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## Hardy County In Winter's Grip



Temperatures and snow fell throughout the state over the last week, keeping kids from school and plows on the highways.

Photo by Darryl Buning

## Board of Education Readies Buses For Use

By Steve Pendleton

On Monday, January 6, 2024, the Hardy County Board of Education met in an abbreviated session due to the severe weather. Present were Dixie Bean, President; Melvin Shook, Vice-president (audio); board members Roy Harper (audio), Douglas Hines, and Janet Rose (audio); Dr. Sheena VanMeter, Superintendent; and Josh See, Director Transportation and Maintenance (audio).

Josh See reported that the water leak at East Hardy High School was determined to be in a line going down to the fieldhouse. Although the exact spot of the leak has not been located, the valve was shut off stopping the flow and the meter now registers zero. The arrival of the electric bus is on hold for now. See's contact at Green Power Motors, Steve Ellis, has left the company. He will contact Ellis to find who was named as his replacement and reach out to

that person. The two new diesel buses were delivered. However, the State Transportation director has a new policy requiring all buses to be inspected once they are road worthy. To date, two-way radios have been installed, designated numbers were attached to the buses and motor vehicle tags added. See will make arrangements for the inspection as soon as possible. An electric arc was flashing in room 310 when the lights were turned on. The switch has been replaced.

### Consent Items

The board approved minutes from the December 16th regular meeting.

### Unfinished Business

None

### New Business

The Board unanimously approved School Building Authority of West Virginia Grant Contract with Hardy County.

Board Member/Superintendent Discussion  
Janet Rose commended the

Hardy County Sheriff's Department for recently citing two drivers for failure to remain behind a bus as students were exiting during a stop.

### Announcements

The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at the central office. The meeting was moved as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day falls on Monday of that week. Condolences were offered to employees Lola Crider, Pam Swick, David Mays, and David Rudy for the loss of close family members.

### Executive Session

The Board entered into executive session at 5:11 p.m. The session was completed at 5:31 p.m.

### Personnel

A motion and second was made to approve the personnel recommendations of the Superintendent as presented. The Board voted 5-0 to approve the motion.

## County Commission Commission to meet twice monthly, the second time in the evening Meeting again at 5 p.m. Jan. 21

By Hannah Heishman

The Hardy County Commission met following a two-hour weather delay on Jan. 7, 2025. A winter storm through Monday and freezing temperatures Tuesday resulted in the Commission's decision to push the meeting time back to enable more people to attend.

Newly appointed County Clerk Loretta Humbertson called the meeting to order, and they hit the ground in the new year ready to go.

"We're excited about moving forward, solving problems," Commissioner Steven Schetrom said in the opening prayer.

Their first order of business was selecting and swearing in Schetrom as the new Commission president.

Then Paul Lewis, Office of Emergency Management and 911 Center director, updated Commis-

sioners that generator and electrical work is complete at the new 911 tower near Lost City along Route 259. Once weather clears, he said, all that's left is to install some equipment on that tower and the tower at Helmick Rock, and the new tower should be operational.

He did not have a schedule available.

Lewis said one 911 dispatching trainee resigned, and another is retiring soon. He said he has an applicant he's going to begin training, and will advertise to fill other spot.

Lewis reported there were 612 calls to 911 in December 2024.

For law enforcement, the Department of Natural Resources had 14 calls; the Sheriff's Office had 290 calls; the Moorefield Police Department had 138; and the

State Police had 24.

For Emergency Medical Services, West Hardy had 102 calls in December. Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority had 74, and Wardensville Rescue Squad had 35.

Moorefield Fire Department responded to 29 calls; Mathias-Baker had 14, and Capon Valley had eight.

Derek Alt, Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority director, reported their December expenses were \$123,873.02. Their revenue was \$116,018.17, including \$85,000 from the ambulance fee and \$30,613 from services.

He reported all vehicles and equipment are in service, and that all ambulances were inspected in December and are good for the next year.

Alt reported he anticipated a

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## Governor Justice Awards Grant to Lost River Trails Coalition

We are proud to announce that West Virginia Governor Justice has awarded the Hardy County Commission, as sponsor for the Lost River Trails Coalition (LRTC), a 2024 Transportation Alternatives Recreational Trails Program Grant (RTP)! The \$250,000 grant (\$200,000 federal funds and \$50,000 required match) will help fund construction of the second phase of the Jay Moglia Beginner & Intermediate Trail, the first purpose built, public mountain bike trail in Lost River State Park (LRSP) and in Hardy County, WV.

Since its 2019 inception, LRTC has made steady progress towards its goal of cre-

ating a universally designed and sustainably built mountain bike trail system in LRSP. These RTP grants allow LRTC to build upon the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) Trail Accelerator Grant (TAG) awarded in 2022. As part of the TAG grant, IMBA Trail Solutions representatives spent a week at LRSP evaluating the park and producing the 2023 LRSP Concept Plan identifying potential mountain bike trails to be completed over multiple phases. The first phase includes the three-mile Jay Moglia Beginner & Intermediate Trail which is designed to meet the needs of adaptive mountain bikes and become the gateway

for the future mountain bike trail system in the park. Construction for Phase 1 will begin in the near future. Phase 2 will add additional trails at various ability levels to continue the development of the trail system. The Lost River State Park trail system will be unique to the area and an outdoor recreation asset for the community and visitors alike.

The Coalition continues to work towards creating, maintaining, and supporting new and existing trails for use by its community and visitors in Hardy County. The work of the LRTC is accomplished by a motivated and growing group

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## AG Morrissey Announces Criminal Charges Against 2 Hopemont Hospital Nursing Staff Members in Connection with Patient Death Non-Verbal Patient Allegedly Left in Scalding Hot Bath

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey on Wednesday announced that his Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) has filed criminal charges against two Hopemont Hospital nursing staff

members in connection with the death of a non-verbal patient in January 2024.

The MFCU investigated the case and recommended the charges, which were approved by and will be prosecuted by Pres-

ton County Prosecuting Attorney Jay Shay and his team.

The MFCU charged Kylah Beard (certified nursing assistant), of Morgantown, and Delilah Clayburn-Hill (registered nurse), of Buckhannon, with

felony neglect of an incapacitated adult by a caregiver resulting in the incapacitated adult's death.

Hill and Beard are scheduled for an initial appearance in Preston County Magistrate Court at 2 p.m. on Jan. 29. The filing of

criminal charges is merely an allegation and all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

"This is a very disturbing case and there needs to be account-

ability for the horrific death of the victim, Mr. Larry Hedrick, who was supposed to be under the care of medical professionals," Attorney General Morrissey said. "Our MFCU investigators

## CANDIDATE FILING FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTION BEGINS

Candidate filing for the June 10, 2025, Town of Moorefield Municipal General Election begins on Monday, January 13, 2025, and will end Saturday, January 25, 2025. If mailing, must be postmarked by U.S. Postal Service no later than midnight January 25, 2025.

A Mayor and two councilmen will be elected to serve for a four-year term from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029.

All residents over the age of eighteen, living within the corporate limits of the Town of Moorefield, are registered and eligible to vote in the Town elections, are eligible to be candidates for office.

Forms on which to file may be obtained from the City Clerk at the Town Office at 206 Winchester Avenue, Moorefield, WV 26836. No filing fee is required.

## Grant County Bank Welcomes Josh Evans as Consumer Lender

Petersburg, W.Va. [January 8, 2025] — Grant County Bank is pleased to announce the hiring of Josh Evans as a Consumer Lender. Evans brings to the role more than nine years' experience in community banking.

Prior to joining Grant County

Bank, Evans, a Petersburg native and resident, served as Loan Officer and Centralized Loan Processor for Summit Community Bank in Moorefield, W.Va..

"We are thrilled to welcome Josh to our lending team," said

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## Department of Highways, Emergency Services Overcome Challenges During Extreme Cold and Snow Events

By Stephen Smoot

West Virginians are familiar enough with the effects of heavy snows, cold temperatures made more frigid by robust gusts of wind. They see the impacts in missed school days, lost time at work, and the headaches caused by dangerous roads.

What fewer see are the challenges faced and overcome by those whose job lies in keeping everyone else safe and secure, whether at home, at work, or on the roads.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation has a massive task covering more than 80,000 miles of roadways throughout the state. From the interstate and Appalachian Corridor network to tar and gravel roads winding through remote hollows and over ridges and mountains, snowplows must take on a variety of road condi-

tions over mostly difficult terrain.

In many areas, snow removal must continue well after the storm subsides because sustained winds drive heavy amounts of snow back onto the roadways.

"It's necessary to have a good plan; it's necessary to execute a good plan, and talk to each other," explained Jimmy Wriston P.E. who serves as West Virginia Secretary of Transportation.

He described the work of SRIC, snow removal and ice control, as "not a productivity activity. It's a deliberate activity that has to be done slowly, methodically, and safely." With many counties understaffed and drivers continually working, their safety remains paramount as "crews are continuing to work around the clock."

