

Centers For Disease Control Release New Avian Flu Update

By Stephen Smoot

In the poultry industry and animal health care experts, new strains of H5N1 avian flu continue to cause worry for poultry and other animals. The risk for humans, however, remains low. To continue to protect flocks nationwide, the CDC states that it has teamed up with the United States Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration, Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response, state public health and animal health officials, and other partners.

The CDC refers to the plan of action as the “One Health Approach.” That refers to emphasizing the close connections that link the human, the plant, and the animal environment. It also places focus on the expansion of human dominated areas into traditionally more natural habitats, as well as the impacts created.

Globalization has made the United States ecosystem a virtual

neighbor of areas thousands of miles away. Despite the best efforts of border control agencies and others, invasive species from plants and larger animals to destructive fishes and insects continually enter the country. Diseases can come from abroad as well. A few have added benefit, but most bring harm.

Fortunately, the risk to the public, according to the CDC “remains low.”

The CDC has identified 70 people since April of 2024 who

have contracted the illness. In each identified case, the disease was contracted from wildlife.

This strain of avian flu has not been seen to have moved from human to human. With the evolution of viruses and their capabilities often taking place quickly, the CDC has remained observant while preparing for more dangerous scenarios to emerge.

Those who are at increased risk, should the virus evolve, include farmers and other workers exposed to infected animals or

byproducts, owners of backyard flocks, professionals and workers in the animal health care fields, and responders to animal health events.

Meanwhile, the CDC will continue to closely monitor important aspects of the ongoing event. These include the ways in which the virus transmits, the severity of the illness, especially as experienced by humans, the geographic spread of the virus and patterns of spread, and also how the virus itself continues to

evolve and change.

Earlier this year, West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt ordered the suspension of poultry related shows and exhibitions.

“We’re just going to keep evaluating things as we go along, and our primary goal is to protect the poultry industry, whether it be private, commercial, or backyard flocks,” Leonhardt told West Virginia Metro News.

Hardy Commissioners Share County Concerns in Charleston

During the CCAWV Legislative Conference in Charleston, Hardy County Commissioners and staff had the opportunity to meet with Senate President and Lieutenant Governor Randy Smith. They also visited with

him following a Senate session, discussing key legislative matters impacting the county.

Pictured left to right: Hardy County Commission President, Steven Schetrom, Hardy County Coordinator, Wendy Branson,

President of the Senate, Randy Smith, Hardy County Commission, David “Jay” Fansler, Hardy County Commission, David Workman, Hardy County Public Relations Specialist, Peggy Moomaw.



Hardy County Rural Development Authority Meeting

The Hardy County Rural Development Authority met in regular session on Thursday, February 27, 2025. In attendance were Mallie Combs, executive director; members Fred Brooks, Linda Burgess, Jennifer Carr-Kimble, Tim Cullers, Harold Michael, Elwood Williams, Robert Williams; County Commissioners Dave Workman, and Steve Schetrom; County Commission staff Wendy Branson, and Peggy Moomaw; RDA executive secretary Rita Smith, and staff and Peggy Thorne.

The meeting began with prayer.

The Corridor H Commission met in Charleston on February 25th to discuss progress on the roadway. Much of the roadwork on the 10.6 mile section that stretches from Kerens to Parsons is complete. However, the construction on the bridge over Hendricks Creek between along that stretch is partially completed with girders in place a little over halfway across the span. Work on the bridge was delayed for two years when the State Division of Highways filed a lawsuit against contractor Kokosing concerning the instability of one pier supporting the bridge. Following lengthy remediation,

construction continued. Former House Finance Chair and Hardy County Commissioner Harold Michael gave some historical background on Corridor H. He said that the original plan called for the highway to be routed through Moorefield then to Petersburg, on to the Seneca Rocks area before ending up in Elkins. However, it was determined that the four-lane could not pass through a National Forest unless other options were unavailable. That changed the route to pretty much where it is today. Originally, the Corridor was to have an exit at Old Fields. Officials later decided it would be more economically beneficial for the off ramp to be built in Moorefield. Mr. Michaels pointed out that much was learned from the mistake that Huntington made in wanting I-64 built outside of town limits. Conversely, Charleston’s economy grew tremendously by allowing the interstate to run through the middle of city limits.

Mr. Michael said that another highway authority called the 219/220 Group was formed out of the Corridor H plan. Both roadways are primary connectors to northern interstates. Major en-

hancements in Pennsylvania and Maryland have been successfully finalized. He said that improvements to Route 220 in West Virginia will probably be made as well.

Report from the Executive Director

I am happy to report that the final draw down for the American Woodmark (AWC) Connector Road project has been received and the contractor along with the engineer have been paid. This will close out the project. The RDA is still waiting to hear from the West Virginia Economic Development Administration regarding the lease that they have AWC. Once that is released, we will move forward with the Christopher Peacock project looks to be complete. This is beneficial for the Wardensville area. Matt Funk and Gary Arbaugh completed a boundary adjustment to resolve a property dispute. A building constructed by Mr. Arbaugh encroached on land sold to Mr. Funk.

We are completing a new survey for the land that is being sold to Eastern Community and Technical

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WorkForce West Virginia announces March 5 Statewide Virtual Job Fair

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — WorkForce West Virginia today announced the next date in a series of Statewide Virtual Job Fairs. Both employers and job seekers are invited to participate in the virtual event on Wednesday, March 5, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

“The Statewide Virtual Job Fairs are a testament to WorkForce West Virginia’s commitment to innovation, offering job seekers a practical and effective method to advance their careers from anywhere with an internet connection,” said Scott Adkins,

Acting Commissioner of WorkForce West Virginia. “Since they began in 2022, 12,590 West Virginians connected with more than 3,140 companies to explore nearly 18,000 open positions across the state.”

Registration is required for both interested employers and job seekers. Register as a job seeker for the March 5 Statewide Virtual Job Fair.

When attending the event, job seekers are encouraged to dress professionally and have a calm, clutter-free background. The Virtual Statewide Job Fair portal fea-

tures a Job Seeker Training video, a list of participating employers and channels for attendees to register and log in.

After registering for the first time, new employers will create a “Virtual Booth” to connect with job seekers. After completion, this booth will be available during subsequent job fairs. Register as an employer for the March 5 event.

For more information about WorkForce West Virginia and the Statewide Virtual Job Fairs, visit www.workforce WV.org or contact wfvvjf@wv.gov.



Certificate of Need Laws Challenged in West Virginia

Repealing Certificate of Need laws will improve access to care for some of our most vulnerable citizens and provide services that barely exist in some parts of our state,” said Governor Patrick Morrisey in a recent social media post.

He went on to add that “New health care facilities in West Virginia should not be required to request a permission slip from the government to set up services. That’s big government activism at its worst.”

While legislation introduced by Senate President Randy Smith failed to advance, the question over certificate of need laws will likely continue to arise.

The West Virginia Hospital Association succeeded in marshaling initial opposition to the bill in this session, but often reforms gain momentum from one session to the next.

In other words, the defeat of the bill was likely the start, not the end, of debates on the issue. Simply put, in general, cer-

tificate of need laws require the approval of a State or a health management authority before the establishment of a new health care facility.

Certificate of Need laws emerged first in the Great Depression in the transportation industry. About three decades later, in 1964, New York State passed the first one in reference to health care entities. By 1974, the National Health Planning and Resources Development Act. The bill cited as justification that “massive infusion of Federal funds into the existing health care system [that] has contributed to inflationary increases in the cost of health care and failed to produce an adequate supply or distribution of health resources, and consequently has not made possible equal access for everyone to such resources.”

According to Jim Kaufman, repealing certificate of need laws will invite health care companies to “enter West Virginia and cherry pick by developing only profitable lines of service at the expense of

rural health care in West Virginia.”

He added the speculation that these same companies would establish “feeder facilities” that would channel West Virginia patients to out of state providers. He said “these dollars should remain in West Virginia and flow back into health programs and services for West Virginians.”

Jessica Dobrinsky, executive director of the Mountain State-based Cardinal Institute, agrees with Governor Morrisey on the negative impact of certificate of need.

First, she stated that the expected benefits of the laws never materialized. Starting with President Ronald Reagan, Dobrinsky explained, every president, including those as opposite as Barack Obama and Donald Trump, have suggested that states would improve health care by eliminating certificate of need laws.

She added that West Virginia

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EDITORIAL

Pass Judge Yoder's Law

By Stephen Smoot

John Yoder loved many things in life. He loved serving the people of West Virginia as a State Senator and as a Circuit Judge from Jefferson County. He loved his historical home that rested within shouting distance from Bolivar National Battlefield near Harpers Ferry. He loved grilling on his front porch and he loved his large, gentle, and supremely fluffy dog.

What Judge Yoder did not love, however, was the part of his professional legacy that had tremendous impact across the nation at both the federal and state level.

John Yoder, to his regret late in life, was one of the founding fathers of Civil Asset Forfeiture.

Cornell Law School's Legal Information Institute states that laws establishing the practice at the federal, state, and local level "allows the government (typically the police) to seize - and then keep or sell - any property that is allegedly involved in a crime or illegal activity."

It goes on to state that "owners need not ever be arrested or convicted of a crime for their cash, cars, or even real estate to be taken away permanently by the government."

The novelty of this law helps it to, somehow, escape the Fifth Amendment's Takings Clause. In the Bill of Rights, this amendment states "nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

Its origin goes back to the mid 1980s when South American drug cartels extended their tentacles deep into the United States, The cocaine trade ruled Miami and southern Florida. People became millionaires overnight as low level functionaries for the cartels. With high priced lawyers keeping criminals out of jail, Ronald Reagan's Attorney General Ed Meese determined that the assets represented the weak link in the chain.

When they could not get the criminal, they wanted to seize the money and assets to cripple the business.

Judge Yoder was part of a team that came up with the idea of moving the assets from a criminal burden of proof (beyond a reasonable doubt) to a civil law burden of proof (preponderance of the evidence.) This left the property owner with the obligation to prove that the assets and/or money were not used to further a criminal enterprise.

He later said that the team was assured that CAF would only

target the highest level criminals and organizations, never the poor.

Similarly, when in 1913 Progressives pushed for a Constitutional amendment to permit the federal government to levy income taxes, people were assured only the top two percent would ever pay them.

Reality is that any legal weapon fashioned against the wealthier malefactors will be more often used against those least able to protect themselves.

Legal proceedings in CAF cases pit the government against the property, leading to cases such as "United States v. Eight Rhodesian Stone Statues." CAF makes the property itself the defendant in the legal action.

Some restraints on the practice in case law do exist. Cornell Law School used as an example the case of United States v. Bajakajan in which the judge ruled that CAF must not be "grossly proportionate to the gravity of the defendant's offense."

Perversely, if the government chooses to not charge, they still get to keep the assets and there is no criminal offense for which the seizure must be proportionate.

Other federal and state restraints have come into effect, but none really change the fact that as it currently stands, most CAF laws are a bald-faced violation of the Fifth Amendment whether the courts accept it or not.

Judge Yoder regarded his work on CAF with dismay instead of pride when enforcement and use of it tended to work against the poor rather than rich criminal bosses. Poor people have almost no recourse to get seized property back from the government. That action requires a lawyer and, unlike a criminal case, a poor person cannot get a court-appointed attorney to help with CAF.

In many cases, people on the margins of society get the worst of it. Sometimes, for example, a legal immigrant comes from a country with an untrustworthy banking system and government. They do not trust banks anywhere because their experience in their home country was that no one ought to. Some of these people carry their cash on them rather than put it in the bank. When, for instance, they are in a traffic stop, if the officer, deputy, or trooper see thousands in cash, they first think that it must be tied to criminal activity. Often times, the cash

will be seized and never returned.

It must be stated that everyone in the United States can carry as much cash as they desire on their person. No legal limits exist on this, even if the practice looks suspicious to law enforcement.

For this reason, Judge Yoder worked over a decade ago to marshal support among Eastern Panhandle legislators to amend or end the practice in West Virginia. He also appeared repeatedly on Fox News to spread his concerns across the nation. This kind, intelligent, and good-hearted public servant succumbed during a routine procedure and that ended his crusade - at least at that point.

Law enforcement agencies have tended to oppose eliminating CAF because some departments have come to rely on it for revenues.

