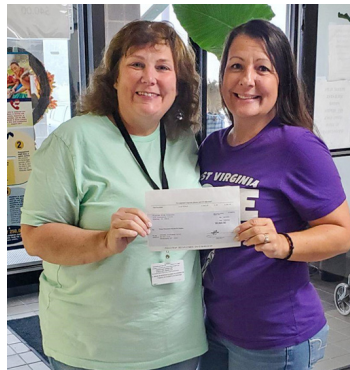




Pilgrims Pride Donation to Help Area Homeless

On behalf of the Potomac Highlands Guild, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to Michelle Myers and Pilgrim's Pride Corporation for your generous and continued support of our efforts to help the homeless population in our area. Your donation will make a real difference in the lives of those who need it most. Thank you for your compassion and commitment to our community!



Michelle Myers

Clearway Energy Group Presents Donation Check to Eastern WVCTC



Clearway Energy Group

Moorefield, W.Va. — On Tuesday, September 17, 2024, Clearway Energy Group presented Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College with a donation check. Clearway is a partner of Eastern, hiring Wind Energy Technology students after graduation. Eastern Wind Energy program graduates may be eligible for available career opportunities at the Black Rock, Pinnacle, and Mount Storm wind farms in Grant and Mineral counties. "Clearway Energy

Group has always been a great partner for Eastern," said Isaiah Smith, Advanced Technology/Wind Energy Faculty, "These funds allow us to continue to keep a leading program in Wind Energy for our community." The money from this donation will be used towards updating equipment for the program. To learn more about the Wind Energy Technology Program visit <https://easternwv.edu/academics/wind-energy-technology/>.

HCEAA holds town halls on ambulance levy, unveils levy calculator

The Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority (HCEAA) held the first two of five community townhalls last week to address the ambulance, or EMS, levy that will appear on the Nov. 5 general election ballot.

Additional public meetings are scheduled for Oct. 23 at the Mathias Baker Vol. Fire Dept. in Mathias; Oct. 24 at the HCEAA Bldg. in Baker; and Oct. 29 at the Rig Civic Center in Moorefield. All meetings are 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Residents are encouraged to attend, provide feedback, and ask questions.

The meetings are designed to help residents better understand

the current financial situation of HCEAA. The presentations, led by HCEAA Director Derek Alt and Assistant Director Nathan Kesner, outline the purpose of the levy and how it would differ from the current ambulance fee as well as the potential implications if the funding model does not change.

The current ambulance fee of \$120 per household was instituted eight years ago and hasn't increased since, despite the cost of equipment, medicine, medical supplies, fuel, and virtually everything else increasing. Alt shared data from the West Virginia EMS Coalition showing

that ambulance costs are up 20 percent in just the last two years.

According to County Commissioner Dave Workman who kicked off the meeting held in Wardensville, the county has 12-18 months before drawdowns exceed what the fee collections can support. Workman explained that the Commission faced four options as the financial situation of HCEAA became clearer: 1) put the levy on the ballot; 2) increase the fee; 3) petition the state for additional funding; 4) maintain the status quo.

Workman reported that the Commission is pursuing a study to determine the breadth of the

EMS crisis statewide. The study will potentially be used to lobby the state legislature for additional funding. If nothing is done, service reductions will be all but inevitable, he said.

If passed by voters, the EMS levy would go into effect for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.

It would replace the current \$120 annual ambulance fee. However, if rejected, the fee will remain in place and could increase.

As it will appear on the ballot, the levy rate would be tied to a resident's total real and personal property taxes (see sidebar for

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Early voting begins

In-person early voting begins Wed., Oct. 23 at the Hardy County Courthouse, located at 204 Washington Street.

Registered voters wishing to vote early will have 10 days to do so, including two Saturdays. Early voting runs until Sat., Nov. 2. The deadline to register or update registration was Oct. 15.

The courthouse will be open for voters Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; and 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on both Saturdays, Oct. 26 and Nov. 2. The courthouse is the only location for early voting.

Voters can view a sample ballot by visiting or requesting one from the County Clerk's office or by visiting www.GoVoteWV.com, a website established by the West Virginia Secretary of State's office.

In a press release last week, Secretary of State Mac Warner reminded all voters to bring a form

of personal identification with them, regardless of when they vote. Accepted forms of identification can also be found at www.GoVoteWV.com under "Voter Identification Information."

This year each precinct will be equipped with an electronic poll book, something County Clerk Gregg Ely hopes will speed up voter check-in. Like the former paper poll books, the electronic poll book contains voter registration information on every voter in the precinct and will be used to check in voters as they arrive at their polling place. Precincts will also use a DS200 ballot scanner and tabulator this year.

The General Election is Tue., Nov. 5. Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

To find your polling place, visit www.GoVoteWV.com

National Heritage Area Awards Grants to Regional Organizations

Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area (AFNHA) announced that it has awarded \$201,972 in grants to 15 area organizations through the second year of its Appalachian Forest Grants program.

These projects will support preservation, interpretation, and tourism development projects by government and non-profits partners throughout the region. This year's grant program emphasized projects related to collections management, America250 stories, and Indigenous Appalachians.

These projects are expected to produce an additional \$265,000 in matching and leveraged funds in local communities.

Awarded projects include: Hardy County Convention & Visitors Bureau - Higgins House Museum & Hardy County Travel Information Center and many others across the region.

The awards range from \$3,000 to \$20,000 and will fund projects in Allegany, Greenbrier, Hardy, Morgan, Nicholas, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, and Tucker counties. These grants were made possible by funding from the National Park Service's Heritage Partnership Program.

AFNHA is a member of the National Heritage Area System. The Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area conserves, interprets, and promotes forest heritage to enhance landscapes and communities in the highlands of West Virginia and Maryland. AFNHA works with partners to accomplish this through community development, conservation, celebrating cultural heritage, and creating opportunities for transformational experiences. To learn more, see www.appalachianforestnha.org



South Fork Dam Site Four near Peru Hollow during heavy storms can hold large amounts of water out of the South Fork River. It and dams like it help to prevent floods and reduce loss of life and damage during disasters.

Many Small, But Mighty, Watershed Flood Control Dams On Their Seventh Decade Protecting Lives and Property

By Stephen Smoot

From the end of the 19th through the first quarter of the 20th century, timber companies relentlessly chopped down as many trees as their numbers of men and machinery would allow.

Eventually, only a few stands of original virgin timber remained in spots as scattered as the Vanderbilt preserve in western North Carolina or Cathedral State Park in Preston County.

With the removal of both the valuable mature timber, as well as less useful saplings, in the clear cutting process. According to Ronald Lewis, Professor Emeritus at West Virginia University in his book Transforming the Appalachian Countryside,

the State Board of Agriculture reported in 1900 that the spruce forest alone in West Virginia had dwindled from 1.5 million to less than 225,000 acres.

He added that "several companies operated on Spruce Knob, removing the timber from 30 to fifty acres each day . . . the wasteful methods employed by the companies of clear-cutting everything in their path without regard to size turned Spruce Knob into a desolate place."

AB Brooks, director of the West Virginia Geological Survey, in 1908 reported damage created in the cut over Spruce Knob countryside by machinery sparking fires in the dead underbrush.

Erosion also took its toll, as the State Board of Agriculture

stated in 1900 that on the iconic mountain, there was "not enough soil in a square rod to meet the ordinary requirements of a hill of corn."

Lewis then described the inevitable result of the loss of trees through cutting, loss of other vegetation through fire, and the loss of soil through erosion – an rapid increase in the number and scope of large destructive floods. "with the forests removed," he wrote, "so too were the natural controls on water flow.

When cycles of high precipitation hit in the following decades, floods devastated both farms and communities in areas most directly affected by the clear-cutting of Appalachian timber.

Today, modern timber cutting

practices carefully preserve the integrity of the forest, resulting in West Virginia annually growing twice as many trees as are lost through timbering or natural attrition, but awareness of the need for this did not take place until the 1930s.

The new awareness came too late. Only after decades could the forestlands in West Virginia and across the Appalachian region see a recovery of both their size and their ability to mitigate heavy precipitation and limit flooding.

The Tennessee Valley Authority's Depression-era seizure of farmland for use in building dams for hydroelectric power and flood control required a near-tyrannical cost, but did prove that a network of dams could reduce

the impacts of flooding in the mountains and Appalachian Plateau hills and hollows.

In 1944, Congress passed the Flood Control Act, followed by the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954.

This federal legislation empowered the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service to enact a series of programs to reduce or prevent the impacts of heavy precipitation and flooding. One provided for the construction of hundreds of small watershed flood control dams.

According to Gene Sauerborn from the West Virginia Conservation Agency "building started in the 50s, then hit their stride in the 50s, 60s, and 70s." The peak

of construction nationwide took place between 1963 and 1966. He emphasized that this particular program aimed at creating structures to trap excess water on tributaries well upstream of where they empty into larger streams and rivers. They serve as part of "a cumulative holding back of waters."

He adds that 112 of these by the end of this year "will be at the end of their evaluated life."

West Virginia has 170 small watershed flood control dams constructed statewide. The Potomac Valley Conservation District, encompassing the counties of the South Branch watershed, has 73, or just under 43 percent.

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PANHANDLE POLITICS

By PATRICK HURSTON

This is our final in a series of Q&As with candidates of both parties seeking elected office. We asked them to respond in writing to a series of questions. Today we bring you Democrat Steven Wendelin and Republican Riley Moore, both competing for West Virginia's 2nd Congressional District seat, currently held by outgoing Congressman Alex Mooney.

Meet your candidates: Congressional Representative for the 2nd District Moorefield Examiner: West Virginia continues to struggle with economic expansion and business growth. What will you do to attract manufacturing and other new industries that expand our tax base and create jobs?

Riley Moore: West Virginia has struggled economically because of consistent attacks from Washington, DC. Unreasonable mandates out of Washington have destroyed our manufacturing and energy industries while shipping millions of jobs over-

seas. In Congress, my priority will be to promote American energy independence and America first trade policies. Through tariffs I will support FAIR trade that stops predatory practices from countries like China that are hurting our workers. I'll also be a champion of energy produced in West Virginia and support our great fossil fuel industry and the thousands of people it employs.

Steven Wendelin: First off, we need the infrastructure. Without reliable cellphone connectivity and access to broadband, West Virginia cannot move forward. Next, we need the workers.

One issue that I hear repeatedly is that employers in West Virginia cannot find workers. Why is that? Until we start investing in our children through properly funded public education, we will not be able to supply businesses with the qualified workers that they require.

Examiner: West Virginia continues to have some of the worst health outcomes in the country. Nearly 15% of adults have reported going without care due to cost. This year, enrollments in the Affordable Care Act reached a record, with West Virginia seeing an 80% increase in enrollments,

the biggest increase of any state. What will you do to expand access to quality care and improve affordability?

Wendelin: The ACA was the first step and the protections it provides are significant, but the ACA alone isn't enough. The health insurance industry and big pharma are essentially trusts at this point and behave like monopolies. It is insane that patient "A" pays one amount for a treatment or a prescription while patient "B" pays a different amount. The Feds need to step in and set reasonable caps on all procedures and FDA approved drugs. We did



Riley Moore



Steven Wendelin

it with insulin, now we need to do it with everything else.

Moore: Bringing good jobs to West Virginia is the number one priority for improving healthcare for West Virginia because good jobs come with good healthcare benefits. The question of health outcomes is bigger than insur-

ance, though. In Congress, I look forward to working with President Trump and Vice President Vance in their mission to make America healthy again.

Examiner: West Virginia has one of the highest opioid overdose rates in the country, includ

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EDITORIAL

With Donald Trump possibly closing in on a second term of office, the global business community will likely see, if he takes the election, a return to American use of tariffs. During his previous term Trump used tariffs, or the threat of them, as a protective device, a negotiating tool, or as a weapon depending on the situation and the players involved.

Naturally the implementation of tariffs, taxes on certain goods imported from either all or certain countries, of any sort will have ripple effects in the economy of the United States and in the world at large. As is this nation's wont, the question of tariffs has ossified in the general political landscape. Since the 30s, conservatives have embraced the notion of the good of free trade as an economic postulate, objectively true in all situations.

Previous to the Great Depression, however, the Republican Party, and before it the Whigs, the John Quincy Adams supporting National Republicans, and the Alexander Hamilton led Federalists supported establishing tariffs to protect young American industries. Eventually this ideal of protection extended to that of the jobs created by these industries - especially after the advent of universal white male suffrage in the 1830s and the vote for all male adults after the Civil War.

Historically Thomas Jefferson and his political allies, who formed what would be called by and after the 1830s, the Democratic Party, had opposed tariffs. They cited two important issues that stemmed from imposition

First, tariffs being taxes, they raise the price of goods. Foreign produced goods inevitably cost more when tariffs are applied as companies importing the goods to sell must pay the tax on the import. Anytime a tax is imposed on a private business that offers goods or services, that tax is actually paid by the consumer or client.

Also if the price of an imported good rises high enough due to tariffs, the price of competing goods produced domestically may also rise to a level just shy of the import.

The pre Civil War Democratic Party also opposed tariffs due to retaliation from other countries.

Democrats argued that tariffs passed to protect industry and manufacturing helped only one section, the north, while producing adverse effects in the South. Before the Civil War British manufacturing dominated global markets to the point that, in a completely free trade environment, they could make a good, ship it across the Atlantic, and sell it in the United States more cheaply than an American business could.

Tariffs pushed the price of British made goods higher than American, giving the domestic good a price advantage.

In the same time period the United States, particularly the South, could raise and produce agricultural crops and sell them more cheaply in Britain than British farmers. American cotton also had an advantage over the British product grown in India. Britain retaliated against American manufacturing tariffs by raising its own tariffs on products from American agriculture.

Farmers, mostly in the South, saw their imports drop at the same time as manufactured goods they needed rose in price. This helped to widen the sectional schism that led to the Civil War because the South perceived that Congress and the federal government favored the interests of the North over the South. The tariff issue created the 1832 Nullification Crisis where South Carolina - until forced into compliance - refused to enforce the law after their state legislature "nullified" the federal act.

This set the tone of state and sectional relations that continued to degenerate until the Civil War.

The Civil War until the Great Depression showed the power of tariffs to drive economic growth. After the Democrats ceded their voice in Congress via the secession of most Democratic states, Republicans passed a series of acts that raised the tariff, promoted railroad development, and established the system of land grant universities. This came as an integrated plan to elevate the US over Britain and Germany as the world's leading manufacturing power.