Approximately 1,000 snowplows can be at the State's dispos

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A West Virginia Department of Highways plow truck works on North River Road in Hardy County in Feb 2021. Photo courtesy of WV DOH

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By Stephen Smoot

“The flame consume my dwelling place  
And when I could no longer look  
I blest His name that gave and took”  
Anne Bradstreet

As the residents in the South Branch watershed hunker down in the bitter cold and snow, fellow citizens in Los Angeles and surrounding areas fear the continual raging of fires relentlessly consuming large districts in the city.  
Last year, this area faced the same grim potential scenario.  
From Cherry Grove to Ridgeley, from Capon Bridge to Mount Storm, and everywhere in between, residents of the Potomac Highlands in one stretch over the summer faced the same sustained, but abnormally high winds, more severe drought conditions, and much higher temperatures.  
On the first day, Pendleton County saw four fires start in widely separated areas in the space of an

hour. As the day wore on, fires sparked in all of the region’s counties, spreading quickly with the wind and tinder-dry conditions.  
Many of these fires started in areas almost completely inaccessible to conventional vehicles.  
Each county saw its volunteer and professional fire fighting and other first response units quickly spark into action. Volunteers left day jobs and families behind to aggressively attack the blazes before they could threaten life and property.  
Sheriffs’ deputies, State Troopers, ambulance and rescue crews all worked to back up the fire containment effort, joined eventually by National Guard and United States Forest Service personnel. County emergency management officials coordinated efforts with the State and each other. Telecommunicators with 911 remained at their posts to help in coordination while fielding calls for unrelated emergencies.  
The danger of losing control remained all too close.

# EDITORIAL

## Thank a Firefighter Today

Wearied crews stayed in the battle, going through several hour stretches without food and water. Hardy County responded to support the guardians and heroes protecting life and property. Citizens loaded pickup trucks and all-terrain vehicles with cases of water and food to take wherever needed.  
Fire fighting units go through an intricate dance when responding to major and developing wildfire events. On site commanders must keep track of all danger spots and resources, moving men and equipment where needed - then back again if a previously extinguished spot flares up. There is no set plan at this point, just the experience and good sense of those in charge of the scene, applying what they have learned and sometimes what gut instinct tells them.  
And, unlike major metropolitan areas shown on television, in this area, time has taken its toll. The average volunteer first responder has reached his or her middle age. Equipment has grown prohibitively expensive to replace so, barring grant assistance, maintenance of what each department has remains a priority.  
Seneca Rocks Volunteer Fire Department, for example, had an apparatus deployed in the wildfires that dates back to the Nixon Administration.  
Crews in some parts of Pendleton County also faced communications challenges posed by National Radio Quiet Zone restrictions.  
When it comes to protecting entire communities

from disaster, only deeds matter. That includes not only the efforts made to contain and kill the fire, but also prevention. Local Emergency Planning Committee meetings, regular trainings, the Firewise program to protect residential and commercial property, and much more go into not just fighting, but preventing and/or limiting wildfire blazes. Forest management programs also help to limit the amount of ready resources that fires crave to survive and thrive, cutting off what they need to fuel their appetite for destruction  
The system works so seamlessly most of the time that it’s easy for those outside of that world to understand all that goes into fire protection and response.  
With their backs against the wall, with no reserves of personnel left, but with dedication and purpose, last summer their collective doughty spirit manned the ramparts, took all the enemy could throw at them - and in the end, their skill, experience, dedication, and pure grit prevailed.  
None of this is meant to disparage those courageous firefighters and other first responders forced to retreat from the fires in Southern California. They lack water. They lack some of the vital equipment taken for granted in this area. They have seen residents not help them, but actually start new fires. They withstood steep budget cuts at the same time in which West Virginia worked to provide more aid to strapped local entities. Yet they face the same dangers, the same exhaustion, and have the same dedication to get the job done.  
All here, in light of the developing disaster in Los Angeles, should remain mindful of what it takes to defeat a major wildfire and what many in the community had to do to protect all else.  
And what it will take to continue these efforts going forward.

## My UNBASED OPINION Unbased Revisited

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN



Seventy years old. Retired, I think. I’m not sure what retired means, but I’m drawing Social Security. Still working here, there and wherever. I get paid for some of it, but most of it I don’t. Get about same amount of money from Social Security that I get from work.  
So, here I am in Golden Years. Worn out from busy work. Sunday morning and I’m tired. Looking for time to just sit and enjoy. Watch nature, listen to the creek, hear the wood fire crackle, snooze a little.  
But when I actually try those leisure pursuits, enjoyment fades fast. Guilt. So much to be done. So much to do that nobody else

is going to do, if I don’t. So much that may not need doing in the first place, but in my mind it’s essential.  
Time management, priorities, efficiency. Continuous fight to pack as much as possible into as little time as possible so that I’ll have more leisure. But then I find more things I should be doing to fill in that leisure time I’ve made. Things to clean and fix and repair. Wood to cut, gather and split, pot holes to fill garden to plow, plant, hoe and pick. Weeds to cut, pull and spray, fences to repair, small shop projects to complete. On and on and on.  
How do I train myself to slow up, maybe stop? Is there profes-

sional therapy for such? How do I shut down my drive to get things done?  
Maybe purpose of physical aches, pains and infirmities in later life is to make me slow down. Maybe their purpose is to remind me I’m losing abilities of youth. Maybe they’re suggesting I quit, get out of the way of younger folks who have fresh interpretations of necessities and different priorities in meeting them. Perhaps many things I insist upon doing now are no longer relevant to modern life’s demands.  
Am I becoming irrelevant? If I’m irrelevant to society, it means I’m not needed anymore. Irrelevance is scary.  
I’ve had visions of sitting on general store porches or around their potbellied stoves, part of a group of like souls, whiling away retirement comparing notes on lives mostly used up. Verbal Unbased Opinions, life stories and fun memories first hand. With store porches, potbellies and rocking chairs in short supply these days I’ve had to make do without.  
I got a digital voice recorder the other day to talk to about memories and collected knowledge, but the telling is strained. Recorders just sit dumb, no give and take, no questions and prompts. Without somebody expressing interest in my discourse, I soon wind

down and snooze.  
Maybe a solution. I’ve tried talking to things. Things I’ve collected over a lifetime. I talk to the things and the people connected with them.  
First test was a ball in a box. It rests atop a bookcase in Big House’s dining room. I whittle from a solid block of yellow poplar while a student in land surveying at Glenville State College over four years ago. By the time I finish describing my knife work, calloused and cut fingers, I had a whole heap of memories lined up behind it.  
I talked to my long deceased Grandmother to whom I’d give it for her birthday. I talked to absent

sister who had recognize my work and rescued it from out of trash where it was pitched while cleaning out Grandmother’s house.  
From ball in a box, I moved to my old favorite smoking resting atop same bookcase. I used somewhere around 1980 still remember the comforting and smell of a warm pipe and simple mechanical chores of cleaning, packing, lighting and content puffing.  
Somewhere in there I arrived back where this column began. Realization that I was wasting time talking to personal mementos to hard. The joy of reminiscing was lost in my quandary over needful chore which came next on my list.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,  
I believe that your December 25 editorial, “The Road to Fixing PEIA Goes Not Through Charleston, But Washington,” mischaracterizes the primary source of the Public Employees Insurance Agency’s (PEIA) financial struggles and unfairly suggests that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) has made healthcare inflation worse. While inflation has played a role in increasing the reimbursements that PEIA must pay to medi-

cal providers, the real issue lies in West Virginia’s decade of flat budgets, which have left the PEIA unable to cope with even the smallest of cost increases.  
Healthcare inflation has undoubtedly strained public insurance programs like PEIA, but the ACA has helped mitigate this problem rather than exacerbating it. As discussed by a report from the Brookings Institute, prior to the passage of the ACA in 2010, healthcare costs rose by an alarm-

ing 69% in just five years. Since then, growth in healthcare costs has slowed significantly, with increases of 27% from 2010-2015, 22% from 2015-2020, and just 11% from 2020-2023. These trends show that the ACA has successfully bent the healthcare cost curve downward, providing relief compared to the runaway inflation of the past. Calls to repeal the ACA, as the editorial suggests, disregard this progress and fail to propose a viable alternative. Without a clear replacement that builds on the ACA’s achievements, repeal would likely destabilize the system and worsen affordability issues.  
Even with healthcare inflation under better control, PEIA’s funding crisis is rooted in state-level budget decisions. A decade of flat funding, combined with reduced revenue from multiple tax cuts, has eroded PEIA’s ability to absorb costs, no matter how moderate. Unlike neighbor-

ing states, which have prioritized sustainable funding for public insurance programs, West Virginia has left PEIA underfunded. Public employees—including teachers, who are the lowest-paid in the nation—accepted lower salaries in exchange for the promise of low cost, quality health coverage. Breaking that promise because of inadequate state funding is not only unfair and unnecessary, it will only further exacerbate WV’s inability to attract an adequate number of teachers or to fill current state job vacancies.  
Fixing PEIA requires state leadership to address chronic underfunding, not shifting blame to Washington or the ACA. Real solutions must focus on fulfilling the state’s obligations to its public employees by finding a sustainable, long-term funding solution.  
Sincerely, John Rosato (Lost City)

Dear Editor  
I’m old, older than Donald John Trump. I have some questions I’d like to know before I pass, pass

out, pass gas, you know what I’m talkin’ about, man.  
Who’s Donald Trump’s daddy, Elon. Do we really not have to

vote anymore after this last election.  
(Two paragraphs omitted because they violate Moorefield Examiner content guidelines)  
You know what an outhouse is? A feller I know, a Republican member thinks if you voted for

“HE’S BACK” your crazier than an outhouse rat  
Ronald “Mutt” Godlove  
Baker  
P.S. All the nuts are not in the woods.