A new generation of legislators around the state, led by Berkeley County's Charles Horst and including former Hardy County Sheriff Bryan Ward, have sponsored a bill to "protect the due process rights of property owners" by stating in State Code that "forfeiture is disfavored as a legal remedy, and this act is to be liberally construed in favor of the person or persons whose property rights are to be affected and strictly construed against forfeiture."

Forfeiture would still be allowed, but along much more narrowly governed lines and must be tied to a lawful arrest or other specific conditions.

On the face of it, CAF would appear to most to be an un-American practice, but it has been a tool in the law enforcement toolkit for over a generation now. While criminals should have to give up the assets that enable or come from their law breaking enterprises, violating the property rights of those least able to protect themselves is no way for any government agency to act.

Judge Yoder would have likely chuckled at the thought of the legislation carrying his name and declined to have it attached to this, or any, law. He was too humble of a man to have embraced that honor. That said, his career and life of public service, as well as the rare act in politics to issue a mea culpa to the entire nation for his own work, have earned this good man recognition for a good cause he joined well before most.

My UNBASED OPINION Unbased Revisited

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN



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Is there life beyond Earth? Do we: even want to know?

An article by Joel Achenbach in The Washington Post dated February 28th mentions Green Bank, West Virginia first paragraph. It caught my eye. In 1960 Frank Drake began his search for extraterrestrial life at Green Bank, West Virginia.

SETI. Search for Extraterrestrial Life. Frank Drake, at age eighty four, is now considered the father of that discipline. For fifty five years scientists around the world have been listening for radio signals produced by intelligent life in other parts of the universe.

To date, nothing. Not a sound. Not a whimper. Nothing identifiable as probably intentionally pro-

duced by any sort of intelligence, whether from life as we know it or any other form.

Mr. Drake developed an equation, now widely used by other listeners, which might predict the number of life supporting planets out there. Life that might be sufficiently advanced to be broadcasting. Whether it be transmissions beyond our ability to understand their meaning or simple rudimentary signals not intended for communication purposes. Thus far we've detected nothing.

A new movement is beginning. Simply listening is passive activity. The new movement is active SETI. Instead of simply listening in general directions at frequencies we select to listen to, scientists have begun actively broadcasting signals toward groups of bodies where they feel life might be lurking.

ing. Now we're calling, in case somebody else is out there simply listening much as we've done in the past.

A problem. Suppose there is someone out there listening. Suppose we give ourselves away to other intelligent beings. They know we're here, where we are from our broadcasts.

Are they friendly? Are they placid little green men or are they great slaving monsters such as portrayed in modern monster movies? Who/what - might suddenly appear to check us out.

Thus far individuals in science all over the world are searching. Should these searchers be allowed to indiscriminately bring other intelligent forms down upon us? There's no responsible world government to decide whether to contact other worlds and nobody

to set up possible defense against any possible threats posed.

What's the right temperature for the Earth?

An article by Andy Parker and David Keith in The Washington Post dated January 29 caught my eye too. No mention of West Virginia, but it seemed in line with my arguments concerning standards we're expected to meet which have no basis in fact.

Geoengineering is the discipline which studies how to change earth's climate. Solar geoengineering specifically studies solar emissions and searches for methods of mitigating their effects. The discipline already suggests the power to cool the earth in spite of all the greenhouse gas effects we worry about.

Scientists tend to agree that if the earth stopped producing

greenhouse gasses today, no more carbon dioxide, no more methane, there is already enough out there to continue global warming into the distant future. Stop burning and breathing right this minute and warming continues indefinitely.

But we have the ability to cool the planet. It's established science that volcanic eruptions cool the earth through blasting sulphur dioxide into the upper atmosphere. Sulphur dioxide acts to block solar rays before they get to earth. Now we have technology to load sulphur dioxide on rockets and spray it as an aerosol into the upper atmosphere to produce same cooling effect.

Therein lies the question the writers ask. Think of a family home from work and school. Mom is perpetually cold and wants the

thermostat set at 72°. Dad thinks of the furnace bill and wants 67° Kids don't really care because their activity warms them pretty well no matter.

So who decides and sets proper temperature for that home. Who decides and sets the proper temperature for earth? Who takes responsibility for all the problems associated with global warming or cooling? Should we leave decisions on next ice age or desert expansions to the United States or Russia, Argentina or Australia? Again, do we need a responsible world government to make decisions which effect everybody?

First thought, both contacting other intelligence and change world temperatures seem like no-brainers. Upon reflection both questions go much deeper and the answers much more complicated.

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.

March 5, 1856: Calhoun County was created from neighboring Gilmer County and named for John C. Calhoun, who served as vice president under John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson.

March 5, 1963: Country musician Hawkshaw Hawkins was killed in a plane crash in Tennessee, along with Patsy Cline, Cowboy Copas, and Randy Hughes.

Hawkins was born in Huntington.

March 6, 1820: Joseph H. Diss Debar was born in France. Diss Debar was the designer of the Great Seal of West Virginia and the state's first commissioner of immigration.

March 6, 1828: Johnson Camden was born in Lewis County. In 1861, he opened one of the state's first oil wells, in Wirt County, and a refinery in Parkersburg in 1869. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1881.

March 6, 1900: A mine explosion at the Red Ash Mine in Fayette County killed 46 men. It was the state's first major mine disaster of the 20th century. Five years later, another 24 men were killed at the same mine.

March 7, 1856: Tucker County was formed from Randolph County and named for Henry St. George Tucker Sr., a Virginia soldier, statesman and jurist.

March 7, 1929: The legislature adopted the official state flag. The state's coat of arms is emblazoned in color in the center. Above the seal is a red ribbon lettered "State of West Virginia," and a wreath of rhododendron surrounds the lower part of the seal. The white field of the flag is bordered on four sides by a strip of blue.

March 7, 1990: West Virginia teachers went on strike after negotiations with the governor's office and legislature failed to produce an agreement on a pay package. Teachers in 47 of the 55 counties were involved in the 11-day strike.

March 8, 1926: An explosion killed 19 miners at Eccles in Raleigh County. Ten men were saved by barricading themselves in the mine.

March 8, 1963: The state colors of blue and "old gold" were adopted by the legislature.

March 9, 1832: George Robert Latham was born. At the onset of the Civil War, Latham turned his Grafton law office into a recruiting station, and he led the first Union troops in north-central West Virginia.

March 9, 1953: Football player Dennis Harrah was born in South Charleston. In the NFL, Harrah played in 168 games for the Los Angeles Rams (1975-87), was a six-time All Pro, and played in one Super Bowl.

March 9, 1965: President Lyndon Johnson signed the act establishing the Appalachian Regional Commission.

March 10, 1910: Kermit McKeever, considered the father of the modern West Virginia state park system, was born near Renick, Greenbrier County.

March 10, 1915: West Virginia's first Rotary International club was established in Wheeling.

March 10, 1920: West Virginia became the 34th state to ratify

the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guaranteed the right of women to vote.

March 11, 1847: Boone County was formed from parts of Logan, Kanawha and Cabell counties and named for Daniel Boone.

March 11, 1848: Putnam County was formed from portions of Kanawha, Mason and Cabell counties. It was named in honor of Gen. Israel Putnam, a leading commander at the Battle of Bunker Hill during the Revolutionary War.

March 11, 1856: Roane County was created from parts of Kanawha, Jackson and Gilmer counties. It was named for Judge Spencer Roane, a son-in-law of Patrick Henry

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THE OLD MASTER'S VIEWS

March is here, and all eyes are turning towards the college basketball postseason. The WVU men's team has a bit of unfinished business, with one last regular season game. That will be this Saturday at 5:00 against UCF (ESPN Plus). WVU would appear to be on the good side of the bubble, if bracketologists are correct, but this is a game you do not want to lose. If they win the finale against UCF, they a probably in the tournament regardless of what happens next week in the Big 12 tournament.

This is the week of the conference tournament for the women's team. The Big 12 Championships today, and run through Sunday. WVU finished the year

23-6 overall, and 13-5 in conference play. They will be in the 1/4/5/12/13 part of the bracket. The 12-seed and 13-seed play in round 1 today. The winner of that game gets to play the 5-seed on Thursday (noon, ESPN Plus). That winner plays the 4-seed on Friday in the quarterfinals (noon, ESPN). The semifinals, probably against the 1-seed is Saturday at 4:00 (ESPN Plus), and the finals will be Sunday at 5:00 on ESPN. WVU is safely in the NCAA tournament at this point, but if they want to host any games, they will probably need to at least advance to the finals.

The wrestling team is preparing for the Big 12 Champion-

ships this weekend in Tulsa. WVU will be looking to qualify as many wrestlers as possible for the NCAA Championships March 20-22 in Philadelphia. They have qualified four or more each of the past four years under Tim Flynn, and it looks like that should be the case again this year, but the team would love to sneak a fifth or sixth wrestler into Nationals.

The baseball team has had its best start since 1964, when they began the season 18-0. After sweeping two series, adding a win in their home opener against Ohio U, the Mountaineers are halfway there. Will they get to 18-0? Very unlikely in this day and age, but this has been

a fantastic start to the year. To add to the good news, season tickets are sold out, although single game tickets can still be purchased.

Notes: Selection Sunday will be March 16. The men's bracket reveal will start at 6:00pm, while the women's bracket show begins at 8:00pm...The NFL held its combine last week. WVU had two players (Sean Martin and Wyatt Milum) participating, along with long snapper Austin Brinkman, who participated in a Combine Specialist Showcase... The draft will be held at Green Bay on April 24-26...Good luck to Moorefield and East Hardy teams participating in their various postseason tournaments.

40 & 8 Hardy County Voiture 1623 Members Presented Four Eastern College Nursing Students with Scholarships

MOOREFIELD, W.Va. – Representatives from 40 & 8 Hardy County Voiture 1623 awarded four \$500 nursing scholarships to Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College students on February 18, 2025. The scholarship recipients were Kelsie VanMeter, Brittany Goldizen, Madison Miller, and Tara LeeAnn Aylor. This is the second time these students have been awarded this scholarship and their second semester in the nursing program at Eastern. Joe Delawder, Steve Vaughn, Ken Bransky, Kris Jenkins, Leon Wolfe, and Robert Cross of 40 & 8 presented the checks.

For these students, the sup-

port of 40 & 8 is more than just financial assistance—it’s an investment in their future. “I am so grateful for 40 & 8 supporting my dreams of becoming a nurse,” said Aylor. “With the help of 40 & 8, I am able to focus more on schooling rather than financial strain. I appreciate the opportunity I have been given.”

“I am incredibly grateful for the 40 & 8 scholarship that I was granted! With this scholarship, I am blessed to be moving forward with my career,” said Kelsie VanMeter. “Thank you to all who choose to help me move forward and those who dedicate their generosity to my future! I’m beyond thankful for all those who

believe in me.”

“I am honored to receive the 40 & 8 scholarship this semester. Receiving this scholarship will help with my nursing school expenses, allowing me more time to study,” said Madison Miller. “The 40 & 8 has helped relieve some financial burden this semester to help pursue my education career. This scholarship will help allow me to continue pursuing my dreams of coming back to my community to provide quality health care.”

“The 40 & 8 scholarship has been a source of motivation and encouragement. It has allowed me to focus on my academics, dedicate myself to my clinical

training, and develop the skills necessary to provide compassionate and competent care to all patients,” said Brittany Goldizen. “Without this scholarship, balancing school, work, and personal responsibilities would have been much more difficult. I am one step closer to achieving my dream of becoming a registered nurse and making a difference in the lives of patients and their families. With this scholarship, I promise to work hard, give back to my community, and one day support future nursing students.”

The 40 & 8 was founded in 1920 by American Veterans returning from France after World War I. In 1955, they began their

support for nursing education. Voiture 1623 of the 40 & 8, based in Moorefield, has been a longtime advocate and supporter of Eastern’s nursing students with this scholarship. “We enjoy the camaraderie (at 40 & 8) and making sure we have future nurses—it’s part of our mission,” said Joe Delawder. “Everything in our group is about getting nurses trained because that’s one of our priorities here. The Forty and Eight was founded for that very reason, to sponsor nurses after World War I, ensuring that no soldier would ever die from inadequate medical care again. The name itself comes from the French railcars that carried our

troops—40 men or 8 horses—to the front lines. That tradition has carried on for over 100 years, and today, we continue working to support the next generation of nurses and medical professionals.”

