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The Colors of the Season Arrive in Hardy County



After a tough year for area streams and foliage, the South Branch River is flanked with brilliant yellows and other autumnal hues.

Photo by Darryl Buning

As Corridor H Opens Opportunities, the Hardy County Rural Development Authority Charts Paths to Prosperity

By Stephen Smoot

Mallie Combs, executive director of the Hardy County Rural Development Authority, remembered the first years after the opening of Corridor H to public use.

"You didn't see any traffic," she stated, adding that "some people predicted it would never have the traffic that it has now." A Fox News television report years ago even called it a "road to nowhere."

"Now there's traffic on it all the time."

Hardy County had a solid economic foundation prior to the extension of the highway, officially christened US Route 48. For de-

acades, American Woodmark and various stewards of the chicken processing facilities in Moorefield churned out products sold across the nation and around the world.

Now, with almost all of the West Virginia sections of the planned route either completed or under construction, the full potential of the highway to boost the county economy has developed. As Combs explains, not only has industry and manufacturing grown considerably in recent years, "but you also see the tourism aspect of it as well."

Though the highway helps to create opportunities to expand the county economy and provide

more good jobs, the RDA often serves as a catalyst to bring those plans into fruition. According to Combs, the mission of the organization lies in retaining "existing manufacturing jobs, look at new jobs . . . and improve your county, community, and businesses."

Development authorities on either the county or regional level help to create conditions that attract new investment and employers while supporting those already in place. Their directors must keep their heads on temporal swivels, using data and developments from the past, navigating the challenges of the present, and anticipating opportunities

and problems in the future.

Combs explained that "I have seen a lot of changes in my career," which "taught me that you either move forward or go backward." She explained by saying that in Hardy County, "we have always been more receptive to people and change" and that choosing to keep a community as it is represents a decision to move backwards as others forge ahead.

"Change," however, does not mean embracing any opportunity that comes the county's way. When the county had the chance to host a new correctional facility, Combs said "I don't think so," understanding that prisons

attract problems in the surrounding community, as Cumberland has discovered.

Other changes produce benefits. For example when Omnitrax, a company founded by retired CSX executives, purchased the South Branch Railroad, some feared a potential negative impact. Instead, as Combs describes, Omnitrax has provided more services to regional industry than the state could. Also, she explained that the much larger number of cars run by them "is a sign they're doing better."

Development authorities also both directly and indirectly promote better infrastructure at ev

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Hardy County Grand Jury indicts 16

By Jean A. Flanagan

Special to Examiner

The Hardy County Grand Jury convened earlier this month and returned indictments against 16 individuals. They were arraigned in Hardy County Circuit Court on Tuesday, Oct. 22, with Chief Judge H. Charles Carl III presiding.

James Thompkins of Moorefield was charged with one count of domestic battery, third offense, and one count of domestic assault, third offense. The penalty for each of the charges is not less than one year and not more than five years in prison, up to a \$2,500 fine or both. Thompkins pleaded not guilty to the charges.

According to charging documents, on May 31, West Virginia State Police received a complaint of a domestic incident. One victim alleged Thompkins threatened violence and a second victim alleged Thompkins tried to drag her outside.

Thompkins was convicted of domestic battery and domestic assault in 2013 and 2023.

Thompkins is being held on \$10,000 bond. His attorney, Grant Sherman requested he be released on a personal recognition bond as he has no resources to post bail.

Hardy County Prosecuting Attorney H. Orrin Staggars III argued Thompkins communicated with one of the victims from jail, which is a violation of terms of bond release.

Judge Carl said he would consider a bond reduction at the next hearing and remanded Thompkins to Potomac Highlands Regional Jail.

Pablo G. Barreto, 33, of Moore-

field, was charged with one count of domestic battery, third offense. The penalty is not less than one year and not more than five years in prison, up to a \$2,500 fine or both. Barreto pleaded not guilty.

According to charging documents, on Oct. 31, 2023, West Virginia State Police received a complaint of a domestic incident. Upon investigation, Troopers found the victim with injuries and a broken cell phone.

Barreto was convicted of domestic battery twice in 2022.

Barreto's attorney, Kevin Sponaugle, requested a reduction in Barreto's \$20,000 bond. "He has been incarcerated for a long time," Sponaugle said.

Prosecutor Staggars said Barreto was on probation for the 2022 charge and it was revoked on March 12. Staggars said the victim is the same in all both cases and opposed any bond reduction.

Judge Carl remanded Barreto to PHRJ "for the safety of the public."

Yordanos S.Shalemu, 30, of Moorefield, was indicted on one count of malicious assault. The penalty is not less than two years and not more than 15 years Shalemu pleaded not guilty to the charge.

According to court documents, on July 13, Moorefield Police responded to a report of a stabbing. The victim told MPD Shalemu stabbed them with a butcher knife after a verbal altercation.

Shalemu's attorney, Josh Orndorff, said Shalemu was from Ethiopia and may need a translator going forward.

Heather D. Lucas, 39, of Mathias, was charged with one count of grand larceny and one count

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Yellow Jacket Alums Donation Boosts Athletic Boosters



Russ Ratliff and Linda Burgess representing the Moorefield High School Class of 1968 presented a donation to the Moorefield Athletic Boosters for the Bill Hunt Track Fundraiser. Bill Hunt was a member of the graduating Class of '68.

UHC Topping Off Ceremony at the Future Elkins

Corridor Medical Center

Bridgeport, WV—Less than six months since the beginning of construction, WVU Medicine United Hospital Center (UHC) Chief Executive Officer and President, David F. Hess, M.D., along with officials from March-Westin, marked a milestone in the construction phase of the Elkins Corridor Medical Center with the ceremonial "topping off" of the steel structure.

"This project will make us better poised to meet the healthcare

needs of the Tygart Valley region by providing expanded access to high quality care," said Dr. Hess. UHC's evolution to become a regional referral center for the central West Virginia market will only be enhanced by this new Elkins location.

On June 6, UHC broke ground on the future state-of-the-art clinic in Randolph County.

When completed later next year, the Elkins Corridor Medical Center will consist of primary and outpatient services for residents of Elkins and surrounding com-

munities.

"This day is a celebration of the hard work and dedication of all who are committed to the completion of this new facility," said Vice President, Matthew Bourne, at March- Westin Company, Inc. "Now with this last beam in place, I am pleased to announce that we are progressing according to schedule."

Construction of UHC's newest clinic will cost more than \$37 million, occupy 38,000 square feet, and will be conveniently located off Corridor H on North Randolph

Cooking Up Chili For a Neighborly Cause

It's Chili and Soup Season! Those scrumptious comfort foods will be filling pots and tummies all over this valley! And that means it's time for the annual Taste of the Valley Chili/Soup Cook-Off sponsored by Capon Valley Neighbor to Neighbor. It will be held at the Capon Valley Ruritan in Yellow Spring on Sunday, November 10 at 5:00.

Neighbors gather for a good time with community folks and smile with each other about this fun and delicious competition. The First Place prize will be the coveted Neighbor to Neighbor engraved soup ladle as well as handmade pottery and a Neighbor to Neighbor apron. Prizes are also awarded for

2nd and 3rd places. Everyone attending gets 3 votes to cast for their favorite chili or soup. Admission to the dinner is whatever you'd like to give, or a pot of chili or soup to share! This is a fundraiser for Neighbor to Neighbor, but more importantly it's a heartwarming evening with our neighbors.

If you'd like to bring a pot of chili or soup to serve, that will be great! If you want to just come and taste some of the valley's best chili and soup, that's great, too! We need cooks and eaters! Neighbor to Neighbor will provide rolls, salad, drinks, crackers, and dessert to round out the meal. For more information call Patty & Tom Austin at 304-874-4345.



Avenue.

This site is a collaborative effort among UHC, March-Westin Company, Inc., Elkins community leadership, and the Thrasher Group, Inc., and will evoke a patient-centered design when its doors open.

Employees, board members, political officials, and the media autographed the beam, which displayed about one hundred names. The Topping Off Ceremony celebrated the final beam being hoisted into the 250 tons of structural steel used in the expansion of the steel skeleton.



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EDITORIAL

In 2024, it almost seems like the act - even the concept - of grace has disappeared from both human vocabulary and behavior.

For those in the Christian faith and others who put stock in the ideal, grace is a gift from God that humans can - and should - choose to give to each other. St. John Paul II the Great, perhaps the greatest figure of the 20th century both religious and otherwise, said “grace has the power to make straight the paths of human love.”

Billy Graham in various works, described grace as God’s love expressed through support, forgiveness, and the opportunity of redemption. He also emphasized that grace is not easy. Graham said “the work of grace was the death of Christ on the Cross,” then went on to say that grace is often strongest for those who suffer the slings and arrows of a hateful society for taking up the Cross or living in the example of Christ. “When you pick up the Cross of unpopularity,” Graham said, “wherever you may be, you will find God’s grace is there, more than sufficient to meet your every need.”

St. Augustine wrote in City of God that “the only Son of God, while remaining unchangeably in His own proper being, clothed Himself in humanity and gave to men the spirit of His love by the meditation of a man, so that by this love men may come to Him.”

Most importantly, as he told Porphyry the philosopher, “humility was the necessary condition for submission to this truth; and it is no easy task to persuade the proud necks of you philosophers to accept this yoke.”

The Jewish faith sees grace somewhat differently, but not in terms unfamiliar to Christians. In the Torah version of Genesis it says of grace, which is synonymous with mercy, “Thus said the Holy One, blessed be His name! ‘If I create the world with the attribute of mercy, sin will abound; and if I create it with the attribute of justice, how can the world exist? Therefore I create it with both attributes, mercy and justice, and may it thus

endure”

This duality even extends to the name of God. The older “Elohim” refers to God’s justice while the tetragrammaton YHWH, the unpronounceable name of God, comes from mercy or grace.

The Jewish faith clearly, and Christianity in some ways less so, states that grace is unmerited and perhaps even undeserved, whether it be from God to mankind or human beings toward each other.

Jonathan Edwards, the 18th century New England Congregational minister, expressed the idea of grace as unmerited in quite colorful terms in his “Sinners In the Hands of An Angry God.” Edwards states that “The God that holds you over the pit of hell, much as one holds a spider or some loathsome insect over the fire, abhors you and is dreadfully provoked” but it is “His hand that holds you from falling into the fire every moment” Also “there is no other reason to be given why you have not dropped into hell since you arose in the morning but that God’s hand has held you up.”

Edwards, who also wrote sincere, simple, and beautiful poems about nature certainly did not conceive of God as an angry tyrant, but used imagery to express the power of grace and the unworthiness of anyone to receive it.

Grace, therefore, is a gift that God gives humanity and that people give to each other. Grace is mercy, understanding and forgiveness, even, especially when undeserved. Society without grace as a foundation degenerates into judgment, counter-judgment, and the accompanying recriminations.

If pride, and people with inordinate pride, are not the enemies of grace, pride certainly serves as a way to effectively block grace, whether for oneself or extended from one human being to another.

And therein lies a latent, but serious, problem with the 21st century West. Inordinate levels of pride have rudely, sometimes violently, shoved grace from people’s

minds and how they treat one another.

A little pride is a healthy and positive expression, just like a little candy every day does not make one a full glutton. Eating one chocolate bar leaves room for nutritious food that the body needs while eating 20 does not. Feeling a little pride in one’s country, one’s family, or oneself can do wonders. Holding too much pride, however, can force out such needed human characteristics as love, compassion, respect, sense of duty - and the conferring of grace on one’s fellow man.