## 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](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).  
**Jan. 16, 1850:** Lawman Dan Cunningham was born in Jackson County. His remarkable career involved him in the Hatfield-McCoy Feud, the West Virginia

Mine Wars, and the destruction of moonshine stills.  
**Jan. 16, 1869:** Ephraim Franklin Morgan was born in Marion County. Morgan, a Republican, was governor during the tumultuous West Virginia Mine Wars.  
**Jan. 17, 1918:** The War Department hired a New York engineering firm to build the DuPont munitions plant in Nitro. Within 11 months, the powder plant and

a complete town with houses, a civic center and a hospital were completed.  
**Jan. 17, 1956:** Musician Blind Alfred Reed died. He was a street singer, fiddler and songwriter from Pipestem, Summers County, and is a member of the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame.  
**Jan. 18, 1842:** Wayne County was established from part of Cabell County. It was named for General “Mad Anthony” Wayne, a Revolutionary War hero who later defeated Ohio Indian tribes at the 1794 Battle of Fallen Timbers.  
**Jan. 19, 1818:** The Virginia General Assembly established Preston County from part of Monongalia County. The new county was named for James Patton Preston, then governor of Virginia.  
**Jan. 19, 1820:** Fairmont was established by the Virginia legislature on the farm of Boaz Fleming. The original name of Middletown was changed to Fairmont in 1843.  
**Jan. 19, 1844:** The Virginia

General Assembly established Taylor County from parts of Barbour, Harrison and Marion counties. The county was named in honor of U.S. Sen. John Taylor, a soldier-statesman from Caroline County, Virginia.  
**Jan. 19, 1848:** Wirt County was created by the General Assembly of Virginia from portions of Wood and Jackson counties. It was named for William Wirt, Virginia statesman and a presidential candidate in 1832.  
**Jan. 19, 1894:** Railroad worker John Hardy was hanged for killing a man in a drunken gambling dispute. The episode inspired the widely popular ballad “John Hardy.”  
**Jan. 20-21, 1824:** West Virginia’s most famous soldier, Thomas Jonathan Jackson, was born near midnight in Clarksburg. When Virginia left the Union in 1861, Jackson went with his native state. He commanded the strategically important post at Harpers Ferry until being appointed a brigadier general of infantry. In

the opening battle at Manassas on July 21, 1861, he won the name “Stonewall” for steadfastness at a critical point in the engagement.  
**Jan. 19-20, 1978:** An overnight snowstorm paralyzed Charleston. Unusual in that more snow fell in the capital city than in Randolph County, total snow depth in Charleston averaged 24 inches, the deepest on record for the city. January 1978 became the snowiest month for both Huntington and Charleston, and extended cold kept the snow cover on the ground into March, the longest known continuous snow cover for most towns in West Virginia.  
**Jan. 21, 1906:** The first passenger train ran from Elkins to Charleston following completion of the Coal & Coke Railway. The new railroad, a project of former senator Henry Gassaway Davis, provided a much-needed north-south route through the heart of West Virginia.  
**Jan. 22, 1927:** Confederate General John McCausland died. After the fall of the Confederacy,

McCausland fled the country. He returned in 1867 and spent the remainder of his life on his large farm in Mason County.  
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NEWS

Riley Moore Sworn In As Congressman, Shares His Priorities For Office

By Stephen Smoot

“It’s a really special moment when you’re standing there in the House Chamber. They ask you to take the oath of office and you look around. What an important job you’ve been asked to fill. It’s really tremendous, really inspiring. It makes you want to work even harder.”

Thus said Riley Moore, former member of the House of Delegates, until last week the Treasurer of West Virginia, now a sworn in member of the United States House of Representatives - part of the greatest deliberative body on the planet.

Moore is the third generation of his family committed to elective public service. His grandfather was the legendary Governor Arch Moore, his aunt the respected United States Senator Shelley Moore Capito.

And now he assumes the same office that both of those in his family who came before him

served in before reaching their final roles in public service.

Moore’s initial priorities in office show him starting out as a sort of demolition man - working with others to break down policies of President Joe Biden’s administration that harm West Virginia specifically and much of the United States as a whole.

He first wishes to work on a reconciliation package that will remove certain federal priorities and policies implemented over the past four years. “What I want to see,” Moore explained, “is tax credits taken away from green energy and given to coal and natural gas - fields that are actually producing energy.”

Moore added that “I’m certainly focused on dismantling the Inflation Reduction Act.” The Heritage Foundation, a non profit policy research center in Washington DC, predicted in June of 2023 that the IRA would “likely increase the deficit and increase inflationary pressure,



Congressman Riley Moore with Vice President Elect J. D. Vance. Moore plans to work closely with the incoming administration on state and national priorities. Photo courtesy of Moore4WV

especially in the near term.” It added at the time that the law created an advantage for “green companies” that permitted “them to skirt the law’s new minimum tax.”

The Act’s reach extends past

economics and taxes. In July of last year, Capito voiced concerns that the IRA provided \$100 million to a radical left wing group called the NDN Collective. The Senator said

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WEST VIRGINIA 2024 ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION, GRAIN AND HAY STOCKS

Charleston, West Virginia – All hay area harvested in 2024 totaled 607,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from 2023. The average yield in 2024 was 1.52 tons per acre, down 0.20 ton per acre from 2023.

Production totaled 920,000 tons, down 131,000 tons from 2023. December On Farm Hay Stocks were 680,000 tons, down 100,000 tons from 2023.

Alfalfa hay area harvested totaled 7,000 acres in 2024, down 3,000 acres from 2023. Yields in 2024 averaged 2.80 tons per acre, down 0.30 ton per acre from

2023. Production totaled 20,000 tons, down 11,000 tons from 2023. New seedings of alfalfa in 2024 are estimated at 1,000 acres, unchanged from 2023.

All other hay area harvested totaled 600,000 acres in 2024, unchanged from 2023. Yields averaged 1.50 tons per acre, down 0.20 ton per acre from 2023. Production totaled 900,000 tons, down 120,000 tons from 2023.

Corn area planted for all purposes in 2024 totaled 41,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from 2023. Harvested area for grain totaled 26,000 acres, down

4,000 acres from 2023. The average yield of 110.0 bushels per acre was down 35 bushels per acre from 2023. Production was 2,860,000 bushels, down 1,490,000 bushels from 2023.

Corn for silage area harvested was 9,000 acres in 2024, unchanged from 2023. Yields averaged 12.0 tons per acre, down 5.0 tons per acre from 2023. Silage production was estimated at 108,000 tons, down 45,000 tons from 2023.

Maple syrup number of taps in 2024 was 70,000, up from 69,000 taps in 2023. Yield per

tap was 0.171 gallon, up from 0.159 gallon in 2023. Production totaled 12,000 gallons in 2024, up from 11,000 gallons in 2023. Comparison data for 2023 were released by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture in cooperation with NASS.

The total area planted to principal crops in West Virginia totaled 648,000 acres in 2024, down 6,000 acres from 2023. Area harvested totaled 642,000 acres, down 7,000 acres from 2023. Principal crops include acres planted to corn and acres harvested for all hay.

Capito to Serve as Chairman of Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) today issued the following statement after the Senate adopted a resolution formally naming her Chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) for the 119th Congress.

“It is an honor to serve as Chairman of the EPW Committee, and I am deeply humbled by the trust my colleagues have placed in me to lead the Committee. EPW was among my first committee assignments

when I was sworn into the U.S. Senate in 2015, and serving as Ranking Member for the past four years has provided me great experience with the issues within our jurisdiction and how to achieve bipartisan solutions. I am dedicated to getting things done and delivering for the American people.

“The EPW Committee also welcomes a new Ranking Member in Senator Sheldon Whitehouse this Congress, and several new members including Senators John Curtis and Jerry

Moran on the Republican side, and Senators Adam Schiff, Lisa Blunt Rochester, and Angela Alsobrooks on the Democrat side. I look forward to working with Ranking Member Whitehouse and all of the Committee members to continue our bipartisan tradition of reaching common-sense solutions.

“As the Chairman of the EPW Committee, I am committed to advancing policies that unlock all forms of American energy, and improve the permitting process of infrastructure proj-

ects of all types while protecting our environment and the health of our constituents. I will work with our members to pass a long-term surface transportation reauthorization bill that improves our nation’s roads and bridges, as well as water resource development legislation that invests in our communities and the infrastructure that protects them. I will prioritize legislation that provides the resources our communities need to upgrade drinking water infrastructure and address legacy

PFAS contamination. Importantly, I am also committed to working with President Trump and his administration to swiftly confirm high quality nominees and deliver on our shared goals.

“I am confident in the EPW Committee’s ability to work together in the upcoming Congress, continuing to be one of the most productive committees in the U.S. Senate. Let’s get to work.”

EPW Committee members in the 119th Congress include

Ranking Member Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.), Senators Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.), Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.), John Curtis (R-Utah), Ed Markey (D-Mass.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Mark Kelly (D-Ariz.), Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), Alex Padilla (D-Calif.), Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.), Adam Schiff (D-Calif.), Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-Del.), John Boozman (R-Ark.), Angela Alsobrooks (D-Md.), and Jerry Moran (R-Kan.).

