



\$154,000 and Counting...

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

By Ken Bustin
Moorefield Examiner

Three criminal investigations into Hardy County officials – into Hardy County Sheriff's Department Deputy Tommie McCausley and Hardy County Prosecutor Lucas See – have, 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.

Those figures show that, from Jan. 1, 2021 until May 14, 2022, when he returned to active duty, Deputy Tommie McCausley's leave cost \$86,627.63, a figure that includes \$57,060.34 in wages, \$11,576.29 in Employer Taxes and Contributions, and \$17,969.00 in insurance premiums.

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 Deputy David Warren, at the behest of

then-Sheriff Bryan Ward, uncovered evidence of a "back door" into one or more of the Department's computers, and three computer hard drives in McCausley's possession allegedly 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 leave, remain active. However, de-

spite two ongoing criminal investigations, Dawson restored McCausley to active duty on May 14, 2022.

A third active criminal investigation by West Virginia State Police, 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 the women. It resulted in Jessica Liller and Laiken Shoemaker being placed on paid administrative leave

on Dec. 16, 2021.

Unlike the McCausley concern, where the alleged perpetrator was put on leave, in this instance the alleged victims were put on leave, while the alleged perpetrator remains on the job.

To date, Liller has received \$27,499.95 in wages, with Employer Taxes and Contributions adding another \$4,751.18 and insurance premiums accounting for the final \$8,167.50 of the \$40,415.63 outlay.

During the same time period,

Shoemaker received \$16,875.00 in salary, while Employer Taxes and Contributions amounted to \$2,955.94, and insurance premiums added another \$7,132.50 to the total 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 initiate.

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

By Ken Bustin
Moorefield Examiner

What began as a land boundary and right-of-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 strong-arm tactic and an overreach of authority on the part of the Sheriff.

Tyler Borrer 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 Borrer 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 Fork River.

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

The Prelude and Run-Up

Between the time that Borrer 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 Borrer's property.

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

Pursuit to protect and serve



Christopher Short



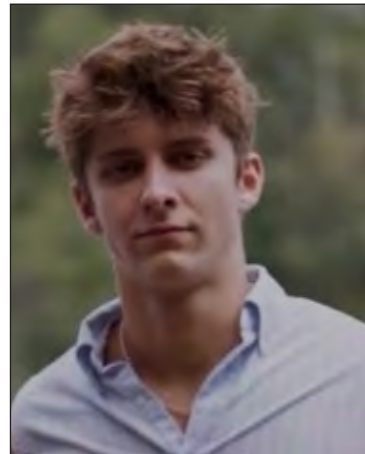
Matthew Delawder



Devin Lowry



Angel McCauley



Hunter Finn

Five awarded Hotsinpiller Scholarship

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

The scholarship honors the memory of Jim and Derek Hotsinpiller. Jim was a mem-

ber of the Bridgeport Police Department at the time of his passing. Derek followed in his father's footsteps, entering law enforcement, and serving as a Deputy United States Marshal. He was fatally wounded while attempting to serve an arrest warrant.

Deputy United States Marshal Dustin Hotsinpiller, Jim's oldest son and Derek's brother, is the President of the Scholarship Corporation. This scholarship was established to assist students interested in pursuing degrees in criminal justice.

Providing applicants main-

tain eligibility, scholarships are renewable each semester of undergraduate study. Scholarships 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 consulting firm helped to share the information about the 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
Associated Press

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 its overwhelmed foster care system.

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 Justice, the state Department of Health and Human Resources and other state officials.

A U.S. district judge last year granted the state's motion to dismiss the case, saying that the state court system should have jurisdiction over child welfare

cases. He also determined six 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-action lawsuit.

"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 existing 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 Human Resources spokeswoman Allison Adler called the appeals court's decision "discouraging." In a written statement Thursday, she wrote that the agency believes the federal lawsuit seeks "to interfere with West Virginia state circuit

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 105-page 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 Natural 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

mail by the first week of October.

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.

Wildlife management areas, counties open for drawing:

- 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 Land (Pocahontas County)
- National Forest Land (Randolph County)
- National Forest and State Land (Webster County)
- Greenbrier County (North Portion)
- Kanawha County (North Portion)
- Nicholas County
- Raleigh County (East Portion)
- Webster County

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Source: AccuWeather

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High 87°



Thursday
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High 85°



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High 86°



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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 Virginia.