Delawder also brought up concerns for the future of Forty and Eight, as they have seen an overall decrease in members over the years, even with new members joining. “The sad thing is, the Forty and Eight is dwindling because people don’t want to join and volunteer, just like the VFWs and other organizations,” Delawder explained. “It’s always the same few people wearing dif-

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More Than Meals on Wheels, Hardy County Committee On Aging Provides Vital Support For Seniors

By Stephen Smoot

“People are invited. It’s a public building. If you’ve got questions, we will answer them!”

So said Michael Crites, the new executive director of the Hardy County Committee on Aging. With the facility and its staff relied on for the most basic needs of some seniors, his goal lies in making the senior center a welcoming place for all.

“I think people are most aware of our nutrition program, Meals on Wheels” Crites stated, then said “We deliver meals to the elderly in their homes.”

The program can reach as many as it does mainly through the generosity of both individual and business donors. “It is a constant effort on our part to make the public aware of this,” he noted

The signature program, Crites explained, provides more service than simply bringing food and leaving it. Drivers bringing food do not just leave it. Many who receive these meals have few family living nearby and may have limited mobility.

That driver bringing regular meals is also the sole point of contact for many. He or she can observe if the client is not doing well and needs help. At some points, the driver has arrived in the middle of a crisis and made sure medical attention came.

Crites adds that the center also serves a midday “congregant” meal every weekday.

Seniors and non seniors alike are both welcome. Crites shared that the cost of each meal figures out to \$10.43 with \$7.00 received

per meal. “We have to make up the difference,” he explained.

The senior center does not charge for meals, but asks a free will donation. Seniors give what they can, while the center asks non seniors to pay full cost, a huge help in deferring the overall costs of the meal.

The community also provides support. Businesses, for example, have donated funds to sponsor the serving of an entire meal. “We are seeking sponsorships,” he said.

When generous donors can help in this way it saves money for the center, which always operates on very limited resources in the best of times.

Also, seniors are welcome to pick up meals.

While the total food and nutrition program represents the best

known services, the center offers much more.

Hardy County Commission on Aging also provides access to some in home services beyond meals. “The degree of assistance depends on the client,” said Crites, since some will need more intensive help than others.

That said, this is one of the most difficult services that the center tries to offer. Staffing serves as one of the biggest challenges. As Crites says, “it’s hard to compete against other facilities that provide better pay than we can.”

Another primary service available at the senior center lies in assistance with applications for Medicare and Medicaid. These government programs sometimes

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New Warner, Still Same Committment to Excellence in the Secretary of State’s Office

By Stephen Smoot

For two terms, Mac Warner applied his military and other experience guiding Afghanistan’s elections to make West Virginia contests both more secure and more efficient for those legally allowed to cast votes.

Mac Warner ran unsuccessfully for Governor in 2024, but his brother Kris seeks to continue and build on the work of his brother over the next four years.

In the government of the State of West Virginia, the Secretary of State’s office is a member of the Constitutional Board of Public Works. These are the elected

Cabinet positions of the State, which include Commissioner of Agriculture, Attorney General, State Treasurer, and State Auditor.

Two main responsibilities serve as the core mission of the Secretary of State’s office, chief elections officer and chief business registrar.

Kris Warner approaches both responsibilities as two of the most critical functions in State government.

He started off by sharing what truly makes his office effective, saying “the staff that Mac has built as Secretary of State is a tremendous staff. They work well

together. It makes it easier.”

Although an old hand in government in West Virginia, including a stint leading the United States Department of Agriculture’s Rural Development office in President Donald Trump’s first term, Warner kicked off his tenure with an intention of traveling to each county to work one on one with the county clerks.

“Braxton County is the 16th county I’ve been to so far,” he shared. The goal lies in strengthening connections and relations between the State and local elections officers and learn the “things county clerks are concerned about.”

“It’s a wonderful opportunity to learn and help,” Warner added.

An immediate priority lies in shepherding through 12 bills that Warner states will strengthen election security and make business registration and assistance an even more effective and efficient process. Those bills first went into the Senate Judiciary and Government Organization committees.

One of the top legislative priorities lies in improving West Virginia’s election security through tighter and easier to enforce voter identification laws by making identification easier to get and more secure at the same time.

An unrelated bill introduced by State Senator Rupie Phillips will address the concerns about the difficulties faced by some experiencing economic challenges in getting photo identification. SB 59 would require that food stamp cards, also known as SNAP, will also function as state photo identification that will help them to vote and also reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in the food stamp program.

Registering to vote, if the Secretary of State’s favored bill passes, will do away with the need to bring different forms of paperwork that have a name and address. It will replace them with

most state issued photo identifications, possibly excluding student identification issued at secondary schools or colleges and universities.

Another bill seeks to nip a potential problem in the bud before it comes to full flower and affects election integrity. Warner said that, if passed, “if AI (artificial intelligence programs) is used in an attack on a candidate, or by a PAC on an opponent, there has to be a disclaimer.”

He used the hypothetical example of a candidate using AI to create a fake image of Hillary Clinton with her arm around

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AT THE LIBRARY

At the Library, March 5, 2025 Memorials: Gift to the memorial fund in memory of Bennie Shaver. Given by Michael Bobo. Gift to the memorial fund in memory of Lucille Gohdes. Given by Susan Nichols.

Regular Events: Crochet – Thursday’s at 1:00 pm Story Time – Wednesdays at 10:00, every 1st Saturday at 10:00 Book Club – 1st Saturday at 1:00 New fiction:

Shattering dawn by Jayne Ann Krentz

Amelia Rivers, a member of the Lost Night Files podcast team, hires private investigator Gideon Wells to catch the stalker who has been watching her. Amelia suspects the stalker may be connected to the shadowy organization responsible for the night that she and her two friends lost to amnesia—a night that upended their lives and left them with paranormal talents. Gideon suspects that Amelia is either paranoid or an outright con artist, but he takes the case despite his skepticism.

Three days in June by Anne Tyler

Gail Baines is long divorced from her husband, Max, and not especially close to her grown daughter, Debbie. Today is the day before Debbie’s wedding.

To start, Gail loses her job--or quits, depending who you ask. Then, Max arrives unannounced on Gail’s doorstep, carrying a cat, without a place to stay and without even a suit in which to walk their daughter down the aisle. But the true crisis lands when Debbie shares with her parents a secret she has just learned about her husband-to-be. It will not only throw the wedding itself into question but also send Gail back into her past and how her own relationship fell apart.

Hold strong : a novel by Robert Dugoni

Sam Carlson is a projectionist in small-town Minnesota, where fantasies unspool in glorious black and white--for him and for his sweetheart, college-bound math whiz Sarah Haber. When the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor, Sam is sent to the Philippines and captured as a POW. Brutalized but unbroken by the Bataan Death March and POW camps, Sam is one of eighteen hundred starved and weakened prisoners herded into the cargo hold of a barbaric hell ship called the Arisan Maru, his survival doubtful. Determined to use her math skills on the home front, Sarah is recruited to Washington, DC, into the covert field

of code breaking. When Sarah intercepts a message about a Japanese convoy, the US Navy’s mission is clear: sink the Arisan Maru and send it to the bottom of the South China Sea. Now, the lives of the two young lovers are about to inadvertently collide in one of the most shocking acts of World War II.

Bonded in death by J. D. Robb

His passport read Giovanna Rossi. But decades ago, during the Urban Wars, he was part of a small, secret organization called The Twelve. Responding to an urgent summons from an old compatriot, he landed in New York and eased into the waiting car. And died within minutes. Lieutenant Eve Dallas finds the Rossi case frustrating. She’s got an elderly victim who’d just arrived from Rome; a widow who knows nothing about why he’d left; an as-yet unidentifiable weapon; and zero results on facial recognition. But when she finds a connection to the Urban Wars of the 2020s, she thinks Summerset may know something from his stint as a medic in Europe back then. When Summerset learns of the crime, his shock and grief are clear--because, as he eventually reveals, he himself was one of The Twelve. It’s not a part of his past

he likes to revisit. But now he must-not only to assist Eve’s investigation, but because a cryptic message from the killer has boasted that others of The Twelve have also died. Summerset is one of those who remain--and the murderous mission is yet to be fully accomplished.

New Non Fiction:

The elements of Marie Curie : how the glow of radium lit a path for women in science by Dava Sobel

Sobel chronicles of the life and work of Marie Curie--the most famous woman in the history of science--and the untold story of the many young women trained in her laboratory who were launched into stellar scientific careers of their own.

The Serviceberry : abundance and reciprocity in the natural world by Robin Wall Kimmerer

As Indigenous scientist and author of Braiding Sweetgrass Robin Wall Kimmerer harvests serviceberries alongside the birds, she considers the ethic of reciprocity that lies at the heart of the gift economy. How, she asks, can we learn from Indigenous wisdom and the plant world to reimagine what we value most? Our economy is rooted in scarcity, competition, and the hoarding of resources, and we

have surrendered our values to a system that actively harms what we love. Meanwhile, the serviceberry’s relationship with the natural world is an embodiment of reciprocity, interconnectedness, and gratitude. The tree distributes its wealth--its abundance of sweet, juicy berries--to meet the needs of its natural community. And this distribution ensures its own survival. As Kimmerer explains, “Serviceberries show us another model, one based upon reciprocity, where wealth comes from the quality of your relationships, not from the illusion of self-sufficiency.”

Melania by Melania Trump

In her memoir, Melania reflects on her Slovenian childhood, the pivotal moments that led her to the world of high fashion in Europe and New York, and the serendipitous meeting with Donald Trump, a chance encounter that forever changed the course of her life. Melania opens up about their courtship, life in the spotlight, and experiencing the joy of motherhood. She shares behind-the-scenes stories from her time in the White House, shedding light on her advocacy work and the causes close to her heart.

New Easy Readers: A pocket full of rocks

by Mahoney, Kristin Rocks make excellent chairs for fairies; they are perfect for writing your name on the sidewalk, or just to hold in your hand when you need reassurance. And so the rocks pile up--until the season turns and you need to make room for pockets full of petals. And shells. And acorns! Each season’s treasure is kept and curated and loved, until it’s time to give the treasures away and make room for new things to come.

Goat is the G.O.A.T. by Bea Birdsong

When Goat overhears that he is the greatest of all time, he tries to figure out what quality makes him so great.

Good golden sun by Brendan Wenzel

A series of questions addressed to the sun explores its effects on living things as well as the transference of energy through plants and animals.

Little Freddie Two Pants : (the dog with too many pants) by Drew Daywalt

One pair of pants? Two pairs? Three? How many pants should Little Freddie wear? And where should he put them? What about underpants? Where do they go?

Rural Development Authority

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College as previously approved. The surveyor has been on site and the road conveyance will be included in the new survey. The Mettler Company continues to move forward with its expansion at the old AWC site south of Moorefield. Jim Linsenmyer is leaving the West Virginia Department of Economic Development (WVDED). He has been a good support person in serving the Greater Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia. Mr.

Linsenmyer was named as the new University of Charleston director of Innovation. WVDED is currently looking to fill the vacancy.

The Hardy County Commission on Aging (HCCA) has requested a lease increase from the Wellness Center. Presently, the Wellness Center does not pay rent but provides maintenance on the section of the building that they oc-

cupy. The request proposes that the center pay rent and continue to provide for maintenance. The Wellness Center is a project of the Hardy County Commission and the HCCA to provide health services to senior citizens, the community, and industry employees. The Commission is supportive of the Center to continue operating and providing its intended services. Many people from Hardy County and adjacent counties use the pool for medical needs. The Commission pays for courthouse staff to have use of the facility at no cost.

The auditor completing the RDA 2024 fiscal year audit has been on site. We will need to have a single audit next year as the office is receiving federal funds. The new Hardy County Health Department building is now occupied. The final work payment has not been processed yet. The RDA has been in touch with United States

Senator Shelley Moore-Capito's office regarding funding that has been committed to the Housing and Urban Development Authority (HUD) CARES program for the Crites Property Business Park (north of Moorefield on Corridor H). Potesta, a professional engineering and environmental consulting service, has been working with HUD representatives to complete the required environmental work.