The logical end of too much pride is narcissism.

Grace extended from one person to another serves as a very pale reflection of the powerful version shown by God toward humanity. Yet it serves as a vital part of maintaining a polite, civil, and well-functioning society.

One way to rephrase the concept of grace extended from one person to another is to say “give them the benefit of the doubt” at least until the person proves otherwise.

That waitress who acted a bit short likely has a plethora of concerns outside of work that kept her from showing her best customer service face.

That high school official from another town who missed the call does not have a secret and hidden grudge. More likely, he or she got distracted, forgot an arcane rule, or just made an honest mistake.

Those in the community who will vote differently in the upcoming election. They are not stupid, easily misled, nor malevolent. They simply looked at the same sets of facts and drew a different conclusion.

So often, the excess of pride and the absence of grace brings the conversation back to an individual who may have an inflated sense of self. They lack the humility to look through another person’s eyes and focus instead on the wrong, or perceived wrong, done to themselves or their group. Invariably, instead of understanding, compassion, or forgiveness, the lack of grace creates a need for revenge - for someone to pay.

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. 31, 1877: Herman Guy Kump was born in Capon Springs, Hampshire County. He was the 19th governor of West Virginia, serving from 1933 to 1937.

Oct. 31, 1940: Gale Catlett, West Virginia University basketball player and coach, was born in Hedgesville. Catlett coached WVU to 13 20-win seasons before he retired in 2002.

Oct. 31, 1946: Labor leader Cecil Edward Roberts Jr. was born on Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. A sixth-generation coal miner

and a fiery orator, Roberts has served as president of the United Mine Workers of America since 1995.

Oct. 31, 1951: Football coach Nick Saban was born in Fairmont. As a quarterback, he led Monongah High School to a 1968 state championship. He went on to coach Louisiana State University and the University of Alabama to seven national championships (six with Alabama), the most of any coach in history.

Nov. 1, 1688: Morgan Morgan was born in Wales. Traditionally, Morgan was considered the first White settler of West Virginia, but others were likely here first. He settled in the Bunker Hill area in 1731, building a log house that

still remains.

Nov. 1, 1848: Israel Charles White was born in Monongalia County. White was West Virginia’s first state geologist, appointed in 1897 and serving until his death in 1927, working without pay for all but two of those years.

Nov. 1, 1961: The first non-commercial radio station in West Virginia, WMUL-FM at Marshall University, began broadcasting.

Nov. 2, 1859: John Brown was convicted of murder, treason and insurrection in the Jefferson County Courthouse at Charles Town. Brown’s raid on Harpers Ferry galvanized the nation, further alienating North and South and drastically reducing any possible middle ground for compromise to avert the Civil War.

Nov. 2, 1952: Tri-State Airport in Wayne County was dedicated, with the first official landing made at 11 a.m. by Piedmont Airlines.

Nov. 2, 1996: Baseball player Toni Stone died. Born in Bluefield, she joined the Negro American League in 1953, becoming the first woman to play professional baseball in a previously all-male major league.

Nov. 3, 1947: Kanawha Airport (now Yeager International Airport) was dedicated. World War I ace Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker was among the dignitaries present.

Nov. 4-5, 1985: Heavy rains led to devastating floods in parts

of West Virginia. Forty-seven people were killed, and several towns were severely damaged.

Nov. 5, 1891: Alfred Earle “Greasy” Neale was born in Parkersburg. He was one of West Virginia’s greatest all-around athletes.

Nov. 5, 1922: Cecil Underwood was born at Josephs Mills in Tyler County. Underwood, West Virginia’s 25th and 32nd governor, served as the state’s youngest and oldest chief executive.

Nov. 5, 1927: Musician “Ellie” Mannette was born in Trinidad and helped popularize steel drum music worldwide. In 1992, he became an artist-in-residence at WVU, coordinating the school’s steel drum program. In 1999, he

was named a National Endowment for the Arts National Heritage Fellow, the nation’s highest arts honor.

Nov. 6, 1863: Confederate troops led by Brig. Gen. John Echols were defeated at Droop Mountain by a larger federal force led by Brig. Gen. William W. Averell. This was one of the most important Civil War battles fought on West Virginia soil.

Nov. 6, 1923: A methane gas explosion killed 27 men inside the Glen Rogers coal mine in Wyoming County. The mine, which opened in 1921, became one of the state’s largest. A total of 160 fatalities over a 31-year period occurred at the mine before it was closed.

My UNBASED OPINION

Unbased Revisited

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN



Twenty Years. First Unbased Opinion was written for November 2nd, 1994 issue. I wrote in favor of a bond issue to finance construction of Moorefield’s Middle School. It passed. Twenty years later I’m writing another election column. I’ll begin this one with another ballot measure, an amendment to West Virginia’s Constitution to allow non-profit youth groups to make a profit from property they own without those proceeds being taxed. At least, considering the “funny” ballot language and “fuzzy” explanations I’ve read in other newspapers, I think that’s what it’s about. I’m not sure. Ostensibly, the amendment is

to benefit Boy Scouts of America (BSA) in use of their National Jamboree site at New River Gorge. It’ll also be a boon to tourism in that part of West Virginia. Great ideas, except the ballot amendment never mentions BSA or New River Gorge. I’m told an amendment can’t be passed benefiting only one named group, so it’s written to benefit only non-profit youth groups with facilities worth \$100 million or more in order to aim it specifically at the BSA property. Furthermore, legislation would still need to be introduced and passed governing use of such tax-free properties. If the ballot measure passes, the whole matter rests on those

laws, not yet introduced. It might get interesting when those laws attempt to differentiate between various youth groups interested in other sites in the state. I’d guess \$100 million is no big deal to various Islamist (religious) youth groups who might want to hide a training center in the West Virginia mountains and how will laws differentiate between groups for good and groups for bad, if specific groups can’t be named. If passed the amendment will be around in perpetuity, will likely be used several (many?) times for political benefit and I don’t buy it. I’ll vote NO. Rest of the ballot. I’ll vote for Capito. She’s a proven worker for West

Virginian’s causes. Natalie Tennant reminds me of Sarah Palin. Sort of incompetent brass and sass. Phoebe says Ed Rabel, an Independent, is our man for US House of Representatives. He’s a news man with a solid, even-handed reputation. I’ll vote for him. Mooney is a carpetbagger of the first water out looking for a House seat so he can collect easy street retirement some day. I suppose I’ll vote for Dave Sybolt, Republican, for State Senator. Both he and Shaver are from Preston County where Democrats are likely to be union supported. I don’t know anything about either candidate. All other things being equal, I vote against unions

when I can. Isaac House of Delegates. Spoungle for sure. He has a term of experience under his belt, a serious young lawyer who is likely to rise high enough in House leadership to make a difference for those he represents. Steve Davis makes a good part of his reputation off of the Moorefield Examiner to which he gives almost no credit. In the business of journalism, plagiarism is theft of hard work, researching, composing, writing and publishing not to mention long hours in public meetings and interview gathering and analyzing facts for well-written stories. Jean Flanagan, Managing Editor and my wife, Phoebe Heishman, Owner

Publisher, Editor of the Moorefield Examiner don’t get the credit for furnishing Mr. Davis material that they deserve. I’m not in favor of a man who takes the easy way out moving to the House of Delegates. H. Charles Carl for Judge. Only choice on the ballot, he’s done well and son, James says he’s good judge. Harold Michael for County Commissioner. Again, only choice. I hope he uses his political ability and popularity with voters to guide Hardy County back onto the rails, the right track. Not to worry. If I do slow on column writing, I’ll try to be handy to write Unbased Opinion against progressives in 2016.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I thank Kenneth Jones for his Letter to the Editor that appeared in the October 9, 2024 edition of the Moorefield Examiner. One concern was the open assertion Republicans in both the House and Senate yielded to objections from their then all-but-certain presidential nominee, former president Donald Trump to op-

pose the bill. I wish to point out the last comprehensive immigration reform was enacted almost four decades ago, during Ronald Reagan’s presidency. The bill extended legal protection to millions of migrants who had entered the U.S. illegally but offered little to stem the flow of such migrants. In the fall of 2023, Democrats were willing in principle to support a bill that focused en-

tirely on border security without provisions to legalize the status of any migrants who had entered the country illegally--not even the “Dreamers”. We will never know what would have happened if compromise legislation had been put on the table when it was uncertain whether Trump would be the Republican nominee for the third consecutive time. Now that we know, Republicans will

not compromise on immigration because running on illegal immigration is a page from the playbook that helped Trump win the presidency in the 2016 and they do not see why they should do anything to promote immigration reform during an election year.

Chuck Tarleton
Mathias

To the Editor:

Years ago, I worked harvesting peaches with Haitian migrants. They worked their tails off. They

needed work. With those long arms, I couldn’t hang ‘em.

I’m like Donald Trump (white, German descent) about

the same age (me 81 - The Donald 78)

There is no way The Donald can hang with Kamala Harris at

59. Her blackness won’t rub off on you, even in W.V.

Matt Godlove
Baker

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NEWS

Delta Kappa Gamma Welcomes Visitors

On Saturday, October 12, 2024, Alpha Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International held a meeting at Duffey Methodist Church in Moorefield, WV. Hampshire County sponsored the meeting. The theme of the meeting was “DKG Proud!” with the group’s colors represented by the members wearing red clothing and by the tables being adorned with red roses as centerpieces. A delicious breakfast catered by Duffey Women’s Circle was served; Karen Davis gave the blessing.

At 10:15, President Vickie Skavenski called the meeting to order. Donna Bodkins led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and Peggy High read the meditation.

During the meeting, the members heard and accepted the minutes and treasurer’s report from the last meeting. Next, new handbooks were distributed to everyone. Members reviewed them for corrections; any needed corrections were given to Judy Bowyer of the Handbook Committee.

DKG does a project during each meeting. This month, Alpha Kappa filled purses with toiletries and other items for women



Vickie Skavenski (middle) awarded Judy Bowyer (left) and Susan Garrett (right) the R.O.S.E. Award for their work on preparing the new handbook. The meeting concluded with joys, cares, concerns, announcements, and a raffle. There were twenty-six members and four visitors present. Hardy County members in attendance were Donna Bodkins, Teresa Eye, Susan Garrett, Mary Gunter, and Jessica Saville.

suffering from domestic violence. Forty-nine handbags were filled; they will be sent to Eastern Regional Family Service Network for distribution.

Next, some members shared a few of their experiences as members of DKG. JoAnn Harman discussed the benefits of the organization. Ruby Alvaro who was one

of the founding members of the Alpha Kappa Chapter shared differences between meetings in the past and current meetings. Donna Bodkins shared how and why she became a member and that DKG does many projects. Becky Heavener talked about leading learning sessions at the state DKG conference.



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**MEDIA NOTIFICATION
OF
SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT**

To increase awareness of the hazards of intoxicated driving, members of the West Virginia State Police will conduct a Sobriety Checkpoint in Hardy County, on Friday, November 6, 2024, from 6:00PM through 12:00PM.

The Sobriety Checkpoint will be conducted in Hardy County on WV Rt. 259, in the 200 block of East Main Street, in Wardensville, WV. The secondary location will be in Hardy County on U.S. Rt. 220, at the overpass of U.S. Route 48, near Weimer Chrysler Dodge in Moorefield, WV.