"I'm pleased HHS is investing more than \$13 million in these ten critical 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.

Management Strategies Program: \$1,000,000 to W.Va. Perinatal Partnership, Inc.
Health Center Cluster Program: \$424,667 to the Mountaineer Community Health Center (Paw Paw, W.Va.)
Grants to States to Support Oral Health Workforce Activities Program: \$400,000 to the West Virginia Department of 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.

age child in the home by the end of June: Families with school-age children who currently receive WV WORKS cash assistance; Parents or guardians of children in foster care; Children ages 4-18 who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, are enrolled in school and whose household income is under 130 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.

Monthly Income Limits for the School Clothing Allowance Program for 2022

Table with 2 columns: Number of Persons in Household and Income Limit. Lists income limits for household sizes from 1 to 10.

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 Emerging Artists Juried Exhibition through Sept. 2, 2022.

The exhibit will open Nov. 13 at the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex in Charleston.

Eligible artists may submit two pieces for the exhibit jurying in painting, print/drawing, mixed media, craft/wall hangings, photography, digital art and sculpture.

Entrants must be listed on the West Virginia Artists Registry or must submit information for the registry along with the submissions for this exhibition. To register, submit a CD/DVD or USB memory stick with six examples of current work to the department by the exhibition's entry date.

of Show/Purchase Award receives \$1,000. Second place receives \$500 and third place receives \$250.

Glancing Backward

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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.

Capitol Tours

One hundred and forty-six 4-H Club members from Grant and Hardy were camping at Harness Ford. The Philadelphia Sales Company had purchased the stock of Lazarus Store and moved it away.

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 had been called for the first day examinations by the local draft board which met Aug. 2, 1917.

ness Ford for their annual camp.

The barn at McNeill belonging 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. Walter Neff had completed his new home on South Fork.

FRAN WONDERS

By FRAN WELTON

I wonder why it is taking so long to review the Hunter Biden Laptop to see the names of people involved in the Biden/Dems family Ukraine, China and Russian political operations. Was treason committed?

Biden's advisory million dollar business I wonder just how many times Biden/Dems received advice from Xi? How much influence did Xi have on Biden's/Dem's Executive Orders?

Xi aren't complicit in the deaths 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?

NEWS BRIEFS

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.

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

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.

MAYOR'S CORNER

By CAROL ZUBER, MAYOR OF MOOREFIELD

The Farmer's Market was a success. We had a good mix of vendors offering delicious fruits, vegetables, honey, baked goods, meat and flowers. We had a crowd ready to purchase all the delicious items that were being sold.

for our next downtown event. Aug. 13 is the food truck extravaganza. Food Trucks will be selling their best fare from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Flu and COVID Shots

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

on a state owned road, please notify your local district DOH office at 304-434-2525.

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

Music In The Park (1)

Free, family-friendly concert at Baker Park, Friday, Aug. 5 from 6-8:30 p.m. Pack a picnic, bring a lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy the music of Davis Bradley from Linden, Va.

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.

Wardensville Senior Lunch

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

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.

Drug Take Back

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

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.

Food Pantry

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

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.

Honor Veterans

COMMUNITY

July Yard of the Month



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 in West Virginia are receiving a total of more than \$650,000 from federal funds to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The funding goes to the New River Community and Technical College, Alderson Broaddus University and Eastern West Virginia Commu-

nity and Technical College, U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., announced.

The funding is through the U.S. Department of Education's Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund and will support students and institutions affected by the pandemic, Manchin's office said. West Virginia colleges and universities have received

some \$212 million from pandemic relief funding.

The awards are \$353,749 to New River Community and Technical College in Beaver, \$213,156 to Alderson Broaddus University in Philippi and \$91,158 to Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Moorefield.

Author Joy Callaway to Discuss The Grand Design at WordPlay

By Marlene England
WordPlay

Best-selling historical fiction author Joy Callaway will visit WordPlay bookstore in Wardsville 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:

Question one: We know you're a graduate of Marshall University, but 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 the family, we've been in the state 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.

Our connection to The Greenbrier



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 home from Duke University in the 1940s visiting his family who had 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 hotel 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 famous.