After World War I the United States mostly achieved that goal. Republicans

specifically, but the nation at large as well, supported continuing the tariffs because they had worked thus far. They figured, like the classical engineering admonition, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" as the US manufacturing economy powered through the early and mid 20s. The world, however, had changed.

European economies sank into a post-war morass, partly because of the effects of the conflict and partly because of the unreasonable sanctions placed on Germany. Russia degenerated under Vladimir Lenin's destructive form of Marxist communism. A perfect international economic storm led to the economic crash and Depression which, unfortunately, President Herbert Hoover and Congress chose to react to with some of the highest tariffs ever imposed - the Smoot-Hawley Tariff. Tariffs multiplied among world nations and brought international trade levels down significantly.

After World War II, with the rest of the industrialized world flattened by war, Americans freed from most economic competition embraced free trade. Outside of labor unions, a consensus emerged as to the value of free trade and its beneficial effects on prices and commerce.

Like Britain after Adam Smith taught free trade principles in his 1776 work Wealth of Nations, the United States embraced the notion of free trade tightest when it worked best to the American advantage. There is nothing wrong, greedy, or immoral about nations pursuing their advantage, but that should never indicate that this idea is a "works in all cases whatsoever" principle.

Over time, other nations have sought to subvert the general guidelines that underlie healthy free trade. Governments of other nations have, from time to time, embarked on policies to help their own industries export to the US under free trade terms, but sell under the price necessary to make a profit. Until Trump, the United States preferred to ignore these efforts to establish industry at the expense of domestic businesses.

By the 21st century, Red China was well on its way to establishing itself as a manufacturing giant in its own right, moving

beyond cheap, and often illegal, knockoffs of US made goods to developing a steel industry eclipsing America's in growth. They used massive government subsidies, the forced labor of unpaid prisoners and barely paid children, and other end runs to undercut the United States.

When free traders play by Queensbury Rules and nations that trade work together in other fields instead of against each other's interests, Adam Smith's vision works well as the ideal model. In the 21st century, America's main geopolitical rival is building economic strength as a foundation for expansion of its power. That still would not be threatening if Red China was also not continually moving troops and ships into the land and sea territory of its neighbors, especially India, Vietnam, and the Philippines.

And, of course, Red China remains a significant threat to the freedom of those living under the Nationalist Chinese government on Taiwan.

The history of tariffs in the modern world and in United States history demonstrates that both they and free trade principles must both remain in the policy toolkit, to be used when needed.

Imposing tariffs comes at a cost for sure. Allegheny Wood Products moved heavily into Red China's market as its middle class demand for items made of finished wood surged. Trump's tariffs hit a company already reeling from other pressures and did contribute to its shutdown.

That said, the company putting some of AWP's old facilities in Petersburg and elsewhere back on line, Canada's Goodfellow Inc., refused to take the risk of working so heavily with one of the West's main rivals and focused on expanding its markets in North America, which proved wise and profitable for them.

A new Great Power based international system is replacing the two superpower model of the post World War II era. The United States must use the powers at its disposal to protect not just the American economy, but other US interests as well.

And tariffs appear to be an important part of that strategy going forward.

MY UNBASED OPINION Unbased Revisited

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN



Left hand doesn't want to work today. No fist. Half closed. I can see clear through fist from thumb to pinky and out the other end when I clench tight. Hurts. Easier to just let it be relaxed. Arthritis, I guess. No other explanation has been suggested. Tylenol doesn't do much for it and I'm not supposed to take anything else for pain. Doctors say other common pain killers aren't good for blood clot patients and I'm one of those. Change in the weather? Just cold windy day? No idea why today particularly bad, but it is. Can't even clench tight enough to make my trigger

finger pop. All day long I've sat here at Big House's front dining room window trying to come up with a topic for this week's column. Chilly, windy, bright, a classic Fall day. It's 3:16. I began at this computer around 7:30 this morning. I'm tired of it. I'm in a foul mood. I'm going to take it out on you folks. Most ideas for topics I could come up with today had to do with America's problems. Ebola, terrorists, government screwups and coverups, and lack of economic progress and secure lives in this country. Most, if not all of these problems are linked in some way to Obama

and I'm tired of beating on him. He's here, we'll have to live with him for another two plus years, and nothing to be done about it. Every day that goes by with him in charge makes me one day madder at his voting majority of faithful loving supporters. At any rate, nearly twenty years of columns have taught me that you, my readers don't appreciate columns about "serious subjects". Verbal responses to those topics most often remind me that folks just want to be entertained, not informed and there's certainly nothing entertaining about America's problems. Picture a

deep dark pit. Slopes into it are steep slimy mud. We knew its location. We learned in four years, 2008 through 2012. We irresponsible children couldn't withstand the urge to investigate pit's allure. In Election 2012 we stepped over the edge. Americans are face down in that slime, sliding feet first, fingers clawing with no purchase, inexorably headed toward depths we've never known before. Obama is watering the slope from above while the weight of his bureaucracy drags us down. Best hope to kink the hose, slow the slime production, gain traction, is Election 2014. Obviously

voters who don't care how far government drags us down will rejoice and let it happen. Those few who might be having second thoughts will murmur encouragement and perhaps begin to doubt. Those who truly care about slowing descent will vote November 4th for candidates who can begin turning the water off and drying up bureaucracy's slippery slope. With any luck, the long slide will be retarded with Harry Reid off the Senate podium. Republican majority Senate can begin considering bills that John Boehner's House of Representatives has passed and sent

over for debate, possible compromise and ultimate passage. Bills designed to begin withdrawing Americans from that dark pit and closing it behind them as they climb out. Obama will still have ultimate control of slime manufacturing with his veto power until 2016 Presidential Election. I'd guess he'll be a bit careful how he uses it though because progress toward a brighter future may convince more voters to forsake his progressive ways as well as his party's next Pied Piper.

THIS WEEK IN WV HISTORY

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.

Oct. 24, 1929: Composer George Crumb was born in Charleston. In 1968, Crumb was awarded the Pulitzer Prize

for "Echoes of Time and the River: Four Processionals for Orchestra."

Oct. 25, 1918: Athlete Marshall "Biggie" Goldberg was born in Elkins. He led the Chicago Cardinals to the NFL championship in 1947 and was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1958 and the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in 1980.

Oct. 25, 1951: Writer Denise Giardina was born in Bluefield and raised in neighboring McDowell County. She is best known as a novelist and also has a long history of community activism, including a run for governor.

Oct. 26, 1801: Jefferson County was established from a

portion of Berkeley County by the Virginia General Assembly and named for Thomas Jefferson.

Oct. 26, 1934: Athlete Rodney Clark "Hot Rod" Hundley was born in Charleston.

Hundley earned first team All-American recognition his senior year at West Virginia University.

He averaged 24.5 points per game and scored 2,180 points over his college career, ranking second in WVU history.

Oct. 27, 1879: Howard B. Lee was born in Wirt County. He was elected state attorney general in 1924, and served for eight challenging years. His term saw the impeachment of a state auditor, the lawlessness of Prohibition and labor troubles

in the coalfields.

Oct. 28, 1929: Painter Charles Lewis "Chuck" Ripper was born in Pittsburgh and later moved to Huntington. He was one of the country's best-known wildlife artists, with paintings appearing on nearly 100 magazine covers and 80 U.S. postage stamps.

Oct. 28, 1972: Brad Paisley was born in Glen Dale. Paisley has received the Entertainer of the Year award from the Country Music Association, 14 Academy of Country Music Awards, and three Grammys.

Oct. 29, 1861: Confederate commander Robert E. Lee ended his ill-fated western Virginia campaign. His three months in the region were marked by rain,

mud, inexperienced officers, diseases among the troops and rampant criticism of his leadership.

Oct. 29-30, 2012: Following Hurricane Sandy, heavy wet snow fell across West Virginia.

With accumulations approaching 40 inches, it surpassed all previously known October snowstorms.

Oct. 30, 1825: Randolph McCoy was born in Logan County. In 1878, McCoy's accusation against a cousin of Anderson "Devil Anse" Hatfield for stealing a hog set off a deadly series of events in the Hatfield-McCoy Feud.

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NEWS

Wardensville Town Council Discusses Sports and Recreation Updates and Upgrades

By Steve Pendleton

The Wardensville Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at the Visitors Center. Present were Mayor Betsy Orndoff-Sayers, Council members Greg Alderman, Charlotte Bowman, Serena Kay Cline, Michael Funkhouser, Ed Klinovsk, and Jackie McGuiness. The meeting opened with prayer the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from the meeting of September 10, 2024 were approved.

Mayor's Report

The premiere of "Wardensville - Tales from Tiny Town" at the McCoy Theatre was a success. Ninety people attended the event. The McCoy staff and J.R. Murray were a delight in making everything come together. Cans of food was collected for the Moorefield Church of God's Food Pantry. New contacts were made and old friendships were rekindled. The film will be shown on Thursday, October 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center Gym. Marlene. Tom England will be providing the screening equipment for the event. The town will collect food for the Wardensville Food Pantry. The rubber membrane roof on section one of the Community Center is in the process of being replaced and will be completed by the end of this week. The We Remember Veteran's Memorial program was well attended at the Gazebo area. The new benches and metal poppies installed in time for the event, looked great. The final report for that renovation project has been submitted. The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, & History have a similar grant to celebrate America's 250th birthday. Mayor Betsy Orndoff-Sayer

will ask Council's approval to consider applying for this grant. Work continues at the town park on the pickle ball and tennis courts. Installation of the fencing around the courts has begun. Keith Jones has started Pickle Ball lessons on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the park and hopes to start league play. The town will meet with concrete contractors this week to review the placement of the sidewalks and get information on the request for proposals. Staff continues to find and repair water leaks. They recently repaired a section of ¾ inch copper line near Kerr's Market. The mayor met with Dr. Jerry Hahn and Chris Hahn to discuss the status of the basketball guys and gym concerns. She is confident that a viable plan was agreed upon to move forward. The Lion's Club asked the town to sponsor the Christmas Decoration Contest like last year. Orndoff-Sayer told them that the town would be in touch. As a reminder, Wardensville will observe Trick or Treat on Thursday, October 31st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Ricky Harrison will sound the fire alarm to begin and end the event. Trunk or Treat is being held on the Carnival Lot from 5pm to 6pm before Trick or Treating begins.

Public Work Report

More water leaks were located including one on Sandfield Road and a second on a section of Route 259. Another by Kerr's Market resulted in five residences being placed on a boil water notice for a few days. A corroded copper line was the cause of the failure. The contractor making the repair took before and after photographs for future use. A culvert in town became so clogged that efforts to use a snake to clear

the debris was unsuccessful. The Division of Highways came to the rescue with equipment that cleared the culvert.

Park Report

When word got out that the plans were made to trim back or cut down dead trees in the park, disc golf players convinced town officials to hold off. The players said that the trees made the course a challenge for disc golf and cutting or trimming them would affect the level of play. Two rocking rides were added to the park, one resembling a bug and the other, a tractor. Steve Shook installed the rides which were made possible by a donation from Holtzman Oil Company.

Unfinished Business

The proposed hate crime ordinance that had been tabled was removed from the agenda in favor of a non-discrimination ordinance. A public hearing on that proposal will be held at the town council meeting in November.

New Business

A second draw was made on the sewer project. The Region VIII Development Authority handled the administrative work to request funding for the engineering contractor in the amount of \$43,431. Once approved by the United States Department of Agriculture, the town will submit the payment. With no further business to address, a motion and second to adjourn the meeting was passed. The next Wardensville Town Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 8, 2024 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Visitor's Center. The public is welcome to attend.



This statue honors the heroism and leadership of Col. Andrew Lewis before, during, and after his victory over Chief Cornstalk in Lord Dunmore's War

ons and training to the Shawnee tribes to use against the settlers. That way, the British Administration could keep control of the colonists, keep them subject to British laws, and keep them reliant on British goods and services. Once settlers moved over the mountains, the British could no longer control them...Mountaineers are always free! Now, here is where things get complicated. In 1770, 36-year-old John Murray (Lord Dunmore), became the British Governor of New York. When Virginia's governor died shortly thereafter, Dunmore was promoted to become the governor of England's largest and wealthiest colony, Virginia (note that four of our first five presidents were from Virginia). By 1773, relations between the Governor and colonists began to sour. In 1774, England responded to the Boston Tea Party with passage of the Intolerable Acts, and when the Virginia legislature passed a resolution in support of Patrick Henry's fiery rebellion rhetoric, Dunmore dissolved the Assembly. Yet, as Governor, Dunmore still had the responsibility to protect settlers. As Indian confrontations increased along the Ohio River, he developed a plan ostensibly to quell the Indian attacks. Whether he had other designs remains in question today. Dunmore's battle plan was that he would lead a large contingent north to Pittsburgh, while Colonel Andrew Lewis would gather recruits at Lewisburg and move the smaller contingent northwest along the Kanawha River. They were to meet where the Kanawha flows into the Ohio - Point Pleasant. When Lewis arrived at the rendezvous point in October 1774, Dunmore was nowhere near. On the morning of October

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

The Potomac Highlands Guild Will Hold a Trunk and Treat Party at the Regional Youth Center office at 1 Veach St in Petersburg on Oct 31 from 6 to 8 PM

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College will hold a Trunk and Treat Party on Oct 31 from 5 to 6:30 PM. It is requested that those planning

to attend RSVP with Monica Wilson by Oct 25 via email to monica.wilson@easternwv.edu

The Hardy County Family Support Center will hold a "Monster Mash" Party at their facility on 108 South Fork Road, Suite 202. It will take place at 5 PM on Oct 25

WVU Medicine - Grant Memorial Hospital will hold a Healthy Saturday event on Nov 2 from 6 to 9 AM. Number of those seen cannot exceed 200. RSVP with Julie Kesner at (304) 257-5806. A variety of tests will be offered that cost between \$10 and \$30

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ing fentanyl. How would you address the opioid crisis and improve access to behavioral health and addiction treatment and support services in the 2nd district?

Moore: The drug crisis is being driven by the flood of illegal immigrants across the border carrying fentanyl manufactured in China. Stopping the flow of illegal drugs into our state starts with securing the southern border. We need to end illegal immigration by building the wall, stopping employers from hiring illegal immigrants, and deporting immigrants who came here illegally.

In the House of Delegates, I voted to establish substance abuse treatment facilities that give preference to West Virginians looking to turn their lives around, and I stand by that record.