A. S. Taylor
**First Sergeant A. S. Taylor
Troop 2, District 3 Commander**

AT THE LIBRARY

By Carol Koontz

Events: Story Time, Wednesday’s at 10:00. Every 1st Saturday at 10:00

Upcoming: Our Friends group is currently running a raffle for a stay at Lost River State Park, with dinner at Lost & Found Pizza & Provisions. Tickets are available at the front desk. Friends group’s annual Silent Auction will be coming up in November, details forthcoming! New fiction:

The Village Library Demon-Hunting Society by C. M. Waggoner

Librarian Sherry Pinkwhistle keeps finding bodies--and solving murders. But she’s concerned by just how many killers she’s had to track down in her quaint village. None of her neighbors seem surprised by the rising body count...but Sherry is becoming convinced that whatever has been causing these deaths is unnatural. But when someone Sherry was close to ends up dead, and her cat, Lord Thomas Crowell, is possessed by what seems to be an ancient demon, Sherry realizes she is going to need an exorcist more than a detective. With the help of her town’s new priest and an assortment of friends who dub themselves the “Demon Hunting Society,” Sherry needs to solve the murder and get rid of the demon.

The book swap by Tessa Bickers

Still reeling from a recent tragedy, Erin Connolly knows she needs to start living, but has no idea how. When she accidentally donates her favorite book--a heavily annotated copy of To Kill a Mockingbird containing a memento she can’t be without--to a local little community library, she’s devastated. But then the book turns up a week later, back in the library with fresh notes in the margins, along with an invitation in a copy of Great Expectations to meet her newfound pen pal. A life-changing conversation, written only in the margins of beloved classic books,

begins between Erin and her Mystery Man. Following each other through the pages of their favorite novels as the book exchange continues, they both begin to open up, falling into a friendship...and maybe something more. But Erin and her pen pal have a shared history that neither of them has guessed. Faced with painful reminders of the past--and the one person she swore never to forgive--Erin finds herself at a crossroads. One that could change her life forever.

So thirsty by Rachel Harrison
Sloane Parker is dreading her birthday. She doesn’t need a reminder she’s getting older, or that she’s feeling indifferent about her own life. Her husband surprises her with a birthday-weekend getaway--not with him, but with Sloane’s longtime best friend, troublemaker extraordinaire Naomi. Sloane anticipates a weekend of wine tastings and cozy robes and strategic avoidance of issues she’d rather not confront, like her husband’s repeated infidelity. But when they arrive at their rental cottage, it becomes clear Naomi has something else in mind. She wants Sloane to stop letting things happen to her, for Sloane to really live. So Naomi orchestrates a wild night out with a group of mysterious strangers, only for it to take a horrifying turn that changes Sloane’s and Naomi’s lives literally forever, forcing them to come to terms with some pretty eternal consequences.

Triangle : a novel by Danielle Steel

As she approaches the milestone birthday of forty, delicate blond beauty Amanda Delanoe finds joy in running a chic contemporary art gallery in the City of Light. The only child of a French businessman and an American model, both now deceased, Amanda lives well and adores her dog, Lulu, but so far the love of her life has eluded her. Then she meets Olivier Saint Albin, a dash-

ing publisher. At the same time, she reconnects with Tom Quinlan, an old boyfriend from her days at NYU twenty years ago, now a lawyer on sabbatical who has come to Paris to devote himself to writing a thriller. Charming Olivier is a master at the art of flirtation, but as Amanda feels herself falling for him, she learns he is married. Providing counsel and support is her friend and co-owner of the gallery, fun-loving bachelor Pascal Leblanc. When Amanda begins to receive threatening phone calls late at night, it is Pascal she turns to. Then someone breaks into her apartment on the Left Bank, and it’s all too clear she is in real danger. But from whom? An old love, a new love, or a stranger? As love enters her life, so does terror.

New Easy Readers:

Bear in a bathrobe by Maddie Frost

Bear learns to face his fear of the outdoors and ice skating with a little help from his friends and his comforting bathrobe that acts as a security blanket.

The bakery dragon by Devin Elle Kurtz

Ember, a small dragon with an unimpressive roar, fears he will never be as good at stealing gold as other dragons, but discovers a different path to joy after a chance encounter with a baker.

Roar for reading by Beth Ferry

When Julius, a young lion, sees library books being removed from the library, he realizes the power of his voice and uses his roar to advocate for the value of all books.

Jonty Gentoo : the adventures of a penguin by Julia Donaldson

Jonty Gentoo is excited by his aunts’ stories of the South Pole, so he slips out of the zoo, and sets out to find his ancestral home--which would be easier if he was not swimming in the wrong direction.

New fiction:

Identity unknown : by Patricia

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For information on your local cancer coalition contact Morgan See at the Hardy County Health & Wellness Center 304-538-7380.

Elliott: “Justice would be an absolute embarrassment in Washington”

By Patrick Hurston

In a late campaign stop in Hardy County, Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, Glenn Elliott pulled no punches when it came to highlighting what he believes are the biggest differences between him and his Republican opponent, Governor Jim Justice.

The event, sponsored by the Hardy County Democratic Women’s Committee was held at the South Branch Inn on Sunday, Oct. 20.

“The former President remains very popular, we all know that, but Jim Justice and Patrick Morrisey do not have that same hold over the electorate that he does,” Elliott said in his remarks to the approximately 40 people gathered to hear from him.

“People don’t see Jim Justice in the same light,” he continued. “So, my challenge all along has been to get people to know who he really is. He’s somebody who doesn’t show up to work, he doesn’t pay his bills, steals from employees, doesn’t pay his taxes, and puts his workers in mines at risk and doesn’t pay the fines that he gets.”

Justice has been criticized for spending little time in the capital and never residing in the Governor’s mansion, something required under the state constitution. He has also found himself mired in lawsuits alleging failure to pay years of overdue health and safety fines at his companies, and his Greenbrier Hotel

has nearly landed on the auction block twice since August due to the family defaulting on millions of dollars in back loans. After winning the primary, he said, “There’s not a fiber in me that wants to go to DC. None.”

The Justice campaign did not respond to the Examiner’s request for comment. Elliott, who says he has campaigned in all 55 counties, believes his accomplishments as Mayor of Wheeling paint a sharp contrast, one he hopes voters will appreciate.

Elliott acknowledged that when he was a young man, he didn’t see a future in Wheeling.

The population was declining, dropping from 60,000 to 40,000 and the adult role models around him defined success as leaving the state to find opportunities elsewhere.

After graduating college, however, Elliott landed an internship with former West Virginia Senator Robert Byrd, who remains the longest serving senator in U.S. history, having served 51 years.

“You can really see what a Senate seat can do for a state,” Elliott said, referring to Byrd’s legacy in the state, including Corridor H.

After five years with Byrd, Elliott went to work for a Washington, DC-based law firm.

After paying off his student loans, he returned to Wheeling. He says that with his new perspective he began to see the city not as one in decline, but rather one full of opportunity.

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Hardy County Grand Jury

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of fleeing law enforcement with reckless disregard for the safety of others. The penalty for grand larceny is not less than one year and not more than 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$2,500, or one year in jail and a fine up to \$2,500. The penalty for fleeing law enforcement is not less than one year and not more than five years. Lucas pleaded not guilty to the charges.

According to charging documents, on May 17, Moorefield Police received a call from a local business reporting a female in a blue Ford Focus rammed a construction site gate and removed items from the construction site. The vehicle and driver were captured on closed circuit TV.

Later that day, the vehicle was located at a gas station and the driver identified as Lucas.

Lucas is receiving services through the South Branch Valley Day Report Center and was released on bond.

Curtis M. Smith, 42, of Fisher was indicted on a total of 10 counts of failure to register as a sex offender. The penalty for failure to register as a sex offender, first offense is not less than two years and not more than 10 years in prison. Smith pleaded not guilty to the charges.

According to court documents, West Virginia State Police was contacted on Feb. 11, 2022 about a alleged sex offender registration violation. Further investigation revealed between November 2021 and February 2022, Smith

allegedly failed to register a change of address, the addition of several social media accounts, location of employment and the addition of several email addresses.

David L. Moton Jr., 40, of Baker, was charged with three counts of failure to register as a sex offender. Th penalty for failure to register, first offense, is not less than two years and not more than 10 years in prison. Moton pleaded not guilty to the charges.

According to charging documents, Moton completed his annual sex offender registration in January. In the course of verifying the information provided, West Virginia State Police allegedly found the employment information was not correct, the address was not correct and the vehicle information was not correct.

The following people were charged with sex abuse/assault related to juveniles. Some of the defendants were assisted in court by a translator. In order to protect the victims and because of the heinous nature of the offenses, Judge Carl sealed the files and no further information is available:

- Jerson Munguia-Ortiz, 36, of Moorefield was indicted on 20 counts of sexual abuse by a parent, guardian or person of trust and 20 counts of incest. The penalty for each of the charges is not less than five years and not more than 15 years in prison.

- Andrew S. Davis, 23, of Morgantown, was indicted on nine counts of sexual abuse by a parent, guardian or person of trust; three counts of sexual assault and six counts of sexual abuse. The

penalty for each of the charges is not less than five years and not more than 15 years in prison.

- Duglus Mucu-Bolon, 34, of Moorefield was indicted on one count of sexual abuse by a parent, guardian, or person of trust and one county of sexual assault, third degree. The penalty for sexual assault is not less than one year and not more than five years in prison.

- Cecilio V. Morales, 59, of Moorefield, was charged with nine counts of sexual abuse by a parent, guardian or person of trust, two counts of incest, two counts of sexual assault in the first degree and seven counts of sexual assault in the third degree.

- Alexis E. Duncan, 21, of Fisher, was indicated on one count of sexual abuse by a parent, guardian or person of trust and one count of sexual assault in the third degree.

All of the above defendants pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Sonel Guerrier, 29, of Moorefield and Isiah T. Ford, 35, of Moorefield were indicted by the Grand Jury but did not appear for the arraignment. A Capias order was issued, which means the men can be arrested and held without probable cause.

Judge Carl scheduled pretrial hearings for Tuesday, Oct. 29, Thursday, Nov. 3 and Tuesday, Dec. 3.

All of the charges contained in the above-referenced indictments are merely accusations and not evidence of guilt, and each defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.



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Corridor H Opens Opportunities

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ery opportunity. Beyond reliable roads, water, and sewer comes services that residents and businesses alike rely upon.

“Our school systems are very good,” Combs stated. She went on to say that “we have a lot of good teachers and professionals there,” then added that the students of schools today will serve as the workforce of tomorrow.

Of course Hardy County Schools face unique challenges compared to most of the rest of the state, especially in terms of working to accommodate 16 non English language groups spoken by children in the system. Combs shared that ‘I’m really pleased we now have social workers in the school system.’ These come from Communities In Schools, a program that aids students and their parents or caretakers whose social-economic challenges form barriers to academic success.

Combs said in recent years “there’s a whole different need. That is when a child does not have food, a safe environment. It’s hard for them to learn.”

The RDA has also worked with Hardy County Schools to enhance educational experiences that prepare students for both employment and entrepreneurship. It worked with the United

States Department of Agriculture to get funding for student-run entrepreneur shops at Moorefield High School.

Supplementing the school system’s efforts is the South Branch Career and Technical Center and Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College. Both schools offer trades based training programs that will lead to high paying local jobs while EWVCTC also provides associate degree programs and pathways to lead to four year degrees elsewhere.