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 Wardsville. 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

Romney is hosting the 9th Annual West Virginia Peach Festival the first weekend in August. This year's festival will introduce Horse Drawn Carriage Rides through the historic 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

many games to keep the kids happy while the parents enjoy all the wonderful free music and entertainment. Performers include the Pan Jammers, Honey Bees, Bud's Collective, New Generation Bluegrass Youth, Travis Minnich, Rain Crow, Madison Wrye and Center Fire. If you would like to perform, sign up for West Virginia's Got Talent Open Mic Friday from 1 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,

chat with a Native American in full regalia and watch many craftspeople demonstrating heritage crafts.

We will have royalty as well. Grand Marshal of the Peach Festival parade on Saturday morning is Evan Staley, former kicker for the WVU Mountaineers. Plus we will have new Peach Festival Royalty to 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 schedule of events.



August Activities at the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center

By Kelly Bridges
USDA

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

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Storytime with a Ranger, Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. Enjoy a morning outdoors with stories and games perfect for preschool and early elementary age children.

FRIDAYS

9:30 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.

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Evening Program, Seneca Shadows Campground Amphitheater.

End your day with a family friendly program to create lasting memories. You do not need to be a guest of the Seneca Shadows Campground to attend. (In 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 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 Bender, honey and beeswax products.

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,

and a visit from Smokey Bear from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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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 East-

ern National Forests Interpretive Association in 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.

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OBITUARIES

Dotty Lou Constable



Dotty Lou Constable, age 70, of 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 late Vernon Allen Helmick and Erma Lee Crider Helmick. A son, Michael Scott Constable, and a sister, Anna Myers, also preceded her in death.

Surviving is her husband, Waldo Wayne Constable; a son, Dwayne (Rhonda) Constable of Baker; a sister, Linda (Richard) Wolfe of Moore-

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 Milagros and Manuel Sanchez.

Dotty loved her family. She enjoyed fishing, shooting, and riding her four-wheeler that she nicknamed the M&M, for "Mike & Mom" after her late son, Michael. She savored good food and especially loved seafood. In recent years, she found enjoyment in reading her Bible. Dotty

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.fraleymemorialhome.com.

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 grand- and great-grandchildren.

The two sons are: Elmo P., Jr. (wife Sherry) and Daniel (wife Judith).

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

Hudson, & Mary (husband Fred deceased) Komm.

Elmo was a long-time resident of Mannville, 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,

Jackson Thomas. He has one great granddaughter, Lucy Evangeline.

Charlie was of the Catholic Faith and he received the sacraments of the anointing of the sick and the last rites 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 and saved many lives and limbs of 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 chambers at his center. Charlie held the longest tenure as a department director in the State of Florida, with 33 years at Miami Heart Institute in Miami Beach. Charlie was instrumental with coming up with the self-Helmick maneuver back in the early 60s when he first taught CPR with Toni Fiochi and Adeline Jenkins, both RNs, to the Doctors and nurses at Miami Heart Institute and the Fire and Rescue personnel of the Miami Beach Rescue Dept. He also came

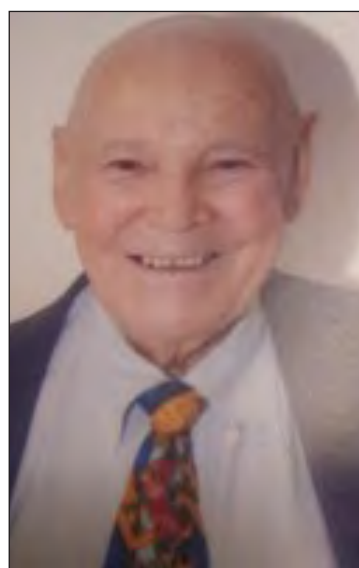
up with the original CPAP and Peep pressures to be used on patients after extensive testing he performed in the lab. He also devised the double cuff endotracheal tubes to prevent erosion to the trachea. He also refined the 7200 Ventilator when the company brought it to him as a prototype to see how he 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 to Troop 32 in 1998. Charlie was an Assistant Scoutmaster, becoming Scoutmaster in 2001 after his son Charlie became Eagle. Charlie was asked to be the rifle range and shotgun range director for several years at Camp Potomac, which he thoroughly enjoyed. He was also part of the Order of the Arrow, attaining the rank of Vigil. He was awarded the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver in Scouting. He was also awarded the Bronze Pelican which is a Catholic Boy Scout Award. He was awarded the 35th Star by then-Governor Manchin, which was presented by delegate Ruth Rowan on his behalf. He also was awarded the Hampshire County Outstanding Citizen Award which was presented to

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 Anaita 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 arrangements. A celebration of life will be in the near future.