Wendelin: Charleston needs to use the settlement money in an effective and efficient way and not squander it. All communities, regardless of size, need access to free behavioral health, even if it is just online/telephone access. When prescribed an opioid, there needs to be mandatory counseling before that prescription is filled and prescribing physician must have face to face follow up visits before refilling the prescription. We also need to look at developing a community-based harm reduction programs in our at-risk communities.

Examiner: As a rural area we face challenges with aging infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and sometimes limited or un-

reliable broadband access. What specific infrastructure projects would you prioritize for the district, and how would you secure funding for them?

Wendelin: In 1936 Congress passed the Rural Electrification Act (REA) to drive the expansion of electricity to the hills and hollows, without those efforts by the Federal Government, West Virginia would still be in the dark. It is time for the Federal Government to step in once again and treat cellphone signal and broadband internet as a public utility. The technology exists, as does the business model of public/private/community partnership - we do it right here in Hardy County with HardyNet. We simply need Congress to incentivize private communication companies to make Rural America a priority. The REA did not issue handouts, it provided no/low interest loans to private firms to build out the infrastructure. Congress also made sure that as a condition to the loans, standards and milestones were met. We do not need to reinvent the wheel; we simply need to go back to tried and true policies. As for the rest of our infrastructure, we simply need to hold Charleston accountable for the effective use of millions of Federal dollars already sent our way by the Biden Administration to rebuild our infrastructure.

Moore: I'm committed to the completion of the Corridor H project. My experience as State Treasurer and a legislator has prepared me to advocate for the completion of this critical project and others. On day one, I'll be prepared to champion our district's infrastructure priorities in

Congress.

Examiner: West Virginia had the greatest population decline of any state, according to Census data. Young people are leaving the state to seek opportunities elsewhere. What would you do to improve educational outcomes and workforce training to ensure a thriving future for the region?

Moore: As State Treasurer, I've worked to make West Virginia a leader in school choice and advancing the skilled trades among young people. I'll be the only member of Congress who has administered a program allowing parents to choose the education that is best for their child. I created the Jumpstart Savings program to give men and women in the skilled trades the same tax advantages college students get. As your Congressman, I will fight to expand school choice and support for the skilled trades at the national level.

Wendelin: INVEST! We need to start investing in our public schools and make them great places to work.

If we invest in our schools, the professional educators will come and STAY. Our students, who are our future, will be qualified for good paying jobs will STAY. Finally, just like we had to encourage Italian, Polish, Czechoslovakian and Greeks immigrants in the early 20 th Century to come to West Virginia to mine coal, we need to encourage legal immigrants to come to West Virginia to come work in our service and manufacturing industry and help us rebuild and repopulate our State.

Battle of Point Pleasant 250th Anniversary Commemoration

Bonnie Myers and Susan Sprague, members of the South Branch Valley Chapter, NSDAR participated in a wreath laying ceremony commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Battle

of Point Pleasant at Tu-Endie-Wei State Park on October 10. Both of these members descend from men who fought as patriots in this battle. South Branch Valley Chapter invites women over

the age of 18 who are interested membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution to e-mail the chapter at sbvdar1@gmail.com.

West Virginia higher education community convenes to launch Credential WV as a new statewide initiative to prepare workforce-ready students

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - The West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission recently convened dozens of faculty and other leaders from colleges and universities across the state to chart the course for implementing microcredentials, which are short, targeted learning experiences focused on specific skills designed to be more flexible and accessible than traditional degrees. This new initiative, known as Credential WV, aims to equip students with workforce-relevant skills through targeted, stackable credentials, designed to address the evolving demands of West Virginia's labor market.

At the Oct. 9-11 summit, higher education leaders developed key strategies for embedding microcredential programs into existing academic courses, creating opportunities for students to build

industry-recognized skills that will make them more competitive in the job market. Credential WV will offer students a straightforward approach to career advancement, whether they are current students, adult learners, or members of the workforce looking to upskill.

"Implementing microcredentials statewide can directly impact the lives of our students by meeting them where they are and preparing them for where they want to go," said Dr. Sarah Armstrong Tucker, West Virginia's Chancellor of Higher Education. "Imagine the working adult who can only take a few courses at a time, the recent high school graduate who wants to build a portfolio of skills quickly, or the mid-career worker who needs to re-skill for a new job opportunity. With microcredentials, we can give these individuals prac-

tical, career-relevant tools they can apply immediately - whether they're looking to advance in their current roles or pivot to new industries."

At the summit, representatives from the West Virginia Manufacturers Association, Blenko Glass Co. and West Virginia Workforce Development provided insights from industry, while higher education officials from Colorado and Ohio shared best practices and lessons learned when developing their microcredential programs. National experts from the Lumina Foundation, the Higher Learning Commission, Gallop, Astrum U and Anthology also participated.

The summit, which was funded in part by the Lumina Foundation, marks the beginning of a phased rollout for Credential WV, with statewide implementation occurring the next three years.

Potomac Highlands Goes to College



Potomac Highlands Goes to College, Fundraiser on October 19, 2024 benefiting Hardy County Public Schools, Eastern WVCTC Foundation and Hardy County Health & Wellness Center.

Photo by Carl Holcomb

Dunmore's War

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10, a small hunting party from Lewis' camp came across lead elements of Chief Cornstalk's attack party. Cornstalk had gotten word of Dunmore's plan, and devised a surprise attack on Lewis before the two opposing forces could unite. Had Cornstalk been able to keep the element of surprise, the outcome of the battle would have been much different; he had Lewis' militia pinned against two rivers. But, with Cornstalk's surprise lost, Lewis skillfully defended his position. Cornstalk and Lewis' combatants fought all day, with much of the fighting being savage hand-to-hand combat. Many were killed on both sides, with precise numbers unknown—the Indians threw their dead in the rivers throughout the battle. At day's end, Chief Cornstalk retreated back across the Ohio River, and eventually made considerable concessions in land, hostage exchanges, and to stop attacking people on the river. Numerous theories arise that draw into question Dunmore's actual intentions. First, how did Cornstalk know of Dunmore's battle plans? Second, why was Dunmore slow in getting to the rendezvous point? Third, was Dunmore wanting Lewis' contingent to be weakened or defeated so as to not pose a threat to Dunmore's authority in colonial Virginia? These theories have credence when viewed in hindsight. Following Cornstalk's defeat at the hands of Lewis' heroic band of fighters, Dunmore basked in the glow of a victory; yet, he was nowhere near the action. As 1775 rolled around, he felt increasingly threatened. He ordered Virginia to not elect delegates to the Continental Congress, but they did so anyway. Following Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death" speech, and the shot heard round the world at Lexington, Dunmore showed his colors and his concern by moving gunpowder from a local magazine in Virginia onto British warships. When Patrick Henry led a group to retake the gunpowder, Dun-

more swore, "I have once fought for the Virginians and by God, I will let them see that I can fight against them!" From then on, Dunmore raised forces for, coordinated with, and openly fought for the British against the colonists. From British warships, he directed raids along the coast. In a dramatic turn of events, just days after the colonies declared independence, Andrew Lewis, now a General in the Colonial Army, forced his former British Commander Lord Dunmore from safe haven on Gwynn's Island in the Chesapeake Bay. Dunmore escaped, sailed to the Caribbean, and never returned to America. A well-known saying in military circles is, "The enemy gets a vote." That is, one never knows for sure what an enemy will do or when they will act. In fact, one might not even know an enemy, say a sleeper cell, is at hand. Take for instance, on September 10, 2001, no one expected terrorists to fly airplanes into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon the next day. We may not have been "at war" with them, but they sure were with us. Such was the case with Britain's intentions toward the Colonies. They were going to suppress and control the colonists, no matter what. The colonists wanted their British government to protect them, but the British government was colluding with the Indians against the colonists. Given Lord Dunmore's proclivities as demonstrated after October 10, 1774, what was going through his mind as he slow-rolled his way toward Point Pleasant? How did Cornstalk know in such detail the colonists' battle plan in time to raise a large fighting force — and know where to strike? No doubt, it was at the encouragement and armed support of the British that Cornstalk made his surprise attack. Imagine if Cornstalk had had pagers, how many British military would have been killed or wounded when George Washington sent a detonation message? Would Lord Dunmore have been among the casualties? Yes, the British were in conflict with the colonies stemming back to the French and In-

Delegate Amy Summers Releases 2024 Second Special Session Summary

By the Honorable Amy Summers (R - 73)

The WV Legislature was called into special session by Governor Justice on Sept. 30, 2024. We convened that day as required and then recessed until Oct. 6 during regularly scheduled meetings and concluded Oct. 8 at approximately 9:30 pm. The following bills were passed:

HB 201: \$10m communities in school program

HB 202: Approval to spend \$150m for road maintenance

HB 203: \$1.2 m for veterans' assistance

HB 204: \$375,000 WV State Police dispatch center

HB 205: ~\$15 m adjutant general's office

HB 206: \$2m WVU Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute research

HB 207: \$379,468 additional funding for aid to exceptional children

HB 208: Making WV a nuclear regulatory agreement state (applies to low level radioactive ma-

terials such as that used in medical tests not nuclear fuel energy)

HB 211: \$100m for matching federal grants for water, sewer, and other projects

HB 212: \$22m for nursing and fire and EMS training

HB 213: \$135m grant match funding for local water, sewer, and other local projects

HB 214: \$2m Office of Inspector General operations

HB 215: \$2.8m Minden community hazardous clean up

HB 216: \$9.3 m Office of Technology operations

HB 218: \$1.15m WV conservation Agency for dam repair

HB 219: \$1.05m to pay for public defender services

HB 226: Providing a childcare and dependent child tax credit

HB 227: Allowing public charter schools to apply for SBA funding

HB 230: \$1m to Dept of Education safe schools' fund

HB 244: Placing a moratorium on new municipal fire fees imposed on non-municipal residents

HB 245: \$5m to the Office of EMS

SB 2009: \$87 m to PEIA reserve fund

SB 2010: \$40 m to rural hospitals deferred maintenance

SB 2020: \$13.6 m to WV School of Osteopathic Medicine deferred maintenance

SB 2020/2021/2024 ~\$40m Dept of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Regional Jails and Juvenile Services

SB 2028: Allowing two clinical trials related to medicated assisted treatment for substance abuse disorder

SB 2031: \$5m to SBA for public charter schools

SB 2032: \$10m Dept of Agriculture for drought assistance

SB 2033: 2% additional decrease in personal income tax

SB 2034: \$175,000 to WV State Police

SB 2035: To provide funding for broadband expansion projects

SB 2036: ~\$8.3 m to Higher Education Policy Commission for correction to funding formula

SB 2037: \$349,715 to New River Community and Technical College

SB 2038: \$15m from Dept of Treasury to General Revenue account

SB 2039: \$15m to colleges and universities for deferred maintenance

While I found it difficult to vet every issue, I tried my best to vote in the best interest of the district and state. If you have questions that are more in depth than reported feel free to contact me. My last days in Charleston will be Dec 8-10 for interim committee meetings that I chair. The newly elected representatives will take office Jan. 8, 2025. Delegate Amy Summers (98 Meadland Rd., Flemington, WV 26347, c 304-641-1159, and Amy.Summers@wvhouse.gov)

dian War. The conflict was fought with taxes, military occupation, oppressive proclamations, unfair trade, and non-responsive government. Through their Native American surrogates, the British brought the confrontation to actual armed conflict on October 10, 1774, in Point Pleasant, West Virginia. First blood had been drawn and, for the Mountaineers of western Virginia, the war was on. It would take several more months for other colonies to become convinced of the need to take up arms and fight. Thank God Andrew Lewis and his brave

contingent of colonial fighters answered the call with a decisive win...in the first battle of the American Revolution. Mac Warner is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and served on the staff at the US Army War College. He is West Virginia's 30th Secretary of State. He had two relatives, Captain John McCoy and Lieutenant William McCoy, who fought alongside COL Andrew Lewis at the Battle of Point Pleasant.

NRCS Dams

State and local officials are responsible for regular maintenance. According to a typical operation and maintenance agreement signed in 1964, the Soil Conservation Service (now NRCS) provides technical assistance while the conservation district (the agreement now includes both the local district and WVCA) will prevent any changes that would interfere with the proper function of the dam and serve as sponsors. Expenses incurred under the operations and management agreement came in at just under \$300,000 in 2010, but topped \$1 million in both 2014 and 2021. Sauerbrun noted that state and local authorities are now responsible for repairs short of dam rehabilitation. Rehabilitation means the replacement of the structure or the bringing of it up to modern engineering standards, which can cost an average of between \$8 and 12 million. The need for rehabilitation, however, does not necessarily indicate an emergent danger of failure.

Four dams in the Potomac Valley Conservation District are currently under rehabilitation, all in Mineral and Grant counties. Funding has been requested for six more. State and local conservation officials, fortunately, have diligently performed proper maintenance on these dams built of earth, concrete, or a combination of both. Sauerbrun says "most as a whole are in pretty good shape."

A major issue, however, lies in the growth of population and development around and even beneath these dams. New Creek Dam Site number one in Mineral County, for example, was constructed prior to that of a Keyser neighborhood located not only beneath the dam, but also in its spillway. A WVCA map lays out plans for roadblocks and evacuation centers that would have to accommodate hundreds currently living in the path of the spillway and also on New Creek downstream.

In many ways, the dams help to pay for themselves even beyond the tremendous benefits of flood prevention. According to the West Virginia Conservation Agency, between 2014 and 2023, NRCS "quantified more than \$9.1 million in average annual benefits to areas surrounding the 73 Potomac Valley dams. The lakes and ponds created behind the dams provide areas for water supply, irrigation, erosion prevention, livestock watering, and also adding value to wildlife habitats.

While many are entirely on private property, some are open to the public. New Creek Dam Site # 14 in Grant County, only a few miles from the Scherr interchange on Corridor H, is large enough to offer fishing and boating opportunities in a beautiful mountain setting.

