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Potomac Highlands May Receive New Center to Assist the Disabled

By Stephen Smoot

"I am writing to formally submit this Letter of Intent to the West Virginia Health Care Authority (WVHCA) regarding our proposal to establish a new Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) to become an IDD service provider."

Ladale Jackson of Liberty Community Programs WV LLC submitted this letter on March 14 for a proposed "IDD Group Home in Sugar Grove, West Virginia."

The address listed, 133 Hedrick Drive, confirms that the company intends to use the former Navy Base at Sugar Grove for its purposes. Currently, the com-

pany has submitted a Certificate of Need waiver application for consideration by the West Virginia Health Care Authority.

According to the Health Care Authority, "In West Virginia, all health care providers, unless otherwise exempt, must obtain a CON before (1) adding or expanding health care services, (2) exceeding the capital expenditure threshold of \$5,803,788, (3) obtaining major medical equipment valued at \$5,803,788 or more, or (4) developing or acquiring new health care facilities."

It goes on to state that "The statutorily mandated CON review process primarily includes the determination of need, con-

sistency with the State Health Plan, and financial feasibility." The State uses certain metrics and measurements to make those determinations.

Due in part to both Republican and Democratic federal administrations finding state CON laws counterproductive in almost every presidency since Ronald Reagan, Governor Patrick Morrisey made repealing such laws a centerpiece of his legislative program. The State Legislature, however, declined to pass the proposed repeal.

Otherwise, Liberty Community Programs would not need to take such a step.

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Hardy County Humane Society Receives Grants, Seeks Building for Use As Shelter

By Steve Pendleton

Effective April 2nd, the Humane Society of Hardy County (HSHC) has a new phone number and email address exclusively for spay and neuter applications. Anyone wishing to receive an application may call 681-271-4225 or send an email to hshcsan1@gmail.com.

HSHC has been awarded a grant of \$10,000 by the West Virginia Spay and Neuter Program through the State Department of Agriculture. The grant is retroactive to January 1st. This is the second year that the organization has been funded by the program. Since May 2024, over 170 cats in Hardy and Grant Counties have

been sterilized through HSHC.

The town of Moorefield recently contributed \$5,000 to the Humane Society for feral cats within city limits to be spayed and neutered. This is especially helpful for those who cannot afford to pay for the procedure on their own. Residents within town limits can reach HSHC via the provided phone number or email address. We are very grateful to the town for the generous gift.

HSHC is still looking for a building to purchase for use as an animal shelter. Some funding is in place while we plan to reach out to local resources and foundations. A building with concrete

floors, with at least 3,000 square feet of space is needed. We also plan to run a TNR (trap, neuter, release) program which involves trapping feral cats, having them sterilized, then returned to their original habitat. Before this program begins, a space must be in place to house cats between the time of being captured and going to the veterinarian. A building with utilities in the range of 1200 to 1500 square feet will provide the space needed. If anyone owns a building that might serve as an animal shelter or temporary TNR facility and has an interest in selling, please call 304-490-9675 or send an email to hshcwt24@

gmail.com.

HSHC will soon have two billboards in the Moorefield area. One billboard will advertise the need to spay and neuter animals. The second board reaches out to the public to apply as a foster parent for cats and dogs needing temporary placement. The first billboard is being funded by the Hardy County Community Foundation. Foster parents are a crucial need. HSHC frequently receives calls from people who need to rehome a pet or help to place feral cats. Recently, a member of the program kept 14 cats in three cages in their living room for two nights. It was a stressful experi-

ence for the cats and him not to mention the cats already living there. Applicants will be evaluated to assure their ability to care for the animals in their home. Training is provided as well as a stipend to buy food and litter. Any required veterinary care will be paid for by HSHC. If you are interested in being a foster parent, please call 304-490-9675 or send an email to hshcwt24@gmail.com.

After eight months of discussion, planning, and proposals, the Humane Society's offer to provide funding and volunteers for the Hardy County Dog Pound has been turned down

by the County Commission. HSHC offered \$50,000, which was donated by a program member, to be dedicated to pound improvements. The amount of \$22,000 would have helped to pay for \$46,000 in construction updates including a new roof, concreted outside area with a canopy, and the addition of one room to the building among other things. The remaining funds would have paid for a heating system (which has been installed), air conditioning, raised beds made of iron, and a microchip reader. Some of the funding received through the Spay and Neuter Program would have

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Brooklyn Vetter was honored as the first-ever recipient of the 2025 Oncology Nurse Leader of the Year Award

On March 28th, the West Virginia University Cancer Institute hosted its first Oncology Nurses Conference at the Erickson Alumni Center in Morgantown. This event brought together more than 218 oncology nurses from 13 WVU Cancer Institute locations for a full day of learning, collaboration, and celebration. The conference highlighted the vital role oncology nurses play in advancing patient care and fostering innovation.