Crites Named to Committee on Aging Post

Michael L. Crites, a well-known Moorefield Community activist, has been named Executive Director of the Hardy County Committee on Aging. He follows Phyllis Helmick, who is retiring after 50 years as Executive Director.

Mike has served on numerous commissions and committees, as well as being a member of the local business community. He was owner and manager of House of Flowers and is currently manager

of Rebecca’s House of Flowers. He has been a real estate agent since 2005, currently working with Old Dominion Realty.

Mike is a graduate of Moorefield High School, Potomac State College and West Virginia University. He is a life time member of the Hardy County Historical Society. In 2013, Mike was nominated by the Society and he received a History Hero Award from the WV Department of Cul-

ture and History. Currently, he serves as Chairman of the Moorefield Historic Landmark Commission and President of the Hardy County Public Library Board of Directors.

He is past member of the Hardy County Tour and Craft Association, past member and President of the Moorefield Jaycees and Friends of the Hardy County Public Library. Mike served as chairman and guided the major

renovation of the Hardy County Public Library. That project was completed at a cost in excess of one million dollars.

Mike is a member of the Oak Grove United Methodist Church in Fisher, where he has held numerous offices and currently assists with the church’s food give away program.

His historical interest and research of the town was utilized in 2015 when he facilitated the pro-

duction of the WVPBS Road Trip to History documentary of the Town of Moorefield.

Mike stated he is “looking forward to working with the Committee on Aging staff to create a strong partnership between the HCCOA and the community to better serve the senior population.” He stated his priority will be reaching out to seniors and the public to create an expansion of services and programs.



AT THE LIBRARY

**At the Library**  
**January 15, 2025**

Please mark you calenders for February 1, 2025! A special presentation to the Library by the George Hott family. A compilation of his athletic years as well as his contributions to Moorefield High School. Come reminisce and visit. 10:00 am on February 1. Light refreshments will be served.

Events: Crochet, Thursday’s at 1:00 pm Story Time – Wednesdays at 10:00, every 1st Saturday at 10:00

REMINDER: We are currently collecting recipes from our local folks for the publication of a Hardy County Public Library Cookbook! Please put together your favorite tried and true recipes to share with others and drop them off at the front desk.

Memorials: Gift to the memorial fund in memory of Bernard Bean. Given by the Golden Girls (Annabelle, Cookie, Pattie, Phyllis and Phyllis) New fiction: An eye for an eye by Jeffrey Archer

In one of the most luxurious cities on earth, a billion-dollar

deal is about to go badly wrong. A lavish night out is about to end in murder. And the British government is about to be plunged into crisis. In the heart of the British establishment, Lord Hartley, the latest in a line of peers going back over two hundred years, lies dying. But his will triggers an inheritance with explosive consequence. Two deaths. Continents apart. No obvious connection. So why are they both at the centre of a master criminal’s plot for revenge? And can Scotland Yard’s elite squad uncover the truth before it’s too late? I’ll be waiting : a novel by Kelley Armstrong

Nicola Laughton never expected to see adulthood, being diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis as a child. Then medical advances let her live into her thirties and she met Anton, who taught her to dream of a future...together. Months after they married, Anton died in a horrible car crash, but lived long enough to utter five words to her, “I’ll be waiting for you.” That final private moment became public when someone from the crash scene took it to the press-the terminally ill

woman holding her dying husband as he promised to wait for her on the other side. Worse, that person claimed it wasn’t Anton who said the words but his ghost, hovering over his body. Since their story went public, Nicola has been hounded by spiritualists promising closure. In the hopes of stopping her downward spiral, friends and family find a reputable medium-a professor of parapsychology. For the seance, they rent the Lake Erie beach house that Anton’s family once owned. The medium barely has time to begin his work before things start happening. Locked doors mysteriously open. Clouds of insects engulf the house. Nicola hears footsteps and voices and the creak of an old dumbwaiter...in an empty shaft. Throughout it all she’s haunted by nightmares of her past. Because, unbeknownst to the others, this isn’t her first time contacting the dead. And Nicola isn’t her real name. That’s when she finds the first body.

Robert B. Parker’s Hot property by Mike Lupica

Spenser is waiting out the lat-

est Boston snowstorm when he gets word that Rita Fiore has been shot. Rita’s always been a tricky one: flirting with Spenser for years, she’s an ever-present figure that transcends friendship in Spenser’s circle. But at the end of the day, Rita is family. And family will always be protected. Both a pit bull in the courtroom and provocateur outside it, Rita is no stranger to controversy. But as one of the city’s toughest lawyers, Spenser knows that there’s no short list of suspects who might want to enact revenge. With Rita’s life hanging in the balance, it’s up to him to get to the bottom of things, even if it means unearthing some unsavory secrets that might just lead him into an age-old game of lies and deceit.

The heart’s bidding by Kelly Irvin

Amish auctioneer Toby Miller and special education teacher Rachelle Lapp love their jobs so much, they’re in danger of missing out on marriage and children of their own---until circumstances force them to face uncertain futures.

New Non-fiction

Sweet tooth : 100 desserts to save room for by Sarah Fennel

In her first cookbook, Fennel offers 100 recipes for easy bakes that are suited to beginners and pros alike, with tips and key intel, including a baker’s pantry, a whole section devoted to never overbaking again, storage strategies, and pan prep.

Facing suicide : understanding why people kill themselves and how we can stop them by James Barrat

Profiling suicide survivors, their families, and experts in the field, Barrat assembles a fuller portrait of suicide, examining such risk factors as genetics, means, mental health, and history. He specifically looks at the long-term affects of racial trauma, bullying, financial stress, and even reveals that the suicidal brain has a characteristic signature.

American scary : a history of horror, from Salem to Stephen King and beyond by Jeremy Dauber

Dauber takes readers to the startling origins of the horror genre in the United States, from

the lingering influence of the European Gothic to the enslaved insurrection tales and the apocryphal chronicles of colonial settlers kidnapped by Native Americans.

Countdown 1960: The Behind-the-Scenes Story of the 312 Days That Changed America’s Politics Forever by Chris Wallace

It’s January 2, 1960: the day that Massachusetts Senator John F. Kennedy declared his candidacy; and with this opening scene, Chris Wallace offers listeners a front-row seat to history. From the challenge of primary battles in a nation that had never elected a Catholic president, to the intense machinations of the national conventions—where JFK chose Lyndon B. Johnson as his running mate over the impassioned objections of his brother Bobby—this is a nonfiction political thriller filled with intrigue, cinematic action, and fresh reporting. Like with many popular histories, listeners will be familiar with the story, but few will know the behind-the-scenes details, told here with gripping effect.

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Thank you for helping get this great non-profit off to a great start for the New Year!	

Keep Your Letter Carrier Safe by Clearing Paths of Snow and Ice

USPS is reminding customers of the importance of keeping walkways, sidewalks, and areas around mailboxes clear from snow and ice so letter carriers can provide safe and timely mail delivery.

Snow and patches of ice in front of mailboxes can make it difficult for letter carriers to safely deliver the mail. Residents maintaining a clear path to the mailbox—including steps, porches, walkways, and street approach—will help letter carriers maintain consistent delivery service.

Customers receiving curbside delivery should also ensure clear access to their mailboxes for letter carriers who deliver from the street.

Postal employees make every reasonable effort to deliver mail in many difficult weather conditions. With your help, we can keep our letter carriers, your neighbors, and your property safe. Thank you for protecting our letter carriers as we continue to bring packages and correspondence to your door each day.

FREE Public Service Announcement

The Region 8 Planning and Development Council will not meet during the month of January 2025.	Region 8 Planning and Development Council 131 Providence Lane Petersburg, WV 26847 Phone: 304-257-1221 ext. 9241 Fax: 304-257-4958
Carla Dent	



# Criminal Charges

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and our office will assist Prosecutor Shay and his team in any way we can to make sure justice is served.”

The MFCU’s investigation into the Jan. 4, 2024, incident determined Beard helped the 61-year-old Hedrick into a tub to give him a bath, but she unreasonably failed to check the water temperature gauge, allegedly leaving Hedrick, who required round-the-clock care, submerged in the 134-degree water for 47 minutes.

That lengthy exposure to the scalding hot water caused second- and third-degree burns and blisters on the man’s feet and legs.

Hill was informed about the burns and blisters, but investigators identified multiple failures in her care such as allegedly failing to implement appropriate treatment and therapy for his injuries “including but not limited to the use of pain medication.”

Hedrick was later taken to West Penn Hospital Nursing-Burn Trauma Unit. He succumbed to his injuries Jan. 12, 2024.

MFCU’s investigation focused on the alleged actions taken by those individuals who provided “hands-on” care to Hedrick on Jan. 4, 2024. The MFCU is continuing to investigate the alleged actions of other individuals who did not provide “hands-on” care to Hedrick on that date, but whose actions also may have allegedly violated the state’s criminal statutes. If so, the MFCU will report those findings to the Preston County Prosecuting Attorney for his review and consideration.

# Snow Events

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al for road clearing efforts.

Wriston praised the skill and work ethic of snowplow drivers, sharing that “driving a truck over the road, or driving a truck that uses asphalt or gravel in good weather, is a hard job. It’s a tough thing to do for a living.”

He went on to state “then you stick a snowplow on the dump trucks, 12 feet out in front of you, and you put yourself out there on the West Virginia roads in inclement weather and it’s a different animal.”