HCEAA

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actual rates). According to Alt, the current fee generates approximately \$850,000. However, not all of that is collected or collected within the corresponding fiscal year. Over the last couple of years, the Commission has stepped up efforts to collect outstanding fees through the magistrate court. If passed, the levy is estimated to raise approximately \$1.9 million per year, roughly \$9.5 million over a five-year period. HCEAA has operated at a deficit for several years. According to Alt, the additional funding from the levy would allow the agency to not only meet expenses, but also put it on stable footing to absorb everything from future inflationary costs to additional staffing and training, among other things. It will need to meet a 60 percent voter threshold to pass, according to state code. As it will appear on the ballot, the levy rate would be based on a residents' total real and personal property taxes. For every \$100 dollars of assessed property value, the rates would be:

1. Class I – 5.85 cents
2. Class II – 11.70 cents
3. Class III – 23.40 cents
4. Class IV – 23.40 cents

For most residents the levy will be based on either Class II or III. Residents can find their levy rate

using a new calculator tool located at www.hardycounty.com. Property classes can be found on tax bills. The levy would mean that for some residents, what they pay would go down, and for others it could increase. Alt said that according to 2022 Census data, the average assessed value of a Class II residence in Hardy County is \$91,980, making the amount owed under a future levy \$107.62. Alt described the levy as being fairer since it is based on both real and personal property. "So, it actually opens it up to include more taxpayers. It's more of a cost-sharing type method, because it's added to vehicles, boats, and trailers," he said. Under the levy, a renter who is not responsible for paying the fee, would be responsible for paying the levy if they own a vehicle, for example. Alt stressed that agricultural equipment would be exempt. Alt estimates that to maintain current service levels, the fee would need to be increased about 125%, or up to about \$270 if the levy is rejected by voters. Alt emphasized that those figures are HCEAA's estimates, not what the Commission would necessarily enact. "But without an increase in either the fee or the levy, we'd have to cut service, essentially," Alt said. "Personnel, that's your biggest cost. So, you'd have to cut personnel. So, you cut the number of crews." If passed, the levy will remain in effect for five years after which time it would be put before voters again.

Hardy County School Superintendent Statement On Title IX Allegations

The Hardy County Board of Education takes allegations related to Title IX very seriously. Upon being notified, Hardy County Schools initiated an active investigation immediately. We have established measures to ensure the safety and well-being of all students during this process.

Additionally, it's important to note that the WV State Police conduct their own investigations, which are separate from our school's process. We willingly cooperate with them as requested. Sheena Van Meter, Hardy County Superintendent



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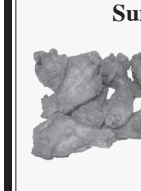
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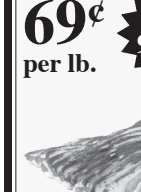
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OBITUARIES

Joshua Edward Wratchford



Joshua Edward Wratchford, 36, of Chambersburg, PA, formerly of Moorefield, WV, passed away on Sunday, October 6, 2024, at his residence. He was born on October 8, 1987, in Petersburg, WV,

a son of Michael E. Wratchford of Moorefield, WV and the late Melissa Denise Whetzel, who preceded him in death in 2012. A brother, Brian Wratchford also preceded him in death in 2013.

Joshua was employed at District Photo in Chambersburg. He enjoyed Fishing, going for walks, and his dog, Ratchet. He also loved spending time with his family.

Joshua, in addition to his father, is survived by his wife, Bridget Linette Scott Wratchford, whom he married on May 21, 2022; three sons, Joshua, Jedidiah and Jacob Wratchford, all of Chambersburg, PA; a stepson, Logan

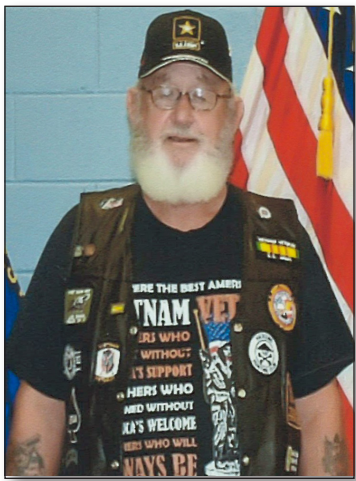
Shatzer of Chambersburg, PA; his brother, Dustin Wratchford and wife Sierra, nephew, Bayden and nieces, Faith and Hope Wratchford all of Moorefield, WV.

Graveside Services will be held 1:00 PM Tuesday, October 15, 2024 in the Olivet Cemetery, with Amanda Feaster officiant. The family will receive friends from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM on Monday, October 14, 2024, at the Thomas L. Geisel Funeral Home in Chambersburg, PA 17202.

Condolences and memories may be shared at geiselfuneralhome.com.

Local Arrangements are under the direction of the Fraley Funeral Home.

Larry A. Mowery



Larry Arthur Mowery, age 75 of Old Fields, WV, passed away Wednesday afternoon, October 16, 2024 at the Winchester Medical Center in Winchester,

VA. Born on October 2, 1949 in Moorefield, WV, he was the son of the late Arthur Lee "Buck" Mowery and Ruth Ella Bowman Mowery.

Larry enjoyed fishing, bike rides and just hanging out with friends and family. Some would say he was a workaholic, never turning anyone down who needed a helping hand. He was a loving husband, father, brother and friend. He was the perfect drinking buddy to most of his friends. As an equipment operator, he worked for Apac, Virginia Paving and Fauquier Paving for Donnie Weaver until his retirement. He was a U.S. Army veteran who was always there when a need arose for the

military.

Surviving is his wife, Eleanor Dale Riggleman Mowery; two sons, Josh Mowery & Jason (Jenn) Mowery; his stepchildren, Wade Vane, John Vance & Patty Martin; siblings, Gary (Tammy) Mowery, Terry (Tammy) Mowery, Roxie Fitzwater, Carolyn Jean (Billy) Tarman, Peggy Rohrbaugh, Debbie (Louie) Myers & Becky Reed; grandchildren, Kyleigh Mowery, Kara Mowery, Kelsey Mowery, Brix Mowery & Quinn Mowery and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be conducted 11:00 AM Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel, 107 Washington Street with Pastor

Russell Webster officiant. Interment will follow with Military Graveside Rites accorded by the U.S. Army and the Moorefield Veteran Honor Guard in the Olivet Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5 – 7 PM Monday at the funeral home.

Larry's spirit of kindness and compassion will live on through the stories and memories shared by those who were fortunate enough to know him. To offer condolences, share memories, or leave tributes in honor of Larry's life, please visit his Tribute Wall at www.fraleyfuneralhome.com and join in celebrating the profound impact he made on the hearts of many.

Raymond L. Hines, Jr.



Raymond Lovette Hines, Jr. of Moorefield, WV, passed away Wednesday evening, October 16, 2024, at the age of 89 at the Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, VA. He was born on

June 10, 1935, in Hardy County, WV to the late Raymond Lovette Hines, Sr. and Lily Rozella Cain Hines. His wife, Mary Virginia Bensenhaver Hines preceded him in death in July 2020. A grandson Heath Steven Hines and a brother, Richard Cornelius Hines also preceded him in death.

Raymond was an educator in Hardy County Schools for 32 years. He taught at the following schools: Pleasant Dale, Wilkins School, Moorefield Grade School and Moorefield Elementary School. Raymond was also a head teacher at Moorefield Elementary School. He also raised poultry for 60 years, beginning as a contract grower for Rockingham Poul-

try and ending as a grower for Pilgrim, AOs Pride. He also raised beef cattle

Surviving are two sons, Steven Alexander Hines and Douglas Charles (Brenda) Hines; a daughter Janet Elizabeth (R.F.) Fisher; granddaughters, Angie Beth Fisher and Jessica Brooke (Blaze) Mollhagen; two grandsons, Dr. Benjamin Douglas Hines and Jacob Nathaniel Fisher; a step-grandson, Jay (Becky) Taylor; a great-grandson, Cooper Davis Mollhagen; a step-great-grandson, Camden Layne Taylor; a sister, Carol Kay (Tony) Wilson and a sister-in-law, Bonnie Hines.

Graveside Funeral Services will be conducted 2:30 PM Sun-

day, October 20, 2024, at Walnut Grove Gardens, Route 55 near Moorefield with Pastor Russell Webster officiant. Interment will follow. The family will receive friends from 1 – 2 PM Sunday at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel, 107 Washington Street prior to services.

Memorials may be directed to the charity of choice. To offer condolences, share memories, or upload photos in honor of Raymond, AOs extraordinary life, visit his Tribute Wall at www.fraleyfuneralhome.com and celebrate the impact he made on all those around him.

Charles Lynwood Foster



September 21, 1934, to September 21, 2024

Charles Lynwood Foster, born September 21, 1934 in Shawsville, Va, went home to be with the Lord on his 90th birthday, September

21, 2024 at his home in Christiansburg, Va. He is preceded in death by his parents, Marvin and Gladys Foster, and sisters Judy Foster and Ila Jean Poff. Lynwood is survived by his wife of almost 65 years, Dotte Harris Foster; two sons and daughter-in-laws, Greg and Janis Foster of Christiansburg, Va and Mark and Heather Foster of Athens, Ga; four grandchildren, Brad and wife Missy, Mallory, Ryan, and Anna Foster; two great-grandchildren, Lilly and Gavin Foster; siblings Iris Costigan and Richard and Barbara Foster; neighbors Aubrey Conner and Charlie Brown, and many other family and friends.

Lynwood was a devoted husband, father, and Papaw, whom we all loved dearly. He truly lived

out the words of Romans 12:18 and "lived at peace with everyone." He was an active member of Main Street

Baptist Church, Good Shepherd Baptist Church, and most recently St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Lynwood was a proud US Army Veteran, worked many years at Burlington Mills and Federal Mogul, and loved trout fishing, hunting ginseng, making baskets, and spending time with his grandchildren in his retirement.

We would like to thank the Salem VA Medical Center, Carilion New River Valley Medical Center, Richfield Rehab Center, and Good

Samaritan Hospice for their kind and compassionate care over the last few months.

Visitation will be held Wednesday September 25 th at 11 am at St. Paul United Methodist Church in

Christiansburg, Va. Funeral services will begin at noon with Pastor Mike Derflinger officiating. Interment will be at Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg, Va.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1 Billy Graham

Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28201 or St. Paul United Methodist Church, 220 W Main St, Christiansburg, VA 24073.

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Meet the PSC Engineers

By Charlotte Lane
West Virginia Public Service
Commission

When the Public Service Commission needs to know how something works or, just as importantly, how it should work, we turn to the experts in our Engineering Division.

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When Governor Justice asked us last year to determine whether all of the state's fire hydrants were in working order, it was the Commission's engineering staff that got the job. They evaluated all of the information and wrote a thorough analysis of the entire situation. The division works on many other types of special projects, too, such as investigating last November's natural gas and water outage on Charleston's west side.

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The Engineering Division is composed of professional engineers, engineering analysts, and technicians who have decades of specialized experience with the public utilities we regulate including: electric, natural gas, water, and sewer.

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If we have a technical question about one of our regulated utilities, one of these experts will be able to answer it.

What this tiny division of 19 accomplishes is staggering. In addition to providing technical assistance to the Commission and Commission staff, this division is also tasked with conducting various investigations, including the evaluation of distressed or failing utilities; providing technical assistance on rate cases; reviewing requests for the construction of new facilities; working with the West Virginia Infrastructure

Council to ensure that new water and sewer projects are appropriate and necessary; investigating customer complaints regarding quality of service; and providing technical assistance to the hundreds of small water and sewer systems serving the people of our state.

The Engineering Division is also responsible for all aspects of the Commission's requirements that ensure your utility service is accurately measured and metered, including the testing of customer meters to ensure precision and the examination and certification of utility meter testing practices and personnel. They are essential to every aspect of our work. We couldn't manage without them.

Information From W. Va Legal Aid On Unpaid Loans

By Deb Miller, JD, volunteer
with WV Senior Legal Aid

"Not again," Marlene thought to herself. Her daughter Wendy was asking her for another \$1000 loan (the eighth in recent months). It had become a regular habit, leaving Marlene feeling upset and frustrated. She had them marked on her wall calendar. She would never think of doing that to her daughter. Besides, she had other children,

grandchildren, and her own needs to consider. To date, Wendy had not paid back a single penny from any of the earlier loans and had flipantly commented more than once that she just saw it as her future inheritance received now. Like others in the same situation, Marlene was upset that Wendy couldn't handle money better and didn't mind waltzing in to request more from her mom. Marlene's own budget

was always stretched thin. With a sense of dread, Marlene also wondered who else she was taking money from. Wendy had probably not repaid them either. She could be sweet and charming when it suited her. Wendy and her boyfriend had recently gone on a nice beach vacation. Knowing approximately how much it had cost, it hurt Marlene that Wendy now

wanted even more money from her. Thinking back, she regretted not discussing budgeting and repayment. She should have required a written loan agreement that would include all the terms so that Wendy would take it more seriously. Otherwise, no loan. When needed, there is a ten-year statute of limitations under West Virginia law for suing the debtor on written loan agreements. On verbal loan agreements, it's five years. To try to collect an unpaid loan without suing, writing a demand letter and mailing it to the debtor can be a good way to start. Use the "return receipt requested" postal delivery service. In the letter, describe the loan, demand repayment, and let the debtor know of your intent to take legal action if needed. If no repayment occurs and the total of the loans is \$10,000 or less, a lawsuit can be filed in the county magistrate court where the debtor lives. If the debt is more, the lawsuit needs to be filed in the appropriate circuit court. After the debtor is served a copy of the official complaint according to state requirements, he or she can file a written response. Next, a hearing will be scheduled during which evidence about the loans and their terms, as well as testimony about the lack of repayment, will be needed to prove the case. Emails, phone messages, and text messages about the loans are useful. The debtor will also have the opportunity to present their defense. Winning the lawsuit does not mean that collection of the amount owed will be easy or automatic. Before suing, take into account whether the person has a job or owns real estate or other assets that could be used to pay the debt. If the person is collection proof, suing won't result in getting paid. Guidance on unpaid loans or other legal issues is available at West Virginia Senior Legal Aid for state residents age 60 and over. Call 800-229-5068 or email info@seniorlegalaid.org.

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Moorefield ensnares Cougars for Hardy Bowl win

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

Moorefield corralled the Cougars with five turnovers to claim the 46th annual Hardy Bowl championship by a 33-7 victory for the first time since 2021 during senior night at Yellow Jacket Field last Friday.

This was the 48th meeting between these Hardy County rivals including the playoffs with the Yellow Jackets stinging its 30th overall series win which dates back to 1979.

The Hardy Bowl wooden championship plaque was donated by Moorefield resident Carl Holcomb and created by 10-42 Custom Wood owner Brian DiYorio in North Carolina.

Moorefield honored the seniors for football, cheerleading and the marching band in a pre-game ceremony.

It was Pink Warrior Night with the Yellow Jackets donning pink socks and the cheerleaders wearing pink bows and using pink pom-poms for breast cancer awareness.

“I’m proud of our guys. It’s exciting for them and exciting to watch them play with an intensity and want more. That’s just



Moorefield’s Shawn Reed tackled East Hardy’s Levi Price during a kickoff return in the 46th Annual Hardy Bowl.

what we talk about all the time. I am proud of them and proud of their effort tonight. [Atmosphere] I am proud of our community. I appreciate them accepting us and making us one of them. We love having them here and we love having a packed house. Those guys deserve it and they work hard every single day,” Moorefield coach Matt Altobello commented.