The Hardwood Alliance is updating its website and directory. One change includes the purchase of the Grant County Mulch Plant in Baker by Old Castle.

Old Business – None
New Business – None

With all agenda items being addressed, a motion and second to adjourn the meeting was passed. The next RDA meeting will be held on Thursday, March 27th beginning at 10:30 a.m.

horses. The national organization's mission to support nursing education began in 1955.

About Eastern's Nursing Program

The nursing program at Eastern dates back to 2006 when Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College launched a nursing program division in Moorefield. With Southern's permission, Eastern later adopted the program's curriculum and earned independent program accreditation from the WV Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses. The two-year RN program, which admits new students every other year, is also accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Eastern also offers the new LPN to RN Hybrid Bridge Program, which aims to prepare students for completion of the Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing in preparation to sit for the NCLEX examination. This program is to be completed over one year (three semesters) with graduation in the fall. The coursework is online, with clinicals combining virtual, simulation, and in-person experiences. For more information, visit <https://easternwv.edu/academics/nursing-program/>.

40 & 8

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ferent hats, doing the work. But we keep trying, we keep going, and we're even seeing some new members. There seems to be a shift happening in America, and I think we could see an improvement in volunteerism. We just have to keep pushing forward."

In support of their nursing scholarship program, members of the 40 & 8 hold several fundraising events each year. Over the years, Voiture 1623 has awarded scholarships to numerous Eastern students, easing financial burdens and enabling them to pursue careers in nursing.

"We are proud to announce that four of our nursing students have been awarded scholarships through the generous support of the Forty & Eight. This scholarship opportunity plays a critical role in helping to offset some of the financial burdens associated with nursing school, enabling students to focus more on their education and clinical training," said Alicia Van Meter, Eastern's Nursing Program director, "Nursing programs are essential in preparing well-rounded, empathetic, and critical-thinking

professionals who are equipped to provide excellent patient care. By supporting nursing education, the Forty & Eight are contributing to the development of healthcare professionals who possess the knowledge and compassion necessary to improve patient outcomes. These scholarships not only support students financially but also ensure that they are trained to be the next generation of nurses who will make a lasting impact in the healthcare field."

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is deeply grateful for the Forty & Eight's ongoing support, which plays a vital role in ensuring that the next generation of nurses is well-equipped to serve their communities and improve healthcare outcomes for years to come.

About the 40 & 8

La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux (The Society of Forty Men and Eight Horses) membership is by invitation and open only to honorably discharged veterans and honorably serving members of the U.S. Armed Forces. The society was created in 1920 in the wake of World War I, and the name comes from the French railway boxcars that carried most of the soldiers to the front lines. The boxcars featured a sign indicating the boxcar's capacity: 40 men/8

Committee On Aging

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involve paperwork as copious as it is confusing. The senior center has an expert who can help those trying to navigate the systems.

"It's an overwhelming process for most people," Crites said.

The services of the enrollment advisor remain in high demand, especially during enrollment periods. "She finds the best programs to meet people's needs," he went on to say.

Crites understands the value of the senior center as a center of social life for many. "For many of them, their social sphere is a little more limited than when they were working or raising a family." Social interaction provides stimu-

lation that keeps minds and mindsets fresh and is a proven benefit.

For that reason, the center has a social program that Crites seeks to expand. Wednesdays at 10:30 AM, the center hosts a Bible study. Monthly bingo games have also proved popular. Crites wants to restart the crafts program and is "looking for someone that's crafty."

Any help for any center program is always welcome.

While new to serving the senior center, Crites has significant experience in service. He has worked with Moorefield's historic landmarks commission, engaging with the community on the best ways to continue to preserve the town's unique historical image.

He also served with the food program of the Oak Grove United Methodist Church.

"Their program is what brought me here," Crites stated.

He has also served in leadership role with the Board of another vital county institution, the public library.

"The idea is to make today better than yesterday and tomorrow better than today," Crites shared.

In all phases of the operation, the seniors always come first. He explained that if a senior needs assistance, any other administrative tasks go on hold.

"There's a lot of responsibility with that," said Crites, "but also a lot of joy."

Certificate of Need

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ians end up going across state lines already to seek care often not as available in state in counties near state boundaries.

Another difficulty that has arisen in recent years is the decline in the availability of pediatric care in parts of West Virginia. Parents in many areas, including State Senator Patricia Rucker of Jefferson County, have had to seek care outside the state.

The rationale behind ending certificate of need laws lies in the notion that more access, more opportunities, and more organic growth will improve health care quality overall.

Dobrinsky cited the example of a health care facility in Mineral County that served approximately 30 patients per day and served the Short Gap community for almost three decades. Hunt Club, operated by Western Maryland Health, seemed to serve a need in the market, but lacked the official certi-

cate of need to operate.

Even worse, Dobrinsky shared, the certificate of need keeps needed facilities from being built in the first place.

"One great thing about the certificate of need issue," she went on to say "is that all the data is on the side of repeal."

Indeed, many states have dropped the statutes and none have recently added them. Twelve states that had passed them eliminated them by Jan 1, 2024.

January Leaders of the Month, Moorefield Elementary School - Hana Negus, Itayetzte Lopez-Santiago, Andrew Cruz Morales



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the shoulders of a candidate to disparage his or her image. Warner emphasized that the process would not be outlawed, but must have a clear disclaimer along the lines of the law requiring a candidate to state that he or she supports this message.

With AI generation producing very realistic photographs and videos, this will soon grow into a national problem if left unaddressed.

Dark money concerns will also be addressed in one of the proposed bills. According to Open Secrets, an election monitoring site, dark money is "spending meant to influence political outcomes where the source of the money is not disclosed." Sometimes this comes from 501 (c)(4) organizations that can advocate in elections while not disclosing their donors. It could also come from shell companies or similar fronts.

The bill, if passed, will establish much lower reporting thresholds for dark money support of campaigns to add transparency to campaign finance.

Proposed legislation will also "tighten up the definition of engineering," add clarity and restrictions to what can and cannot be done in the vicinity of a polling place and also governing use of

cell phones in precincts or voting booths.

The business side will see changes as well. One will somewhat mimic the action of the Department of Government Efficiency's work on the federal side by eliminating a significant yearly cost. Warner described how the previous procedure mandated three certified letters from the Secretary of State's office on the dissolution of an LLC or a non profit. He has decided to reduce the certified mailing to a single letter and establish approved digital and telephone paths to contact.

This will save the office approximately \$30,000 per year.

Warner has several plans to help the West Virginia One Stop Business Center serve state entrepreneurs even better. For eight years, an in person office has served Charleston. A second opened in Martinsburg two years later. More recently Clarksburg saw a facility open. Each facility, Warner says, "is strategically located" to be no more than two hours from anyone in West Virginia.

The physical locations and online portal link entrepreneurs in the Secretary of State's office, West Virginia WorkForce, West Virginia State Tax Department and the Division of Labor.

Additionally, entrepreneurs can find help with the Small Business Development Center. Statewide, 18 business development coaches offer their experience. They can help those starting a business, trying to decide whether or not to expand, or encountering economic headwinds.

Only 20 percent of businesses, Warner estimates, seek help. Business coaches can help connect owners to resources such as the West Virginia Grant Resource Center, operated through a partnership with West Virginia University and Marshall University. Other resources include opportunities to obtain capital through USDA, the Appalachian Regional Commission, and other entities.

Warner has worked to bring expanded services, but not an expanded staff. "We have a very extremely tight budget," he shared, saying they get \$7.8 million yearly and less than 50 employees, both significantly smaller than other primary state agencies.

"Others have hundreds of employees and huge budgets," he noted.

Warner expressed proudly some of the work done in recent years to fulfill the agency's purpose and responsibilities. That includes 440,000 names of ineligible names removed from the voter rolls. He took care to explain that they had removed no voters, but the names of deceased, people who move out of state, and others.

This gets more efficient when the Secretary of State's office partners up with the Division of Motor Vehicles and United States Postal Service, acquiring names of those who get licenses in other states or filed change of address forms to send mail outside of West Virginia.

Whatever service the office offers, Warner states that the goal is to continually offer and provide much more than what it is required to do.



Allison Fawley, recognized with Daisy Award

The Daisy Award is a national award to recognize the extraordinary work of nurses. This Award was started by the Barnes family after their son and husband, Patrick Barnes died from an autoimmune disease.

After Patrick's death, the Barnes family knew they wanted to honor him. The family kept coming back to the impact that nurses had made on them during his hospital stay and they decided to say "Thank you" for the gifts that nurses give their patients and families every day, just as they had experienced.

Patrick's wife developed the acronym, DAISY, which stands for Diseases Attacking the Immune System, paperwork was filed for a not-for-profit organization and the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses began at the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, where Patrick had been a patient. It was the first program of its kind to give patients, families, and co-workers a way to express their gratitude to

nurses for what they became nurses to do – provide compassionate care to patients and their families. Since then, the DAISY Award has been adopted by thousands of healthcare organizations to recognize extraordinary nurses.

WVU Medicine/Grant Memorial Hospital is one of the most recent healthcare facilities to honor one of their nurses with the DAISY Award.

Allison Fawley, RN, from the Special Care Unit became the second recipient of this esteemed accolade at Grant Memorial Hospital (GMH). Allison was surprised with an award ceremony on Wednesday, February 26th surrounded by her coworkers and family members. Allison was selected for her exceptional advocacy for patient care and her consistent efforts to exceed patient expectations. She embodies compassion, skill, care, and knowledge — the hallmark qualities of a DAISY award recipient. Elaine Geroski, AVP of Patient Services, stated that, "Allison is

a true asset to Grant Memorial Hospital and consistently approaches every aspect of her job with a smile, we are so fortunate to have her."

Her nurse manager, Cheyenne Dayton, added, "Allison is the definition of compassion and dedication. She is not only dedicated to providing safe and quality care to her patients, but she is dedicated to her team members who she works alongside each shift."

Allison has been a part of GMH since 2019, initially as a tech, and she became certified as a registered nurse after earning her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Potomac State College in 2022. She also holds a certification in ACLS.

Allison expressed, "I am truly honored that my hard work and commitment to my patients are being recognized. Many of my colleagues here at GMH have helped shape the nurse I am today, and I am incredibly grateful to them." Allison lives in Petersburg with her husband Jacob Fawley.

OBITUARIES

Brenda Christine Staley George

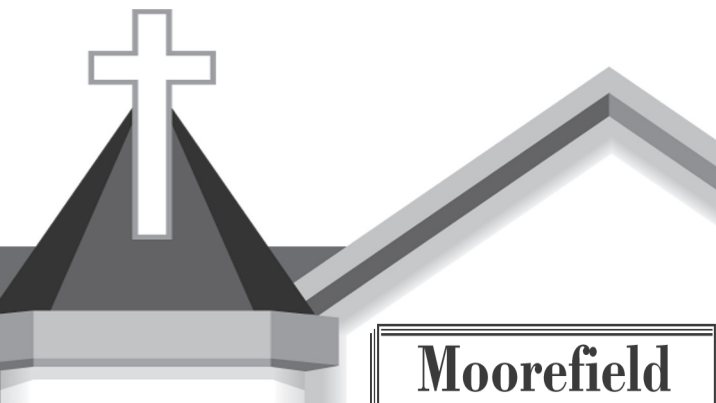


Brenda Christine Staley George, age 73, passed away peacefully on February 23, 2025. She was born July 18, 1951, in Cumberland, MD, to parents

Warren Gene Staley and Elizabeth Ann Funkhouser Staley, who preceded her in death. Brenda spent her early life in Moorefield, WV, where she graduated from Moorefield High School in 1969. She then attended Shepherd College (now Shepherd University) in Shepherdstown, WV, where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Library Science. On June 14, 1975, Brenda married Jerry Wayne George, also of Moorefield, WV. The couple later relocated to Timberville, VA, where they had their only child, a daughter, Caitlin Christine George, of Highland, MD. Throughout her life, Brenda enjoyed traveling, several genres

of film, and music from the '50s, '60s, and '70s. Her favorite film was Rocketman (2019), and her favorite actors included Robin Williams, Pierce Brosnan, and Julia Roberts. Her favorite musical artists included the Beatles, Elvis Presley, the Supremes, the Bee Gees, the Beach Boys, ABBA, Sonny & Cher, Simon & Garfunkel, the Four Seasons, and Elton John. She loved animals, especially cats and rabbits. Brenda is survived by Jerry and Caitlin as well as three brothers: David Staley and his wife, Faye, of Moorefield, WV; Warren Staley, also of Moorefield, WV; and Robert "Mark" Staley, of Berryville, VA.