Brooklyn Vetter, MSN, RN, WCC, Nurse Manager of the Grant Memorial Hospital Cancer and Infusion Center, shared updates as one of four panel members during a discussion highlighting WVUCI centers. In addition to the educational programming, the event celebrated the exceptional contributions of oncology nurses through a special awards ceremony. GMH is proud to announce that Brooklyn was honored as the first-ever recipient of the 2025 Oncology Nurse Leader of the Year Award. She was recognized for outstanding leadership and dedication to elevating oncology nursing standards



West Virginia's Cultural Heritage Should Be Defended, Not Defunded

DOGE's proposed humanities cuts imperil the Mountain State's cultural economy

By Eric Waggoner

The West Virginia Encyclopedia Online? Deleted from the internet.

The West Virginia Folklife Program's preservation of our unique traditions and culture? Gone.

Hundreds of annual History Alive! presentations to schools, libraries, churches, and community centers across West Virginia? Cancelled.

Last week, the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) targeted the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) with devastating funding cuts, putting West Virginia's rich history, cultural tourism, and community programs at immediate risk. These cuts will pull nearly a million dollars per year in Congressionally approved federal funding out of West Virginia, directly affecting

historical societies, museums, festivals, and organizations that work tirelessly to preserve and share the enthralling story of our Mountain State.

In our role as the NEH's official state affiliate, the West Virginia Humanities Council, a nonpartisan nonprofit organization, has delivered NEH funding throughout West Virginia since 1974, providing programs and giving grants to organizations and initiatives that celebrate our cultural heritage. These efforts ensure that West Virginia's history and culture remain alive and accessible for future generations.

Our grants and programs can be found in all 55 counties, everywhere from cities to the smallest communities. We have supported initiatives as wide ranging

as Arthurdale Heritage in Preston County and the Contemporary American Theater Festival in Shepherdstown. Our West Virginia National Cemeteries Project and the History Alive! speaker series are just two examples of how we bring state, national, and military history to life and create invaluable experiences for students, residents, and visitors alike.

Along with important programs like these, our support for West Virginia studies and civics programs has made the West Virginia Humanities Council a national leader in the arts and humanities for people of all ages.

Kenzie New Walker, executive director of Matewan's West Virginia Mine Wars Museum, attests that Council grants "have en-

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EDITORIAL

Trump, Tariff History, and Adam Smith

By Stephen Smoot

Two of the nation’s largest problems as it exited the 20th century lay in the burgeoning national debt and the shrinking base of manufactures.

The frenetic energy of the first hundred days of Donald Trump’s second administration reveals his grand design to fulfil the promise embroidered on countless numbers of red baseball caps given out or sold since 2016. In essence, President Trump is trying to bring about “greatness” by fixing America’s biggest problems.

First, Trump is using tariffs to restore a level playing field for American industry. Debt has been covered recently, so no need to revisit at this point.

After the Second World War, American cities churned out products that sold in almost every country in the globe. “Made in the U.S.A.” dominated the world and cities from Oakland to Detroit to Baltimore attracted people from all over to work in steel mills, automobile factories, and other heavy industry.

Over time, America’s leading competitors passed tariffs that charged taxes on goods “Made in the U.S.A.” but were sold in their countries. Japan currently charges a 46 percent tariff on United States made goods. China charges 67 percent. The European Union levies a little less than 40 percent.

During the Cold War, American leaders allowed the United States to take the hit for strategic reasons. Many of the nations that emerged as key allies against Soviet expansion had also seen their national economies devastated by the Second World War. Tariffs helped these nations to create robust economies that helped them assume a more secure and stronger position.

That said, the effect of these tariffs came at a cost that can be seen on the American landscape. Cities that grew up around industrial cores, such as Baltimore, Detroit, Gary, Buffalo, Oakland, and, closer to home, Wheeling, Weirton, and others saw their cities experience severe decline or even near complete implosion.

Restricted access to foreign markets, along with some other factors that might have been less problematic otherwise, hurt American industry considerably and left city centers filled with people who no longer had the same opportunities for good paying jobs that provided key benefits. America bore the burden and paid the cost to allow Western Civilization to restore itself, but this also replaced a sturdy economy based on manufacturing, extraction, agriculture, and similar fields into one whose foundation is the service economy with lower paying jobs that provide few, if any benefits.

President Trump warned the world that the United States needed a better deal. In reply to inaction, he turned up the tariff temperature.

The tariffs sparked hysterical alarm on Wall Street, but fall well short of the damage done by those of other countries. China’s 67 percent tariff rate has earned a reciprocal tariff of 37 percent. A 20 percent tariff was raised against the EU, which again, charges the US almost 40 percent.

The tariffs do not approach an eye for an eye in most cases, but are calibrated to hit the other country hard enough to get them to the table to talk.

Arguments against their effectiveness come from history and also from doctrine.

The historical example often cited is the Smoot-Hawley Tariff of 1930, but the circumstances surrounding that tariff make it almost completely removed from today’s conditions.

First, Smoot-Hawley was passed as a protective tariff of American industry and agriculture to combat the onset of the Great Depression. It raised rates to an average of 40 percent across the board. President Trump’s tariffs are less protective and more aggressive, designed to get other nations to reduce their barriers against US made goods.

Presumably, when the other nations agree to lower their tariffs, the US will follow suit, introducing a freer global trade system than the world has seen in decades. American made goods would have an opportunity to compete in other major markets.