“It was one of those offensive games where Coach Ours

installed a great game plan and moved directions let and right and did a great job calling plays. Our defense and secondary did a great job. We knew coming in that they are well coached and can make big plays and that was a challenge to them. It was a relentless effort for them. We drilled in them that their eyes are right in the back end and in the right spots to make plays. We kept honed in this week and it showed.”

The Yellow Jackets defense was relentless with two fumble recoveries by Ben Watts and three interceptions created by Caleb Flinn, Diego Taylor and Shawn Reed.

East Hardy’s Levi Price returned the opening kickoff just beyond midfield, then the Cougars converted a third down with an 11-yard run by Price Strawderman at the 30-yard line.

East Hardy added seven yards on a quarterback keeper by Brayden Gregory.

After an errant pass out of bounds, Strawderman lost control of the ball on third down with Watts recovering his first fumble of the game for the Yellow Jackets on the 28-yard line.

Moorefield’s Oliver Crites earned two tough yards with a pride of Cougars surrounding him, then Caleb Flinn notched three yards.

Moorefield quarterback Cyrus Kump connected with Chayse Myers for a seven yard first down pass to the 40-yard line.

Crites and Flinn alternated carries for another first down on the ground entering Cougars territory at the 47.

Diego Taylor collected seven yards, then Crites moved the chains at the 35.

Crites earned another first down with a rush of 12 yards and punched into the red zone at the 17.

Moorefield capitalized on the turnover by finishing the drive with a five yard touchdown run by Flinn with under four minutes left in the first quarter and the kick attempt went awry, 6-0.

East Hardy started at its own 24 yard line and Gregory launched a deep pass along the sideline to Price, but it was negated on offensive pass interference backing up the line of scrimmage to the 12.

Dayton Dove made a 45-yard catch and was tackled by Camden Laughlin at the Moorefield 43-yard line.

The ensuing pass was intercepted by Moorefield’s Caleb Flinn at the 45-yard line.

Two plays later, the Yellow Jackets struck pay dirt with Flinn dashing down the field 55 yards for the touchdown and Levi Davis added the kick for a 13-nil advantage at the 2:01 mark.

Reed dropped Price at the 15-yard line during the kickoff, then Laughlin swatted a pass away.

Strawderman collected a first down on run of 17 yards, then Watts garnered a sack.

Moorefield’s Diego Taylor made an interception with 27 seconds left in the opening frame and returned the ball to the 40-yard line.

The Yellow Jackets converted a third down on the second play of the second quarter with a run by

touchdown catch by Myers and Davis added the kick for a 20-nil lead at 7:28.

Watts recorded a sack at the 15-yard line for the Yellow Jackets as East Hardy lost nine yards.

The second play of the series for the Cougars obliterated into an interception by Moorefield’s Reed with a return to the nine yard line.

There was a dead ball late hit penalty which placed the Yellow Jackets at the three yard line fac-



East Hardy kicker Levi Price recovered an onside kick to start the second half of the 46th Annual Hardy Bowl against Moorefield at Yellow Jacket Field.

Crites to midfield prior two consecutive penalties.

Shawn Reed erased the negative yards converting a third down and long situation with a 24-yard reception to the Cougars 31-yard line.

Crites put the Yellow Jackets into the red zone and the drive was completed on a 15-yard

ing third down. Crites picked up two yards before pounding through the line converting fourth down and one into a touchdown at 4:57 and the kick failed for a 26-0 lead.

Price returned the kickoff to midfield for the Cougars.

Strawderman carried the ball

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East Hardy Volleyball slashed Yellow Jackets for season sweep

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner



East Hardy’s Brooklyn Miller served against Moorefield during the Hardy County Volleyball rivalry match in Baker.

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East Hardy Volleyball completed the season sweep over the Yellow Jackets with straight sets in Baker last Tuesday as part of the Hardy County rivalry week clash: 25-15, 25-14 and 25-7.

“The crowd support was excellent. The football boys came up and all the rest of the fans they were loud and made sure our girls were focused. We played a pretty clean game today. We got efficient. Early on we were trying to force the ball to a place, instead of getting the gap they were giving us. We talked about that between sets and during timeouts what was open and how to find it. I thought what really helped us was our serve-receive was really improved from previous games. That gave our setter a really good

opportunity to give our hitter a better chance to hit her spots,” East Hardy Volleyball assistant coach Chris Hahn remarked.

Moorefield started the match with a 2-nil edge with attack by Korbin Keplinger returned back out and Elektra Sions smashed a spike.

East Hardy countered for a 5-2 lead starting with a kill from Ava Riggle, then Chloe and Morganne Miller made digs sandwiching a spike by Madilyn Funk and Ginger Combs served thrice with the ball coming back awry.

Moorefield’s Seanna Heavner notched a dig prior to a tap point by Lexi VanMeter and Sydney Rumer saved a volley resulting in a kill by CiCi Kump.

Heavner delivered an ace to tie the set at 5-all.

The Cougars regained the lead with a shot by Morganne Miller deflecting off a diving save attempt from Keplinger.

East Hardy’s Brooklynn Tinnell served up an ace and Chloe Miller blocked a volley, then Funk notched a point on an attack after a dig by Tinnell to go up 9-5.

Tinnell landed another ace, but the ensuing serve hit the net.

Moorefield’s Carlee Haines served into the net, then Funk and Raleigh Kuykendall traded points on attacks.

East Hardy’s Madison Kerr slammed a spike and Funk served an ace for a 15-7 advantage.

Haines made a dig on a shot by Kerr, but the ensuing hit went into the net.

Morganne Miller deflected a volley off Aubrey Kidwell to put the Cougars up 18-9.

East Hardy’s Brooklyn Miller garnered an ace, then the Yellow Jackets countered with a spike by

Rumer and an ace from Kump to cut the deficit to 19-11.

Tinnell made a block for the Cougars, then a serve by Combs was returned into the net for a 21-11 lead.

East Hardy went up 23-12 on a pair of kills from Morganne Miller, but the Yellow Jackets refused to quit buzzing.

Rumer tapped the ball over the net and Morganne Miller made a save off a block by Chloe Miller, but the net was touched in the process.

Haines served up an ace for the Yellow Jackets to make it 23-14.

There were a couple errors on both sides as East Hardy took the first set 25-15.

East Hardy commenced the second set with a 2-0 lead on a pair of spikes from Morganne Miller.

After a service error, Miller notched another kill.

VanMeter and Funk traded volleys being sent back awry, then Miller blocked a shot and Kerr created a point on an attack for a 6-3 lead.

The Yellow Jackets rallied to tie the set at 6-all with the help of two errors and a tap point from Keplinger.

The ensuing serve went out and East Hardy’s Chloe Miller’s volley was sent back into the net.

Kerr garnered two spikes and Ava Riggle added a kill for a 12-6 Cougars edge.

Heavner made dig for the Yellow Jackets and Keplinger landed a spike.

Moorefield scored a couple points, but they were negated on a service rotation violation.

East Hardy was awarded the serve and Chloe Miller recorded

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East Hardy won Potomac Valley Conference Championship



East Hardy Cougars defended the Class A Potomac Valley Conference Volleyball Championship against Pendleton County in Baker last Saturday.

Photo courtesy of East Hardy Athletic Boosters

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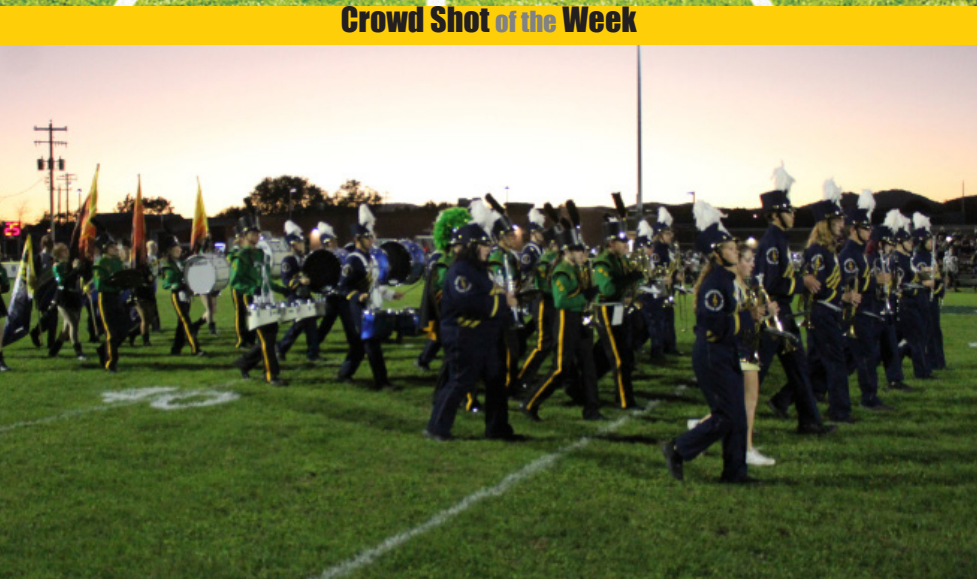


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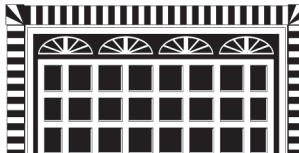


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Care Coordinator – Baker, WV
Medical Receptionist – Baker, WV
Medical Receptionist – Romney, WV
Medical Receptionist – Hardy County Medical, Moorefield, WV
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PUBLIC NOTICES

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT OF CHECK	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT OF CHECK
403B ASP	9,200.00	403B ASP	9,200.00
4REVS LLC	399.00	4REVS LLC	399.00
ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE DRUG	13,656.24	ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE DRUG	13,656.24
ADVANTAGE TECHNOLOGY LLC	88,109.16	ADVANTAGE TECHNOLOGY LLC	88,109.16
ADVERTISING PREMIUM SALES INC.	552.60	ADVERTISING PREMIUM SALES INC.	552.60
AGC EDUCATION, INC.	639.84	AGC EDUCATION, INC.	639.84
AIRGAS USA, LLC	290.00	AIRGAS USA, LLC	290.00
ALLSTATE	13,768.00	ALLSTATE	13,768.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	56,399.21	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	56,399.21
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL	3,800.00	AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL	3,800.00
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE	3,547.16	AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE	3,547.16
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSUR CORP	8,100.00	AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSUR CORP	8,100.00
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	279,618.72	AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	279,618.72
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	61,573.10	AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	61,573.10
APPALACHIAN SIGNALS & PROD.INC	456,404.18	APPALACHIAN SIGNALS & PROD.INC	456,404.18
APPLE INC.	78,968.50	APPLE INC.	78,968.50
APPTEGY, INC.	12,190.00	APPTEGY, INC.	12,190.00
AUDIOLOGY, INC.	420.00	AUDIOLOGY, INC.	420.00
BAKER BUILDING & REMODELING	20,500.00	BAKER BUILDING & REMODELING	20,500.00
BALFOUR TAYLOR PUBLISHING	800.50	BALFOUR TAYLOR PUBLISHING	800.50
BARR'S REPAIR	4,850.00	BARR'S REPAIR	4,850.00
BAYLOR ENTERPRISES INC.	3,600.00	BAYLOR ENTERPRISES INC.	3,600.00
BEST LIFE THERAPY, LLC	57,585.00	BEST LIFE THERAPY, LLC	57,585.00
BIMBO BAKERIES USA, INC.	5,996.60	BIMBO BAKERIES USA, INC.	5,996.60
BLUE BIRD BUS SALES	526,445.83	BLUE BIRD BUS SALES	526,445.83
BOGGS ENVIRONMENTAL	850.00	BOGGS ENVIRONMENTAL	850.00
BOSSLASER	830.36	BOSSLASER	830.36
BOUNCE AROUND ENTERTAINMENT	620.00	BOUNCE AROUND ENTERTAINMENT	620.00
BOWLES RICE LLP	87,874.87	BOWLES RICE LLP	87,874.87
BRIGHTLY SOFTWARE INC.	600.00	BRIGHTLY SOFTWARE INC.	600.00
BRYSON CONSTRUCTION	15,200.00	BRYSON CONSTRUCTION	15,200.00
BUILDER SERVICES GROUP INC.	30,425.85	BUILDER SERVICES GROUP INC.	30,425.85
BUILDERS GROUP, INC.	1,219.20	BUILDERS GROUP, INC.	1,219.20
BURLINGTON ENGLISH INC.	4,800.00	BURLINGTON ENGLISH INC.	4,800.00
C & P CARPETS PLUS, LLC	1,805.29	C & P CARPETS PLUS, LLC	1,805.29
CAPITAL ELECTRIC	27,526.61	CAPITAL ELECTRIC	27,526.61
CENTER FOR APPLIED LINGUISTICS	4,900.00	CENTER FOR APPLIED LINGUISTICS	4,900.00
CENTRAL ELEVATOR INSPECTION	540.00	CENTRAL ELEVATOR INSPECTION	540.00
CENTRAL RESTAURANT PRODUCTS	19,967.82	CENTRAL RESTAURANT PRODUCTS	19,967.82
CENTRAL TIE & LUMBER CO.	14,988.99	CENTRAL TIE & LUMBER CO.	14,988.99
CERTIPORT	2,590.00	CERTIPORT	2,590.00
CEV MULTIMEDIA, LTD	3,998.50	CEV MULTIMEDIA, LTD	3,998.50