This Thursday, February 27, 2025, Pastors Russell and Lucy Webster will lead a funeral service honoring Brenda's life at 12:00 PM. The service will be held in the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel, located at 107 Washington St., Moorefield, WV 26836. A viewing will precede the service at 11:00 AM. All those who knew and loved Brenda are invited to come. Following the service, Brenda will be laid to rest at Olivet Cemetery, located at 192 Olivet Dr., Moorefield, WV 26836, where her mother and father also rest.



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Fr. Arul Anthony Fr. Jose Manuel Escalante

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Mary Franklin Knotts Van Meter



Mary Franklin Knotts Van Meter, 88, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on March 2, 2025. She was a devoted and deeply-loved daughter, teacher, wife, mother, Gaga and friend.

She was born on September 15, 1936 in Rowlesburg, West Virginia, daughter of the late Nancy Locke Franklin and Harold Milton Knotts.

She was also preceded in death by her husband of 64 years John G. Van Meter. They met at West Virginia University. Dad was immediately smitten. He insisted she have some money in the bank and a good winter coat before marrying. She will forever be lovingly remembered by her son John C. and wife Mary Jane Van Meter, Spraggs, PA; son Scott and wife Robin Van Meter, Beckley, WV; daughter Jennifer and husband Mark Hatala, Binghamton, NY; Gaga's greatest joy were her grandchildren Beth and husband Jim Swords, Lori Fox, and Carly White, Waynesburg, PA; Jacob and wife Tiffany

Van Meter, Madison and husband Shane Thompson, Beckley, WV, Lauren Hatala and fiancé Jarred Santoni, Boston, MA, Dr. Molly Hatala, Rochester, NY, Grace and husband Jacob Daniels, Philadelphia, PA, Samuel Hatala, Buffalo, NY, Rose Hatala, Binghamton, NY; great-grandchildren Megan Swords, Nathan and Sydney Fox all of Waynesburg, PA, Lily and Jack Thompson, Taylee and Navee Van Meter all of Beckley, WV. She was "The Go To" for unconditional love, warmth and fun! Gaga was thoughtful, kind and had a special way of laughing that made us all want to join in. She was always playing games and singing around her table with her grands.

Mary Frank spent her early years in Rowlesburg where she attended elementary school. She was salutatorian of her class at The Rowlesburg High School. She once played a mean saxophone and was a majorette for The Rowlesburg River Lion Marching Band. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Education at West Virginia University in 1958. She taught first grade in public school system in Morgantown, WV and later taught kindergarten in Petersburg, WV. Her love for education did not stop in the classroom. Much to their dismay, she required John, Scott and Jenny to read and discuss a book and to memorize and recite a poem monthly.

Mary Frank helped establish

Girls Scouts and Brownies in Petersburg. She taught Children's Sunday School and worked on the Christmas Eve Children's Pageants for many years. She served as Deacon, and Elder and a Shepherd at the Petersburg Presbyterian Church. She was a faithful member of her church serving on the fellowship, church school and worship committees for several years. M.F. Served on the Library's Book Selection Committee since the library was in the basement of the Potomac Valley bank. Mary Frank was an artist painting for over 30 years. She opened the Water Street Gallery in 2001. She and John loved traveling to see many wonderful works of art in galleries from NYC to Washington, DC.

Mom was a fantastic cook. Famous for her crab cakes and Gaga's Shrimp which were everyone's favorites on our many Sandbridge Beach weeks. Known also for her Viking Varsity Basketball pre-game dinners, chocolate chip cookies and tutoring sessions all lovingly provided to the team.

Mary loved gardening, antiquing and bird watching. She was a loyal member of The "Bookies" her monthly book club, "The Virgos" a special group of ladies with much more than their astrological sign in common and her beloved Pioneer Bridge Club.

We are grateful for her amazing caring team of ladies Danielle, Sue, Chris, Vanessa, Kay, Libby,

Tanya and Roxanne. Thank you also to special friend Jan Hinebaugh as well as Dr. Ben Leslie & staff and Grant Memorial Hospice Care.

Mom never knew a stranger. She was outgoing friendly, treating everyone as if she had known them for a long time. She was always ready to chat and share a story. Her memory, stories and words of advice will be cherished by everyone who knew and loved her.

She often encouraged us to live our lives with "Enormous Acceptance and a Sense of Humor".

A private burial will be held for the family at The Maple Hill Cemetery. A Celebration of Life Service will be conducted on Saturday, March 8, 2025 at the Petersburg Presbyterian Church at 12 Noon. Family will receive friends from 11 AM until the time of service at 12 Noon, followed by a luncheon in the church fellowship hall.

Memory Eternal Mrs. Eggbeater...Frank...Mom...Gaga!!

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the Petersburg High School Scholarship Fund, 89 Riverview Drive, Petersburg, WV 26847 or to the Petersburg Presbyterian Church, 20 N Main Main Street, Petersburg, WV 26847

"The sun does not always shine in West Virginia, but the people always do" ~ John F Kennedy

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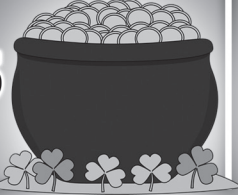
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MARCH 8, 2025 START TIME: 9:00AM



Mary Margaret "Marge" Kuykendall



Mary Margaret "Marge" Kuykendall, age 89, of Moorefield, WV, peacefully passed away on Sunday evening, March 2, 2025, at her residence, surrounded by the warmth of her loving family. Born on July 21, 1935, in Beckley, WV, she was the cherished daughter of the late William Everette Cawley and Geneva Aaron

Cawley. Marge was preceded in death by her devoted husband, Thomas Randolph Kuykendall, in June 2011, as well as her siblings: Richard, William Arthur "Fuzzy," twin sisters Ailene and Elaine, and Maxine "Mackie."

Marge's life was a testament to her unwavering faith in God and her devoted service to her family and community. A cherished member of the Old Fields Baptist Church, she carried her faith through every chapter of life. As a "true soldier's wife," she embraced the challenges of her husband's military career, moving across the country and connecting with new communities while always advocating for her beloved family. Together, they created countless cherished moments, often shared in the simple joy of fishing, a favorite pas-

sion that brought them closer. Marge's vibrant spirit and playful nature were evident in her love for card games, which she often played with her sisters during their travels.

Above all, Marge was defined by her unconditional love for her children and grandchildren, with whom she shared countless memories, laughter, and life lessons. Her legacy will live on through her sons, Randy Kuykendall and Kevin (Tina) Kuykendall, and her daughters, Susan (Tim) Harless and Jo Lee (Scott) Burns. She is also survived by her sister, Ruth Ann Price of Cleveland, OH; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Graveside Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 1:00 PM, at Walnut Grove Gardens, located along

Route 55 East of Moorefield. Pastor Ken Owens will officiate, guiding the family and friends through a reflective ceremony honoring Marge's extraordinary life. Interment will follow, providing a final resting place for a remarkable woman who touched so many.

In tribute to Marge's beautiful spirit and the joy she brought to everyone around her, we invite family and friends to visit her Tribute Wall at www.fraleyfuneralhome.com, where you can share memories, upload photos, and offer condolences, celebrating the profound impact she made in our lives. As we gather in remembrance, we will cherish the moments spent together, and the love that she instilled in each of us.

Baker Community Blood Drive Sperrys Run Church

Fellowship Hall 3056 Sperrys Run Road Baker, WV 26801

Friday, MARCH 14, 2025 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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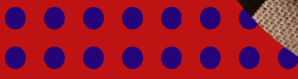


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Moorefield Middle School 8th grade Boys Basketball team won the 2025 Potomac Valley League Championship over Warm Springs Middle School in Moorefield last Thursday.

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By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

The Junior Hardy Hardwood Boys reign over the Potomac Valley League as East Hardy Middle School 7th grade Boys Basketball opened the championship double-header edging Warm Springs 39-37 for the crown and the Yellow Jackets 8th grade squad capped off the night with a 44-20 championship victory over the Wolves at Moorefield Middle School last Thursday.

It was a tough challenge for the Cougars (13-3) having only five players on the roster, but they have become accustomed to disciplined play and won five consecutive games without anybody fouling out as this quintet proved they had the heart of champions.

"I am very proud of the whole team's effort they have given all year and the progression I have seen from the first week to the end of the season," East Hardy Middle School Boys Basketball coach Derek Brill remarked.

Luke Holliday scored a championship game-high 14 points for East Hardy Middle School 7th grade squad, followed by Zach Weaver with 12 points, Dalton Nicholson with nine points and Chance Hahn with four points.

Messiah Mitchell led the Wolves with 11 points, followed by Thurman Moss with 10 points.

Warm Springs Middle School started with a 4-0 lead a minute and change into the championship game with free throws and a field goal by Messiah Mitchell.

East Hardy Middle School responded with a 7-nil run sparked by Zach Weaver's 3-pointer at 4:27.

Both teams lost the ball and hit the rim, then Luke Holliday netted a layup for the Cougars lead at 3:25.

A minute later, Holliday recorded a putback for the 7-4 lead.

Garrett Gloyd hit a jumper for the Wolves to close the gap to 7-6

with 1:52 left in the first period.

East Hardy Middle School's Colton Aylor made a steal before a double dribble.

Weaver intercepted a pass, but the Cougars failed to convert.

Both teams missed shots twice sandwiching a block by Holliday.

Holliday scored on a putback to put the Cougars up 9-2 with 24 seconds left in the opening frame.

A steal by Weaver led to a layup from Dalton Nicholson as East Hardy Middle School closed out the first period up 11-6.

The Wolves howled back in the first two minutes of the second period to take a 13-11 lead as Rylan McCuster and Thurman Moss hit jumpers and Mitchell knocked down a 3-pointer.

The Cougars tied the game on a pair of free throws by Chance Hahn at 4:01, 13-all.

Warm Springs Middle School rattled off six more points over the next minute on buckets by Moss, Mitchell (off steal by Moss) and Elijah Briscoe for a 19-13 advantage at 3:10.

East Hardy Middle School's Chance Hahn netted a jumper at 2:57 to spark a 7-0 run to close out the first half for a 20-19 edge.

Weaver made a steal and scored the breakaway layup at 2:09, then Hahn collected a defensive rebound and dished to Nicholson for a game tying bucket at 1:45.

Both teams hit the rim, then Isaiah Hobday got a steal for the Wolves and it was snatched away by Hahn for the Cougars prior to another turnover.

Nicholson swiped the ball and drew a foul and made one free throw to put East Hardy Middle School ahead 20-19 with a minute remaining in the first half with the score standing at the break after a handful of missed field goals.

East Hardy Middle School opened the third period with a jumper by Holliday at 5:53.

Warm Springs Middle School answered with a layup on the ensuing series.

The Wolves got a steal by Roman Omps, but came up empty.

Holliday garnered a putback to give the Cougars a 24-21 edge at 4:57.

Mitchell collected an offensive rebound and took a trip to the line making both shots for the Wolves.

A steal by Holliday led to a layup as East Hardy Middle School went up 26-23 at 4:19.

Both teams committed two turnovers apiece and hit the rim twice over the next minute and change, but Hahn did record a block for the Cougars.

Weaver notched a jumper for the Cougars at 2:45.

Hahn garnered another block and recovered the ball prior to a foul.

Holliday scored in the paint to put East Hardy Middle School up 30-24 with 1:46 to go in the frame.

The Wolves stepped out of bounds, then Weaver drilled a perimeter basket for the Cougars at 1:20 for a 33-24 lead.

Briscoe added one field goal for the Wolves in the final minute of the third frame as East Hardy Middle School carried a 33-26 advantage into the fourth period.

The Cougars commenced the final stanza with a layup by Nicholson, then Aylor stole the ball and it was snatched away by Moss leading to an errant attempt and rebound by Holliday.