Health care facilities also serve as a basic need and a vital element of the kind of infrastructure that economic development needs. The RDA took the lead on supporting Hardy County Commission efforts to construct a new Health Department office. Combs related that during the COVID pandemic, she was concerned to see that it shared a parking lot with the Committee on Aging. The new building keeps those going to the Health Department with communicable diseases from being in close proximity with often immunity-challenged seniors.

Additionally, WVU Medicine’s purchase of Grant Memorial Hospital has given regional patients access to types of specialist delivered care not generally available in rural areas. WVU Medicine

created a “circuit rider” type program where specialists practice at multiple WVU Medicine facilities to ensure that patients limit long distance trips to the main hospital complexes in Morgantown or Clarksburg. Combs praised CEO Dr. Albert Wright, whom she said “wants to work with everybody to provide the medical services that we all need and deserve.”

The county does have a major infrastructure advantage over many surrounding areas. Hardy Telecommunications extends fiber based high speed internet through much of the county and has also started expanding service into surrounding areas. The ability to rely on consistent speeds elevates Hardy Telecommunications into the elite of state providers while providing key economic development, emergency services, and communications infrastructure.

As the county continues to grow, the Rural Development Authority will continue to work with government officials, stakeholders, and others to ensure that the area continues to attract premium investment and good paying jobs while supporting efforts to maintain the foundational infrastructure needed to do so in the modern economy.

Romney Middle School Students Explored College Opportunities at Eastern WVCTC

Moorefield W.Va. - A group of 17 enthusiastic students from Romney Middle School, accompanied by their dedicated teacher and guidance counselor, embarked on a career exploration field trip to Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College (Eastern). The purpose of the visit was to expose students to specific career paths in business management, hospitality and tourism, transportation, and marketing, as well as to pro-

vide insights into future educational opportunities at Eastern.

Throughout the day, the students engaged in a series of interactive activities designed to showcase Eastern’s array of programs. The students enjoyed hands-on learning experiences with a fun twist including a marketing competition where each team came up with a campaign for the movie Beetlejuice Beetlejuice, a Hospitality & Tourism themed friend-

ly feud, a Smart Lego build of what their dream career is, and a competitive, fast-paced Jeopardy-themed game featuring questions on business pop culture. The students also met personally with campus administrators to learn about the day-to-day operation of the college and heard from a panel of Eastern’s business faculty, marketing staff, and business students who share their passion in the field. Easton the Eagle, the col-

lege mascot, provided a surprise appearance at lunch, so the students could get pictures taken with him. The students gained valuable insights into Eastern’s programs, fueling their curiosity and enthusiasm about potential college journeys.

Eastern is grateful for the opportunity to host Romney Middle School. This hands-on experience is a crucial step towards preparing these young minds for the rewarding path of higher education and future career success. Additionally, Eastern remains open for campus tours and educational field trips, welcoming prospective students and educators to discover the vibrant learning environment firsthand. Interested schools should inquire with Dixie Heavener, Career Counselor, by emailing dixie.heavener@easternwv.edu to schedule a visit.

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“I am proud to endorse Jeffrey Weatherholt for Prosecuting Attorney of Hardy County. Having known Jeff for nearly twenty-five years, I have had the privilege of working alongside him in various capacities during my career as a deputy sheriff, probation officer, and magistrate. While serving as Chief Probation Officer in Hardy County for 16 years, I worked closely with Jeff, as we were both West Virginia Supreme Court employees. Later, as a magistrate in Hampshire County, I witnessed Jeff’s professionalism firsthand in my courtroom on numerous occasions.”

“Jeff’s 30 years of legal experience as a practicing attorney will be an invaluable asset to the citizens of Hardy County. His extensive background in the law, combined with his dedication to fairness and justice, will serve the community well. Jeff is a hard worker who has always put is clients and the community first, and his commitment to professionalism and attention to detail make him exceptionally well-suited for this role. I have no doubt that Jeff will serve Hardy County with the integrity, dedication, and discretion that the office of Prosecuting Attorney demands.”

VOTE: JEFFREY N. WEATHERHOLT FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.

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Hardy County Veterans Day Dinner

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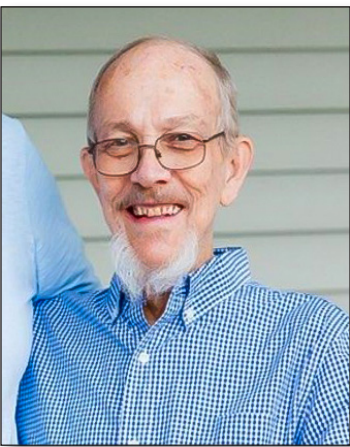
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OBITUARIES



Charles Edward Look, Jr., 77,

Charles Edward Look, Jr.

of Wardensville, WV passed away on Friday, October 25, 2024 at his residence.

Born on October 11, 1947 in Harrisonburg, VA, he was the son of the late Charles E. Look, Sr. and Vada Mae (Sherman) Look.

Charles served 4 years in the Air Force as a crew chief. He worked as the maintenance supervisor at Lost River State Park in Mathias, WV for 21 years and was a poultry farmer. He enjoyed hunting and fishing in his spare time. He was a past member of

the Mathias-Baker Fire and Rescue.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Amy Showman.

He is survived by his wife, Laurel (Fansler) Look, his daughter, Molly Kerr (Kris) of Wardensville, WV and grandchildren, Hailey Showman of Rio, WV and Harper and Tucker Kerr of Wardensville.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 1:00 P.M. at McKee Funeral Home Chapel, Baker, WV with Pastor

Gary Koontz officiating. Military rites will be accorded by the US Air Force. Interment will be the Fansler Family Cemetery, Mathias, WV. The family will receive friends on Sunday, 5-7pm at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Zion Lutheran Church or Grant County Hospice, 100 Hospital Dr., Suite 2, Petersburg WV 26847.

All arrangements are being handled by McKee Funeral Home, Baker, WV.



John Richard Delinski, 82, of Rio, West Virginia, passed away Oct. 19, 2024, at J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital, and wife, Donna Lee Delinski, 84, of Rio, West Virginia, passed away Oct. 18, 2024, at Winchester Medical Center.

Donna was born August 31, 1940, in Charles County, MD and spent most of her younger years in Fort Valley, VA. For the last 24 years, she was married to John & resided in Rio, WV. Donna had an extraordinary gift for music—her beautiful piano playing and powerful voice filled hearts with joy. Her love for animals, espe-

John Richard Delinski

cially cats, was well known, and her nurturing spirit touched everyone who crossed her path. She and her beloved John were inseparable and it's clear that his world would never have been complete without her. As a true partner in life, her love for John was unmatched, a bond that will forever be cherished.

Donna was predeceased by her parents Donald and Pearl Ritenour, late husband James Powell, and daughter Jane Powell Sterrett. She is survived by her daughter Sherry Powell Lanzino (Marty) and grandson Nathan Lanzino.

John, lovingly known as "Dicky" or "Pappy", was born May 4, 1942, in Washington D.C. He was a lover of nature and spent a lot of his time hunting, camping, and enjoying the great outdoors. He had a special bond with his dog Beau, and a deep love for his pipe, his Pepsi, and his guitar. Above all, John cherished his wife, Donna. Their love was the foundation of their lives,

and it's impossible to imagine one without the other. His wisdom will forever be remembered by those who had the privilege of knowing him.

John was predeceased by his parents John F & Margaret Delinski, his sister Doris Delinski, and his nephew John Swann. He is survived by his daughter Dianna Brown, grandchildren Casey Bergey and Joshua Pittington (Colleen), great grandchildren (Colton, Liam, Cade, & Effie), nephew Robert "Butch" Swann (Judie), and his lifelong friend Fred Weekley.

John and Donna's bond was beautiful, their hearts were full, and their legacy will live on in the countless memories they gave us. They will be deeply missed by their family, friends, and all who knew them. As we mourn their passing, we find comfort in knowing that they are together, free from suffering, and surrounded by the peace they so richly deserve.



A funeral service will be held on Friday November 1, 2024, at 11:00 am at Sperry's Run Community Church, 3056 Sperry's Run Road, Rio, WV 26755. A graveside service and burial will be held the same day at 3:00 pm at Dry Run Cemetery, 8398 Fort Valley Road, Fort Valley, VA 22652

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Doe Eyes Animal Sanctuary & Rescue who so graciously helped with Donna's beloved cats, 2605 Hoy Road, Augusta, WV 26704 or to the Humane Society of Shenandoah County, P.O. Box 173, Woodstock, VA 22664

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Juanita See Riggleman, 97, of Slanesville, WV passed away on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at

Juanita See Riggleman

Spring Arbor of Winchester, VA under the care of Blue Ridge Hospice.

Born on November 15, 1926 in Moorefield, WV, she was the oldest of three children born to Julian and Vernon (Wilson) See.

Juanita was married for 78 years to Orval Riggleman who passed in August, 2024. She was a lifetime resident of Moorefield until moving to Slanesville in 2005. She retired from Hardy County Schools where she worked in the administration office.

Her greatest pride was her family. She was the loving mother of

Terry Riggleman (Joyce) and Jannette Riggleman Heitz (Michael); proud grandmother of Jennifer Hill, Adam Riggleman, Cory Heitz (Josie), and Jordan Hurd (Charles). She is also survived by 6 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her brother, Foster See, and her sister, Eula Wolfe.

Juanita made the most of each day through her many interests of cooking, gardening, sewing, quilting traveling, camping and oil painting.

Funeral services will be held



on Saturday, November 2, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. at McKee Funeral Home, Baker, WV with Pastor Elmer Glick officiating. Interment will be in Olivet Cemetery, Moorefield, WV. The family will receive friends one hour prior.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 W Cork St. Winchester, VA 22601 or charity of your choice.

All arrangements are being handled by McKee Funeral Home, Baker, WV.



Monty D. Evans, age 66, of Moorefield, WV, passed away Friday morning, October 18, 2024, at United Hospital in Bridgeport, WV. Born on May 28, 1958, in Petersburg, WV, he was the son of

Monty Evans

the late Harry Voedell Evans and Jean Srout Evans. His wife, Karen Evadna Evans preceded him in death in March 2022.

He loved hunting, fishing, and spending time in the kitchen crafting delicious treats for his family, especially his famous cupcakes and brownies. Monty also found joy in reading westerns, newspapers, and his Bible. A dedicated fan of WVU football and the Washington Commanders (Redskins), he cherished quiet moments with his late wife, Karen, engaging in various crafts.

Surviving are two daughters, Jennifer (Eric) Ketterman and Melissa (Joe) Lofton of Moore-

field, WV; four grandchildren, Jake, Haylee, Wyatt & Brinlee; a sister, Jeannette (Ken) Goodwin; and nieces Michelle (Matt) Micheli and Courtney (Andrew) Bredow.

Please join us for a Celebration of Life service at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel, 107 Washington Street on Friday, November 1, 2024, beginning at 3:00PM. Pastor Dan Howard will lead the service, with inurnment to follow at Olivet Cemetery. The family will welcome friends and guests from 2:30PM until the commencement of services as we gather to share stories, laughter, and memories of Monty's remarkable life. Let us

honor him in a way that reflects the joy he brought to everyone he knew.

To offer condolences, share memories, or upload photos in honor of Monty's extraordinary life, visit his Tribute Wall at www.fraleyfuneralhome.com and celebrate the impact he made on all those around him.

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Questions? Call (304) 538-2549. Thank you, Fraley Funeral Home.