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403B ASP	9,200.00	MCGRAW HILL	52,149.46
4REVS LLC	399.00	MILLER & SONS TRUCK REPAIR LLC	160,235.29
ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE DRUG	13,656.24	MINERAL COUNTY SCHOOLS	3,352.00
ADVANTAGE TECHNOLOGY LLC	88,109.16	MJN CONSTRUCTION LLC	19,400.00
ADVERTISING PREMIUM SALES INC.	552.60	MOOREFIELD COLLISION, LLC	4,252.80
AGC EDUCATION, INC.	639.84	MOOREFIELD EXAMINER	2,712.09
AIRGAS USA, LLC	290.00	MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOLS	3,100.17
ALLSTATE	13,768.00	MORIN DISTRIBUTION	1,334.41
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	56,399.21	MOSVLE CORPORATION	27,400.00
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL	3,800.00	MOUNTAIN MATH	359.70
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE	3,547.16	MOUNTAIN STATE CONCRETE, LLC	13,990.00
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSUR CORP	8,100.00	MOUNTAIN STATE EDUCATIONAL	2,250.00
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	279,618.72	MOUNTAIN STATE LOCK	4,592.14
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	61,573.10	MOUNTAINEER GAS CO.	47,692.65
APPALACHIAN SIGNALS & PROD.INC	456,404.18	MT. SPRINKLER, LLC	9,192.20
APPLE INC.	78,968.50	MTS EQUIPMENT	39,952.94
APPTEGY, INC.	12,190.00	MYSTIC HOOD CLEANING INC.	2,700.00
AUDIOLOGY, INC.	420.00	N. HARRIS COMPUTER CORPORATION	1,809.30
BAKER BUILDING & REMODELING	20,500.00	NATIONAL UNION FIRE INS. CO.	2,500.00
BALFOUR TAYLOR PUBLISHING	800.50	NEWLONS INTERNATIONAL SALES	16,584.14
BARR'S REPAIR	4,850.00	NVB PLAYGROUNDS INC.	3,584.00
BAYLOR ENTERPRISES INC.	3,600.00	OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	1,640.00
BEST LIFE THERAPY, LLC	57,585.00	OPTIMUM FOODS LLC	80,498.82
BIMBO BAKERIES USA, INC.	5,996.60	ORIENTAL TRADING	582.32
BLUE BIRD BUS SALES	526,445.83	PANHANDLE TECHNOLOGY LLC	1,627.50
BOGGS ENVIRONMENTAL	850.00	PAPER DIRECT	387.28
BOSSLASER	830.36	PARCHMENT LLC	847.00
BOUNCE AROUND ENTERTAINMENT	620.00	PARENT INSTITUTE, THE	1,394.00
BOWLES RICE LLP	87,874.87	PARTS & MORE INC.	6,083.93
BRIGHTLY SOFTWARE INC.	600.00	PAXTON/PATTERSON LLC	26,570.00
BRYSON CONSTRUCTION	15,200.00	PEARSON CLINICAL ASSESSMENTS	1,373.09
BUILDER SERVICES GROUP INC.	30,425.85	PEIA	914,431.86
BUILDERS GROUP, INC.	1,219.20	PETERSBURG OIL COMPANY	172,262.59
BURLINGTON ENGLISH INC.	4,800.00	PHONAK, INC.	3,463.35
C & P CARPETS PLUS, LLC	1,805.29	PITNEY BOWES BANK INC.	4,000.00
CAPITAL ELECTRIC	27,526.61	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL	3,130.56
CENTER FOR APPLIED LINGUISTICS	4,900.00	PLUMBMASTER	3,504.30
CENTRAL ELEVATOR INSPECTION	540.00	PLUSOPTIX INC.	1,180.00
CENTRAL RESTAURANT PRODUCTS	19,967.82	POTOMAC EDISON	647,127.79
CENTRAL TIE & LUMBER CO.	14,988.99	POWER SCHOOL GROUP LLC	27,657.90
CERTIPORT	2,590.00	PRESTWICK HOUSE, INC.	1,301.12
CEV MULTIMEDIA, LTD	3,998.50	PRINTING EXPRESS, INC.	2,887.48
		PROPIO LS, LLC	658.20
		QUILZ CORPORATION	21,232.86

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OFFICIAL BALLOT

Hardy County, WV

General Election

November 5, 2024

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

To vote you must darken the oval () completely next to the candidate or issue of your choice.

NATIONAL TICKET

FOR PRESIDENT (Vote for ONE)

☐ DONALD J. TRUMP

Palm Beach, FL

REP

☐ J.D. VANCE

Cincinnati, OH

REP

☐ KAMALA D. HARRIS

Los Angeles, CA

DEM

☐ TIM WALZ

Saint Paul, MN

DEM

☐ CHASE OLIVER

Atlanta, GA

LBN

☐ MIKE ter MAAT

Kinsale, VA

LBN

☐ JILL STEIN

Lexington, MA

MTN

☐ RUDOLPH WARE

Goleta, CA

MTN

☐ ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR.

Katonah, NY

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☐ NICHOLE SHANAHAN

Portola Valley, CA

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☐ PATRICK MORRISEY

Harpers Ferry

REP

☐ STEVE WILLIAMS

Huntington

DEM

☐ ERIKA KLIE KOLENICH

Buckhannon

LBN

☐ CHASE LINKO-LOOPER

Charleston

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☐ S. MARSHALL WILSON

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FOR U.S. SENATOR (Vote for ONE)

FOR AUDITOR (Vote for ONE)

☐ JIM JUSTICE

Lewisburg

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☐ GREEN ELLIOTT

Wheeling

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☐ DAVID MORAN

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☐ MARK HUNT

Charleston

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☐ MARY ANN ROEBUCK CLAYTOR

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FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)

FOR TREASURER (Vote for ONE)

☐ RILEY MOORE

Harpers Ferry

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☐ STEVEN WENDELIN

Lost River

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☐ KENT LEONHARDT

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☐ DEBORAH STILES

Parsons

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☐ JOHN "JB" McCUSKEY

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☐ TERESA TORISEVA

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HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, BOARD OF EDUCATION

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FYE JUNE 30, 2024

	11 General Current Expense	61 Special Revenue Fund	65 Special Revenue School Activity Fund	71 Special Revenue ESSERF Fund	21 Debt Service Fund	31 Bond Construction Fund	41 Permanent Improvement Fund	51 Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES									
Assets:									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,514,620	\$ 249,482	\$ 774,105	\$ (206,400)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (60,480)	\$ 5,181,229
Investments	38,775	-	-	-	1,523,134	-	-	-	1,561,909
Taxes receivable, net	30,582	-	-	-	85,045	-	-	-	121,627
Debt with Debtment Board	6,110	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,110
Prepaid Workers Comp	3,285	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,285
Food service receivable, net	-	86,276	-	-	-	-	-	-	86,276
Lease receivables	13,080	31,086	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,166
Other receivables	71,577	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71,577
Due from other governments	119,182	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	119,182
State aid receivable	384,962	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	384,962
PEIA allocation receivable	2,037	360,215	-	391,586	-	-	-	-	1,054,838
Rebates/reimbursements receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	127,184	127,184
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets	5,189,799	727,853	774,105	183,057	1,808,179	-	-	58,714	8,861,857
Deferred outflows of resources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS PLUS DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	5,189,799	727,853	774,105	183,057	1,808,179	-	-	58,714	8,861,857
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES									
LIABILITIES:									
Salaries payable and related payroll liabilities	\$ 1,871,306	\$ 47,739	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,919,045
Other post employment benefits payable	-	-	-	84,722	-	-	-	-	84,722
PCA premium payable	341,531	84,844	-	18,335	-	-	-	-	444,710
Accounts payable & Payable to others	120,690	37,791	-	-	-	-	-	58,714	227,201
Due to other fiscal agents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	2,333,527	170,374	-	103,057	-	-	-	58,714	2,615,672
Deferred inflows of resources	2,716	30,088	-	-	77,317	-	-	-	110,121
Total deferred inflows of resources	2,716	30,088	-	-	77,317	-	-	-	110,121
Fund Balances:									
Non-spendable	74,842	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	74,842
Restricted	43,285	527,691	-	-	1,530,862	-	-	-	2,132,838
Committed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned	368,734	-	774,105	-	-	-	-	-	1,142,839
Unassigned	3,960,598	527,057	774,105	-	-	-	-	-	5,261,760
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	4,147,469	1,054,748	774,105	-	-	-	-	-	5,976,322
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	5,189,799	727,853	774,105	183,057	1,808,179	-	-	58,714	8,861,857
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position after due to:									
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70,029,694
Right-of-use assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	314,546
Other deferred charges are not reported in the funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,841
Property lease receivable and food service billings receivable will be collected this year but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures, and are therefore deferred in the funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90,492
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds									
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	756,728
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(10,781)
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,749
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(130,046)
Some liabilities, including net pension and OPEB obligations, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds									
Bonds payable, due within one year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,345,000)
Bonds payable, due beyond one year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(7,600,000)
Unamortized bond premium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(64,918)
Accrued interest on bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(25,115)
Accrued sick leave payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Compensated absences	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net pension liability - proportionate share	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,161,586)
Net OPEB liability - proportionate share	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(92,967)
Asset Retirement Obligation (ARO) Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finance lease liability, due within one year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(111,818)
Finance lease liability, due beyond one year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(47,961)
Financial purchases and other, due within one year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(40,500)
SBTA liability, due within one year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SBTA liability, due beyond one year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net position of governmental activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 71,584,414

See Notes to Financial Statements

HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, BOARD OF EDUCATION

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FYE JUNE 30, 2024

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ 758,338

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different due to:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of net position, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. The effect on net position is the amount by which capital outlays exceed depreciation in the current period.

Depreciation expense	11,404,713
Capital outlays	564,966

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of net position, the cost of SBITA assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as amortization expense. The effect on net position is the amount by which capital outlays exceed amortization in the current period.

Amortization expense	-
Capital outlays	-

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of net position, the cost of SBITA assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as amortization expense. The effect on net position is the amount by which capital outlays exceed amortization in the current period.

Amortization expense	1142,370
Capital outlays	24,838

Certain receivables will be collected this year but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures. This is the amount by which such receivables increased (decreased).

Property taxes receivable	0,961
Operating Grants and Contributions	4,675

Other miscellaneous conversion adjustments	1
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A portion of the change in fund balances is the proceeds from the general obligation bonds issued during FYE JUNE 30, 2024. Those proceeds are not considered revenue items for the purpose of this statement.

A portion of the change in fund balances is the proceeds from the premium on the general obligation bonds issued during FYE JUNE 30, 2024. Those proceeds are not considered revenue items for the purpose of this statement.

A portion of the change in fund balances is the current year amortization of the premium on general obligation bonds. The current year amortization of the premium is a reduction of interest expense rather than revenue for the purpose of this statement.

	15,750
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A portion of the change in fund balances is the proceeds from finance leases. Those proceeds are not considered revenue items for the purpose of this statement.

A portion of the change in fund balances is the proceeds from financed purchases. Those proceeds are not considered revenue items for the purpose of this statement.

A portion of the change in fund balances is the proceeds from SBITAs. Those proceeds are not considered revenue items for the purpose of this statement.

	(24,838)
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The repayment of the principal of long-term debt (e.g., bonds, leases) consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. However, such repayment has no effect on net position.

	1,285,000
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Differences in the cost and accumulated depreciation on disposed capital assets are reported as a loss and reduction in net position in the statement of activities.

Cost of assets disposed	-
Accumulated depreciation of assets disposed	-

Differences in the ROU asset and accumulated amortization on ROU asset terminated agreements are reported as a loss and reduction in net position in the statement of activities.

Right-of-Use assets terminated	-
Accumulated amortization of assets terminated	-

Compensated absences are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position, but are only reported in government funds to the extent they have matured. This is the amount by which compensated absences (increased)/decreased.

Accrued vacation payable	-
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Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due.

Governmental funds report district pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension expense.

District pension contributions	118,971
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Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions	(284,777)
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Governmental funds report district OPEB contributions as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of OPEB benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as OPEB expense.

District OPEB contributions	14,414
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Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions	56,705
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Asset Retirement Obligations (AROs) are reported in the statement of net position, but are not reported in governmental funds. This is the amount by which the ARO has increased.

Finance Lease payables are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position, but are only reported in government funds to the extent they have matured. This is the amount by which finance lease payables decreased.

	213,064
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Financial purchases are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position, but are only reported in government funds to the extent they have matured. This is the amount by which financial purchases decreased.

	63,950
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 1,702,045

HARDY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF DEBT
AT JUNE 30, 2024

Bond Issue of Public School Bonds, Series 2012:

Issue Date	October 25, 2012
Maturity Date -	June 1, 2030
Interest Rates -	2.30%
Amount Issued -	\$ 21,545,000
Amount Retired -	\$ 12,520,000
Amount Outstanding -	\$ 9,025,000

General Provisions of the bond agreement(s) are as follows:

Bond Issue of Public Schools Bonds, Series 2012

The issue was authorized by the voters of the Hardy County Board of Education and ratified by the voters during the Primary election held on May 8, 2012 for the purpose of Construction of new High School additions and renovations. The bonds were issued in the denomination(s) of \$5,000, bearing interest at the rate(s) of 2.38%, payable semi-annually on the first days of June and December.