Technology has also helped to improve response and capabilities in snow removal. Wriston described how “a few years ago we switched to data-driven decision making and that tells us exactly what we should be doing.”

Part of that includes resource planning. The Department of Highways acquired 231,000 tons of salt for use all over the state, relying on figures showing average amounts used each year over the past 10 years.

“I’m glad that I have the opportunity to get out there and show these guys that do it – and have worked all night as hard as they can work – that we support them, we care about them, and that they are doing a great job.” Wriston said.

Emergency services first responders also face challenges and even dangers when responding to calls.

Fortunately, DoH lends a hand here as well, helping to clear pathways to residences or other sites. Many times when a plow truck must leave its assignment, it is helping first responders get to an emergency situation.

Just like any other vocation that requires outside work, emergency response in challenging conditions imposes more work, burdens, and dangers than on normal days.

A major task for first responders, especially in volunteer services, lies in keeping vehicles and vital equipment in a constant state of readiness. This requires extensive and repeated troubleshooting. Sometimes, despite even the most diligent maintenance, breakdowns occur. Ambulances might experience engine or other problems that render them undrivable. Interior heating can break down.

Personnel must remain prepared for the worst to prevent their own situation from requiring an emergency response.

Civilians can help emergency responders by having legible and recognizable physical addressing, early snow removal, clearing paths, clearing areas around the fire hydrants, and having outdoor lighting for crews coming in.

# Riley Moore

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at the time that their activities “include calls to defund the U.S. police and military. NDN Collective also expresses alignment with the slogan, ‘From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free,’ which refers to the elimination of Israel,” a prime goal of anti Semites.

Moore called eliminating the IRA “a critical focus for me” and “important for all of the people in West Virginia.”

He shared also that he has been “speaking with President Trump’s team to see how I can be helpful.” One issue that he has pledged to support the incoming president on is a robust tariff policy.

Moore explained that both he and Trump believe in free trade and agree that free trade must also be fair. Other countries have “closed their markets to our products,” Moore stated, but continue to sell their wares in the U. S. market without consequence for discrimination

against American-made goods.

Red China remains America’s most significant international competitor, but policies such as using slave and school age child labor to manufacture goods give them significant advantages when trading with “the free world.” Moore urges that the United States rescind their permanent status as a “most favored nation” trading partner with the United States.

In 1998, the United States General Accounting Office published testimony by JayEtta Z. Hecker, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division concerning attempts by President Bill Clinton to secure Red China a place in the World Trade Organization. This would also link the United States and that country through most favored nation trading status.

Hecker’s statement included “it will be important to evaluate China’s accession package, and the advantages and disadvantag-

es of providing China permanent MFN. This would include determining if the accession package has met the administration’s objective of producing a ‘commercially meaningful’ agreement.”

In 2021, the Council For Foreign Relations reported that the Clinton Administration had believed that including Red China in the WTO and conferring most favored nation would spur reforms in that country, forcing a more open economy and society.

Instead, the CFR shared that “China has incurred criticism for carrying out certain market-distorting practices, and has been accused of cheating the system in various ways. Sometimes it violated the letter of the law, sometimes the spirit.”

It also said that once allowed into the WTO, “China wrote its own script.”

Additionally, against the spirit and letter of most favored nation, the CFR explained that “China promotes its exports while removing largely closed to foreign goods, making it more difficult for companies to do business in China.”

At the same time, the Red Chinese economy expanded tre-

mendously. The CFR states that “China’s economy is 11 times larger (in 2021) than it was in 2001.”

Moore’s solution to hold China accountable lies in removing the permanent most favored nation status in favor of one that requires reauthorization yearly to hold that country accountable for its trade malpractices.

Another priority lies in “fighting back against woke social movements,” particularly the drive to include transgender male to female individuals from participating in girls’ and women’s sports due to the inherent danger and the disadvantages faced by women competing against biological men.

Moore shared that he will work to “get us back to a sense of decency and normalcy in this country.”

He also shared his personal impressions that he has collected as he has made the transition from the Statehouse to the United States Capitol. Moore remarked on “how friendly people are on our side of the aisle” and noted that Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene, the Republican representing Georgia’s

14th Congressional District, has helped considerably.

A Congressman’s work does not end in DC, however. Offices in the district help constituents and others living in the district with any issues that they might have with the federal government. That includes veteran needs from the Veterans’ Administration, issues with social security, and other problems.

“We’re going to be laser-focused on constituent service,” Moore said, encouraging those in his district to “reach out if you need anything.”

Moore has assumed the seat vacated by Alex Mooney when he ran for United States Senate after 10 years in office. He said of the former Congressman elected in 2014 that “Alex represented us very well” and was “very conservative” with a “stellar voting record.” Moore said “I thank him for his service and his support.”

With a career path that started with welding and working with a coal operation through foreign affairs and elected office, Moore brings broad experience along with a family tradition of public service into his new role.

# DAR Marian Anderson Legacy Scholarship Accepting Applications, Apply by Jan. 31

WASHINGTON – Undergraduate and graduate students studying music can apply for the DAR Marian Anderson Legacy Scholarship through January 31, 2025. Sponsored by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the scholarship provides a one-time \$5,000 award to one student annually who is pursuing undergraduate or graduate study in music.

Marian Anderson (1897-1993) was a groundbreaking African American contralto and an inspiration for civil rights. “This scholarship pays tribute to Marian Anderson’s life, and the Daughters of the American

Revolution seeks to honor her legacy through today’s aspiring musicians. Her legacy lives on in others who aim for excellence in musical studies, are committed to their communities, and willing to stand up for what is right,” said Pamela Wright, DAR President General.

Applicants should be accepted or currently enrolled in an accredited university or college in the United States and have a concentration in music in their course of study. Music performance, composition, theory, or education are all areas that students may be specialized in to qualify for the scholarship. They should have a minimum grade

point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent GPA on the scale used by the institution.

Applications require references sent through the application system, so students need to request their references ahead of the Jan. 31st application deadline.

In honor of Ms. Anderson’s commitment to the community throughout her life and her willingness to share her incredible talent with the world, applicants are asked to write a personal statement describing their humanitarian or volunteer contributions on behalf of their community and/or country.

To recognize the city Marian Anderson called home, preference will be given to students from the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania metropolitan area, even if they are not pursuing music studies in the Philadelphia area.

This scholarship is not automatically renewed. However, recipients may reapply for consideration each year for up to four consecutive years.

The scholarship is supported by the Daughters of the American Revolution’s Marian Anderson Legacy Fund. Learn more about the relationship between Marian Anderson and the DAR, and the organization’s on-going efforts to honor her memory at

www.dar.org/MarianAnderson

About the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)

One of the largest patriotic women’s service organizations in the world, DAR has 190,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters across the country and several foreign countries. DAR members promote historic preservation, education and patriotism via commemorative events, scholarships and educational initiatives, citizenship programs, service to veterans, meaningful community service and more. For additional information about DAR and its relevant mission, visit www.dar.org.



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## Josh Evans

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George Ford, President & CEO of Grant County Bank. “His familiarity with our region and its people will be a tremendous asset in helping us in our mission to provide financial services and products to families, small businesses and the local agricultural community.”

Evans holds a Bachelor’s degree in Business Management from Potomac State College of West Virginia University. He also completed the West Virginia Bankers Association’s Emerging Leaders Program and the West Virginia School of Banking.

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Barbara Ann Vetter

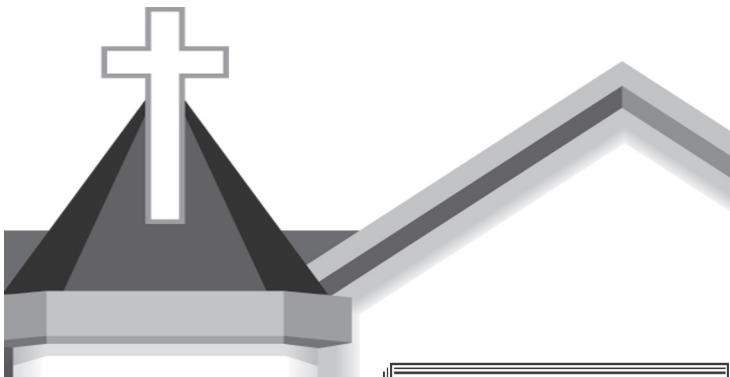


Barbara Ann Vetter, age 79 of Moorefield, WV, passed away Thursday morning, January 9, 2025, at the Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg, WV. Born on April 14, 1945, in Brockton,

MA, Barbara was a cherished daughter of the late James Eugene Johnson and Gloria Anita Scaldini Johnson. She also had a sister, Kathleen Melker, who preceded her in death. Barbara spent an admirable 15 years working as a lady mail carrier, bringing smiles to many faces in the community. In her leisure time, she indulged in her favorite hobbies—sewing, solving crossword puzzles, and challenging friends to a game of Scrabble. And for those who knew her well, she undoubtedly enjoyed the thrill of a video poker machine now and then! Surviving is her loving hus-

band, Harry H. “Skeet” Vetter, III; brothers, Alan (Linda) Ward of Georgetown, TX and Michael (Linda) Ward of Tyler, TX; sisters, Rebecca (Carson) Pearce of Harker Heights, TX and Patricia (Fred) Osborne of Temple, TX along with countless friends who considered her family. To honor Barbara’s incredible life, a Celebration of Life will take place at 7:00 PM on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel located at 107 Washington Street. Pastor Chris Whetzel will officiate the ceremony, and we warmly invite you to join us for an evening filled with memories and laugh-

ter as we celebrate the vibrant life of this remarkable woman. Friends and family will be welcomed starting at 6:00 PM until the time of the service. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice in Barbara’s name, as she always believed in lending a helping hand to those in need. To share your love, condolences, and cherished memories, please visit Barbara’s Tribute Wall at [www.fraleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.fraleyfuneralhome.com). Let us come together to celebrate Barbara Ann Vetter—a woman who truly touched the lives of everyone she met.