Bobby Ray Leatherman, age 67 of Fisher, WV, passed away Friday afternoon, October 18, 2024, at

Bobby Ray Leatherman

his residence. Born on January 27, 1957, in Keyser, WV, he was the son of the late Charles Edward Leatherman and Ina Susan Miller Leatherman. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, John Pratt, a daughter, Amanda Imes a granddaughter, a great-granddaughter, four brothers and a sister.

Embracing the wonders of the great outdoors, Bobby found solace in hunting, fishing, mushroom hunting, and camping. His profound love for nature was only surpassed by his devotion to his family, relishing the time spent

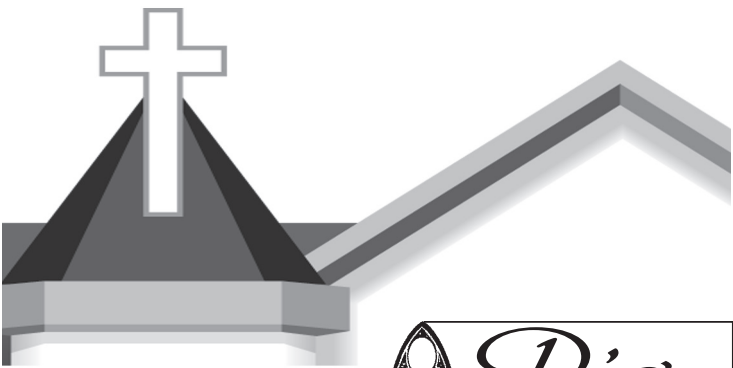
with his grandchildren, creating treasured memories that will endure for generations to come. Bobby worked for Misty Mountain Farms for over 20 years and considered Hunter Williams a friend, as well as his employer

Surviving is his wife, Judy Florence Pratt Leatherman; a son, Marshall (Cassie Ketterman) See of Cross Junction, VA; four daughters, Kathy (Doug) Bobo of Fisher, WV, Julie Pratt of Fisher, WV, Angie (Timmy) Wilhelm of Barton, MD and Amy Leatherman of Morgantown, WV; brothers, Donald Leatherman of Old

Fields, WV and Wendell Miller of Moorefield, WV; sister, Peggy Bishop of Ft. Ashby, WV; seventeen grandchildren including special grandson, Ryan McCoy; twenty-two great-grandchildren; special friends, Margaret and Bill Hall and his special cat, Casper.

A celebration of Bobby's life will be held in the future.

To offer condolences, share memories, or upload photos in honor of Bobby Ray's extraordinary life, visit his Tribute Wall at www.fraleyfuneralhome.com and celebrate the impact he made on all those around him.



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The Yellow Jackets Volleyball team recognized the seniors last week against Pendleton County in the home season finale.

SPORTS

State Bound: Cougars trio breaks camp for state cross country trip



Cougars taste success: East Hardy Cross Country's Brianna Hamilton (20th), Jonathan Montgomery (15th) and Gracie Heishman (14th) earned medals at the Class A Region II Championship at Camp Kidd and punched tickets to the state meet.

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

East Hardy Cross Country trio of Brianna Hamilton, Gracie Heishman and Jonathan Montgomery traversed the Class A Region II Camp Kidd 4-H Camp course in Parsons last Thursday for the third time this season and punched tickets for the state meet to give the Cougars representatives for the first time in two decades with a renewed program.

Fall colors surrounded the runners throughout the course with leaves falling in their wake covering 3.1 miles around Camp Kidd.

Heishman (14th) Montgomery (15th) and Hamilton (20th) are all state bound and received wooden medals for their Class A Region II placement and named to the second team all-region squad.

This trip had a fun time biting down on the medals for a celebration after the ceremony.

The girls cross country members

formed a circle for prayer to begin the region meet.

The starting line was adjacent to a large camp cabin and in between the softball fields with the finish line in the same area.

It was a scenic start heading towards a wide open field with the mountain range in full view colored with Autumn hues, tenth runners cut back behind one of the ball fields and across a road to a steep hill.

There was a wooded area around the top of the hill, then the runners came back down the same hill with arms up in the air for balance and across the road and along a picket fence.

The runners continued to make strides behind a camp cabin and around the complex coming back in front of the cabin and back towards the ball field and over to the open field area and back to the finish line beyond the ball field.

The boys started shortly after the girls concluded their race.

The schools represented at the regional meet included host Tucker County, East Hardy, Pendleton County, Paw Paw, Doddridge County, Trinity Christian, Braxton County, Notre Dame and Calhoun County.

East Hardy Girls Cross Country junior Gracie Heishman finished in 14th place overall with a regional time of 24:17.86 and is in fifth place all-time in program history

Heishman set a personal season record time at Camp Kidd in just the third race there.

"It was pretty fun and exciting for the two hills. Other than that, it is pretty good. Running the course before really helped me, knowing it better was good because I knew where I needed to kick it. We haven't had a cross country team or state representative in so long, so it is exciting to bring it back," East Hardy Girls Cross Country runner Gracie Heishman commented.

East Hardy Girls Cross Country sophomore Brianna Hamilton finished in 20th place overall with a regional time of 26:42.80 and is in eighth place all-time in program history.

"It was very exciting. I didn't expect this at all. I liked most about the course is once you get up that big hill you have a nice stretch that makes it easy on you. [Course familiarity] Yes, it did. I had a time to shoot for and I just pushed myself so I could get another PR today," East Hardy Girls Cross Country runner Brianna Hamilton stated.

East Hardy Boys Cross Country sophomore Jonathan Montgomery finished in 15th place overall with a regional time of 19:41.21 and is in eighth place all-time in program history.

Montgomery was in a very close foot race against a Trinity Christian runner vying for the finish line on the last leg of the race.

Montgomery had his second best time of the entire season at Camp Kidd during the regional race and cut time off from the previous visit there in Parsons.

"I am very excited. I was right on the edge. They made a rule that if the Top-10 from a team was going to state, then the next five individuals would qualify and I made it, just barely. [Course familiarity] 100 percent. The first time I ran it I was kind of slow on the front, because I was scared of the hill, then I realized if you use that hill to your advantage it will help out a lot and you can pass kids on it which pushed me ahead just enough. My favorite part of the course was the last stretch, it is really fun and flat. You see it coming and you know it's there and you can dig deep and give everything you've got. You don't have to worry about a hill right there. It was a little annoying he beat me by not even a second, but it was a hard push and we both almost beat the kid in front of us. For here, it was my personal best at this specific course. It is amazing and everyone at our school has been supportive from the teachers to our classmates. They all cheer for us as we are leaving. It is really nice," East Hardy Boys Cross Country runner Jonathan Montgomery remarked.

The girls team champion was Braxton County, runner-up was Doddridge County and Trinity Christian was third place.

The girls individual champion was Doddridge County's Bailey Holden with a time of 20:09.39.

The boys team champion was



Brianna Hamilton

Doddridge County, runner-up was Tucker County and Trinity Christian took third place.

The boys individual champion was Doddridge County's Carter Sias with a time of 16:40.37.

Factoring in the top three teams qualifying for the state meet, the next five individuals count for a state bid.

This year's state cross country meet will be held on November 2 at Cabell Midland High School with the Class A division beginning at 3:00 p.m.

East Hardy Cross Country had state meet representatives from 1997 to 2003, including a state runner-up finish for Jessica Tusing in 1998 with a time of 19:17, while the boys top state finish was fifth place by West Garrett in 1997 with a time of 16:18.

Class A Potomac Valley Conference representatives earning state bids include Paw Paw's Donovan Tanouye (region runner-up) and Taylor Carder, Pendleton County's Callie Dunn and Cayson Armstrong.



Gracie Heishman



Jonathan Montgomery

Class AA Potomac Valley Conference representatives for the state meet includes Frankfort (champions) and Keyser boys and girls teams, plus the Hampshire girls team.

East Hardy Cross Country exceeded expectations and achieved the

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Bulldogs took bite out of East Hardy Homecoming

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

The Bulldogs took a bite out of East Hardy's homecoming chewing up the field to ruin the festivities for a 13-3 win over the Cougars last Friday in Baker.

The East Hardy school spirit was in full force throughout the week with colorful attire, powderpuff games, a pep rally and alumni tailgating party leading up to the homecoming game prior to the dance.

During halftime, the new East Hardy Homecoming Queen Samara Pyles was crowned.

"On the film we saw, turnovers had been a big role in their losses. I don't think they turned it over until the end of the game. That interception was their only turnover. They are better than their record and they showed that. I am proud of our guys for winning this dog fight. We had some trouble for ourselves with penalties ending our drives putting us in some bad situations. The kids responded with the drives, but too many penalties. The defense battled hard. When they are down in the red zone you can just say eh, but that's when they really dug in and made stops. You're backed up and make a stop and that flips the momentum," Doddridge County coach Bobby Burnside stated.

East Hardy started off the game with a strong 17-yard run to mid-field as Price Strawderman carried defenders along the way.

However, Doddridge County's Jacob Britton dropped Strawderman for a five yard loss on the next play.

East Hardy quarterback Brayden Gregory launched the ball and there was contact with the receiver as the Bulldogs were docked for pass interference moving the chains at the 40.

Strawderman and Gregory alternated runs to reach the 27-yard line, then a potential sail by Doddridge County's Kristian Eidel developed

East Hardy senior Samara Pyles was crowned the Homecoming Queen by last year's queen Jace Thompson.



East Hardy quarterback Brayden Gregory threw the ball towards the end zone against the Bulldogs during the Homecoming game.

into a horse collar tackle penalty as the Cougars gathered a first down in the red zone at the 18.

Gregory added four yards and the next pass attempt was nearly intercepted with the ball dropped by Lyric Blake.

Landon Thomas recorded a sack for the Bulldogs backing the Cougars a dozen yards for a fourth down at the 26.

East Hardy settled for a 43-yard field goal made by Levi Price at 6:52 for a 3-nil edge.

Red zone efficiency would be an Achilles heel for the Cougars throughout the game.

Doddridge County's Landon Thomas made a third down conversion catch reaching the 39-yard line during the ensuing possession with a tackle by East Hardy's Trevor Roof.

East Hardy's Korbin Miller made a pair of tackles on Doddridge County's Lyric Blake during carries of four yards apiece.

The Bulldogs converted another third down as Talyn Snyder rushed four yards surpassing midfield for a first down with a tackle by Cougars' Shawn Bodkin and Sean O'Callaghan.

Blake picked up a first down at the 37-yard line rushing a dozen yards.

After a holding call on a huge pass, Bryson Dixon connected with Jerod Trent on a 23-yard reception to the 24 and was forced out by Price.

Aiden James caught the ensuing pass to get deep into the red zone for the Bulldogs being tackled at the seven yard line by Bodkin and Price.

East Hardy's Garrett Van Meter denied a score by slamming Snyder at the four yard line.

Blake found pay dirt for the Bulldogs rushing four yards for the touchdown with 1:56 left in the first quarter and creating a 6-3 lead as the kick failed.

East Hardy started the second quarter facing fourth down and elected to go-for-it with Strawderman notching three yards for a first down at the 46-yard line.

Van Meter caught a throw from Gregory for five yards entering Bulldogs territory.

There was a roughing the passer penalty on the ensuing aerial attack setting up a Cougars first down at the 39-yard line.

Strawderman collected five yards and Gregory moved the chains with a keeper of 11 yards to the 23-yard line.

The ensuing pass was almost intercepted in the end zone by Trent, but East Hardy's Khristian Bauserman batted the ball away just in time, however, there was holding call for a ten yard setback.