Another problem with the Smoot-Hawley comparison lies in the state of the world. Other nations’ response to Smoot-Hawley lay in pursuing policies of economic autarky, which means basically relying on one’s own markets and resources for economic activity.

In 1930, the world was in the final decades of a unique condition that has only occurred once in history and likely never will again. The majority of the surface of the globe was held by either continental sized powers or global colonial empires. For example, Great Britain exercised sovereignty over 25 percent of the land surface of the globe while its Royal Navy controlled the oceans. France, the Netherlands, Belgium, and even Portugal controlled vast areas with significant natural resources and markets to sell finished goods.

Germany, Italy, and Japan embarked on hostile paths against other nations to construct a similar economic base through conquest.

Meanwhile, the United States, Soviet Union, and the Republic of China possessed vast spaces of contiguous land that provided similar advantages as a colonial empire.

Smoot-Hawley kicked off a world drive toward autonomy that deepened the Depression. The list of nations that could pursue such a policy today numbers four - the United States, Red China, India, and perhaps the European Union

if it can abandon its industry killing green regulations.

Others attack the President’s tariff policy out of doctrinal reasons. For conservatives Adam Smith’s *Wealth of Nations*, published in 1776, represents near secular scripture when it comes to economic ideals. Smith wrote the book in part as an explanation of why the heavily regulated and highly tariff centered European mercantilist system held back growth and development.

Smith did argue against tariffs, but included caveats on when a nation should employ them.

“There seem to be two cases in which it will generally be advantageous to lay some burden upon foreign, for the encouragement of domestic industry,” wrote Smith.

First, he stated “is when some particular sort of industry is necessary for the defence of the country.” Smith cited shipping as one area where Britain was right to impose tariffs and restrictions.

One example is Britain passing a law that required bulky items to be brought only in ships flying the flag of the nation that produced the good. Smith notes that this was likely a reciprocal act - much like President Trump’s tariffs, that retaliated against the Netherlands for barring access to British trading vessels.

To put it in more modern terms, Adam Smith is against tariffs but does not advocate that a nation in the face of restrictions against it merely say “Thank you sir, may I have another?”

“The second case,” argues Smith, “in which it will be generally advantageous to lay some burden upon foreign for the encouragement of domestic industry, is, when some tax is imposed at home on the produce of the latter.”

He went on to explain that such a tariff “would only hinder any part of what would naturally go to it from being turned away by the tax.”

Smith’s entire point lies in the notion that goods and services, unless there is an extreme need for it, ought not be channeled by regulations, tariffs, or other burdens in an “unnatural direction.”

The natural direction of goods created by the most productive and efficient economy on earth is to both the domestic and also to less efficient foreign markets. Foreign tariffs on US made goods - which serve as a dam against a flood of American made products - create an unnatural economic dynamic that has kept foreign nations from maximizing efficiency while at the same time contributing hundreds to US manufacturing’s death by a thousand cuts.

Thus creating a situation where President Trump’s tariffs act not against Adam Smith’s ideal of a world with as purely free trade as is possible, but in service of it.

My UNBASED OPINION Unbased Revisited

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN



Down the barn lane from Big House, a grassy spot by a rusty woven wire fence near corner of our old machine shed. My father, James Ogden Heishman and I were discussing, admiring, teasing a small bright haired boy, my son, James Ogden Heishman, who stood against the fence near us. He was two or three years old, putting a little.

Normally we called him Jamey. Today it was “Mr. Jackson”. I have a bad habit of tacking my own nicknames to young animals and people. I referred to Jamey with several sobriquets over those early years and I’m not sure where Mr. Jackson came from. I suppose I was trying to be just as cute as he was at that age.

“I want my word.” word?” “What word?” “I want a shirt with my word on it.” “What word, Jamey?” “My word.” “My name.” Ah ha. Pouting because he wanted us to use his given name, not some cutesy made up thing and he wanted a shirt with his name to remind us. James got his shirt with his name in red letters and Pap died about a year later, leaving his grandson sole owner of James Ogden Heishman.

James grew through Moorefield public schools where he made decent grades and played some tough basketball. At six feet two inches, with speed, he kept some of the area’s better players defensively checked and scored a few points besides.

Kentucky was his undergraduate university home. I haven’t talked to him yet today since Wisconsin beat Kentucky in N.C.A.A tournament Final Four game last night. He might be pouting again.

He graduated from West Virginia University College of Law in 2006. Oh dear Lord, I wish his Grandfather had been present that day to hear his name read and see his diploma presentation. A professional, Pap set great store by professional status. He was a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, wanted me to also attain such status, but I never had the gumption.

Home from school, James passed the Bar Exam and became “official.” Worked a while for himself, then applied for and was

accepted as Hardy County Assistant Prosecutor under Lucas See in 2008. In 2013, James left the Prosecutor’s office and went to work for Moorefield’s Walters & Krauskopf Law Firm, Jack H. and his son, Nathan Walters, Partners.