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Bennie Nolan Shaver



Bennie Nolan Shaver, 87, of South Fork and Moorefield, WV passed away suddenly Saturday January 11, at Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg, WV. Born September 27, 1937, at Fort Seybert, WV, was a son of the late Rev. Alferd Jesse Shaver and Wilma Virginia Eye Shaver Zirk. In addition to his parents,

he was preceded in death by his brother, Rev. B. Eugene Shaver; a sister, Mary Florence Dettra, her husband John Dettra and sister Martha Lyne Clarke and her husband Presley Clarke. Bennie was the last member of his immediate family. A proud graduate of Franklin High School in 1956, Bennie served his country with distinction as a Military Police Officer in the U. S. Army. His commitment to service continued throughout a respected 38-year career in law enforcement, where he dedicated himself to the protection and well-being of his community. Bennie was a proud retired Police Officer, whose integrity and dedication were only matched by his warm and welcoming spirit. He was a devoted member of Mount

Carmel Church of the Brethren at Milam. Bennie was a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather and left to cherish in his memory are his wife JoAnn Grace Kuykendall Shaver, his son Darrell Jesse Shaver, his daughter-in-law Miranda Gillespie and his beloved granddaughter Patricia Dove Shaver. Bennie is also survived by many extended family members including sisters-in-laws, Faye Shaver and Mary Lou Johnson and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins. A funeral service to honor Bennie’s extraordinary life will take place on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 11:00 AM, at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel located at 107 Washington Street. The service will be officiated by Pas-

tor Russell Webster and will include Military Rites by the U.S. Army to honor Bennie’s service. Friends and family are invited to gather and share their memories of Bennie from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. Memorials in Bennie’s honor may be directed to the Hardy County Public Library, 100 N Main St, Moorefield, WV 26836. To celebrate and honor Bennie’s remarkable journey, friends and loved ones are encouraged to visit his Tribute Wall at [www.fraleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.fraleyfuneralhome.com), where memories, photos, and reflections can be shared. Let us come together to honor a life filled with service, dedication, and unconditional love.

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\$420,000 shortfall over the next year, and that he has a plan. Commissioners opted to learn more at their next meeting. Alt requested, and the Commissioners approved the regular \$75,000 for the month. Of that, \$10,000 goes to West Hardy. The Commission also moved to automatically disperse the \$75,000 to HCEAA monthly, without a request each time. In a follow-up to a question Schetrom asked in December, Alt said that a county-wide EMS subcommittee was scheduled to meet Jan. 10. Schetrom read from a document regarding the subcommittee, which stated their three primary goals are to enhance response times, improve community EMS awareness, and improve interagency collaboration. Bill Ours, Hardy County Health Department director, reported the new building is ready. He said they got internet and furniture the first week in January, and that they plan to close on Jan. 17, and reopen Monday, Jan. 21 in the new building. He plans a small ceremony at that time, with a bigger event and an open house in the spring. Ours, who also serves on the Committee on Aging board of directors, informed the Commission the Committee has a new executive director. Sheriff Steven Dawson reported that December 2024 was a good month for the drug task force, and listed several arrests as well as sentences passed down in court. He said his office is running under budget, and thanked the Commis-

sion for allowing him additional deputies, as they have been busy. TaYare Meade, the Teen Court Coordinator, and Serena Redman, from Potomac Highlands Guild, provided an update on teen court in Hardy County. Meade said an order to establish the court was signed by a circuit court judge, but not filed. In the interim, several things occurred that actually made that a good thing, as now wording within the document needs to change. Once a new order is signed and filed, thus creating a teen court in Hardy County, the program belongs to the County Commission. Teen Court already exists in Grant County, which has one of the better programs in the state. It’s a diversion program, and aims to help certain types of youthful offenders accept responsibility for their mistakes, while also teaching students about the judicial process. Meade told the Commissioners they needed to assign a fiscal agent to handle the program’s money. Part of the order establishing the program adds \$5 onto court fees. That money is used to fund teen court. The Commissioners approved assigning the fiscal agent position to the County Clerk. They also debated officially naming Meade to be the County Teen Court Coordinator, but ultimately tabled the discussion until their next meeting. Next the Commission voted to adopt a resolution opposing PEIA increasing their rates, and encouraging the Legislature to find other ways to make up funding. “The increases have been 15,

14, and 16 percent, so about a 45 percent increase over the last three years in premiums,” Commissioner David Workman explained. He said the local government portion is locked in, but the State portion, “is...the one that’s at risk.” “They’re passing on these costs to (employees), and they should be looking at more fiscally responsible ways to manage this at state levels,” Workman said. The WV Public Employees Insurance Agency covers most state employees, including those in government and public education, and retirees from those agencies. A number of other topics crossed the Commissioners’ desks relatively quickly. Schetrom said the per diem rates affecting the jail bill may rise, making the Day Report Center (DRC) one of the more important ways to mitigate that cost. “I think it is very important for us to participate in the Day Report Center,” Schetrom said. The Commission ultimately tabled further discussion and decisions regarding safety on the South Branch River, particularly a stretch just north of Circle C. The County Clerk was tasked to look into whether moving bank accounts is feasible, or desired by other elected department heads. Schetrom said he specifically raised the topic in open meeting so the public would know it’s on the table for consideration. Similarly, Schetrom said the Commission is considering a key fob system to allow easier access for employees to the court house. Security and key accountability became an issue when Humbert-

son began inventorying keys, and discovered many are unaccounted for. The issue was tabled in order to seek feedback from other elected officials. County Coordinator Wendy Branson told the Commission that December was very busy for the dog pound. Jim Shupe picked up seven strays, and an additional four dogs were owner-surrendered. Five dogs were placed for adoption. Branson said Shupe has had to turn down other surrenders, because there is no space. She said there is still only bid for the pound improvement project. She requested the Commission adopt two resolutions, one naming Humbertson the fiscal agent for federal funding, and one to apply for indoor energy efficiency grants. They adopted both resolutions. Branson said she’s working on a new version of the Employee Handbook, and will schedule meetings with elected officials for their input. She provided an update on how new elected officials were settling. Allegedly, the Hardy County Prosecutor’s physical office was left in disarray and needed cleaning, and all that office’s computers were reset to factory settings. The latter created a disruption that affected the Circuit Clerk’s office. Circuit Clerk Kelly Shockey said her office had to make copies of many documents pertaining to court dates starting this month. She said they stayed functional, but the Prosecutor couldn’t access anything, and it created extra work. Most of the deleted material on the computers was recovered. With assistance from Macie

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Fultz and Amelia Gagnon, the office was functional within a few days. Branson said that all Prosecuting Attorney office employees except one part-time employee had resigned. She said the judicial offices and new magistrate reported no issues. The last two topics of the meeting were board appointments and meeting dates. The Commissioners will all keep the same board appointments. The Hardy County Commission will hold two meetings each month for at least six months, “to see if it’s productive and accomplishes what’s intended,” Schetrom said. They intend to provide easier access to their meetings and procedures, and make it easier to engage with them at meetings. Many who work are unable to attend meetings at 9 a.m. on

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first Tuesdays. They’re adding a second meeting, 5 p.m. on third Tuesdays. The meetings will be in the Commission Chambers, in the courthouse. The next meeting is Jan. 21 at 5 p.m., and the public is encouraged to attend.

Lost River Trails Coalition

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of volunteers. In the last year, over 2,000 hours have been clocked in by LRTC volunteers to organize trail workdays for the repair and maintenance of trails within LRSP (including additional efforts to repair trails following the March 2024 wildfires). In addition, volunteers have worked to support “The Cryptids”, Hardy County’s first National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA)/West Virginia Interscholastic Cycling League bike team founded by LRTC in 2023. Revenue is generated by LRTC events, the an-

nual Lost River Trail Run in LRSP and LRTC’s annual Lost River Classic Gravel Race, and from its donors and sponsors to benefit the Hardy County youth mountain bike team and trail development and maintenance throughout Hardy County. This grant was made possible through the support and partnership of the Lost River Trails Coalition, Lost River State Park, Visit Hardy (Hardy County Convention and Visitors Bureau), the Hardy County Commission, Jonathan D + Mark C. Lewis Foundation. International Mountain Bicycling

Association, and the Smith Outdoor Economic Development Collaborative. The programs of LRTC have also been funded in part by donations and grants from the community, the Hardy County Commission, Visit Hardy, Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area, and the Jonathan D + Mark C. Lewis Foundation. To learn more about Lost River Trails Coalition, become a volunteer, or make a tax deductible donation, please visit: <https://lostrivertrailscoalition.org/>.



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Petersburg's Addison Kitzmiller blocked a shot attempt by Moorefield's Sadie Crites, but there was contact in the paint.