Price caught a pass for 24 yards to reach the eight yard line deep in the red zone.

The Cougars went back to the ground attack with Strawderman gaining four yards and another three yards down to the one yard line with stops by Blake and Britton denying a touchdown.

East Hardy went to Strawderman again on trip down, but the Bulldogs

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Anderson and Crawford turn the tide in Keyser's dramatic, 42-35 win at Moorefield

by Chapin Jewell
News & Tribune Correspondent
MOOREFIELD, W.Va. (WV News)

In the most improbable of endings, Keyser snatched victory from the jaws of defeat. The heroes? Senior Jake Anderson and freshman Dominik Crawford. Anderson and Crawford made the defensive and offensive plays of the year for the Golden Tornado, turning the tide with time running out in Keyser's 42-35 win at Moorefield.

The game was tied 35-35. Moorefield was driving, and with just 1:07 left in the contest, it sure looked as if they were about to score the go-ahead and winning touchdown of the game. They had made it all the way down to the Keyser one-yard line and were happy to be draining the clock. With all their chips down, Anderson, who would finish the game with 14 unassisted tackles and six assisted ones, came up with a huge fumble recovery at the one to give Keyser new life.

"From scouting them, we realized that they had won three or four plays out of that formation. But, their predominant play was the one that we were betting on, and if they had ran one of the other ones, we might have been out of luck. We put all our eggs in that basket, we blew the hole up, they fumbled the ball, and Jake Anderson came up with it," Keyser coach Derek Stephen stated.

Anderson and Crawford turned the tide in Keyser's dramatic, 42-35 win at Moorefield.

According to Stephen, "Jake's our senior, and he's been our go-to guy, our engine that just keeps going. He leads by example, he's out there doing all the things he's supposed to do, and he came up with the ball. If there was a chance anyone was going to get it, he was going to get it."

While there was relief that they had halted the Moorefield scoring drive, Keyser had a new problem, they had the ball at their own one-yard line, literally in the shadow of the goalpost. One wrong move, a blown blocking assignment or bobbled snap, and the Golden Tornado would be in trouble, perhaps fatally so.

For two consecutive plays, Keyser did the safe thing, running the sneak call, inching it out to the six-yard line. Now, facing a third and five, Keyser made the third safe call in row, just hoping to get enough yards, five to be exact, to get a first down.

Dominick Crawford had other plans.

"We had ran that play earlier in the game, there was a big hole, we got four or five yards. We were thinking, let's run it again, this is a chance to get a first down. Not in a million years did we think we were going to bust that big one," Stephen noted.

That big one? Oh, it was the big one, the biggest to be exact.

Crawford moved left as he received the handoff, then immediately cut back to the

middle and shot through the open hole. He went straight up field then cut sharply towards the left sideline where the foot race began.

As fast as anyone could possibly race 94 yards down a football field while shoving some people out of the way and dodging the others, Crawford did so, ultimately reaching the endzone at the other end of the field with 52 seconds remaining in the game. With Tommy Nash's extra point kick, Keyser was on top, and it would be for good, 42-35.

"We were on the six-yard line, I just wanted to get some yards, do what I could do," Crawford stated. "My line, they got me some great blocks, some great, great blocks, and I just took it all the way down the sideline. Someone almost got me, but I stiff-armed him and took it all the way."

According to Crawford, "When I got the ball, I just wanted to get the first down, but I saw the lane, so I took it."

Crawford not only scored the winning score in dramatic, electric fashion, he also led the Keyser rushing attack with 12 carries for 160 yards, and caught a 27-yard touchdown pass, along with an onside kick recovery.

"When Dom scored, it was an amazing feeling, I probably just ran 60 yards down

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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.

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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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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

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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 rates to which the additional levy rate shall apply are the fiscal years beginning: July 1, 2025; July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028 and 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/country, 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

David J. Workman, President
Hardy County Commission

Attest:
Gregory L. Ely, Hardy County Clerk

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ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDS
Town of Wardensville
PO Box 7
Wardensville, WV 26851

Bids for the Town of Wardensville's Cafeteria Interior Demolition Project, will be received by the Town of Wardensville, PO Box 7 or 25 Warrior Way, Wardensville, WV 26851 until 3 pm, Thursday, November 14, 2024 and then at said office be publicly opened and read aloud. Sealed bids can be hand delivered, by mail, email (Info@wardensville.com) to the Town Office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 am and 4 pm. An optional pre-bid will be held on Thursday, November 7, at the demolition site, 45 Warrior Way, Wardensville, WV 26851 at 11 am. Representatives of the Town will be present to discuss the project. Bidders may attend and participate in the conference. Bids are for furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, and

performance of work for the demolition. This includes all interior finishes including but not limited to all drywall, insulation, ceilings, floor coverings, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, and non-bearing wall will be removed from the premises and disposed of legally. Also included is the demolition of the small addition at the South East corner of the building in its entirety. Should any hazardous or regulated materials be found during the demolition, a separate contract will be negotiated. All BIDS shall remain open for ninety (90) days. Work to be completed within 60 days of the award. The Town of Wardensville reserves the right to waive any informality in the Bid and to reject any or all bids. Date: October 25, 2024 The Honorable Betsy Orndoff-Sayers, Mayor Town of Wardensville

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Wardensville, WV 26851

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 24-0671-E-P

MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY Application for Review, Reconciliation and Establishment of new ELG Surcharge Rates Effective January 1, 2025.

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On August 2, 2024, Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company filed an application for review and approval of new Effluent Limitation Guideline (ELG) Surcharge reconciliation and true-up to establish a new surcharge rate for the Companies effective January 1, 2025. The review period for this proceeding is through June 30, 2024, and the new rate period is calendar year 2025.

The total proposed ELG rates represent an approximate one-tenth of one percent increase in total rates. The impact to a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatts per month is a \$0.12 increase in the monthly bill raising it from \$137.58 to \$137.70.

Notice of Ancillary Filing without any Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees

Notice is hereby given that the following foreign will or affidavit of heirs has been filed in the Hardy County Clerk's Office at 204 Washington Street, Room 111 Moorefield, WV 26836-0200, and no appointment or administration is being made pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-13.

An interested person(s) objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this state must file a statement with the Hardy County Commission through the County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of first publication or 30 days of service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not timely filed, the objection is forever barred. The Hardy County Commission upon receiving any timely objection thereto shall schedule a hearing or hearings thereon and order relief, if any, it considers proper including, but not limited to, an order directing that

The Commission will conduct an evidentiary hearing at 9:30 a.m. on December 5, 2024, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV. Interested persons should monitor the Commission's web docket and website because the evidentiary hearing may be cancelled for good cause.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene by October 30, 2024. Failure to intervene timely can affect your right to participate in the proceeding. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. Anyone desiring to file public comment regarding the proposed new rates may file such comment at any time during this case. Petitions to intervene and public comments should include the case name and number and be addressed to: The Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

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MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT PUBLIC NOTICE

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, 601 57TH STREET, CHARLESTON SE, WEST VIRGINIA 25304-2345 TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440.

APPLICATION FOR A WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT

Public Notice No.: L-113-24
Notice Date: October 30, 2024
Paper: Moorefield Examiner

The following has applied for a WV NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit for this facility or activity:

Appl. No.: WV0045501
Applicant: WARDENSVILLE, TOWN OF 25 WARRIOR WAY, BOX 7 WARDENSVILLE, WV 26851
Location: WARDENSVILLE, HARDY COUNTY
Latitude: 39:05:31 Longitude: 78:35:13
Receiving Stream: Capacan River

Activity:

To operate and maintain an existing wastewater collection system and an existing 0.12 million gallons per day wastewater treatment plant. The facilities are designed to serve a population equivalent of approximately 1,200 persons in the Town of Wardensville and environs, and discharge treated wastewater through Outlet No. 001 to the Capacan River, approximately 79.3 miles from its mouth of the Potomac River. An antidegradation review has been conducted. Tier I protection is provided for the uses specified in Title 47, Series 2, Section 6.

Business conducted:
Municipality

Implementation: N/A

On the basis of review of the application, the "Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8(a)), "and the "West Virginia Legislative Rules," the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management within 30 days of the date of the public notice. Such comments or requests should be addressed to:

Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP
ATTN: Lori Devereux, Permitting Section
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304-2345
lori.k.devereux@wv.gov

The public comment period begins October 30, 2024 and ends November 29, 2024. Comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the permit application.

Correspondence should include the name, address and the telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the Draft Permit(s). Interested persons may contact the public information office to obtain further information.

The application, draft permit and any required fact sheet may be inspected, by appointment, at the Division of Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, at 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304-2345, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT

Hardy County, WV General Election November 5, 2024

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER		STATE TICKET		STATE TICKET	
To vote you must darken the oval () completely next to the candidate or issue of your choice.		FOR GOVERNOR (Vote for ONE)		FOR COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE (Vote for ONE)	
NATIONAL TICKET		☐ PATRICK MORRISEY Harpers Ferry REP Jefferson Co.	☐ KENT LEONHARDT Fairview REP Monongalia Co.		
FOR PRESIDENT (Vote for ONE)		☐ STEVE WILLIAMS Huntington DEM Cabell Co.	☐ DEBORAH STILES Parsons DEM Tucker Co.		
☐ DONALD J. TRUMP Palm Beach, FL REP		☐ ERIKA KLIE KOLENICH Buckhannon LBN Upshur Co.	NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN		
☐ JD VANCE Cincinnati, OH		☐ CHASE LINKO-LOOPER Charleston MTN Kanawha Co.	NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN		
☐ KAMALA D. HARRIS Los Angeles, CA DEM		☐ S. MARSHALL WILSON Hedgesville CST Berkeley Co.	Write-in, If Any		
☐ TIM WALZ Saint Paul, MN		FOR SECRETARY OF STATE (Vote for ONE)		FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote for ONE)	
☐ CHASE OLIVER Atlanta, GA LBN		☐ KRIS WARNER Charleston REP Kanawha Co.		☐ JOHN "JB" McCUSKEY Charleston REP Kanawha Co.	
☐ MIKE ter MAAT Kinsale, VA		☐ THORNTON COOPER South Charleston DEM Kanawha Co.		☐ TERESA TORISEVA Wheeling DEM Ohio Co.	
☐ JILL STEIN Lexington, MA MTN		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN	
☐ RUDOLPH WARE Goleta, CA		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN	
☐ ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR. Katonah, NY IND		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN	
☐ NICHOLE SHANAHAN Portola Valley, CA		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN	
Write-in, If Any		Write-in, If Any		Write-in, If Any	
FOR U.S. SENATOR (Vote for ONE)		FOR AUDITOR (Vote for ONE)		FOR STATE SENATOR 14TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)	
☐ JIM JUSTICE Lewisburg REP Greenbrier Co.		☐ MARK HUNT Charleston REP Kanawha Co.		☐ RANDY E. SMITH Terra Alta REP Preston Co.	
☐ GLENN ELLIOTT Wheeling DEM Ohio Co.		☐ MARY ANN ROEBUCK CLAYTOR St. Albans DEM Kanawha Co.		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED DEM	
☐ DAVID MORAN Egdon LBN Preston Co.		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN	
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN	
Write-in, If Any		Write-in, If Any		Write-in, If Any	
FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)		FOR TREASURER (Vote for ONE)		FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 86TH DELEGATE DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)	
☐ RILEY MOORE Harpers Ferry REP Jefferson Co.		☐ LARRY PACK Charleston REP Kanawha Co.		☐ BRYAN C. WARD Fisher REP Hardy Co.	
☐ STEVEN WENDELIN Lost River DEM Hardy Co.		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED DEM		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED DEM	
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 24-0727-E-P

MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY Application for Review, Reconciliation, and Establishment of new Renewable Electricity Surcharge Rates Proposed to be effective January 1, 2025.