One of Hardy County’s older law firms, it’s been through several iterations with various combinations of partners in the past forty odd years. From the original See and Walters, with Clyde See and Jack, through See, Walters & Krauskopf with an addition of Howard in 1985, and Walters, Krauskopf & Baker when Jessica Mathias Baker joined the firm for several years, then back to Walters & Krauskopf with Jack and Nathan, Partners until end of

2014.

January first, 2015, another name change to Walters & Heishman, with elevation of James Ogden Heishman to full partner status. Most days, when he’s not rambling through various area courthouses for various legal purposes, you can find him at Walters & Heishman offices, corner of Washington and Elm Streets across Elm Street from Hardy County Courthouse. He occupies an office, formerly Howard Krauskopf’s home away from home.

Howard’s been out of commission several years due to paralysis from a swimming accident. Unable to travel and perform his old legal duties, his office has been empty. I think James’ acquisition

of that office is fortuitous.

Both men are tall, capable of being imposing, graduates of broadcast journalism with persuasive deep announcer voices and good grins. Howard encouraged James to go to law school and I hope he doesn’t mind James moving into his old digs.

I saw Jack on the street the other day and asked him how my boy was doing. “Fine” he said. I noted that as long as Jamey was “holding his end of the stick” he should work out. “Never any worry about that,” said Jack.

I’m awfully proud of that Walters and Heishman sign on their office wall. James’ Grandfather would be too.

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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.wvenyclopedia.org.

April 9, 1817: John Nuttall was born in England. He was one of the first operators to ship coal on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway in the early 1870s and founded the town of Nuttallburg in the New River Gorge.

April 9, 1900: Physician Margaret Byrnside “Dr. Maggie” Ballard was born. She actively pursued her interest in genealogy and local history and was a founder of the Monroe County Historical Society.
April 10, 1848: John Kenna was born in Kanawha County. In 1883, the state legislature elected him to the U.S. Senate, unseating the powerful Henry G. Davis. Kenna is one of two West Virginians memorialized by a statue in the U.S. Capitol.

April 10, 1932: Entertainer Blaze Starr was born as Fanny Belle Fleming in Wayne County. The owner of a burlesque club rechristened her “Blaze Starr.” Her story was the basis of the movie

Blaze.

April 11, 1821: Congressman Jacob Beeson Blair was born in Parkersburg. Blair was the first West Virginian to be told by President Abraham Lincoln of Lincoln’s support for making West Virginia a state.

April 11, 1847: Diarist Sirene Bunten was born in French Creek, Upshur County. As a teenager, she kept a diary about her daily activities, including emotional accounts of life on the West Virginia home front during the Civil War.
April 11, 1909: Writer Hubert Skidmore was born at Laurel Mountain in Webster County. In his novels, Skidmore depicted stoic endurance by mountain people in the face of misfortune and economic exploitation by outside interests.

April 11, 1940: Award-winning artist Susan Poffenbarger was born in Charleston. Her work can be found in many galleries as well as in the IRS National Computing Center in Martinsburg and the Federal Courthouse Annex in Wheeling. She died in 2025.

April 11, 1964: Writer Pinckney Benedict was born in Lew-

isburg. His two collections of short stories, *Town Smokes* and *The Wrecking Yard*, as well as his novel *Dogs of God* were named Notable Books by the New York Times Book Review.

April 12, 1865: The 36th Virginia Infantry, known as the Logan Wildcats, disbanded. The Confederate company was created at Logan Courthouse on June 3, 1861, and consisted of about 85 men. The company saw its first action in the Battle of Scary Creek in Putnam County.

April 12, 1885: Photographer George James Kossuth was born. After opening his Wheeling studio in 1909, he achieved broad fame for his photos of the city and insightful portraits of world celebrities, including Richard Strauss, Jascha Heifetz, Leopold Stokowski, Clarence Darrow and Richard Nixon.

April 13, 1873: Lawyer, diplomat and 1924 Democratic candidate for president John William Davis was born in Clarksburg. Davis argued 141 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. His last case was one of the most controversial, when he argued in 1952 to con-

tinue racial segregation in South Carolina.

April 13, 1951: Sculptor Bill Hopen was born. The Sutton artist’s works appear in government buildings, museums, churches, and hospitals around West Virginia, across the nation, and abroad.

April 14, 1774: Surveyors met at the mouth of the Kanawha River to establish military bounty claims in Kentucky. They became involved in several skirmishes with Indians in the region. This was the start of Dunmore’s War, the name given to the conflict in the Ohio Valley in the spring of 1774.

April 14, 1945: Twenty people were killed when a commercial airplane on its way to Morgantown flew off course and crashed into the side of Cheat Mountain.

April 15, 1872: Peter Godwin Van Winkle died in Parkersburg. Van Winkle was a member of the Governor’s Council of the Reorganized Government of Virginia, 1861-63, under Gov. Francis Pierpont. On August 4, 1863, Van Winkle was elected as one of West Virginia’s first two U.S. senators.

News

TRICARE Authorizes Temporary Prescription Refill Waivers for West Virginia due to Storm Damage

FALLS CHURCH, Virginia – The Defense Health Agency announced that TRICARE beneficiaries in West Virginia may receive emergency prescription refills now through April 13, due to storm damage.

All counties are affected.