Robert Forrest 'Bob' Seaman



Robert Forrest "Bob" Seaman, age 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 University,

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.fraleymemorialhome.com.

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

Stephen Manarah Townsend



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 life challenges with a smile and a 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 Cleveland Sloanacker Luttrell and Frank Addison Townsend and Martha Charne 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, Jr. and his wife Gladys 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 numerous 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.

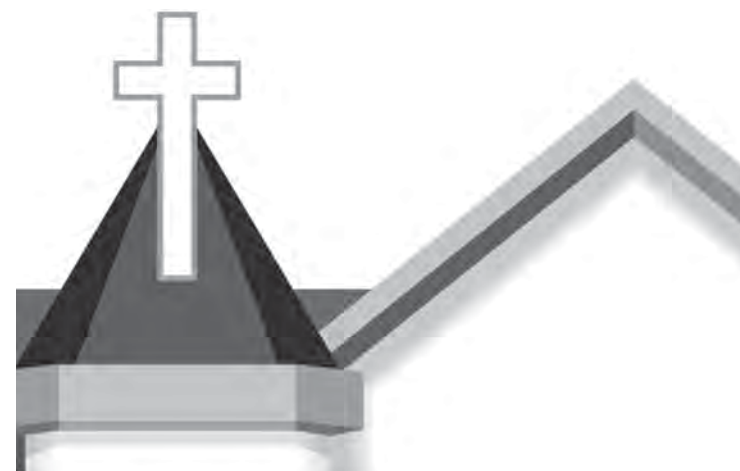
Steve graduated in 1964 from Moorefield High School. After high school he attended WVU and served for four years in the US Navy. While in the Navy he served as a radarman on the USS Elicoman.

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. 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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HARDY COUNTY

SPORTS

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 ahead 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 people, people that have passed are 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."

Tharp is an East Hardy High School and Bridgewater College alum.

The Bridgewater Reds will play

the Clover Hill Bucks in the semifinals, while the Montezuma Braves face the Stuarts Draft Diamondbacks.

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

During the first inning, Tharp garnered the lone Reds hit on a single and was stranded on the pond.

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

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

The Reds' Jordan 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 Nicely and Cameron Irvine came across home plate.

A passed ball scored a run for the Reds during Tharp's at-bat, then he 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 and took the lead on an RBI single from Garret Huffman, 6-5.

Bridgewater tied the game as Caden Swartley hit an RBI single plating Huffman.

The Reds regained the lead in the sixth inning on a bases loaded walk to Blake Sipe.

Tharp didn't contribute at the plate during that round with a strikeout with two baserunners aboard.

It looked like Tharp was going to make a miraculous catch in right

field foul territory, but lost his footing 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 and the throw home was in time for the tag at home plate denying the go-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 Scafidu 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.