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On August 30, 2024, Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company filed an application for review and approval of a Renewable Electricity Surcharge (RES) to establish revised surcharge rates for the Companies. The filing requested that the Commission authorize the increased rates to be effective on January 1, 2025. The review period is January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024, and the new rate period is calendar year 2025. The Companies proposed a \$231,117 increase in the solar surcharge rates. The requested increase included recovery of a \$186,611 under-recovery during the review period, which was the first six months of 2024. The Companies also projected a \$44,506 additional increment above present rates to recover 2025 revenue requirements.

The proposed solar surcharge rate will increase a monthly bill for an average residential customer using 1,000 kilowatts hours (Kwhs) by \$0.06 from

\$137.58 to \$137.64, or less than a one-tenth of one percent.

The Commission will conduct an evidentiary hearing on December 5, 2024, immediately following the hearing in Case No. 24-0671-E-P scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. on that same day, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV. Interested persons should monitor the Commission's web docket and website because the evidentiary hearing may be cancelled for good cause.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene by October 30, 2024. Failure to intervene timely can affect your right to participate in the proceeding. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. Anyone desiring to file public comment regarding the proposed new rates may file such comment at any time during this case. Petitions to intervene and public comments should include the case name and number and be addressed to: The Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY

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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

TO: Anna Marie Rowan
Respondent's Name (First/Middle/Last)

Magistrate Court Case No.: 24-MJ-00045

UNKNOWN
Respondent's Street Address (Please do not list PO Box #)

Family Court Civil Action No.: 24-JV-45

Respondent's City / State / Zip: 61 / 01 / 1987

Respondent's Date of Birth: 01/21/2025 (Date)

ORDER OF PUBLICATION PROTECTIVE ORDER

1. The object of this suit is to obtain protection from the Respondent.

2. The object of this publication by Class I legal advertisement is to notify Respondent of the PROTECTIVE ORDER prohibiting the above-named Respondent from having contact with certain individuals. This Order may affect property and other rights of the Respondent. Violating this Order may subject the Respondent to criminal sanctions. The Respondent is strongly encouraged to obtain a copy of this Protective Order from the Circuit Clerk of the county listed above.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

If appearing by evidence only taken in this section that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of which may be obtained at the

HARDY County, Circuit Clerk's Office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until 04/21/2025 (Date)

The Respondent may appeal this Protective Order pursuant to W. Va. Code § 48-27-510, within 10 days of the date the Order was entered.

Issued this 10-22-24/9am (Date/Time) Kelly J. Shorkey Circuit Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GRANT COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA IN THE MATTER OF C.S.D. Jr. Case NO: ORDER OF PUBLICATION 24-JA-43

TO: McKaylia Stonestreet-Mother of C.S.D. Jr

You are hereby notified of the above styled action pending in the Circuit Court of Grant County, West Virginia. The above named Respondent has been identified as the mother of C.S.D.Jr. A male child, born July 25, 2024. The action pending is an abuse and neglect case which can result in the termination of parental, custodial and/or guardianship rights to the above child which are the subject of these proceedings. You are advised that every parent, custodian and/or guardian is entitled to and has a right to counsel at every stage of this proceeding. An Adjudicatory/ Accelerated Disposition hearing is currently scheduled

in this matter for November 18th, 2024, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. The hearing will be held in the courtroom of the Grant County Courthouse, 5 Highland Ave., Petersburg, West Virginia. You should appear at this hearing to protect and defend your interests. You can obtain a copy of the Petition filed in this matter and further information about the case from the Grant County Circuit Clerk's Office, telephone number 304-257-4545, or from Grant Sherman, an attorney that has been appointed for you at 304-822-4740. Failure to appear and/or file a response to this action can, and probably will, result in the loss of your rights to said children.

John A. Shorkey
Prosecuting Attorney Grant County
State Bar No. 2791
P. O. Box 515
Petersburg, WV 26847
304-257-2323

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Moorefield volleys over Wildcats on senior night

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

The Yellow Jackets buzzed to a four-set match victory over Pendleton County to celebrate senior night during homecoming week this past Thursday in the Hive: 23-25, 25-21, 25-16 and 25-22.

Moorefield Volleyball recognized its six seniors: Carlee Haines (Potomac State College of WVU, nursing major and softball player), Seanna Heavner (Potomac State College of WVU, undecided major), Korbin Keplinger (college, radiation therapy major), Sydney Rumer (college, surgical technician), Elektra Sions (Florida Atlantic University, exercise science major for physical therapy) and Hannah Snyder (Potomac State College of WVU, veterinarian major).

“These senior girls, I have been with them all four years whether it be basketball or volleyball. They’re the first girls I ever coached and I coached Moorefield senior Elektra Sions launched an attack against the Wildcats on senior night.



boys before that. These are my first girls, so they are very special to me. Honestly, Pendleton County is a formidable opponent and I am pretty sure that they are ranked in the Top 10 in the state. They always play good volleyball. It was a close five setter up there. To come get a four set win here on our home court, especially on senior night means the world to me. I am happy to get it for these girls,” Moorefield Volleyball coach Kellan Snyder remarked.

Moorefield seniors started the match with Hannah Snyder serving to Pendleton County’s Elizabeth Alt, who made a dig and a volley back by Baylee Beachler was met with a dig from Carlee Haines.

Korbin Keplinger made a block for the first Yellow Jackets point.

Beachler responded with a spike for the Wildcats.

Moorefield answered as Sydney Rumer notched a kill and stated serv-

ing, 2-1.

Alt made a spike and Brynlynn Waggy blocked a shot for the Wildcats to take the lead.

There were errors on both sides, then Raleigh Kuykendall scored a point for Moorefield.

Both teams served out of bounds, then Elektra Sions created a point on a non-returnable serve to regain the Moorefield lead 6-5.

After a serve into the net, Kuykendall recorded two kills and a block to take a 9-7 lead.

Moorefield’s Seanna Heavner had a serve return into the net, then Keplinger slammed a spike, 11-7.

After an error, Pendleton County’s Alt pushed a point through a block and Beachler swatted a volley to close the gap to 11-10.

Keplinger earned a couple points on attacks for the Yellow Jackets.

Waggy garnered points on an attack and serve for the Wildcats, while Beachler made a kill to grab a 16-15 lead.

A service error tied the game, then an attack by Lexi VanMeter put Moorefield back ahead and Sions delivered three aces for a 20-16 advantage.

Pendleton County rallied with the help of several errors, plus points by Beachler and Waggy to take the first set 25-23.

Pendleton County’s Alyssa Bennett served an ace to commence the second set, but the ensuing serve went into the net.

Heavner served and it was returned for a point by Alt prior to a service error.

The Yellow Jackets scored three straight points as Snyder served and made digs with Sions making points on attacks.

The Wildcats got a point back on an error, then Moorefield answered with an attack point by Rumer and Sions sandwiched two aces around a volley returned out for a 9-3 edge.

VanMeter launchd a spike, then a serve hit the net.

Alt recorded an ace for the Wildcats, then Moorefield responded with a dig by Snyder and kill from VanMeter.

Keplinger kept the momentum going with an ace for the Yellow Jackets, 12-5.

There was a long back-and-forth series before Alt forced an error and Avery Townsend notched an ace for Pendleton County.

Kuykendall made two straight blocks for Moorefield going up 15-7.

Haines made a dig and scored a point moments later on an attack, then Snyder delivered two aces to put the Yellow Jackets up 20-12.

Some errors down the stretch and aces from Alt and Townsend helped the Wildcats close the gap to 22-19.

Moorefield finished the second set for a 25-21 win to tie the match as VanMeter made a dink and it couldn’t be saved on a dive.

The Yellow Jackets buzzed ahead 4-nil in the third set as Sions landed a kill, Snyder served two aces and Keplinger blocked a volley.

Pendleton County rallied to tie the set at 5-all as Waggy got an attack point, Breena Bowers served an ace and Townsend made a block in addi-



Moorefield Volleyball coach Kellan Snyder joined his seniors: Elektra Sions, Hannah Snyder, Carlee Haines, Korbin Keplinger, Sydney Rumer and Seanna Heavner.

tion to errors.

Moorefield built a 10-6 lead with help from errors, plus a spike by Keplinger, an ace served by Sions and a tap by Kuykendall wasn’t returned back

The Yellow Jackets had good defense with digs coming for Heavner and Sions.

The Wildcats committed errors as Kuykendall kept attacks going at the net, 17-8.

Rumer notched a couple points and served up an ace before a kill by Sions for a 22-12 advantage.

Kuykendall made a block and a

serve by Annie Barr wasn’t returned to finish the third set victory for the Yellow Jackets, 25-16.

Keplinger and Kuykendall made blocks during the fourth set, while Sions and Snyder helped to keep the floor clear with digs.

Moorefield won the fourth set 25-22 with the final point coming on an ace by CiCi Kump for a 3-1 match win.

The Yellow Jackets went to Petersburg to start the sectional playoffs on Monday and the winner advances to the championship tonight.

State Bound:

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overall goal of qualifying for the state meet in its first season since 2004.

“I am super proud of my kids this year. They did everything I asked of them. They put the time in and even stayed a little after practice for extra running and stretching. First year we have had a team in 20 years. I couldn’t ask for more. They exceeded my expectations. It has nothing to do with my coaching. I have no clue

what I am doing, but have learned a lot this year. It is all on the girls and boy on the team. They decided to see if they could go to state and they pushed themselves harder than I thought they would. They knew that I was trying to make them better and they are getting better. I told them that to be comfortable, you have to be uncomfortable to get comfortable. We are moving from one stage to another. They made it to state and once they get down there, who knows what will happen. If regionals are up there again in Tucker County, I hope our athletic director schedules more

meets there to learn it and get better at that course. It is kind of fun to see this happen. The runner who got all this started was Gracie Heishman and that was her goal from the get-go. I am super proud she is getting to go as a junior. I hope kids in the future have an interest in this program after seeing the success this first year, so we can have more runners coming out next year. It is pretty cool to go to state in our first year back in 20 years. Their faith in themselves pushed them to this goal,” East Hardy Cross Country coach Devin Hamilton concluded.

42-35 win

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the sideline with him. That’s the first time I’ve sprinted in a long time,” Stephen stated. “It was just a great moment, and exemplified what we’ve been preaching to the kids this week. Don’t ever give up, keep playing, play with attitude and emotion, all that stuff, and they did a great job with it.”

Last week’s loss to Allegany dipped the Golden Tornado to below .500. They needed this win, not just for their records sake, but intrinsically, they needed it.

“Like I just told the kids, we begged and pleaded them just to come out and play the way we knew they were capable of playing. We talked about coming out and playing with Keyser Pride, and not quitting, and all

that stuff,” Stephen explained.

According to Stephen, “You know, the year hasn’t gone the way we thought it would. But what they accomplished tonight was exemplified in that goal line stand. We kept saying if we kept hitting them and outlasting them, that good things were going to happen. We popped the ball loose, a senior recovered it, then we get a big 90-some run from a freshman. It was spectacular.”

The game, in every way, can best be described as a back-and-forth affair. In general terms, neither team really had much in the way of defense, but the offenses were productive, doing enough to combine for 77 points on the night.