To receive an emergency refill of prescription medications, TRICARE beneficiaries should take their prescription bottle to any TRICARE retail network pharmacy. If the bottle is unavailable or the label is damaged or missing, beneficiaries should contact Express Scripts, Inc., or their

retail network pharmacy for assistance.

To find a network pharmacy, beneficiaries may call Express Scripts at 1-877-363-1303, or search the network pharmacy locator.

If possible, visit the pharmacy where the prescription was filled.

Prescriptions filled by a retail chain may be filled at another store in that chain. If the clinician who prescribed the medication is available, beneficiaries can ask them to call in a new prescription to any network pharmacy.

As a reminder, TRICARE beneficiaries, other than active duty

service members, may receive urgent care from any TRICARE-authorized urgent care center or provider and do not need a referral. This allows beneficiaries to seek nonemergency care for illnesses or injuries if their primary care provider is unavailable because of emergencies.

Any TRICARE beneficiary who reasonably believes they have an emergency should always call 911 or, go to the nearest emergency room.

Beneficiaries are advised to visit Express Scripts' Weather Notices page for updates.

East Hardy Elementary School



East Hardy Elementary School celebrates a recent accomplishment of reaching lighthouse status, one of the highest recognitions in the Leader In Me program. The framework of the national program focuses on three different areas including leadership, culture and academics. With this honor East Hardy Elementary School now joins 600 other schools around the globe.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

“The Lost River Trail Run will be held Saturday, May 3rd on the trails at Lost River State Park. Runners may choose from a 1 mile out and back, or a 4.5 mile loop which may be repeated for race distances of approximately 4.5 miles, 9 miles, or Half-Marathon. Registration is available here- <https://runsignup.com/Race/WV/Mathias/LostRiverTrailRun>

The public is invited to attend the Public Hearing and Workshop to be held on April 22, 2025 at the East Hardy County High School, 259 Cougar Drive,

Baker, WV from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Formal Hearing begins a 6:00 PM

Does your cat or dog need spay or neutering? Spay Today is our area’s non-profit, reduced-priced spay and neuter program. (Main office: Charles Town, WV) CHOOSE from MANY vets over a WIDE area!

At the time of surgery, initial shots and tests may be obtained at lower prices.

Contact Spay Today today! 304.728.8330.

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A Month for Pipeline Awareness

With the weather getting warmer, I'm sure many of us are ready to begin spring gardening and home renovation plans. As April kicks off, Safe Digging Month begins.

That's why it's important to recognize gas pipeline safety and reflect on the critical need for safe excavation practices.

Here at the Public Service Commission, we have our own team of safe digging experts within the Gas Pipeline Safety Division.

Our dedicated people closely monitor construction sites across West Virginia to ensure safe digging practices are followed, and they diligently review records from natural gas utility companies, and other gas and hazardous liquid gathering and transmission pipelines. They play a vital role in ensuring these companies adhere to all safety rules and regulations regarding natural gas and hazardous liquids.

Our Gas Pipeline Safety Division oversees approximately 17,500 miles of pipeline throughout the

state. This responsibility includes regulating all aspects of pipeline safety, from the initial design phase to operations and maintenance and ultimately abandonment.

The Division's work ensures that pipeline personnel follow federal pipeline and state safety regulations and that pipelines remain safe and reliable.

The Gas Pipeline Safety staff is trained directly by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), ensuring the members are up to date with the latest federal standards. Many of

the team also have hands-on field experience, giving them a unique perspective and understanding of pipeline safety on the ground.

While you may not have your own gas pipeline safety team at home, you can still do your part by always calling 811 before you dig. This simple action is one of the most effective ways to prevent accidental damage to gas pipelines and other underground utilities such as water, sewer, or communications.

The free 811 call connects you with an operator who will contact the appropriate underground facil-

ity, who will then send a worker to locate and mark the location of any underground facilities in your area. You can also submit an 811 notification online. Remember that this notification needs to be done at least two working days prior to digging.

Gas pipelines can be difficult to detect, and even a small mistake, like striking a pipeline while digging, can lead to service outages, dangerous gas leaks, fires, or, in some cases, explosions.

Remember, calling 811 isn't just for contractors or large construc-

tion projects; it's free and essential for any digging task, big or small!

Even simple activities like planting a tree or installing a mailbox can unintentionally damage underground pipelines if you're not careful.

Safe Digging Month is a reminder for all of us to do our part. That's why the Public Service Commission urges you to take this important step to protect West Virginia's underground facilities and ensure the safety of everyone in our communities

Sheetz Marks a Decade on “100 Best Companies to Work For” List Tenth consecutive year convenience chain named to prominent workplace list

ALTOONA, PA (April 2, 2025) — Today Sheetz, a major Mid-Atlantic restaurant and convenience chain, is humbled to announce it has been named to this year's list of 100 Best Companies to Work For® by Fortune magazine and Great Place to Work®. This marks Sheetz's 10th straight year being named to this prestigious workplace list. Sheetz is ranked 40th and is the only convenience chain included on this year's list.

This list, now in its 28th year, recognizes companies that have exceptional workplace cultures and high employee satisfaction.