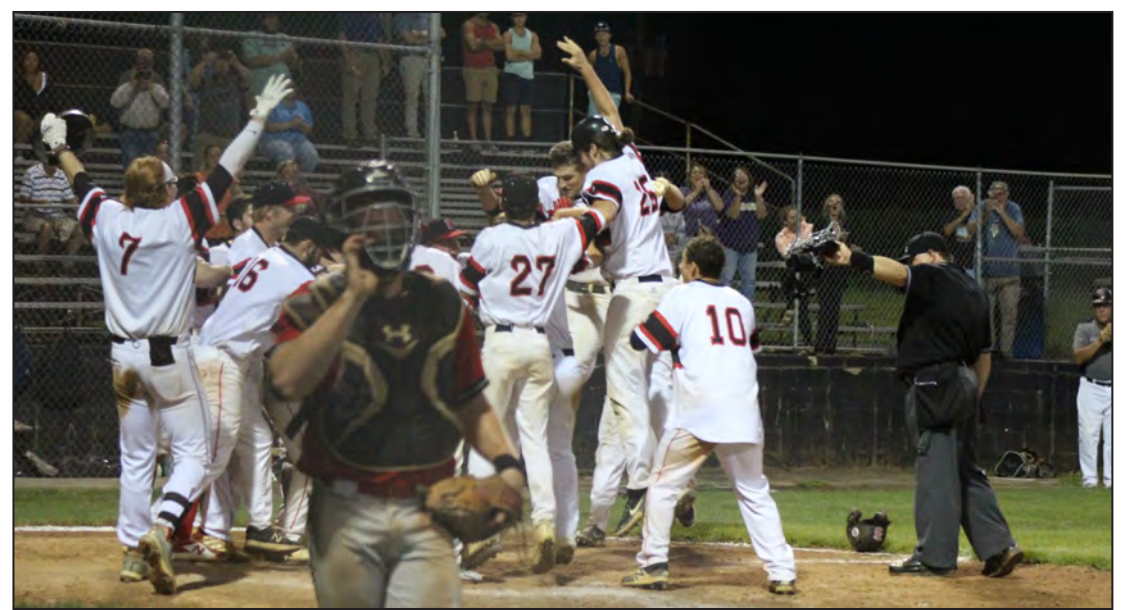
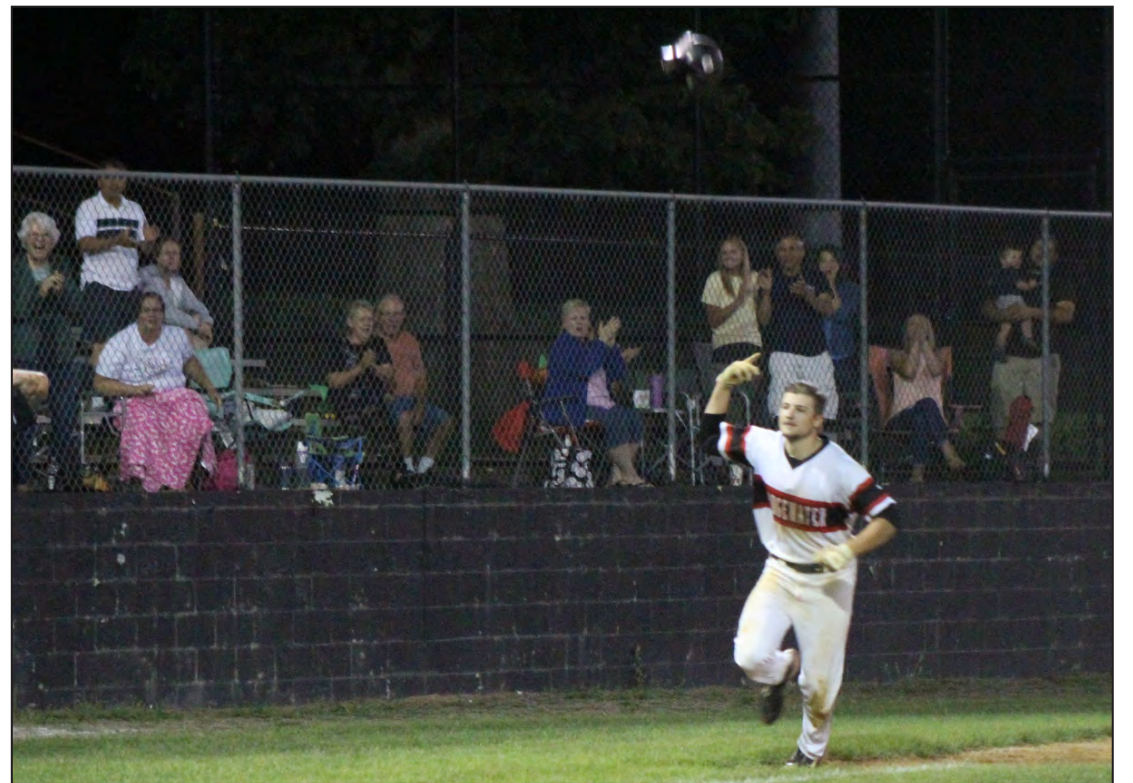
Cayden Clements notched an RBI single with the bases loaded as the Reds cut the deficit to 12-9.

After a pop-out with the shortstop falling on the catch, Antonio Florentino-Sosa belted a two-RBI 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.

The Cardinals got on the base path in the ninth inning as Dalton Nicely just barely beat the throw to first base, but was stranded as the next three Grottoes players went down in order on a flyout caught by Tharp, a strikeout from Yankey and a groundout induced by Huffman.