Holliday located Nicholson for a jumper as the Cougars took a 37-26 lead at 5:25.

The Wolves added a free throw at 4:48.

East Hardy Middle School missed five shots despite forcing three turnovers including steal by Holliday and Hahn over the ensuing minute and the Wolves drew iron twice.

Warm Springs Middle School



East Hardy Middle School 7th grade Boys Basketball team won the 2025 Potomac Valley League Championship over Warm Springs Middle School in Moorefield last Thursday.

made a furious comeback going on a 10-nil run to tie the game at 37-all with 37 seconds remaining.

Hobday started the run with a jumper, then forced a turnover and Omps grabbed an offensive board before having the ball swiped by Weaver.

The Cougars slowed the game

down passing around, then McCuster made a steal for the Wolves prior to a walk on hop before shooting.

A steal by Mitchell led to an old-fashioned three-point play pulling the Wolves to 37-32 with 1:33 left.

A defensive rebound by Omps led to 3-poiner by Moss as the

Wolves rally continued, 37-35 at 1:12.

A Cougars miss and steal by Hahn led to another miss.

Warm Springs Middle School forced a jump ball and Moss scored in the paint to tie the game with 37

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Yellow Jackets invade Pendleton County buzzing to win

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

The Yellow Jackets swarmed into Pendleton County and toppled the Wildcats for a 60-55 victory on Wednesday night.

It was a back and forth battle with the Wildcats gaining a 14-12 edge after the first period, then Moorefield responded to take a 25-24 lead entering halftime.

Moorefield was led by Shawn Reed with 22 points including 14 points in the first half, followed by Cyrus Kump with 20 points including nine points in the first half and Guyan Kahangirwe pitched in six of his eight points in the final stanza. Pendleton County's Chase Owens recorded a game-high 25 points including eight points in the first period and 10 points in the fourth period, followed by Josiah Kimble with 15 points.

"It has been a long three days. It was good to come up here tonight and see our team play as well as we did and as physical as we did and to play as hard as we did after three away games in a row. [Inside game] It was good. We rebounded well and found the post players and we got a lot of baskets around the hoop and that made it a good night. We passed the ball better. Diego [Taylor] did a great job against their best player. I don't know what he helped him to, maybe four points. He did a great job on him. Our defense as a whole made the stops when we needed to and we got big rebounds tonight," Moorefield coach Scott Stutler remarked.

The third period started with a layup by Moorefield's

Shawn Reed to extend the lead to 27-24.

The Wildcats rallied for the lead within 27 seconds as Travis Owens scored off a turnover, then Cashton Kisamore blocked a shot and Owens took the ricochet to the rim for a 28-27 edge at 6:12.

The Wildcats boosted the lead on a jumper by Travis Owens after the Yellow Jackets missed two free throws.

Guyan Kahangirwe hauled in an offensive rebound for the Yellow Jackets and made the putback at 4:48 for a 30-29 score.

The Wildcats lost the ball out of bounds, then Moorefield's Jackson Helmick drilled a 3-pointer to regain the lead 32-20 at 4:28.

Pendleton County answered with a trey from Travis Owens to go back on top at 3:52.

Kahangirwe dished to Cyrus Kump for a bucket in the paint giving the Yellow Jackets a 34-33 edge on the ensuing possession.

Moorefield forced a turnover, but Travis Owens snatched the ball back and passed to Josiah Kimble for a layup as the Wildcats regained the lead 35-34 with 3:15 left in the third period.

The Yellow Jackets responded with a basket by Kump off an assist from Kahangirwe to go up 36-35 at 2:59.

Reed collected a defensive rebound, then Kisamore blocked a shot and Kimble hit a jumper for the Wildcats lead at 2:26.

Reed nailed a perimeter shot giving the Yellow Jackets a 39-37 edge within eight seconds.

The Wildcats missed several attempts over the next minute

before Kimble knocked down a 3-pointer at 1:21 to go back up 40-39.

Pendleton County's Chase Owens made a trey as the Wildcats entered the final stanza up 43-39.

The Wildcats continued with the momentum adding two field goals in the opening minute of the fourth period creating a 47-39 lead.

The Yellow Jackets rallied to tie the game over the ensuing three minutes starting with a jumper by Kahngirwe at 6:43.

A steal by Moorefield's Diego Taylor led to an old-fashioned three-point play by Kump coming off a rebound at 5:51 for a 47-44 score.

Brady Vetter stole the ball for the Yellow Jackets and Taylor scored on a putback to close the gap to 47-46 at 5:14.

Kimble made two free throws on the next Wildcats series, then Taylor added one free throw during Moorefield's turn on the line.

"I expected a battle like this, because they have gotten better. I am not making excuses, but we are down a few players so it wasn't the same. Give them the credit, they play hard and they deserve to win. Our kids played hard, too. It just didn't fall our way tonight. We always have a pretty good crowd, but it was a special crowd tonight. It was a good atmosphere," Pendleton County coach Jeremy Bodkin stated.

A jumper by Kahangirwe tied the game for the Yellow Jackets at 49-all with 4:06 remaining.

A minute transpired with the Yellow Jackets keeping possession alive with rebounds by



Moorefield's Diego Taylor elevated for a basket in the paint and collided with Pendleton County's Chase Owens in Franklin.

Taylor, Kahangirwe and Kump as the latter carom led to a putback for a 51-49 edge.

Reed hauled in a defensive board and passed to Kahangirwe, who drew a foul and made both shots on the line with 2:34 to go.

Taylor swiped the ball and netted a breakaway layup to extend Moorefield's lead to 55-49 with 2:06 left.

The Wildcats ended the run with a bucket from Chase Owens on the ensuing series at 1:51.

Reed crashed into the paint, but a whistle for a travel was called prior to the contact.

Kisamore grabbed an offensive rebound and was fouled, but missed both opportunities at the line.

A foul was called on Chase Owens during a steal attempt and Reed went to the line making both shots to put the Yellow Jackets up 57-51 with 1:06 left.

Kump collected a defensive rebound and Moorefield passed the ball around before a foul was committed and Reed added one foul shot with 26 seconds to go.

Reed snatched a defensive rebound, then Chase Owens stole the ball and scored a layup as the Wildcats cut the deficit to 58-53 with 15 seconds remaining.

Taylor was tripped and notched two more points on the charity stripe giving Moorefield a 60-53 lead with nine seconds to go.

Chase Owens scored on a putback as time expired, but that wasn't enough for Pendleton County claw out of the hole as the Yellow Jackets caged the Wildcats 60-55.

In JV action, Pendleton County won 46-42. Moorefield was led by Zeke Eye with 19 points and Anthony Vetter with 16 points.

The Wildcats were paced by Ty Heavner with 16 points.

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The Marriage of:
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seconds to go.

Weaver knocked down jumper at the top of the key for the Cougars going back on top 39-37 with 20 seconds left.

Holliday intercepted a pass for the Cougars and was fouled with four seconds on the clock.

The Wolves got a steal, but didn't have the time for a clean shot as East Hardy Middle School claimed the Potomac Valley League 7th grade boys basketball championship, 39-37.

The Yellow Jackets 8th grade team (15-1) started off the Potomac Valley League Championship with a 9-nil run against the Wolves.

Moorefield Middle School 8th grade team was led by Matthew Iman with 11 points, followed by Luke Stutler with 10 points, Edison Metheny with nine points and Hector Lea-Davy with seven points.

Levi McFarland netted a championship game-high 12 points for Warm Springs Middle School.

"I'm proud of all Moorefield Middle School players on the PVL Championship team this year. It was the big victory as the team, because each player contributed to the team by making each other better in practices. It made a huge difference in competing with other teams all season. All players deserve to be acknowledged on this team which I had a great pleasure of coaching those players for past two and three years. I'm looking forward to seeing their continuous improvement and success through Moorefield High School basketball for the next four years. It was nice to win the PVL championship at our gym in front of our great hometown crowd," Moorefield Middle School Boys Basketball coach Paul See commented.

Warm Springs Middle School commenced the game with a steal by Jackson Shives, but failed to convert.

Brody Simmons drilled a 3-pointer for the Yellow Jackets to start the run at 4:51.

The Wolves hit the rim twice, then Moorefield Middle School's Matthew Iman netted a layup at 4:10.

The Yellow Jackets forced a turnover out of bounds, then Edison Metheny crashed into the paint scoring a basket for a 7-0 edge at 3:27 and drew a foul with Iman collected the ensuing rebound.

Moorefield Middle School and the Wolves missed their next attempts.

Metheny scored off an inbound pass at 3:03 for the 9-0 lead.

The Wolves got on the board with jumper from Levi McFarland at 2:52.

The Yellow Jackets answered with a layup by Metheny within seven seconds.

McFarland notched two free throws for the Wolves at 2:25.

Iman recorded a free throw and two field goals in the last two minutes and change of the first period for a 16-4 lead, surrounding a com-

bined seven missed field goals.

Moorefield Middle School's Luke Stutler garnered a free throw and scored on a putback for a 21-6 lead in the second period at 4:27.

Both teams missed shots over the next minute before a jumper by Ben Frank for the Wolves at 2:54.

Iman created a putback for the Yellow Jackets on the ensuing possession.

A steal by Metheny didn't create a point, then Iman hauled in a defensive rebound and found Stutler for a basket at 1:45 for a 25-8 Moorefield Middle School lead.

After a block by Iman, Hector Luna-Davy intercepted a pass for the Yellow Jackets which led to a score by Iman coming after a rebound and assist from Stutler with under a minute to go, 27-8.

Warm Springs Middle School's Jackson Shives added a foul shot on the next series as the Yellow Jackets carried a 27-9 lead into halftime.

Moorefield Middle School closed out the first half with a block by Bill Ware.

Warm Springs Middle School missed four field goals in the first minute of the third period, while the Yellow Jackets added two free throws from Stutler.

The Wolves finally broke the ice with an old-fashioned three-point play by McFarland at 4:33 for a 29-12 score.

There were a combined eight missed field goals over the next two minutes and two turnovers, plus a block by Luna-Davy for the Yellow Jackets.

Shives made a jumper for Warm Springs Middle School at 2:16, then stole the ball and missed the shot and collected a tipped rebound leading to one free throw by McFarland.

Metheny netted a free throw, then stole the ball and dished to Luna-Davy to put Moorefield Middle School up 32-15 with 1:17 remaining in the third period.

Ware snatched a defensive carom and passed to Luna-Davy for a basket with 56 seconds to go.

Brennen Anderton scored in the paint for the Wolves on the next series.

Ware recorded a putback for the Yellow Jackets creating a 36-17 lead entering the final stanza of the PVL championship.

McFarland garnered a jumper for the Wolves to begin the fourth period.

A steal by Luna-Davy led to a perimeter shot from Stutler at 4:38 as the Yellow Jackets took 39-19 lead.

The Wolves got a free throw from Bentley Mullin on the ensuing possession.

Luna-Davy drilled a 3-pointer for the Yellow Jackets going up 42-20, then Metheny forced an over-and-back mid-court turnover before the bench substitutions.

Moorefield Middle School's Vance Simmons recored the last points of the PVL championship for the 44-20 victory.

The Junior Hardy Boys reign as the Potomac Valley League hardwood champions for the year.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: THE CHANGE OF NAME OF Kristie Ellen Carr Stump
TO Kristie Ellen Mir

Circuit Court Case Number: 25-D-7

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF CHANGE OF NAME:

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 day of April
2025 at the hour of 2:00 PM or as soon thereafter as this matter may
by heard, Kristie Ellen Carr Stump will apply by
Petition to the Circuit Court of Hardy County, WV, at the Courthouse thereof in
the City of Moorefield for the entry of an Order by said Court changing the name
from Kristie Ellen Carr Stump to
Kristie Ellen Carr.

Any person who has objection to the change of said name for any reason may
appear at the time and place set forth above and shall be heard in opposition to
such change. The publication shall contain a provision that the hearing may be
rescheduled without further notice or publication.