“We do not take this honor lightly, as being named to this prominent workplace list for 10 straight years reflects our commitment to our employees,” said Travis Sheetz, President and CEO of Sheetz. “As a family-owned and -operated company, the success and well-being of our team members have always been our top priority. They are the face of our brand in every community we serve, and we remain dedicated to providing them with fulfilling careers built on a culture of respect and a shared purpose of caring for people.”

This recognition follows Sheetz's announcement that it was aiming to hire 1,350 employees company-wide during hiring events at each of its 770+ locations last week. The company is now looking to fill 1,000 positions company-wide. Individuals interested in working at Sheetz are encouraged to visit jobs.sheetz.com to explore available job opportunities.

Also ranking second in the most recent Best Workplaces in Retail list by Fortune, Sheetz offers competitive pay and benefits packages to all employees, includ-

ing medical and dental insurance, 12-week fully paid maternity leave, a 401(k) retirement plan, college tuition reimbursement, an employee stock ownership plan, flexible schedules, opportunities for advancement, quarterly bonuses, vacation time and more.

“Fortune is happy to have collaborated with Great Place To Work for the 28th year to recognize the 100 Best Companies to Work For,” says Alyson Shontel, editor-in-chief of Fortune. “In a difficult macro environment with unprecedented challenges, these companies seemed to navigate

their organizations toward steady and positive working environments for employees. Congratulations to all who were recognized.”

The 100 Best Companies to Work For list honors companies that build a high-trust workplace environment, measured through Great Place To Work's proprietary survey platform. Confidential feedback from more than 1.3 million employees in the U.S. is matched against HR data from companies. Only companies with consistently high survey responses across the 60 statements that comprise the Trust Index™ Sur-

vey are honored with placement on the list.

This inclusion occurs as Sheetz continues its expansion west. Sheetz opened its first-ever store in Michigan last year and recently began construction on its second store in the Detroit metro area. Sheetz plans to continue this momentum with groundbreakings of more than a dozen Detroit metro locations later this year and into 2026, and remains on track to open 50-60 locations in southeast Michigan over the next five to six years.

AT THE LIBRARY

At the Library April 9, 2025

Memorials: Gift to the memorial fund in memory of Lucille Gohdes. Given by Rosie Thomas.

Regular Events: Crochet – Thursdays at 1:00 pm Story Time – Wednesdays at 10:00, every 1st Saturday at 10:00 Book Club – 1st Saturday at 1:00

COMING SOON! Think: outdoors, gardening.....SEEDS!

New fiction

The Paris express : a novel by Emma Donoghue

Passengers both rich and poor, hailing from as close as Brittany and as far as Russia, Ireland, Algeria, Pennsylvania, and Cambodia, set out from the Normandy coast, speeding toward Paris's Montparnasse Station, the steam train's driver and stoker under relentless pressure from the Company to keep her on schedule. With the carriages packed, the day will not end the way any one of them suspects. Because amongst them, there's an anarchist aboard with a terrifying plan to kill them all.

Girl anonymous by Christina Dodd

As a child, Maarja Daire saw her mother ignite an explosion that killed vengeful mob boss Benoit Arundel--and herself--to save Maarja's life. Maarja's been on the run ever since...fleeing from intimacy, from love, from consequences. Now an adult, Maarja hides in plain sight as a fine arts mover, transporting priceless belongings. Work for a new client brings her to the mansion where the fateful blast from her childhood occurred. There she meets Dante, the ruthless, scarred and brooding Arundel family boss. He watches her with dark intent... but does he remember her? Will he use her to take revenge for his father's death? A chance turn of events earns her his trust, when she courageously leaps into flames to rescue his mother. And what happens between them in the darkness sets their worlds on fire, as Maarja recklessly abandons her lifelong caution and self-imposed isolation. Dante calls the urgency between them Fate. Maarja denies him, struggles against his domination and fights the slow erosion of her resistance. When he vows to end the ancient feud, his hid-

den enemies seize the opportunity to destroy him and the woman he will do anything to protect. Bound together by destruction, passion and destiny, Dante and Maarja must navigate uncharted depths of betrayal and loss, to create a new beginning...before the flames of the vendetta consume them.

Famous last words : a novel by Gillian McAllister

It is June 21st, the longest day of the year, and new mother Camilla's life is about to change forever. After months of maternity leave, she will drop her infant daughter off at daycare for the first time and return to her job as a literary agent. Finally. But after she arrives at the office, police officers storm the foyer: in the city, just near her work, a man has taken three hostages and is now in a tense standoff with law enforcement. And Luke, the person she's loved for more than a decade, the father of her child, is involved. But he is not a hostage. He is the kidnapper.

Dead man's list by Karen Rose

On a long-anticipated second date with police psychologist Dr. Sam Reeves--right as things

are getting steamy--Kit stumbles across the mutilated body of a local San Diego politician. The politician is loved by many of his constituents but is hated and reviled by many more. That the suspect list is long is no surprise to anyone, but exactly who ends up on it stuns Kit and her team. As the SDPD reveal the victim's sinister dealings, Kit and Sam are forced to navigate the lawless world of the city's most rich and powerful citizens to find answers. But time is rapidly running out, with their sources of information dropping like flies as the killer methodically eliminates loose ends and anyone else who stands in the way.

