasons to common sense and the NCAA don't the transfer portal are technically separate, but they are also closely linked. First, both are parts of the changes that give the athletes more opportunities and leverage, especial-

Right now, there is a proposal that would allow a player to pretty much transfer without having to sit out as many times as they want (right now, they are allowed a one-time transfer before graduating, or must file an appeal for an exception). Many times, there are good reasons for a player wanting to transfer. Some of those are things coaches can control, and some aren't. But there are also

transfer. With money involved, there are plenty of reports of "tampering" where a player is basically recruited away from the team he is playing for.

There are also proposals to allow ly compared to previous eras when transfers only within a certain period they had very little, if any. Second, of time for the "no sit out" rule to ap- WVU begins on Sept. 1. fans have seen that NIL deals can ply, which is a good thing. Basically, very hard now, and when a player decides to transfer, it affects the teammates he (or she) left behind.

Allowing athletes to have more good thing. But the current rules are too much of a good thing. The NCAA desperately needs to come up with some common sense rules to give athletes, coaches, and fans some degree of stability and less insanity than we have had recently. Again,

always go together, so we will see what happens.

Now that we are in August, football starts! Teams are practicing now – with local high school teams starting games later this month, and

Last year, special teams were a bit make some players decide to jump since the NCAA wasn't really ready of a concern. The punting was good from one school to another - it's al- for this type of rule, there has been at times, but rather inconsistent. most like there is continuous free some chaos. Managing rosters is And kickoffs were one of the poorest in the nation, based on opponents starting field position. (How many times did WVU send a kickoff out of bounds?) They have addressed both ability to transfer than before is a of those areas. Kickoffs will likely be handled by Florida State transfer Parker Grothaus, who showed strong ability to kick off with the Seminoles. Another possibility is Danny King, from Cumberland, Md., who had injuries last year, but had a strong leg in practice and back in high school.

At punter, WVU found an Australian, Oliver Straw. You can find many good Aussie punters across the NCAA, and the Mountaineers hope that Straw will add his name to that list. If he doesn't pan out, then you might see Kholton McGee, who has had some action as a punter, in the

For returns, Sam James is a veteran who could be dangerous, and there will also be Jaylen Anderson and Davis Mallinger to assist. A newcomer who might make an impact is receiver Jeremiah Aaron.

Place kicking should be ably handled by Casey Legg, who did well last year. He is a preseason All-Big 12 selection.

It looks like pieces are in place to turn special teams from a concern to a strength this year; hopefully it will

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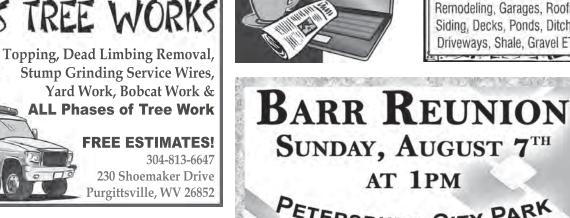
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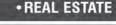
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07/27,08/03 MOOREFIELD HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION

### \*\* MEETING NOTICE \*\*

The Moorefield Historic Landmark Commission will hold an open public meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 6:00pm, in the Council Chambers of the Town Office, 206 Winchester Avenue, Moorefield, WV.

Items to be discussed during the meeting Approval of minutes from the previous HLC meeting.

2)Discuss and possibly approve a request for accessory structure demolition at 236 Washington Street.

3)Discuss and possibly approve a request for a fence at 312 Central Avenue.

4)Discuss and possibly approve a request for a fence at 219 Washington Street.

5)Conduct any further new business.

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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 (WVDOH) will hold a Public Informational Workshop on Thursday.

(WVDOH) 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 com-ments on the project

throughout the meeting. A handout with project details will be available at the meeting and on the WVDOH Website. ments on the project

Those wishing to file written comments may send them to Travis Long, P.E., 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 WVDOH Website at http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment for project gov/dotcomment for project information and the opportunity to com-

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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 MOUNTAIN-EER GAS COMPANY, a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMIS-SION 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 Barvarious locations in the Counties of Bari-bour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fay-ette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingrel, Margon, Mingrel, Morrer Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and

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 % \$ 2,404.00 55.78 %

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:

their agons -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 SER-VICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street,

arleston, 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.