Given under my hand this 14 day of February, 2025.
Kelly Snockey by:
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NOTICE OF PENDING ACTION
TO: Unknown Father
You are hereby notified of the above styled action pending in the Circuit Court of Hardy County, West Virginia, that can result in the permanent termination of your parental, custodial and/or guardianship rights. Every child, parent, custodian and/or guardian has a right to counsel at every stage in this proceeding.
This case is scheduled for Adjudicatory hearing before the Circuit Court of Hardy County, West Virginia, on April 22, 2025 @ 9:20 a.m. This hearing will be held at the Hardy County Courthouse, Room 222, 204 Washington St., Moorefield, WV 26836.
You must appear at the hearing set forth above to protect and defend your interests. You are also required by law to file an answer in this action before April 22, 2025. You can obtain a copy of the petition filed in this matter and further information about this case from the Hardy County Circuit Clerk's Office located at the Hardy County Courthouse, Room 237, 204 Washington St., Moorefield, WV 26836 or by calling this office at (304) 530-0230 or facsimile (304) 530-0231.
Justina D. Helmick, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Counsel for Petitioner
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NOTICE
The Region VII Workforce Development Board will hold a regular scheduled meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. on March 20, 2025. The meeting will be held at 151 Robert C. Byrd Industrial Park Road, Suite #2, Moorefield, WV 26836. For additional information including Zoom details, contact TJ Van Meter at tjvanmeter@region7workforce.org. The Region VII Workforce Development Board is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
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Vikings oust Moorefield from playoffs

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

The Vikings steered the ship to an early 11-2 lead and floated to a 29-19 halftime lead en route to ousting the Yellow Jackets 55-41 from the Class AA Region II Girls Basketball playoffs held in Petersburg last Friday.

This was the fourth meeting between the two teams and third consecutive win for Petersburg since Moorefield won the holiday tournament.

Kerigan Bergdall scored a game-high 14 points for the Yellow Jackets, followed by Korbin Keplinger with 11 points and Sydney Rumer with six points.

Petersburg was paced by Addison Kitzmiller with 12 points, followed by Miley Tingler with 11 points and Ayden Mayfield with nine points.

"We know that familiarity was there on both sides as we have played each other four times this year. It seems like the last handful of years, we have played three or four times. We know a lot about what each other will do. I was really concerned going into the game how our youth was going to handle the nerves and pressure of the playoffs. We did a good job starting off strong and seemed to play relaxed and was able to get into a flow offensively early on. That was helpful for us to calm down and just play the game of basketball. One of the things we talked about at the beginning of the year was to be able to put ourselves in a position to go to Charleston. We talked about it one time and the rest of the time the focus has been on trying to get better everyday. Out team has really grown over the season which is special and now we are in that position," Petersburg coach Jon Webster commented.

Petersburg started the playoff game with a steal by Addison Kitzmiller leading to a basket by Quenlynn Cole.

The Yellow Jackets responded with a layup by Sydney Rumer to even the score at 6:59.

The Vikings answered with a 9-0 run over the next minute and change.

Petersburg's Shyanne Tawney knocked down a 3-pointer on the ensuing possession at 6:36 to regain the lead.

Kitzmiller stole the ball and nailed a perimeter bucket to Gre-ta an 8-2 lead.

Tawney collected a defensive rebound and drilled a trey for an 11-2 advantage at 5:15.

A minute later, Moorefield's Seanna Heavner made two free throws to end the run.

Heavner and Kerigan Bergdall made defensive rebounds, but the Yellow Jackets walked both times.

Bergdall stole the ball, but the ensuing shot went awry with Cole grabbing the carom.

The Vikings hit the rim twice with Rumer snatching the latter board prior to a walk.

Kitzmiller hammered a 3-pointer to put the Vikings up 14-4 with 2:28 left in the first stanza.

Kitzmiller corralled a defensive board, then found Cole for a jumper.

Petersburg's Ayden Mayfield hauled in a defensive rebound, but the next shot was off the mark and Moorefield's Raleigh

Kuykendall snatched the carom.

Moorefield's CiCi Kump drew a foul and made both free throws with 1:03 left.

After a Vikings miss, Bergdall netted a layup off an assist from Kuykendall to cut the deficit to 16-8 with 30 seconds remaining in the first frame.

The Vikings got a jumper by Kitzmiller on the ensuing series, then the Yellow Jackets hit the rim on the last play with a rebound by Heavner at the buzzer, 18-8.

Mayfield opened the second period with a jumper for the Vikings, then Kitzmiller swiped the ball and drew a foul before missing both free throws and Korbin Keplinger collected the rebound.

The Yellow Jackets hit the rim with Cole snatching the board leading to a shot by Mayfield at 7:06.

Moorefield's Sadie Crites scored in the paint on the next series, then forced a Vikings walk.

Keplinger drew a foul and added both shots from the line to make it 22-12 at 6:21.

Kump stole the ball and dished to Keplinger for a jumper as the Yellow Jackets were in a groove, 22-14.

Moorefield forced a turnover, but missed the next attempt and Petersburg garnered a jumper from Cole at 4:45.

The Vikings made three straight steals, but failed to convert and the Yellow Jackets forced two turnovers and came up empty.

The rim continued to be chilly, before a melting putback by Petersburg's Miley Tingler at 2:55.

Rumer completed an old-fashioned three-point play for the Yellow Jackets with 1:42 left in the first half to close the gap to 27-17.

The Yellow Jackets forced a turnover and Bergdall was fouled on a rebound leading to two free throws made at 1:02. The Vikings added two free throws in the final minute of the second period, while Moorefield missed a few shots with Petersburg holding a 29-19 halftime advantage.

"We talked all week about keeping them out of the paint. We will make them score on top of us and just tip our caps to them and they did that very early. They came out on fire, so kudos to

them. They shot the lights out in the first quarter and never looked back. Our defense was great and I think we caused them a lot of problems with our pressure. The story of the game came down to what it has all year, we just have struggled to score the ball consistently. We will have spurts where we will score well, but not consistent enough when we needed it to be," Moorefield coach Jared Wrathford stated.

Petersburg lost the ball out of bounds to start the second half, then Moorefield drew iron twice before fumbling the ball away.

Tingler netted a layup for the Vikings at 7:20.

Tawney collected a defensive rebound and passed to Tingler, who completed an old-fashioned three-point play for a 34-19 lead at 6:45.

Tingler and Keplinger traded blocks over the ensuing minute.

Both teams committed three turnovers apiece during the following two minutes, plus there were a combined six missed field goals.

An oasis was found in the scoring desert as Tingler hit a jumper at 3:48 for the Vikings.

Moorefield responded with an old-fashioned three-point play by Bergdall at 3:31, 36-22.

Bergdall made a steal, then Kump snatched an offensive rebound and passed to Keplinger who scored falling down to the floor at 2:56.

The Yellow Jackets forced five turnovers over the next couple minutes, but failed to convert.

Kitzmiller added to the Vikings lead with 24 seconds remaining for a 38-24 advantage.

After a carry by the Yellow Jackets during a trap, Heavner stole the ball and the ensuing attempt went awry at the buzzer.

In the first minute and change of the final stanza, the yellow Jackets hit the rim four times, despite steals by Rumer and Keplinger.

Mayfield nailed a 3-pointer for

Petersburg at 6:25 for a 41-24 lead.

A minute later, Bergdall garnered a layup for the Yellow Jackets.

Kuykendall snatched a defensive rebound and passed to Rumer, who drew a foul and made one free throw at 4:58. 41-27.

Kump intercepted a pass and scored a basket within four seconds as Moorefield looked to battle out of the hole.

After a free throw by the Vikings and a missed shot on the other end, Rumer stole the ball and found Keplinger for a basket in the paint as the Yellow Jackets rally continued.

Moorefield forced a turnover and Bergdall made a layup to slice the deficit to 42-33 with 4:09 remaining.

Petersburg answered with a bucket by Abi Nettles, then Tingler swiped the ball and dished to Nettles for a 3-pointer to take a 47-33 lead at 3:22.

Bergdall created a steal and knocked down a 3-pointer for the Yellow Jackets with 2:48 to go, 47-36.

Kitzmiller added one free throw just five seconds later.

Mayfield and Tingler added jumpers for the Vikings, while Kitzmiller collected two defensive caroms securing a 52-36 advantage with 1:57 left.

The Vikings walked, then Keplinger drilled a 3-pointer for Moorefield at 1:24.

Kitzmiller notched one free throw on the ensuing series.

Crites hauled in the rebound and located Heavner for a jumper at 1:08, 53-41.

Petersburg stalled the game before Cole hit a jumper with 21 seconds remaining, then Tingler swiped the ball to end the game with the Vikings advancing in the playoffs 55-41.

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Pendleton County fend off Cougars on senior night

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

East Hardy Girls Basketball took the early lead for the first half of the opening frame, then the Wildcats slashed back to take a 21-15 halftime lead and commenced the third period on an 8-nil run en route to securing a 50-34 victory on senior night in Franklin.

“The difference was we had five turnovers to start the third quarter. We actually had six turnovers in a row as they scored off a turnover to end the second quarter. We came out and had five turnovers in the third quarter. That was the difference in the game. They went up by 12 and that was it. We can’t play from behind,” East Hardy coach Calvin Mongold noted.

Pendleton County senior Avery Townsend recorded a game-high 16 points, followed by Jameigh Miller and Susan Vincell with 11 points apiece.

East Hardy senior captains scored all of the points as Brooklynn Tinnell led the way with 15 points, followed by Chloe Miller with 12 points, Brooklyn Miller with five points and Addison Armentrout with two points.

Brooklyn Miller gave the Cougars an initial 3-nil lead with a perimeter basket at 7:37.

The Wildcats fumed the ball out of play, then Julia Mongold stole the ball before it was deflected out by the Cougars.

East Hardy’s Chloe Miller made a steal and save along the sideline, but the ensuing pass went awry.

Tinnell swiped the ball, then the Cougars hit the rim thrice.

Both teams would hit the rim three times over the next minute prior to one foul shot by Townsend at 4:21.

East Hardy’s Jenna Mongold collected a defensive rebound.

Chloe Miller drew a foul and added one point on the line to put the Cougars up 4-1 at 4:11, then Tinnell hauled in the carom and Pendleton County’s Susan Vincell blocked the ensuing attempt.

Pendleton County’s Julia Mongold notched a 3-pointer to tie the game at 3:45.

A steal by Jessica Parker led to a Wildcats miss, but grabbed the reobund and tied up for a jump ball.

Both teams came up empty prior to a putback from Jameigh Miller giving Pendleton County the lead for good at 2:37, 6-4.

Pendleton County’s Jenna Smith stole the ball and Vincell scored on the series.

Townsend forced a turnover on a back court violation and Vincell added a jumper to put the Wildcats up 10-4 with 1:25 left in the first period.

Townsend stole the ball, then Pendleton County hit the rim twice prior to a lane violation.

Both teams missed one final shot attempt to close out the frame.

The first two minutes of the second period featured a combined six errant field goals and steals by Pendleton County’s Mongold and Townsend.

Vincell scored inside the paint off an assist from

Townsend to give the Wildcats a 12-4 lead at 6:08.

East Hardy answered with a long range jumper by Brooklyn Miller at 5:34.

The Cougars forced a turnover, but failed to connect.

Pendleton County hit the rim twice and missed free throws before a leaping save along the baseline by Chloe Miller turned into a blunder as the pass was caught by Addison Armentrout who was standing out of bounds.

Chloe Miller collected a defensive rebound, but Townsend stole the ball and was fouled leading to a pair of charity stripe buckets to make it 14-6 at 4:36.

Armentrout knocked down a jumper for the Cougars on the ensuing possession.

The Wildcats responded with a putback by Vincell doubling the lead to 16-8 at 4:01.

A defensive carom garnered by Chloe Miller resulted in a foul and two free throws made for East Hardy at 3:44.

Vincell notched one free throw just six seconds later, then the Cougars missed two free throws.

Smith swiped the ball and was fouled to add one free throw for the Wildcats at 2:43.

Pendleton County’s Julia Mongold stole the ball and dished to Townsend, who tripped and drew contact for one free throw made.

Tinnell was fouled and made both free throws as the Cougars cut the deficit to 19-12 with 2:21 remaining in the half.

A steal by Tinnell led to a layup by Chloe Miller at 1:30 as East Hardy kept the momentum going, 19-14.

After a charge by the Wildcats, the Cougars lost control of the ball.

Pendleton County missed several field goal attempts before fumbling the ball out.