Tharp came up to the plate and delivered the game-winning home run to carry the Reds into the next semifinals of the Rockingham County Baseball League playoffs, 13-12.



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THE OLD MASTER

By JAY FISHER



The issues of NIL payments and 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, especially compared to previous eras when they had very little, if any. Second, fans have seen that NIL deals can make some players decide to jump from one school to another – it's almost like there is continuous free agency.

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

less good – or even bad – reasons to 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 transfers only within a certain period of time for the “no sit out” rule to apply, which is a good thing. Basically, since the NCAA wasn't really ready for this type of rule, there has been some chaos. Managing rosters is very hard now, and when a player decides to transfer, it affects the teammates he (or she) left behind.

Allowing athletes to have more ability to transfer than before is a 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,

common sense and the NCAA don't 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 WVU begins on Sept. 1.

Last year, special teams were a bit of a concern. The punting was good at times, but rather inconsistent. 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 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 spot.

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 happen.



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Notice of Ancillary Filing without any Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees
Notice is hereby given that the following foreign will or affidavit of heirs has been filed in the Hardy County Clerk's Office at 204 Washington Street, Room 111 Moorefield, WV 26836-0200.

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF WARDENSVILLE'S COMMUNITY FACILITIES UPGRADE PROJECT
The Town of Wardsville, Hardy County, West Virginia is in the process of obtaining ACCOUNTING service for its community facilities upgrade project.

Tariff Form No. 8-C (Tariff Rule 14.2 et seq. (Historical Rule 30-C))
PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION
NOTICE is hereby given that MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY, a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA...

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Deadlines for the Moorefield Examiner: FRIDAYS AT 2:00 P.M. for all display advertising, line classified advertising and articles.

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Bid forms and specifications may be obtained at the office of Tony Robinson, 510 Ashby Street Moorefield, WV 26836 or by email at anthony.robinson@k12.wv.us.

DATE FILED 07/18/2022
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Please submit all requested information to Angie Curi, Project Specialist, Region 8 Planning and Development Council, 131 Providence Lane, Petersburg, WV 26847 no later than 4:00 p.m., August 10, 2022.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2022, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission...

Please submit all requested information to Angie Curi, Project Specialist, Region 8 Planning and Development Council, 131 Providence Lane, Petersburg, WV 26847 no later than 4:00 p.m., August 10, 2022.

Attention is directed to the fact that the proposed project is to be undertaken with Federal and State funds and all work will be performed in accordance with the regulation issued those agencies and the State of West Virginia.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Hardy County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the Planning Office of the Hardy County Courthouse, 204 Washington Street, Moorefield, WV 26836.

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This contract will be awarded to the responsible responder whose proposal is within the competitive range and determined to be the most advantageous to the Town of Wardsville's price and other factors considered.

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The purpose of the public hearing shall be to review a Variance request for placement of a singlewide mobile home in a residential area located on J C Markwood Rd., more specifically described as Tax Parcel 44, Map 144, District 3 (Moorefield Tax District). The variance application was submitted by Gary Champ II.

An interested person(s) objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this state must file a statement with this state must file a statement with the Hardy County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of first publication or 30 days of service of the notice, whichever is later.

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.

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.

Additional information may be obtained at the Hardy County Planning Office located in the basement level of the Hardy County Courthouse, 204 Washington Street, Moorefield WV (304)530-0257.

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

The West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOT) will hold a Public Informational Workshop on Thursday, August 18, 2022, at the War Memorial Building, 190 Main Street, Wardsville, Hardy County, West Virginia.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following offices of the Company: Mountaineer Gas Company Office 501 56th Street SE, Charleston, West Virginia 25304.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

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

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.

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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.

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Tuesday, August 9
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8/19 Back To School Night (Grades 7-12) EHHS 3:30-5:30pm
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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

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08/24 4:00PM (A) PENDLETON COUNTY HS
08/29 4:00PM (A) SOUTHERN GARRETT CO HIGH SCHOOL
08/30 4:00PM (A) PENDLETON COUNTY HS

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08/13 10:30AM (A) SCRIMMAGE AT TYGARTS VALLEY
08/19 7:00PM (H) SCRIMMAGE VS HAMPSHIRE
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