New Non-Fiction

How to stop trying : an overachiever's guide to self-acceptance, letting go, and other impossible things by Kate Williams

Williams takes a look at hustle culture, exploring the forces that have shaped a generation of overachieving women who now find themselves in search of a better way forward.

Taking Manhattan : the extraordinary events that created New York and shaped America

by Russell Shorto

Shorto tells the story of the birth of New York City as a center of capitalism and pluralism, a foundation from which America would rise. He also shows how the paradox of New York's origins--boundless opportunity coupled with subjugation and displacement--reflects America's promise and failure to this day.

How to love better : the path to deeper connection through growth, kindness, and compassion by Pueblo Yung

Pueblo examines all aspects of relationships, from the rose-colored early days when you may be hesitant to show your full self, to the challenges that can arise without clear communication, to dealing with heartbreak and healing as you close a chapter of your life.

Landscapeing with stone by Pat Sagui

A guide that shows you how to incorporate the beauty of natural stone into you home landscape.

New Easy Readers

Grumpy monkey : mom for a day by Suzanne Lang

Grumpy Monkey offers to babysit the little animals in the jungle,

but when things go haywire, help comes from an unexpected source.

That's not funny, David! By David Shannon

David finds a lot of things funny - things that most grown-ups don't find amusing at all. He finds it hard to resist the hilarity of grocery-cart crashing, cannonballs, and permanent marker mustaches. Once again, beloved and acclaimed creator David Shannon proves that while David might sometimes take things a little too far...we wouldn't have him any other way.

The great dinosaur sleepover by Linda Bailey

A young boy's disappointing birthday party gets turned upside down with a blast from the prehistoric past.

So Tortoise dug by Emmy Kastner

After creating a new burrow for herself and her best friend Mouse, Tortoise eagerly waits for Mouse's return, but as more animals request their own rooms, Tortoise grows increasingly tired and frustrated with Mouse's absence.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

When Donald Trump was a young man, he was telling people he was the best baseball player in New York. He couldn't turn pro

because he couldn't take the pay cut.

I saw Don Larson pitch his perfect game in the old Yankee Stadium in 1956. I haven't seen

Donald Trump pitch out the first ball since he's been president.

He was very good on Celebrity Prentice firing people. Now he is firing people as president and I'm

sure he is enjoying it. They say "its lonely at the top." Not our boy. Most of his Cabinet would sell their mother to get the job.

We had another former, but

very different Don right here in West Va. One episode everyone was saying Barney was a nut.

For the sake of our country, I hope the Republican Party re-

leases that Donald Trump is a nut.

Ronald Matt Godlove Baker

Potomac Highlands

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eration, which received its business license from the Secretary of State’s office on Feb 10, has a parent company based out of Culver City, California, near Los Angeles. The parent company, Liberty Behavioral and Community Services, has a stated mission to “empower and enrich the lives of adults with autism and developmental disabilities.”

The company website adds that “we are committed to providing comprehensive and personalized services that promote independence, personal growth, and community integration.”

Liberty Behavioral and Community Services also proclaims a vision, which “is to be a leading provider of behavioral services for adults with autism and developmental disabilities, recognized for our exceptional quality of care and positive outcomes.”

Additionally, the company envisions “a future where every individual with autism and developmental disabilities has access to evidence-based, person-centered interventions that support their unique needs and foster their growth and development.”

While the applications for paperwork list a Morgantown address for the company, the Business Registration certificate itself lists the Navy Base as its professional street address.

A CON application includes detailed information about the intended goals, such as “specific services to be provided.”

At Sugar Grove, Liberty Community Programs plans start with establishing a licensed group home that features “24/7 assistance tailored to each individual’s needs, focusing on personal care, skill development, and daily living activities.” It will also provide “Behavior Support

Professional Services” that include “specialized interventions to address challenging behaviors and develop positive coping strategies.”

Other proposed services include nursing, “physical, occupational, and speech therapies as needed,” crisis intervention, transportation services, and “modifications to the home or vehicle to enhance accessibility and safety.” Services should “assist consumers to meld into their community while allowing them to build skills for independent living.”

Basic skills taught will include “personal hygiene, dressing, environmental health functions, feeding, health related tasks, nutrition, and use of assistive devices.”

Part of the project will include “group homes” with “up to four individuals per home.” Those in the program have typically shown symptoms of autism, traumatic brain injury, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, and/or “any condition, other than mental illness, found to be closely related to intellectual disabilities.”

The company will need to hire staff “that provide supervision, training, and professional support to IDD Waiver participants. Services will be rendered in home settings, the community, and at job sites.”

The application also states that the geographic range of services will include Pendleton, Hardy, Grant, Pocahontas, and Randolph counties.

Liberty Community Programs articulated the need for its programs in the Mountain State. It shared that in 2019, the West Virginia Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Waiver program served 3,867 adults, but that “there were 1,068 individuals on the IDWW waitlist as of

December 2019” and that “staffing challenges have impacted service capacity in specific regions.”