Supplemental Schedule of Debt

HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FYE JUNE 30, 2024

Functions	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense), Revenue & Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities:					
Instruction	\$ 15,052,641	\$ 1,191,259	\$ 3,456,617	\$ 90,098	\$ (10,314,667)
Supporting services:					
Students	2,078,202	164,468	475,759	12,438	(1,425,536)
Instructional staff	1,310,798	103,736	330,079	7,846	(899,137)
General administration	730,831	57,838	137,306	4,374	(501,311)
School administration	1,609,897	127,406	338,551	9,636	(1,104,304)
Central services	495,963	39,253	113,547	2,969	(340,224)
Operation and maintenance of facilities	2,498,094	197,697	571,982	14,952	(1,713,553)
Student transportation	2,368,577	189,031	546,813	14,297	(1,638,436)
Other support services	6,090	482	1,394	36	(4,178)
Food services	2,888,885	(22,802)	22,184	-	(2,895,523)
Community services	23,587	-	-	-	(23,587)
Interest on long-term debt/finance leases	281,058	-	-	-	(281,058)
Total governmental activities	29,364,643	2,048,368	6,024,114	156,647	(21,135,514)

General revenues:	
Property taxes	7,945,869
Unrestricted state aid	14,534,409
Unrestricted investment earnings	362,609
Unrestricted grants and contributions	(5,328)
Extraordinary item - other post employment benefits	-
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets	-
Gain (loss) on termination of ROU assets	-
Transfers in	1,403,185
Transfers (out)	(1,403,185)
Total general revenues, extraordinary items and transfers	22,837,559
Change in net position	1,702,045
Net position - beginning	64,282,419
Prior period adjustments - (See Note __)	-
Net position - beginning, as restated	64,282,419
Net position - ending	\$ 65,984,464

See Notes to Financial Statements

HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FYE JUNE 30, 2024

	11 General Current Expense	61 Special Revenue Fund	65 Special Revenue School Activity Fund	71 Special Revenue ESSERF Fund	21 Debt Service Fund	31 Bond Construction Fund	41 Permanent Improvement Fund	51 Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental
Revenues:									
Property taxes	\$ 6,374,307	\$ -	\$ 966,067	\$ -	\$ 1,564,901	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,939,208
Other Local sources	388,622	61,641	-	-	116,826	-	-	-	1,533,029
State sources	17,049,467	1,077,563	-	-	-	-	-	156,648	18,283,678
Federal sources	220,980	4,004,535	-	1,588,952	-	-	-	-	5,814,467
Miscellaneous sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	24,033,376	5,143,639	966,067	1,588,952	1,681,727	-	-	156,648	33,570,409
Expenditures:									
Instruction	12,405,230	1,743,756	957,489	570,732	-	-	-	-	15,677,207
Supporting services:									
Students	1,254,961	515,742	-	312,476	-	-	-	-	2,083,079
Instructional staff	843,860	409,371	-	125,204	-	-	-	-	1,378,435
General administration	720,756	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	720,756
School administration	1,680,516	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,680,516
Central Services	511,803	3,693	-	-	-	-	-	-	515,496
Operation and maintenance of facilities	2,553,831	288,741	-	94,509	-	-	-	-	2,937,081
Student transportation	2,576,828	-	-	160,037	-	-	-	-	2,736,865
Other support services	5,824	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,824
Food services	118,020	2,643,887	-	156,890	-	-	-	-	2,918,797
Community services	12,700	8,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,700
Capital outlay	73,883	46,177	-	-	-	-	-	182,321	306,381
Debt service:									
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-	1,265,000	-	-	-	1,265,000
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-	270,796	-	-	-	270,796
Finance Leases:									
Principal payment expense	213,954	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	213,954
Interest Expense	24,524	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,524
SBITs:									
Principal payment expense	63,950	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	63,950
Interest Expense	1,516	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,516
Total expenditures	23,062,118	5,659,387	957,489	1,419,848	1,555,766	-	-	182,321	32,836,909
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures									
	971,258	(515,748)	8,578	169,104	125,961	-	-	(25,673)	733,500
Other financing sources (uses):									
Proceeds from disposal of real or personal property	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from the sale of bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Premium on sale of bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from finance lease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from financed purchases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from SBITs	24,838	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,838
Transfers in	868,288	489,224	-	-	-	-	-	25,673	1,403,185
Transfers (out)	(1,206,336)	(27,345)	-	(169,104)	-	-	-	-	(1,403,185)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(263,510)	451,879	-	(169,104)	-	-	-	25,673	24,838
Extraordinary Item:									
Other post employment benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances									
	677,648	(53,849)	8,578	-	125,961	-	-	-	758,338
Fund balances - beginning	2,369,812	581,540	765,527	-	1,404,801	-	-	-	5,121,780
Prior period adjustments - (See Note __)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund balances - beginning, as restated	2,369,812	581,540	765,527	-	1,404,801	-	-	-	5,121,780
Fund balances - ending	\$ 3,047,460	\$ 527,691	\$ 774,105	\$ -	\$ 1,530,862	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,880,111	\$ -

COUNTY TICKET		OFFICIAL LEVY BALLOT	
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Vote for ONE) Not more than one resident of any magisterial district may be elected		HARDY COUNTY COMMISSION SPECIAL ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL LEVIES NOVEMBER 05, 2024	
☐ DAVID J. WORKMAN Moorefield	REP South Fork District	A special election to authorize additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028 and July 1, 2029 and for the purpose of providing emergency ambulance service for Hardy County in the approximate annual amount of \$1,902,057.00, entered according to the Order of the County Commission entered on the 06th day of August, 2024.	
☐ PHILIP FERTIG Moorefield	DEM South Fork District		
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN			
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN			
☐ Write-in, If Any		That the additional rate of levy in cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on each class of property shall be: Class I 5.85 cents Class II 11.70 cents Class III 23.40 cents Class IV 23.40 cents	
FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY (Vote for ONE)			
☐ JEFFREY N. WEATHERHOLT Moorefield	REP		
☐ HARLEY "ORRIN" STAGGERS III Wardensville	DEM		
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN		☐ For the Levies	
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN		☐ Against the Levies	
		BALLOT ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS	
☐ Write-in, If Any		Amendment No 1: Protection of Persons Against Medically Assisted Suicide	
FOR SHERIFF (Vote for ONE)		Summary of Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to protect West Virginians against medically assisted suicide.	
☐ STEVEN R. DAWSON Moorefield	REP	Instructions to Voters: To vote in favor of the Amendment submitted, darken the oval next to "FOR". To vote against the Amendment, darken the oval next to "AGAINST".	
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED DEM		☐ FOR	
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN		☐ AGAINST	
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN			
☐ Write-in, If Any			
FOR ASSESSOR (Vote for ONE)			
☐ JIM WRATCHFORD Moorefield	REP		
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED DEM			
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN			
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN			
☐ Write-in, If Any			
FOR SURVEYOR (Vote for ONE)			
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED REP			
☐ DAVID W. JOPLING Old Fields	DEM		
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN			
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN			
☐ Write-in, If Any			

VOTE BOTH SIDES

10/16,10/23,10/30

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Wardensville Town Council
Amendment to Town Code

A public hearing at which you may be present and speak will be held before Wardensville Town Council at which time the following amendment to Town Code will be considered:

Ordinance 24-01, Nondiscrimination: An amendment to Town Code that creates a new set of articles designed to prevent discrimination in the town.

The proposed amendment is available for public inspection at Wardensville Town Hall, 25 Warrior Way, Wardensville, W.Va.

All persons interested are invited to attend the Town Council hearing and be heard on the matter. The hearing will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, in the Conference Room of the Wardensville Visitor and Conference Center, 301 East Main Street, Wardensville, W.Va. Written comments may be mailed (and must be received three days in advance of the hearing date) to Wardensville Town Council, Town of Wardensville, PO Box 7, Wardensville WV 26851, info@wardensville.com.

10/23,10/30



East Hardy Cross Country Results

October 15
Potomac Valley Conference Championship Meet
Camp Kidd 4-H Camp
Parsons

PVC Girls Team Results:

1. Frankfort — Champion
2. Keyser
3. Berkeley Springs
4. Hampshire

PVC Individual Girls Results

1. Addison Tharp, Frankfort, 19:52.27 — Champion
18. Gracie Heishman, East Hardy, 24:30.68
23. Brianna Hamilton, East Hardy, 26:41.30

PVC Boys Team Results:

1. Frankfort — Champion
2. Keyser
3. Tucker County
4. Berkeley Springs
5. Hampshire

PVC Individual Boys Results

1. Donovan Tanouye, Paw Paw, 16:25.77 — Champion
18. Jonathan Montgomery, East Hardy, 19:44.55

October 8
Tucker County Cross Country Invitational
Camp Kidd 4-H Camp
Parsons

Girls Results

- Braxton County — Team Champion
1. Laura Cain, Braxton County, 20:07.16 — Champion
 26. Gracie Heishman, East Hardy, 24:35.27
 40. Brianna Hamilton, East Hardy, 26:55.98

Boys Results

- East Fairmont — Team Champion
1. Donovan Tanouye, Paw Paw, 16:29.15 — Champion
 34. Jonathan Montgomery, East Hardy, 20:02.22

Next Meet: October 24

Class A Region II Championship
Camp Kidd 4-H Camp
Parsons

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Hardy County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the Owner, invites qualified contractors to submit sealed bids for Roof and HVAC Replacement for Moorefield Middle School according to Bidding Documents prepared by ZMM, Inc. Architects and Engineers. Sealed bids will be received at the offices of the Owner, 510 Ashby Street, Moorefield, West Virginia 26836 until 10:00a.m., local time, on November 6, 2024 at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read. A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00a.m. local time, on October 29, 2024 at Moorefield Middle School, located at 303 Caledonia Heights Rd. Moorefield, West Virginia, 26836. Attendance at pre-bid conference is mandatory for prime contract bidders only.

Bidding Documents can be obtained by one of the following methods:

Prime Contract Bidders only may contact ZMM, Inc. Architects and Engineers Attn: Greg Goetz; greggoetz@zmm.com and request information to access the firm's online ShareFile site for the Roof and HVAC Replacement for Moorefield Middle School project. Once access is gained, Bidders can download Bidding Documents in the form of PDF files at no charge. Requests for access to documents must be made by email, and those requests received through mail, telephone, fax transmission, or other online communications will not receive a response. Hard Copies may be obtained from Charleston Blueprint (304-343-1063) by General Contractors, Subcontractors, material suppliers and dealers by paying the actual cost of printing, binding and mailing; however such

cost is not refundable.

Bidding documents may be examined at Viewing Depositories listed in the Bidding Documents.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond, made payable to the Owner, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the base bid, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Each Bidder must be registered with the West Virginia Department of Tax and Revenue prior to the time and date for Receipt of Bids in order for his Bid to be considered. Each Bidder's registration certificate number shall be written in the space provided on the Form of Proposal.

All bidders are required to be licensed to perform work in the State of West Virginia prior to submitting a bid for this project as required by Chapter 21, Article 11, of the Code of West Virginia. Each Bidder's Contractor license number shall be written in the space provided on the Form of Proposal.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, the right to waive minor informalities and procedures in bidding, and the right to withhold final award of contract for 30 days after opening bids.

The bidder to whom the contract is awarded shall execute and deliver to the Owner within 10 days after the award, and before signing the contract, a Performance Bond and Payment Bond utilizing the bond forms bound in the Project Manual each in a penal sum equal to at least the contract sum and the cost of such bonds shall be included in the bid.

10/16,10/23

ORDER AND NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR AN ADDITIONAL COUNTY COMMISSION LEVY TO THE VOTERS OF HARDY COUNTY

That at a regular meeting of the County Commission of the County of Hardy, State of West Virginia, held on the 06th day of August 2024, as provided by law, the following order was made and entered of record to wit:

The County Commission of Hardy County being of the opinion that the maximum levies for current expenses authorized by Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code of West Virginia, as amended, will not provide sufficient funds for the payment of current expenses of Hardy County, including expenditures for the purpose or purposes hereinafter set forth, and that an election should be held to increase such levies under the provisions of Section 16, Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code, as amended, it is hereby ordered:

That the purpose for which additional funds are needed are for providing volunteer and/or paid and/or private Emergency Ambulance Service for the County of Hardy.

That the approximate annual amount after a 7% percent allowance for tax discounts, delinquencies, exonerations and uncollectible taxes is: \$1,902,057.00

That the total approximate amount for said purpose during the term of the levy is \$9,510,385.00

That the separate and aggregate assessed valuation of each class of taxable property within the County is:

Class I	\$ 0.00
Class II	\$546,123,952
Class III	\$459,266,665
Class IV	\$140,758,694
Total	\$1,146,149,311

That the proposed additional rate of levy in center per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on each class of property is:

Class I	5.85 cents
Class II	11.70 cents
Class III	23.40 cents
Class IV	23.40 cents

That the proposed years to which the additional levy rate shall apply are the fiscal years beginning; July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028and July 1, 2029.

That the County Commission will not issue bonds upon approval of the proposed levy.

That the question of such additional levy shall be submitted to a vote at the General Election to be held on the 05th day of November, 2024.

That notice calling such election shall be given by the publication of this Order at least once each week for two successive weeks next preceding said election in two newspapers of opposite politics and of general circulation in the territory in which the election is held. If there is only one newspaper published in the municipality/county, said publication shall be made therein. All provisions of the law concerning general elections shall apply so far as they are practicable.

That the ballot to be used at such election shall be in the following form:

HARDY COUNTY COMMISSION SPECIAL ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL LEVIES NOVEMBER 05, 2024

A special election to authorize additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028 and July 1, 2029 and for the purpose of providing emergency ambulance service for Hardy County in the approximate annual amount of \$1,902,057.00, entered according to the Order of the County Commission entered on the 06th day of August, 2024.

That the additional rate of levy in cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on each class of property shall be:

Class I	5.85 cents
Class II	11.70 cents
Class III	23.40 cents
Class IV	23.40 cents

() For the Levies

() Against the Levies

Attest:
Gregory L. Ely, Hardy County Clerk

David J. Workman, President
Hardy County Commission

10/23,10/30

PUBLICATION FOR PROPOSED WV CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT – 2024 GENERAL

Class and Publication Info: Class I legal advertisement, must be placed in a newspaper in every WV county as soon as possible. There is 1 proposed Amendment, details below.

Information to be published, verbatim:

PUBLIC NOTICE: Proposed Amendment to the WV Constitution to be on the November 5, 2024, General Election Ballot.

Title of Amendment: "Amendment No. 1: Protection of persons against medically assisted suicide"
Summary of Purpose: "The purpose of this amendment is to protect West Virginians against medically assisted suicide."
Full Text of the Amendment: §3-23. *Protection against medically assisted suicide.* No person, physician, or health care provider in the State of West Virginia shall participate in the practice of medically assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing of a person. Nothing in this section prohibits the administration or prescription of medication for the purpose of alleviating pain or discomfort while the patient's condition follows its natural course; nor does anything in this section prohibit the withholding or withdrawing of life-sustaining treatment, as requested by the patient or the patient's decision-maker, in accordance with State law. Further, nothing in this section prevents the State from providing capital punishment.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE HARDY COUNTY COMMISSION will hold a Public Hearing on the 6th day of November, 2024 at 1:00 pm, in the Hardy County Commission Meeting Room located in the Hardy County Courthouse at 204 Washington Street, Moorefield WV 26836. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear comments regarding the adoption of the proposed Text Amendments to the Hardy County Zoning Ordinance, submitted to the County Commission on the 2nd day of October, 2024 by the Hardy County Planning Commission for approval regarding renewal energy operations in Industrial Zoning Districts. Currently, renewal energy is not addressed anywhere in the zoning ordinance; the proposed amendment is to also allow for renewal energy and wholesale renewable energy operations in Industrial Districts only.

A copy of the proposed changes is available for review in the Hardy County Clerk's Office, 204 Washington St, Room 111, Moorefield WV 26836; (304-530-0250); the Hardy County Planning Office (304-530-0257), located at 106 Washington Street; and also, on the County Commission's web page at hardycounty.com.

Following the Public Hearing the Hardy County Commission MAY or May Not vote on the approval or denial of the Text Amendments.

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Applications can be obtained on the District's website at www.hardycountypsd.com or in the office of the District located at 45 District Drive, Moorefield, WV between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Applications and accompanying resumes may be submitted at the District's office, by mail to the Hardy County Public Service District, ATTN: Logan Moyers, PO Box 900, Moorefield, WV 26836 or by e-mail to: lmoyers@hardynet.com.