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Experience: One year of full-time or equivalent paid experience in interviewing the public and evaluating the data against established standards.

Must possess a valid Driver's License.

This position is permanent, full-time, day shift position. Interested applicants may send their cover letter and resume to: Megan Pugh, WVDHHR, 53 Kiess Drive, Petersburg, WV 26847. Must apply online with WVDOP before being hired.

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF WARDENSVILLE COMMUNITY FACILITIES UPDATE PROJECT

PROJECT
The Town of Wardensville, Hardy
County, West Virginia is in the process of
obtaining LEGAL service for community
facilities update project. Procurement for services shall be in accordance with 2 CFR 200. Contracts are to be awarded on an hourly fee basis. All interested firms and individuals interested in being considered for this project must submit a letter of interest detailing qualifications, expertise, and related prior experience. The proposal must also provide hourly fees for services. The object of the competitive process is to objectively select the firm/individual who will provide the highest quality of service at a realistic fee. Accordingly, qualifications and experience will be weighed heavily. Selected respondents may be interviewed.

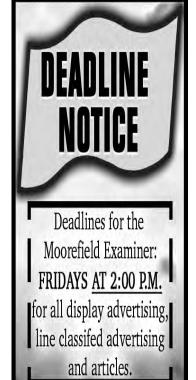
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# NOTICE TAXPAYERS

The Hardy County Assessor, Jim Wratchford, Along with deputies from the Assessor's Office and Sheriff's Office will be Collecting taxes and doing assessments At the following locations:

> **Monday, August 8 Wardensville Conference Center** From 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

> > **Tuesday, August 9** Baker/Mathias Fire Dept From 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

For questions, call Assessor's Office at (304) 530-0202



High School

Principal: Lori Nesselrodt

259 Cougar Drive Baker, WV 26801 304-897-5948

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**AUGUST 2022** 

8/15 First day for Staff 8/19 Back To School Night (Grades 7-12) EHHS 3:30-5:30pm

8/19 First day for Students K-12

8/29 First full day for Pre-K

**CO-ED VARSITY GOLF** 

08/02 4:00PM (A) MOOREFIELD HS

08/04 4:00PM

(A) PENDLETON COUNTY HS

08/09 4:00PM (A) MOOREFIELD HS

08/16 4:00PM

(A) CENTRAL HS - WOODSTOCK

08/17 4:00PM

(A) PENDLETON COUNTY HS

08/23 4:00PM (A) MOOREFIELD HS



**FOOTBALL** 

08/26 7:00PM

**GIRLS VARSITY** 

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(H) GILMER COUNTY

(H) PETERSBURG HS



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08/11 4:00PM (A) PENDLETON COUNTY HS

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08/24 4:00PM (A) PENDLETON COUNTY HS

08/29 4:00PM (A) SOUTHERN GARRETT CO HIGH SCHOOL

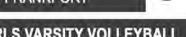
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## FOOTBALL

08/13 10:30AM (A) SCRIMMAGE AT TYGARTS VALLEY

08/19 7:00PM (H) SCRIMMAGE VS HAMPSHIRE

08/26 7:00PM (A) FRANKFORT



## GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

08/29 6:00PM

(A) HAMPSHIRE HS

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267	Henry H001 22LR Rifle (Never Fired)
268	Stevens 555 16ga. Shotgun (Never Fired)
269	Taurus G3C 9MM Pistol (Never Fired)
270	Taurus GX4 9MM Pistol (Never Fired)
271	Glock G43 9MM Pistol (Never Fired)
272	Remington 12ga. Shotgun

### Estate of Cliff Rogers August 13th 10 AM 606 JC Markwood Road

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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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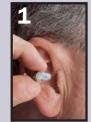
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