# Petersburg eradicates Yellow Jackets from Hive

By Carl Holcomb  
Moorefield Examiner

The Vikings bug spray was in full force with pressure defense eradicating the Yellow Jackets from the Hive with a 41-24 victory last Friday in Moorefield.

Due to the holiday break and snowstorms, Moorefield's execution was frigid without playing since beating Petersburg in the holiday championship before Christmas.

Petersburg's Quenlynn Cole scored a game-high 13 points and Miley Tingler contributed nine markers.

Moorefield was paced by Korbin Keplinger with 11 points and CiCi Kump added five points.

"I thought we did a really good job extending our full court pressure. We were able to give them a few more looks than we had in the past playing Moorefield. Our girls did a good job defensively and not getting any fouls. Our goal was to make them uncomfortable and I thought we did a good job of that tonight. Every basket felt like it was hard earned, I felt we struggled in the second quarter to get much going offensively and that was because of the changes in Moorefield's defense. Credit to Coach Wratford for making the change there on defense. We weren't prepared for it and it took us a while to settle down and execute like we wanted. Anytime we can get in the gym is great. It is good to be back and get started with a win," Petersburg coach Jon Webster commented.

The first two and a half minutes had a combined six missed field goals and a couple turnovers in both directions before the Vikings got on the scoreboard first with one free throw made by Mily Tingler at 5:23.

Moorefield's Korbin Keplinger had her shot attempt roll off the top of the backboard into the net, but the shot didn't count on the ensuing possession.

The Vikings increased the lead to 4-nil with a perimeter bucket by Quenlynn Cole at 4:55.

After a Moorefield turnover, the Vikings hit the rim and Kerigan Bergdall grabbed the carom

for the Yellow Jackets.

Cole swiped the ball back and was fouled heading to the hoop and added one foul shot at 3:46.

Keplinger garnered a layup on the next series for the Yellow Jackets to end the drought at 3:31.

Bergdall blocked a shot with contact putting Tingler on the line, who made both charity stripe buckets for a 7-2 lead.

Petersburg's Ella Markwell knocked the ball loose for a turnover collected by Tingler.

Ayden Mayfield corralled a rebound and located Shyane Tawney for a 3-pointner to put the Vikings up 10-2 with 2:32 left in the first period.

Moorefield missed five field goals and the Vikings hit the rim twice in the remaining time.

The Yellow Jackets commenced the second period with a jumper by Keplinger at 7:33, 10-4.

Petersburg answered on the following possession with a jumper by Mayfield.

Moorefield's Sydney Rumer dishd to Keplinger for a shot in the paint to cut the deficit in half 12-6 at 6:50.

Keplinger snatched a defensive board, then Sadie Crites drew a foul and made both free throws for the Yellow Jackets at 5:50, 12-8.

The Vikings lost the ball out of play, then applied pressure and a foul before Tingler hauled in a defensive rebound.

Tawney grabbed an offensive rebound, but the ball was intercepted by Seanna Heavner for the Yellow Jackets.

Tawney swiped the ball back, but the ensuing shot was blocked by Sadie Crites.

Petersburg hit the rim thrice and Crites collected the latter board before a turnover out of bounds.

Markell made an offensive rebound and was fouled, but failed to connect on the line.

Moorefield lost the ball twice including a steal by Mayfield, but the Vikings fueled to convert with a missed shot and a steal back by CiCi Kump which led to a jump ball.

The Vikings were called for five second violation, then Tawney



Moorefield's Kerigan Bergdall leapt for a basket against Petersburg's Addison Kitzmiller in the Hive.

stole the ball.

Kump hauled in a defensive rebound and the Yellow Jackets would hit the rim with Keplinger coming down with the board and completed a three-point play to close the gap to 12-11 at 3:14.

Heavner snatched a defensive carom and was tied up for a jump ball, then Petersburg's Markwell blocked a shot.

Moorefield forced a turnover with the teamwork of Keplinger and Raleigh Kuykendall before coming up empty on the other end.

Markwell netted a basket in the paint off an assist from Tawney to give the Vikings a 14-11 lead with 1:27 remaining in the first half.

A pair of Petersburg steals by Tingler and Karli DiBenedetto didn't create points with a fumble out of play and a missed shot collected by Kump.

DiBenedetto made another steal, but the Vikings hit the rim thrice.

Heavner crashed to the floor creating a steal for the Yellow Jackets as the ricochet was fielded by Kump leading to a score by Keplinger with six seconds left for a 14-13 halftime score.

Petersburg missed the last second attempt, but held the edge at

the break.

"Nothing was different than last time, nothing at all. We had three keys to the game that we had to execute to beat Petersburg and those were the three keys that we did in the holiday tournament and we did it then and we didn't tonight. That's really what it came down to. I told the girls back here that we could use every excuse in the book, haven't practiced all week and haven't played a game since the holiday tournament. That's weak-minded to use that as an excuse. We're not in shape as we were and we will have to get back into the gym to work on our lungs. They pressure you the whole game and that wears on you, but that's fixable. It is always good to get back, but I hate those long layoffs. We will start playing a lot of games coming up and start getting back in a groove. We will find our way back," Moorefield coach Jared Wratford remarked.

The third period began with a jump ball as Rumer and Tingler got tangled up with possession going to the Vikings.

Cole drilled a 3-pointer to put Petersburg up 16-13 at 7:21.

Rumer and Tingler battled for another jump ball, then Tawney stole the ball moments later.

After two missed shots, Cole finally put the ball in the hoop for the Vikings.

Mayfield stole the ball and scored on a breakaway layup to extend the Petersburg lead to 20-13 at 6:12.

Both teams lost the ball out of bounds, then Kump fed Kuykendall for a Yellow Jackets basket in the paint at 5:56.

Petersburg went on a 10-0 run which included three field goals by Cole over the following minute.

During that run, Moorefield substituted the entire lineup.

Moorefield hit the rim twice and coughed the ball up twice on steals by Mayfield and Tawney.

Tingler added a layup at 4:16 during the Vikings run for a 28-15 advantage.

Another Moorefield turnover was converted into a basket from Tingler as the Vikings run continued for a 30-15 lead with 3:25 to go in the third period.

Two more turnovers by the Yellow Jackets and the starters were back in the game.

The Vikings hit the rim twice and Moorefield got steals by Kump and Rumer with the latter takeaway resulting in a layup by Keplinger at 1:02. 30-17.

Kump hauled in a defensive

rebound, then nailed a perimeter bucket to slice the deficit to 30-20 with 26 seconds left in the third frame.

Petersburg was awarded a timeout, despite fumbling the ball away during a trap.

Mayfield drilled a 3-pointer for the Vikings before the buzzer sounded to extend the lead to 33-20.

Petersburg opened the final stanza with a steal by Mayfield, but the Vikings would miss their next two shots.

Addison Kitzmiller stole the ball for the Vikings and drew a foul for one free throw made.

Mayfield blocked a shot, then the Vikings committed a foul.

The Yellow Jackets missed a couple field goals and free throws over the next minute of action.

Moorefield's Sydney Rumer drew a charge on defense, then collected an offensive rebound and made a putback to end the scoring drought at 5:27 for a 34-22 score.

Moorefield's defense forced another charge, then failed to connect on foul shots and created a turnover.

Both teams hit the rim with the latter rebound by Markwell drawing a foul and two free throws made to put the Vikings up 36-22 at 4:25.

There were a combined seven missed field goals over the next three minutes, plus blocks by Keplinger and Tawney.

The scoring hiatus came to a close with a free throw by Cole with 1:29 left.

Moorefield's CiCi Kump netted a layup on the ensuing possession at 1:12, 37-24.

Petersburg added four points in the final minute, while the Yellow Jackets committed three more turnovers in a 41-24 loss to the Vikings.

In junior varsity action, Moorefield defeated the Vikings 24-13.

Brenna See led the Yellow Jackets with nine points.

Moorefield hosted East Hardy yesterday for the Hardy County Girls Hardwood Classic.

The Yellow Jackets visit Pendleton County tomorrow and travel to Liberty on Saturday.



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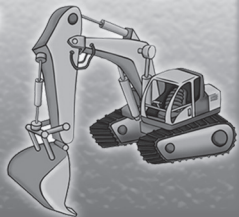
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on 01/02/2025

*Loretta L. Humbertson*  
Loretta L. Humbertson  
Clerk of the Hardy County Commission

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Clerk of the Hardy County Commission

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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF Hardy COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: Civil Action No. 24-D-81  
The Marriage of:  
Michelle Rivera and Alexis Rodriguez  
Petitioner (First/Middle/Last) Respondent (First/Middle/Last)

#### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE.  
THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY CLASS II LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT.

To the Above-Named Respondent:

It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Alexis Rodriguez

is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that Alexis Rodriguez serve upon Hardy Co. Circuit Clerk  
(Check only one) ☐ Petitioner ☐ Petitioner's Attorney ☒ Circuit Clerk's Office, whose address is 204 Washington St. Moorefield, WV 26836, West Virginia,

an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition For Divorce filed in this

action on or before February 21, 2025. If you fail to Answer the Petition for Divorce,

a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court: Family Circuit

Kelly J. Shockey  
Clerk of the Court

1/8,1/15

#### NOTICE OF SALE

In accordance with the storage space rental agreement(s) by and between Hardman's Mini Storage and Charity Garber, Unit 2, Charity Berg, Unit 12 and Heidi Fields, Unit 20, the contents of these storage unit(s) will be sold at a public sale to the highest bidder commencing at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 25, 2025 with the viewing of the unit(s) starting five minutes prior to bidding of each unit. The sale of the above described property will be made without warranty. Hardman's reserves the right (1) to bid at the sale, (2) to reject bids at the public sale, (3) to continue such sale to any other time and place by announcement of such continuance at the time and place set forth herein. Auction will take place at 131 North Main Street, Moorefield, WV. Fred C Hardman, Counsel for Hardman's Mini Storage.