Moorefield ran off six minutes of clock on their opening possession, and punctuated it with a one-yard touchdown plunge by Oliver Crites that, with the extra point, put the Yellow Jackets up, 7-0.

Keyser then ran off over five minutes of clock on their opening possession, and punctuated it with a 17-yard touchdown run up the middle by Addison Brafford that, with Tommy Nash’s extra point kick, tied the game, 7-7, with 1:07 remaining in the opening frame.

At the 8:46 mark of the second quarter, Moorefield’s Riley Pillus took it into the endzone off the right side from three yards out, but Keyser’s Grayson Lambka blocked the extra point, bringing the Yellow Jackets’ lead over the Golden Tornado to 13-7.

Then, just a little over four minutes later at the 4:14 mark of the second quarter, Moorefield scored again when Crites took it in from 15-yards away, straight up the middle. The Yellow Jackets went for two and were successful, extending their lead over Keyser to 21-7.

Down now by two touchdowns, Keyser needed a break, and they got one, a big one, when Grayson Lambka returned the ensuing kickoff for an 87-yard touchdown. Nash’s extra point cut the Moorefield lead to one score, 21-14.

Then, on the ensuing kickoff, Dominik Crawford would recover the ball, giving possession right back to the Golden Tornado.

Fast forward to the 1:18 mark of the second quarter, Keyser’s Mikey Mongold would take a pitch off the right side and catapult into the endzone from 14 yards out, and with Nash’s kick after, Keyser tied Moorefield, 21-21.

The two teams would go into the locker rooms all tied up at 21. After the break, at the 7:32 mark of the third frame, Moorefield’s Crites would score his third touchdown of the game, this one from five yards out off the left side. The kick put the Yellow Jackets on top, 28-21.

Almost exactly two minutes later (5:36) Keyser had a response, a 27-yard touchdown pass from Brafford to Crawford down the right side that, with Nash’s kick after, tied the game, 28-28.

But Moorefield would then score with 18 seconds remaining in the third stanza when Diego Taylor took it in from 25-yards away down the right sideline, and with the extra point kick, the Yellow Jackets would take a 35-28 lead into the fourth quarter.

Three minutes into the fourth quarter (9:00), Cole Holland’s five-yard touchdown run off left tackle for Keyser, along with Nash’s extra point, would tie the game yet again, 35-35.

From that point, we know how the story ends, with Anderson’s fumble recovery at the one-yard line with 1:07 remaining, and Crawford’s 94-yrd touchdown run with 52 seconds to go to win the game, 42-35, for the Golden Tornado.

Like much of the season thus far, the game very much represented a youth movement for Keyser. Of the six Golden Tornado touchdowns, one was scored by a junior, and the remaining five by underclassmen, four of those coming from freshmen.

“Our backfield in the second half was three freshmen and a sophomore. It just shows how much our young guys, and our team as a whole, has gotten better as the year has went on. Earlier in the year, when we got down, we kind of tucked our tail a little bit. We got shellacked last week, and we could have done that this week, but they didn’t,” Stephen detailed.

“According to Stephen, “We’ve been preaching Keyser Pride, play for the name on the front, and that’s what they did.”

With the loss, Moorefield slips to 3-5 on the season in advance of a Friday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. road trip to Pendleton Co.

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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 REP Moorefield 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 DEM Moorefield 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:
FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY (Vote for ONE)	Class I 5.85 cents Class II 11.70 cents Class III 23.40 cents Class IV 23.40 cents
☐ JEFFREY N. WEATHERHOLT REP Moorefield	☐ For the Levies
☐ HARLEY "ORRIN" STAGGERS III DEM Wardensville	☐ Against the Levies
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN	
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN	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 REP Moorefield	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 REP Moorefield	
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☐ Write-in, If Any	
FOR SURVEYOR (Vote for ONE)	
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☐ Write-in, If Any	
VOTE BOTH SIDES	

“A man is known by the company he keeps.”
-Old English Proverb.

“When the character of a man is not clear to you, look at his friends.”
-Old Japanese Proverb.

“Birds of a feather, flock together.”
-Mrs. Sims, deceased MHS English Teacher.

Isn't it obvious that it's time for a change at the Hardy County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Vote: Jeffrey N. Weatherholt for Prosecuting Attorney.

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Mayor of Huntington since 2012, the grandson of West Virginia coal miners, Williams grew up in the southern coalfields.

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- Huntington is now ranked by *U.S. News* among the 100 Best Places to Live in the U.S., and among the 50 best places to retire.
- He understands business.
- People who have known him his whole life agree he is a person of high integrity, he works well with other people, and brings out the best in them.



PATRICK MORRISSEY

Our current attorney general was born in New York City, raised and educated in New Jersey, came to WV in 2006 after losing a primary race for Congress.

- Backed by Big Pharma and other out-of-state corporations.
- Repaid his backers by suing the EPA to limit protecting our land and water.
- Joined bogus out-of-state lawsuits trying to overturn the 2020 presidential election.
- Wastes taxpayers' time and money pursuing politically motivated lawsuits that have no impact on ordinary West Virginians.

FOR U.S. SENATE

We have a clear choice.
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GLENN ELLIOTT

West Virginia's 2022 Mayor of the Year worked alongside fellow citizens to revive Wheeling, his hometown.

- As mayor from 2016-2024, Wheeling has become one of the fastest growing economies in West Virginia.
- Honed his devotion to service and the U.S. Constitution as legislative assistant to U. S. Senator Robert C. Byrd.
- Named winner of the 2023 James C. Hunt Lifetime Achievement Award for outstanding, exceptional leadership.
- Honest, humble, and kind, he is determined to put people and action over politics.



JIM JUSTICE

Our current governor has shown, in ways large and small, that he thinks he is above the law.

- Is consistently delinquent in paying creditors and the State, threatening the well-being of thousands of employees.
- Does not keep his word or honor his contracts, driving West Virginia small businesses into bankruptcy by slow paying or stifling them entirely.
- Embarrasses our state's people with cheap theatrics.
- Ignores state law requiring him to live in the capital city.

State Democratic Candidates



STEVE WENDELIN
for US HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

- Hardy County Resident
 - Retired Commander of the US Navy; Served 28 years active duty in Navy; 10 years in Reserves
 - Enlisted at 18 in the Naval Reserve - during Cold War
 - Earned a Bachelor of Science from the California Maritime Academy
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 - 22-year tenure in the WV State Auditor's Office
 - Exceptional credentials
 - Accounting Degree
 - Small business owner specializing in governmental accounting
 - Helped counties and cities effectively manage public finances
 - Demonstrated remarkable integrity by holding her party's leadership accountable
 - Committed to truth over political expediency which is rare and vital
- <https://www.auditthestate.com/>



TERESA TORISEVA
for ATTORNEY GENERAL

- Native of a farm in Marshall County, life profoundly changed when parents divorced
 - Lived in public housing
 - Motivation and hardwork earned a scholarship to Wheeling Jesuit University
 - Graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in biology; Law degree from WVU College of Law
 - Law Firm, Toriseva Law fights for working people, families, first responders
 - Served as statewide advocate for WV first responders
 - Represents individuals negatively impacted by banking corporations
 - People injured by defective products
 - Landowners against energy companies violating rights
 - Children/parents throughout the divorce process
- <https://www.teresafortorneygeneral.com/>



DEBORAH STILES
for AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER

- Native West Virginian and grew up on a Tucker County farm
 - Family roots on a farm in rural Hampshire County
 - Father was a WVU Extension County Agent
 - Family lived in Randolph, Calhoun, Braxton, and Tyler counties
 - Today lives on a multi-generational farm raising sheep, goats, cattle and poultry
 - Farming background gives an understanding of the needs of WV farmers
 - Agriculture and rural policy researcher has offered essential preparation for this job
- <https://www.stilesforwvagriculture.com/>

We've been taken
for fools long enough.
Our state and nation are in
turmoil now because of hatred,
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County Democratic Candidates



HARLEY "ORRIN" STAGGERS, III
for PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

- Will run a transparent office
- Has been performing the work of the Prosecuting Attorney
- Former Prosecutor has removed himself from any consideration
- Supported by every law enforcement locally
- Supported by law enforcement statewide
- Highly respected by the legal community
- Has a proven record of working with outside agencies
 - Not stuck in what it was "30 years ago"
 - Is energetic and abreast of the time
 - Understands current issues
 - Understands current laws
 - Understands today's family structures



PHIL FERTIG
for COUNTY COMMISSIONER

- Accessible County Commission meetings for the residents of Hardy County
 - Twice a month meetings instead of once a month
 - Too many issues for only once a month
- One of the monthly meetings be held in evening
 - Allows the working person to attend
- Apprise residents about important issues
- Provide oversight into agencies and organizations
- Stand accountable for fiscal decisions that affect the residents of Hardy County

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Dear Hardy County Voters,

We hope everything is well with you and your family!

On behalf of the Hardy County Republican Party, we would appreciate your vote for Republican candidates up and down the ballot this fall. We need to **send a message -- loud and clear -- that Hardy County rejects failed Democrat policies** at the federal, state, and local level.

We have many great candidates on the ballot this year, from **Donald J. Trump for President** and **Patrick Morrisey for Governor** to trusted local officials like **Bryan Ward for Delegate** and **Dave Workman for County Commissioner**.

In particular, Hardy County voters have a chance to **reform the Prosecuting Attorney’s office by electing Republican Jeff Weatherholt**, an experienced lawyer with tough-on-crime prosecuting experience.

As you may know, and as the Examiner has extensively reported, **the current Democrat prosecutor** was accused of sexual harassment in a lawsuit that **cost Hardy County’s taxpayers and insurer roughly \$1.2 million** for the settlement, administrative leave, legal fees, and increased premiums. The current prosecutor knew he couldn’t win reelection, so he instead endorsed his assistant, Harley “Orrin” Staggers III.

Orrin has been proudly campaigning with progressive statewide and national Democrats and raising lots of money from the Democrat establishment, and this race will be close!



Policy: Jeff is tough on crime. He'll end the current Prosecuting Attorney's soft-on-drugs plea bargains and will fight the cancer of drugs in our community.

Drug dealers need to learn that, unlike under the current Prosecuting Attorney's office, there will be no more agreed deferred adjudications or agreed probation under Jeff.

Experience: Jeff has been a licensed WV attorney for 33 years. He has successfully tried murder cases, and tried felony cases solo.

Integrity: Jeff will clean up the mess in the Prosecuting Attorney’s office.

Local Ties: Jeff was raised in Hardy County. He graduated Moorefield HS Class of 1980 and worked on the line at American Woodmark and Hester's. He is one of us, knows what hard work is all about, and will work hard for us.

Our full slate of candidates is:

Early voting runs **Wednesday, October 23 until Saturday, November 2 at the Courthouse in Moorefield. Hours are 9am-4pm Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm Saturdays. Election Day is Tuesday, November 5.**

To find your polling place or request an absentee ballot (deadline October 30), please visit the County Clerk's website (hardycounty.com/hardy-county-clerk).

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Commissioner of Agriculture	Kent Leonhardt
Attorney General	JB McCuskey
State Senator	Randy Smith
Delegate	Bryan Ward
County Commissioner	Dave Workman
Prosecuting Attorney	Jeff Weatherholt
Sheriff	Steve Dawson
Assessor	Jim Wratford

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Thank you for your support, and God bless!

Sincerely,
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