Chloe Miller notched one free throw for the Cougars with 36 seconds left in the half.

The Cougars forced a jump ball, but Townsend swiped the ball and scored on a break-away layup to close the first half giving Pendleton County a 21-15 edge.

East Hardy opened the second half with steals by Chloe Miller and Brooklyn Miller, but no points came to fruition.

The Wildcats went on an 8-nil run starting with a jumper by Jessica Parker at 7:10, then Townsend collected a defensive board and a foul led to two points on the line.

A steal by Chloe Miller turned into a walk for the Cougars, then Julia Mongold hit a jumper for the Wildcats.

Parker swiped the ball and found Townsend for a layup extending the lead to 29-15 with 5:42 left in the third period.

Tinnell drilled a 3-pointer for East Hardy to end the run at 4:56, 29-18.

Townsend and Chloe Miller traded one free throw apiece for a 30-19 score at 4:25.

Pendleton County’s Jameigh Miller hit a trifecta with 2:58 remaining.

The Cougars responded with a jumper from Tinnell on the ensuing series, 33-21.

East Hardy’s Jenna Mongold

made a steal, but the ball was snatched back by Parker with a quick foul.

A defensive carom was corralled by Chloe Miller, then Tinnell drew a foul and added two free throws at 2:07.

The Wildcats answered with a jumper by Julia Mongold for a 35-23 lead at 1:44.

Both teams hit the rim prior to a 3-pointer connected by Julia Mongold for a 38-23 advantage with one minute to go in the third frame.

The Cougars hit the rim twice before Tinnell blocked a shot and forced a jump ball, then added a bucket in the paint to close the gap to 38-24 entering the final stanza.

“This was very special. These are wonderful girls who have been playing together since recreation league. I was looking at pictures of them as kids today. They are a good, hard working group of girls. We had a really tough game on the road at Tygarts Valley last night spending a lot of emotion and energy, but they bounced back tonight. We had some good balance tonight with a lot of people in the scoring column. I am proud of the overall effort. Now we have to get ready for the playoffs and give these seniors a chance at going to the state tournament,” Pendleton County coach Donnie Kopp said.

Vincell and Townsend netted putbacks in the first minute of the fourth period to extend the Wildcats lead to 42-25.

Chloe Miller knocked down a mid range jumper for the Cougars at 6:54.

Pendleton County came back down the floor with a 3-pointer by Jameigh Miller.

Townsend and Tinnell traded a free throw over the next minute for a 46-28 score.

Townsend recorded two field goals sandwiching a block from Jameigh Miller as the Wildcats secured a 50-28 lead with 4:12 remaining.

There were eight combined missed field goals over the next several minutes.

East Hardy’s Chloe Miller drilled a 3-pointer with 20 seconds to go, then the Cougars forced a turnover and Tinnell nailed another perimeter bucket with 14 seconds left to slice the deficit to 50-34.

Pendleton County survived the attack on senior night in the Franklin Den.

East Hardy defeated Tygarts Valley 42-32 in the opening round of the Class A Region II playoffs, while Pendleton County beat Paw Paw.

The Cougars face top seeded Tucker County on the road in the Class A Region II championship co-final tonight, while Pendleton County hosts Pocahontas County in the other co-final with the winners advancing to the state tournament in Charleston.

Golden Tornado siren quiets Moorefield in Keyser

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

The Golden Tornado siren sounded and sent the Yellow Jackets spiraling to the ground with a 52-42 blast in Keyser.

Moorefield kept it close in the first half with rebounding, but foul trouble and mistakes loomed large in the second half causing a rift in the continuity.

“I don’t know that it was anything they threw at us in the first half. We have been doing that for about a month now, starting slow and getting down six, eight to ten points in the first period. We come out and have a game plan, then commit three, four or five turnovers and take bad shots that weren’t in rhythm or anything out of the set. You aren’t doing the stuff you were talking about in the locker room 20 minutes ago. I’m not taking anything away from them, but we aren’t doing what we needed to do. Sometimes you do things to speed them up, but you speed yourself up and not going in the right rhythm. We don’t press a lot, but we wanted to give it a whirl to test it out knowing we had it in our bag going into the playoffs. I think a lot of it was more about us. We tried to do too much. The key in the second half was going into a 1-3-1 trying to protect Braylon who was in foul trouble and needed him on both ends of the floor. We just needed to rebound better, because most of their points in the first half came off putbacks and not getting boxed off. We shot ten free throws in the first half with the third quarter notwithstanding, but we got to the line more in the second half which is what we wanted to do,” Keyser coach Scott Furey commented.

Shawn Reed scored a game-high 11 points for the Yellow Jackets, followed by Cyrus Kump with nine points and Guyan Kahangirwe added eight points.

Keyser was paced by Grayson Lambka with 10 points, followed by Ian Spiker with eight points and Braylon McGreevy with seven points.

“They made shots and we didn’t. We got into foul trouble and had kids sitting on the bench most of the game. At one point, we missed four foul shots and two layups and they came down and hit a big three which was a turning point,” Moorefield coach Scott Stutler remarked.

Both teams had a couple turnovers in the opening two minutes of the game.

Keyser took the initial lead with a free throw by Evan Ack at 6:58.

Moorefield’s Diego Taylor scored on a putback for the lead at 5:24.

Both teams committed turnovers, then Keyser’s Grayson Lambka netted an old-fashioned three-point play to regain the lead 4-2 at 4:27.

Moorefield’s Cyrus Kump drew a foul and added one free throw on the ensuing series.

The Golden Tornado responded with a jumper by Layton Valentine.

Kump went back to the line and made both free throws for the Yellow Jackets cutting the deficit to 6-5 at 3:28.

Taylor stole the ball and drew a foul, but missed the attempts on the line.

Keyser came up empty, then Kump collected rebounds on both ends of the floor with the latter carom resulting in a putback giving Moorefield the lead 7-6 at 2:11.

Keyser’s Kameron Samples drilled a 3-pointer to regain the lead 9-7 with 1:40 left in the first frame.

Samples and Reed traded steals, but the latter led to a charge by Kump.

Reed blocked a shot, then Kahangirwe scored on a putback as the Yellow Jackets tied the game at 9-all with nine seconds left.

Keyser missed two field goals to start the second period, sandwiching a leaping save and steal by Damarian Allen, with Kump collecting the rebounds.

Reed drew a foul and made both free throws to put Moorefield up 11-9 at 7:01.

Camden Owens netted a jumper to tie the game for the Golden Tornado on the following possession.

Moorefield answered with a layup by Kump to regain the lead at 6:25.

Both teams hit the rim, then Keyser’s McGreevy made one free throw and Reed hauled in the board.

Ack swiped the ball and found Allen for a layup as Keyser took a 14-13 lead at 4:56.

The Yellow Jackets took the lead back just 11 seconds later on a jumper by Brady Vetter.

Moorefield’s Jackson Helmick drilled a perimeter basket for an 18-15 edge with 4:17 left in the half.

Lambka recorded an old-fashioned three-point play to tie the game for Keyser at 4:01.

A steal by Lambka led to two free throws for a Golden Tornado edge at 3:18.

Ack blocked a shot and stepped out of bounds after the steal.

Reed completed an old-fashioned three-point play to five the Yellow Jackets a 21-20 lead with 2:47 remaining.

Ack netted two foul shots on the ensuing possession to regain the Keyser edge.

After a turnover, Moorefield’s Dawson Arbaugh blocked a shot and forced a jump ball before committing an offensive foul.

Keyser took a 26-21 lead with

a dunk by Samples with 16 seconds left in the half.

Moorefield’s Diego Taylor garnered a buzzer beating putback for a 26-23 halftime score.

Keyser opened the second half setting a trap to force a walk, then Allen scored in the paint.

McGreevy blocked a shot after a rebound by Taylor, then stole the ball leading to a miss.

McGreevy blocked another shot before the Golden Tornado lost the ball out.

Reed scored on a layup for the Yellow Jackets at 6:11, 28-25.

McGreevy scored twice within a minute with the help of a steal to put Keyser up 33-25 at 3:34.

Moorefield’s Jackson Helmick hammered a 3-pointer on the next series.

Kump stole the ball, but the ensuing shot went awry and the Golden Tornado couldn’t connect on the other side.

Moorefield’s Guyan Kahangirwe hit a jumper to close the gap to 33-30 at 1:55.

Kahangirwe snatched a defensive rebound before being called for a charge going to the hoop.

Keyser missed two shots, then Taylor stole the ball and a technical foul was called on the Golden Tornado, then Moorefield failed to score..

Keyser’s Ian Spiker drilled a perimeter bucket for a 36-30 lead entering the final stanza.

A steal by Taylor setup a putback from Reed as the Yellow Jackets cut the deficit to 36-32 at 7:27 in the fourth period.

The Golden Tornado answered with a 3-pointer by Spiker to spark an 8-0 run to build a 44-32 advantage with 5:12 left.

Moorefield stopped the run with a jumper by Reed at 4:02.

A steal by Kahangirwe led to a bucket from Kump as the Yellow Jackets made it 44-36 with 3:12 to go.

Keyser added three free throws over the next minute, then Kahangirwe scored off an assist from Taylor in the paint at 2:12.

After a field goal by Spiker, Moorefield responded with a layup by Taylor to cut the deficit to 49-40 with 1:43 left.

Keyser added a free throw, then Moorefield hit the rim and Helmick stole the ball back and dished to Kahangirwe for a basket with one minute left, 50-42.

The Golden Tornado missed six out of eight free throws down the stretch, but that was enough to seal the 52-42 win as Moorefield drew iron thrice despite a steal by Reed.

In JV action, Keyser won 52-37. Law Sherman led the Yellow Jackets with 14 points.



Town of Moorefield

HELP WANTED

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Maintenance Technician – The successful applicant will perform and/or supervise maintenance for the Moorefield Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. Thorough knowledge and skill regarding mechanical and electrical systems including three phase, high voltage and control wiring is required. Master Electrician is preferred but not required. A more complete job description is available upon request.

Contact Tony Dolan at 304.530.7448. The Town of Moorefield and the Moorefield/Hardy Co. Wastewater Authority are equal opportunity employers.

Job Title: Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) – Pediatrics

Location: Hardy County Medical
Job Type: Full-Time
Organization: E. A. Hawse Health Inc.

About Us:
E. A. Hawse Health Inc. is a community-focused Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) committed to providing high-quality, compassionate healthcare to underserved populations. Our pediatric team is dedicated to ensuring children receive the care they need to grow and thrive.


Position Overview:
We are seeking a Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) with pediatric experience to join our team. The ideal candidate is patient-focused, detail-oriented, and thrives in a fast-paced environment while working with children and families.

Key Responsibilities:
■ Assist pediatric providers with patient care, including examinations, procedures, and immunizations.
■ Obtain and document vital signs, medical history, and chief complaints.
■ Administer vaccines, medications, and treatments as directed by the provider.
■ Educate parents and caregivers on wellness, chronic disease management, and preventive care.
■ Perform point-of-care testing and specimen collection following clinical guidelines.
■ Ensure accurate documentation in the electronic health record (EHR).
■ Maintain exam rooms and medical equipment in compliance with infection control protocols.
■ Provide compassionate and developmentally appropriate support to pediatric patients and families.
■ Collaborate with a multidisciplinary care team to ensure continuity of care.

Qualifications:
■ Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) with an active, unencumbered license in [State].
■ Minimum one year of pediatric experience required.
■ CPR/BLS certification required.
■ Strong communication and organizational skills.
■ Proficiency in electronic health records (EHR) preferred.

Why Join Us?
■ Competitive salary and benefits package.
■ Supportive team environment with opportunities for professional growth.
■ Meaningful work serving children and families in a community healthcare setting.

How to Apply:
Interested candidates should submit their resume and cover letter to tnelson@hawsehealth.com or on Indeed. Join our team and help us make a difference in pediatric healthcare!





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Public Works – The successful applicant will assist in the operation and maintenance of the Moorefield Public Works Department. Applicants with a strong mechanical background are requested and CDL’s are shall be obtained after hiring. Starting salary will be based on certifications held. Grade 3 - \$31,512. Grade 4 - \$35,373. Grade 5 - \$39,576. Please contact Lucas Gagnon for more information, 304.530.6142. The Town of Moorefield is an equal opportunity employer.





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