1/15,1/22

I, Loretta L. Humbertson, Hardy County Clerk, do hereby affirm that the Hardy County Commission, did on the 07th day of March 2023, by motion, second and vote to approve the allocation of \$65,000.00 to the Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority; being from Fund #019 – Hardy County Special Emergency Ambulance Service Fee; being an auto pay, as long as funds are available, and further it was decided in October 2024 to include the \$10,000.00 per month payment that was going to West Hardy EMS, thereby making the total payment \$75,000.00 from Fund 019. On January 7, 2025 the Hardy County Commission by motion, second and vote to approve the monthly total allocation to be distributed as an automatic payment, as long as funds are available, beginning with the March 2025 payment, as the February 2025 payment has been previously advanced January 7, 2025.

Loretta L. Humbertson  
1/15,1/22



THE OLD MASTER

By Jay Fisher



If you weren't sure about Darian DeVries' coaching ability after the Bahamas tournament run, you should be there now. DeVries pulled off an accomplishment no other WVU coach has: he beat Kansas at Phog Allen Field House. WVU has had some good teams travel to Kansas, but they always came back with a loss (and usually a ridiculously lopsided free throw margin for the Jayhawks).

This year, it looked like it would be a tough Big 12 opener for the Mountaineers. First, their plane was delayed with mechanical issues. Then they were without two of their best players so far: Tucker DeVries (still out with his upper body injury), and Amani Hansberry (who hurt his ankle during the previous game and was in a walking boot). And Kansas did get their share of favorable ref calls and had a large free throw advantage yet again. BUT... West Virginia jumped out to an early lead, and never trailed. Kansas staged a comeback in the second half, and managed to tie up the game with under 20 seconds to go. At this point many Mountaineer fans

were braced for yet another heartbreaking loss at Kansas, but this time, WVU made a key free throw late, and held on for a 62-61 win.

They followed that up with a dominating 69-50 win over Oklahoma State in Morgantown. They led by an amazing 46-19 margin at the half, and cruised through the second half for the relatively easy win.

Things will be a lot tougher from here. For one, WVU is now a known quantity – teams will take WVU very seriously and are unlikely to look past the Mountaineers. Also, there are a lot of good teams in the Big 12. WVU hosted Arizona last night, who will want to avenge their overtime loss to WVU in the Bahamas (they are also playing better now than they were back then). Then they have to travel to Colorado to face a good Buffalo team, and deal with the altitude in Boulder. Then they have a pair of top 10 opponents: at Houston and hosting Iowa State. The Mountaineers are extremely unlikely to get through those four games undefeated, but solid performances in those

games (and if they split them 2-2) will be a very good sign.

I mentioned the altitude at Colorado for a reason, because it seemed to affect the women's team. They lost their first conference game of the season at Colorado. They led pretty comfortably at half time, but saw some of that lead slip away in the third quarter, and then fell apart in the fourth quarter. They did bounce back with a blowout win over UCF in their conference home opener and a double digit win over BYU, and remain solidly in the top 20 rankings.

The football team is filling out their coaching staff. Overall, the hires seem pretty good on paper. Two coaches: Blaine Stewart (who will be a receivers coach), and Chad Scott (running backs) are staying on from Neal Brown's staff. Perhaps the most important hire is the defensive coordinator, and WVU managed to pry Zac Alley away from Oklahoma, where he was co-Defensive Coordinator. He is young but experienced, and did overlap with Rich Rodriguez at Jacksonville State. He believes in forcing turnovers and bringing pressure, which is something WVU has had issues with recently.

Notes: The upcoming men's basketball schedule: this Sunday (Jan 12) at Colorado, 3:00pm on ESPN Plus, at Houston on Wednesday Jan 15, 8:00pm on ESPN Plus...Home against Iowa State next Saturday (Jan 18) at 5:00pm on ESPN Plus, and home against Arizona State next Tuesday (Jan 21), 9:00pm on CBS Sports Network...The #22 wrestling team is getting ready to face quite a gauntlet over the next few weeks: they have matches against #13 Iowa State (1/8), #18 Pitt (1/12), at #21 Oklahoma (1/17), at #3 Oklahoma State (1/19), at #19 Missouri (1/26), and #10 Northern Iowa (2/1). That is six straight matches against Top 25 teams... The gymnastics team opened its season with a win over Temple. They scored 193.6, in which they had three good events, and one bad one on balance beam. Once they get that squared away, they should be in good shape for a solid season.

2025 Live at the Hive

Moorefield Youth Wrestling hosted the Keyser Storm, Mountain Ridge Minors and Berkeley Junior Wrestling teams last Saturday at Moorefield High School for the Live at the Hive Youth Wrestling Tournament. This is one of the four tournaments needed to qualify for the state tournament. Full photo collection can be found on [www.moorefieldexaminer.photorelect.com](http://www.moorefieldexaminer.photorelect.com).



Golden Lanes Bowling Petersburg

THURSDAY NIGHT MENS LEAGUE12/26/2024 TEAM STANDINGS:

Deep 47 – 25, Vetter's Mini Mart 42 – 30, Strikeforce 42 – 30, Vetter's Guns & Ammo 38 – 34, Petersburg Oil Company 38 – 34, Chillmers 35 – 37, Golden Lanes 35 – 37;HIGH GAME (SCRATCH): Cohan Kesner 269, Eddie Baldwin 246, Bradley Vetter 239, Evan Kesner 238, Jon Hedrick 234; (HANDICAP): Danny Kesner 300, Eddie Baldwin 290, Cohan Kesner 281, Travis Cook 276, Bradley Vetter 270;HIGH SERIES (SCRATCH): Cohan Kes-

ner 752, Bradley Vetter 661, Jon Hedrick 628, Larry Ware 604, Eddie Baldwin 596; (HANDICAP): Cohan Kesner 788, Bradley Vetter 754, Larry Ware 730, Eddie Baldwin 728, Travis Cook 726;HIGH AVERAGE: Cohan Kesner 218.54, Don Himelright 208.37, Tyler Halterman 201.48, Zachary Arbaugh 200.17, Evan Kesner 199.43, Gary Leatherman 199.39;THURSDAY NIGHT MENS LEAGUE01/02/2025 TEAM STANDINGS: Balls Deep 48 – 28, Vetter's Mini Mart 45 – 31, Strikeforce 43 – 33, Vetter's Guns &

Ammo 41 – 35, Chillmers 39 – 37, Petersburg Oil Company 39 – 37, Golden Lanes 38 – 38;HIGH GAME (SCRATCH): Zachary Arbaugh 280, Evan Kesner 245, Jon Hedrick 244, Eddie Baldwin 2341, Cohan Kesner 234; (HANDICAP): Zachary Arbaugh 307, Nate Travis 286, Eddie Baldwin 283, Evan Kesner 272, Harry Timbrook 271, Eric Hartman 271, Jon Hedrick 271;HIGH SERIES (SCRATCH): Zachary Arbaugh 689, Jon Hedrick 658, Evan Kesner 650, Gary Leatherman 628, Josh Arbaugh 607; (HANDICAP): Zachary Arbaugh 770, Nate Travis 760, Jon Hedrick 739, Travis Cook 737, Chris Kesner 736;HIGH AVERAGE: Cohan Kesner 216.75, Don Himelright 208.37, Zachary Arbaugh 202.13, Tyler Halterman 200.95, Evan Kesner 200.33, Jon Hedrick 200.25;

**DISPATCH POSITION AVAILABLE**  
**Hardy County E-911**  
is accepting applications for one **FULL-TIME** dispatch position with benefits.  
An application may be picked up at the Hardy County E-911 Center any day or time.  
Please direct any questions regarding the position available to Paul Lewis, Director or Tammy Gilhuys, Deputy Director at 530-0291.

**Potomac Highlands Environmental Project Coordinator**

Region 8 Planning and Development Council is seeking a creative, results driven Project Coordinator to join our team to deliver community development projects within Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, and Pendleton counties of West Virginia.

The Potomac Highlands Environmental Project Coordinator position requires a bachelor's degree in public administration/business administration or a related field.

Also, an associate degree with related experience will be considered. Primary responsibilities will include the development of projects for local governments, grant writing, and reporting, specifically targeted to help reduce pollution of the Chesapeake Bay. Strong analytical, written, and oral skills are required. Salary commensurate with education and experience. Fringe benefits for the position include health insurance, retirement, vacation, and sick leave.

To see a job description go to [www.regioneight.org/employment](http://www.regioneight.org/employment) Please submit your resume with a cover letter to Potomac Highlands Environmental Project Coordinator Position to Region 8 PDC, 131 Providence Lane, Petersburg, WV 26847 or [mearle@regioneight.org](mailto:mearle@regioneight.org)  
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