Applications must be received by the District no later than Monday, November 4th at 4:00 p.m.

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Hardy Bowl

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four times to arrive at the 27-yard line.

After a collision resulting in an incompletion, Myers and Brody See collected a sack.

A potential interception ricocheted up and into the hands of Price for a 27-yard touchdown reception for the Cougars and his kick closed the gap to 26-7 with 1:34 left in the first half of the Hardy Bowl.

The Yellow Jackets got near midfield before the end of the half with a 26-7 lead.

East Hardy opened the second half with an onside kick executed and recovered by Price at the 44-yard line plowing over a defender.

Strawderman converted a third down for the Cougars at the 30-yard line, but the series ended with a fumble recovered by Watts for Moorefield at the 29-yard line.

Tackles by East Hardy's Nick Roomsburg, Khristian Bauserman and Garrett Van Meter in addition to an offensive penalty forced a Moorefield punt.

Bauserman caught a pass for



Moorefield's Shawn Reed brought down East Hardy's Price Strawderman during the Hardy Bowl at Yellow Jacket Field.

24 yards reaching the 30-yard line.

There was a fumbled snap with Strawderman making the recovery back at the 45.

Bauserman made a diving attempt for a catch, but the ball hit the ground.

After another miscue, the Cougars punted.

East Hardy's Maddox Richard made a sack to force a punt by the

Yellow Jackets.

Strawderman made a spinning move to avoid capture during a 21-yard run to the Moorefield 39-yard line before being stopped by Myers and Taylor.

The Cougars gained another first down as Strawderman dodged more tackles before being tackled by Flinn and Reed at the 25-yard line.

Several more carries by Strawderman moved East Hardy into the red zone facing fourth down at the 18.

Moorefield forced a turnover on downs as Gregory's pass was just out of reach of Price diving.

Taylor rushed 18 yards giving the Yellow Jackets a first down at the 39-yard line to close the third quarter.

The Hardy Bowl's first play of the final stanza was a 61-yard touchdown run by Flinn with a kick made by Davis to extend the Yellow Jackets lead to the final score of 33-7 at 11:47.

The Cougars started at their own 16-yard line with three straight errant throws yielding a punt.

The Yellow Jackets began the ensuing possession at the East Hardy 40-yard line.

Flinn made two carries for six yards and Crites created a first down at the 28-yard line.

Laughlin's touchdown score



Moorefield's Caleb Flinn dashed towards the end zone for a touchdown against the Cougars during the 46th Annual Hardy Bowl at Yellow Jacket Field.

at the 24-yard line.

A sack by Crites and Reed led to a Cougars punt with 4:43 left.

Moorefield ran the rest of the time off the clock to seal the Hardy Bowl's 33-7 victory.

Some of the Yellow Jackets seniors had a few comments about winning the Hardy Bowl:

"It means so much to us. We've been working hard all year. We've been getting on each other day in and day out just to push each other to do better and it ending up paying off and we ended up getting the victory. It means a lot, especially going out with a victory. It is really nice to have it," Moorefield senior Oliver Crites noted.

"It means a lot to get this win, especially since we haven't gotten it for a while. I think it is a big win for us and I think we deserved it. Everyone voted against us not thinking we would win and we went out and tore them up. That's the way it should be. I think we are the best team in the county hands down," Moorefield senior Aiden Jones stated.

"This is very special to us. We share the same county and this is a big rivalry every year. To win this time means a lot, because we worked hard for it. We put extra reps in and spent more time in the weight room. This is my senior year and to leave off on a good note and brag that my senior year we whooped them," Moorefield senior Chayse Myers remarked.

"It does feel special. This is our senior year and last time playing East Hardy. A lot of people doubted us and counted us out. It feels good to get a W. I want to stay humble, because we still have games left, but we do run the county. I'm glad we play East

Hardy. I like some of their players. I am good friends with Eli Mathias and Sean O'Callaghan, they are all good players. I wish the best of luck to them," Moorefield senior Trace Pope said.

"It means everything for my career and for all of the senior crew and for the team. I appreciate it and cherish every moment of it. We love it [trophy] over here. I thought we played well sounded, made plays and kept our eyes right and made tackles and played physical. When we put all that together, we created havoc," Moorefield senior Camden Laughlin added.

Moorefield hosts Keyser for Homecoming, while East Hardy greets Doddridge County for Homecoming this Friday.

"Those seniors have been playing for three years or starting for three years or playing for four years. They have played a lot of football. It is nice to be able to put them out on a football field and trust them and know that they are going to do great things. [Pink Warriors0. It is something we hope we can bring awareness to and have an understanding that we have people we know that are going through a rough time or went through a rough time and just to know we are here for support. If we can wear pink and bring pink to a good cause, then that is something we like to do. [Hardy Bowl] It is one of those things it will go right next to the jug [Summit Bowl] in the front office. It is something people will see when they first come into our school. We appreciate you and what you've been able to do to make that possible. We're excited about it," Coach Altobello concluded.

East Hardy Volleyball

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an ace for a 14-7 lead.

Keplinger and Kump created points on attacks surrounding errors on both sides during serves for a 16-9 score.

A block by Morganne Miller put the Cougars ahead 19-11.

Combs made a dig, but Moorefield countered with a block by VanMeter.

East Hardy finished the second set with two aces from Brooklyn Miller and a block by Ava Riggle for a 25-14 win.

The Cougars pounced for a 7-nil lead to start the third set which included kills by Riggle and Morganne Miller, plus two aces by Combs.

Brooklyn and Chloe Miller made digs for East Hardy during that span, while Moorefield had digs by Keplinger and Rumer.

The Yellow Jackets got some help with errors to cut the deficit to 9-4, then Morganne Miller made a dig and Chloe Miller set for Funk to create a spike for the

Cougars.

East Hardy took a 13-4 lead during serves by Funk which included a spike from Kerr.

The final point for the Yellow Jackets was on an attack by Jocelyn Wagner after a dig from Rumer and set by Kump with the Cougars touching the net, 15-7.

East Hardy closed the third set scoring ten consecutive points which included seven points by Morganne Miller and the final spike, 25-7 and 3-nil match victory.

In JV action, East Hardy defeated the Yellow Jackets in three sets: 19-25, 25-15 and 29-27.

East Hardy won the Class A Potomac Valley Conference Volleyball championship this past weekend.

The Cougars (20-8) visited Pendleton County yesterday and will face Petersburg for senior night this Thursday before finishing the regular season at Martinsburg on Saturday.

Moorefield visits Philip Barbour tonight and will host Pendleton County for senior night and the regular season finale on Thursday.

The playoffs will commence on Monday with East Hardy in Class A and Moorefield in Class AA action.



Above: East Hardy Volleyball celebrated the win over the Yellow Jackets.

Below: East Hardy's Morganne Miller launched an attack over Moorefield double block duo of Sydney Rumer and Jocelyn Wagner.



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ODD COUPLES MIXED LEAGUE
09/24/2024



TEAM STANDINGS: Terminators 22 – 2, Vetter’s Guns & Ammo 19 – 5, Empire Strikes 17 – 7, WELD 14 – 10, MMATFB 12 – 12, Split Happens 10 – 14, Country Cars & Trucks 10 – 14, Family Traditions I 8 – 16, Family Traditions II 5 – 19, Happy Bowlers 3 – 21;
HIGH GAME MEN (SCRATCH): Arron Faxon 278, Tyler Halterman 268, Troy McGreevy 258, Phil Crews 227;
(HANDICAP): Arron Faxon 294, Tyler Halterman 287, Troy McGreevy 266, Phil Crews 239;
HIGH SERIES MEN (SCRATCH): Troy McGreevy 696, Tyler Halterman 644, Jon Hedrick 643, Arron Faxon 642;
(HANDICAP): Troy McGreevy 720, Tyler Halterman 701, Arron Faxon 690, Jon Hedrick 655;
HIGH AVERAGE (MEN): Cohan Kesner 226.89, Jon Hedrick 207.11, Troy McGreevy 205.44, Ed Wompler 196.67;
HIGH GAME WOMEN (SCRATCH): Sarah Earle 200, Carissa Michael 195, Denise McGreevy 178, Emily Stark 177;
(HANDICAP): Michelle Dolly 239, Sonya Horton 236, Tonya Ours 227, Sarah Earle 226;
HIGH SERIES WOMEN (SCRATCH): Sarah Earle 537, Carissa Michael 507, Emily Stark 493, Denise McGreevy 485;
(HANDICAP): Michelle Dolly 640, Sonya Horton 6+39, Emily Stark 619, Sarah Earle 615;
HIGH AVERAGE (WOMEN): Carissa Michael 194.44, Sarah Earle 177.50, Dee Anna McDonald 167.89, Ashley Wratchford 166.60;

ODD COUPLES MIXED LEAGUE
10/01/2024

TEAM STANDINGS: Terminators 25 – 3, Vetter’s Guns & Ammo 23 – 5, Empire Strikes 17 – 11, WELD 15 – 13, Split Happens 14 – 14, Country Cars & Trucks 14 – 14, MMATFB 12 – 16, Family Traditions I 8 – 20, Family Traditions II 8 – 20, Happy Bowlers 4 – 24;
HIGH GAME MEN (SCRATCH): Troy McGreevy 246, Evan Kesner 229, Cohan Kesner 223, Jon Hedrick 223;
(HANDICAP): Troy McGreevy 250, Travis Cook 250, Andrew Hawk 243, Walter Barnes 241;
HIGH SERIES MEN (SCRATCH): Troy McGreevy 611, Jon Hedrick 598, Evan Kesner 595, Tyler Halterman 587;
(HANDICAP): Travis Cook 678, Larry Ware 641, Jerry Propst 640, Tyler Halterman 632;
HIGH AVERAGE (MEN): Cohan Kesner 222.38, Jon Hedrick 206.00, Troy McGreevy 205.19, Ed Wompler 199.67;
HIGH GAME WOMEN (SCRATCH): Carissa Michael 225, Dee Anna McDonald 203, Rachel Stark 199, Denise McGreevy 177; (HANDICAP): Rachel Stark 243, Dee Anna McDonald 237, Carissa Michael 237, Paula Bergdoll 233;
HIGH SERIES WOMEN (SCRATCH): Carissa Michael 582, Dee Anna McDonald 572, Rachel Stark 540, Denise McGreevy 494; (HANDICAP): Dee Anna McDonald 674, Rachel Stark 672, Paula Bergdoll 645, Kathy McNemar 641;
HIGH AVERAGE (WOMEN): Carissa Michael 194.38, Sarah Earle 176.00, Dee Anna McDonald 171.14, Ashley Wratchford 164.56;

THURSDAY NIGHT MENS LEAGUE
09/26/2024

TEAM STANDINGS: Vetter’s Mini Mart 16 – 8, Golden Lanes 14 – 10, Strikeforce 13 – 11, Chillmers 13 – 11, Balls Deep 13 – 11, Vetter’s Guns & Ammo 12 – 12, Petersburg Oil Company 12 – 12;
HIGH GAME (SCRATCH): Don Himelright 289, Cohan Kesner 258, Gary Leatherman 247, Tyler Halterman 247, Zachary Arbaugh 246; (HANDICAP): Harry Timbrook 303, Don Himelright 302, Eric Hartman 296, Andrew Kesner 295, Jon Hedrick 279;
HIGH SERIES (SCRATCH): Cohan Kesner 687, Don Himelright 680, Tyler Halterman 644, Zachary Arbaugh 639, Jon Hedrick 627; (HANDICAP): Andrew Kesner 761, Eric Hartman 755, Mike Smith 745, Jon Hedrick 735, Travis Cook 734;
HIGH AVERAGE: Cohan Kesner 225.33, Don Himelright 217.67, Tyler Halterman 209.67, Michael Hedrick 203.27, Zachary Arbaugh 202.33, Gary Leatherman 199.94;

THURSDAY NIGHT MENS LEAGUE
10/03/2024

TEAM STANDINGS: Vetter’s Mini Mart 20 – 8, Balls Deep 17 – 11, Strikeforce 16 – 12, Vetter’s Guns & Ammo 15 – 13, Chillmers 14 – 14, Golden Lanes 14 – 14, Petersburg Oil Company 12 – 16;
HIGH GAME (SCRATCH): Cohan Kesner 245, Gary Leatherman 245, Evan Kesner 235, Don Himelright 234, Chris Kesner 226; (HANDICAP): Kevin McDonald 279, Eric Hartman 276, Nathan Timbrook 275, Chris Kesner 275, William Barr 274;
HIGH SERIES (SCRATCH): Evan Kesner 664, Gary Leatherman 639, Chris Kesner 637, Don Himelright 625, Jeremy Vetter 612; (HANDICAP): Chris Kesner 784, Jeremy Vetter 765, Larry Ware 749, Evan Kesner 745, Nathan Timbrook 725;
HIGH AVERAGE: Cohan Kesner 219.29, Don Himelright 216.33, Tyler Halterman 206.90, Michael Hedrick 203.27, Evan Kesner 202.95, Zachary Arbaugh 202.13;

East Hardy Middle School thwarts Pioneers attack

East Hardy Middle School Football rallied in the fourth quarter to defeat the Pioneers 20-8 last Wednesday in Baker.

“It has been a fantastic season. The boys have rallied together all year. I’m really proud. Some of these kids had never played football before,” East Hardy Middle School coach J.C. Nutter stated.

The Cougars pounced into the end zone first during the opening frame on a play by Cole Lantz and the conversion failed for a 6-nil edge.

Romney Middle School answered in the second quarter on a long run and the extra point went awry.

The Pioneers made an interception late in the first half to deny a lead change by East Hardy.

East Hardy Middle School’s defense made a goal line stand in the third quarter.

However, the Pioneers responded by making a tackle in the end zone for a safety to take an 8-6 lead.

East Hardy Middle School’s Brinn Childers dodged tackles on a long run to get inside the ten



East Hardy Middle School’s Luke Holliday launched a touchdown pass to Brinn Childers during a fake punt against Romney Middle School in Baker last Wednesday.

yard line.

Childers completed the drive on an eight yard touchdown run and Lantz added the conversion to give the Cougars a 14-8 advantage with 3:05 remaining.

Romney Middle School got past midfield before the drive stalled for a turnover on downs.

The Cougars were nearly halt-

South Branch Valley Youth Football Playoffs

The South Branch Valley Youth Football League defending champion Hampshire Warriors defeated the Moorefield Steelers 38-6 in the semifinals at Sunrise Summit. The Warriors will play the Petersburg Colts for the title. The Colts beat the Moorefield Dolphins 27-19.



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