For example, “in 2022, EnCircle operated seven group homes in Martinsburg, serving 27 individuals, but faced difficulties due to staffing shortages.”

According to a State agency website, West Virginia’s Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities Waiver (IDWW) “program is for children and adults with disabilities. The program provides services that help to teach, train, support, guide and assist members reach the highest level of independence possible in their lives.”

One of the primary goals lies in fostering life skills “in homes and areas where the member lives, works, and shops instead of in Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities.”

The program focuses on individuals from three years and age up who demonstrate difficulties in three of these six fundamental areas: self-care, language and communication, learning, the ability to move around freely, the ability to make good decisions about themselves, or the ability to live alone.

Since its closure approximately a decade ago, much has been made of the potential of the base to provide service in some area. Previous proposals have included a women’s prison, a foster care education center, a veterans’ care facility, mental health facility, and even a holding area for illegal immigrant children.

Some of these proposals attracted some controversy due to concerns over the populations potentially served there. Liberty Community Programs’ proposal, however, should not stoke concerns due to the nature of the population it proposes to serve.

Young Writers Essay Winners



Eira Evans (left) is the Hardy County winner for the 1st and 2nd grade WV Young Writers Contest. Ashlynn Robison is the Hardy County winner for the 3rd and 4th grade WV Young Writers Contest. The girls will be attending Young Writers Day in Charleston on May 2, 2025.

The Crazy Ride by: Eira Evans

A girl went to Disney World. She rode a lot of rides. One ride was really scary. The name of that ride was Expedition Everest. It was scary because the ride went backwards really fast. The girl screamed when it went backwards, and she put her hands up. She went down a big drop, and she put her hands up. The girl could see the whole park at the top of the ride. She was feeling scared at the top of the ride. All of a sudden, she saw a Yeti almost touching her and growling very loud. She was nervous. Right then, there was a flash taking her picture. She finally made it to the end of the ride. She was feeling nauseous. Her belly hurt even more after laughing so hard at her picture. Her eyes were about to pop out in the picture. That is her family’s favorite picture now.

A Girl and a Pig by: Ashlynn Robison

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Ashley who owned pigs. She had a favorite pig named Coco. Coco was a pig that she had raised since she was a

baby to show at the county fair. She was working on training Coco so they would be ready for the fair at the end of summer.

One day, Ashley went to the barn to work with Coco and noticed something was wrong with her. Coco would not get up, she just laid there, so Ashley went to the house to get her dad to come and look at Coco. Her dad checked on Coco and decided to call the vet. The vet said he could come out that afternoon to check on Coco.

Once the vet arrived, he took Coco’s temperature and listened to her. He had a very surprised look on his face as he listened to her tummy. He then checked her feet and legs.

One of her legs was a little bit swollen, so he asked his helper to get the x-ray machine from the truck. The vet did an x-ray and it showed that Coco has broken her ankle. The vet wrapped her leg and gave her some medicine to help make her feel better.

Before leaving the barn, the vet asked Ashley and her dad if they knew that Coco was expecting babies soon. Ashley and her dad did not know. The vet told them to make sure Coco had food and water and to let her rest for a few days to heal her ankle and

told them to get things ready for her to have babies. The next day Ashley went to the barn and saw that Coco was up and moving. She was not quite back to herself yet, but Ashley was happy.

The next morning, Ashley checked on Coco but she wasn’t moving around like the day before. Ashley knew that Coco was about to have her babies, and that this was a problem. Ashley decided to call the vet for help again. The vet told Ashley’s dad that he would need to take Coco to the clinic to make sure her leg was healing right. Ashley was sad because Coco had to go with the vet to get better.

Two days later, the vet called and said that Coco’s leg was much better. Then the vet said that Coco did have her babies, and all the babies were girls! The vet told Ashley’s dad to come pick Coco and her babies up that day. When Ashley got back to the house after taking care of her other animals, her dad told her all the good news. Ashley and her dad went to the vet’s clinic right away to pick up Coco and to meet all the new babies. When Coco and the piglets came home, Ashley took good care of them. It was one of the best summers ever!

National Vietnam War Veterans Day



On National Vietnam War Veterans Day in Moorefield WV. VFW Post 9606 honored and remembered the courage, service and sacrifice of all Vietnam veterans and their families.

Humane Society

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been used for the dogs to be examined by a veterinarian, including sterilization (if needed) and vaccinations. Over the past two months, HSHC recruited several volunteers to exercise the dogs at the pound and clean cages on a daily basis. A draft of a Memorandum of Understanding between HSHC and the County Commission was presented at the Commission meeting on March 4th with details of volunteer duties as well as HSHC responsibilities and those of the County. The County Commission indicated that insurance coverage was in place on their end. HSHC agreed to secure insurance for volunteers as well. Volunteers agreed to sign a release of liability.

On April 2nd, HSHC received a letter from the County Commission stating that it would not enter into an agreement with HSHC for volunteers to spend time at the dog pound.

“We have engaged in legal counsel to review the proposed agreement with the HSHC regarding recruitment, training, and placing volunteers to assist with our Dog Pound. While this is noteworthy

offering the additional insurance costs and management costs that would be required would require more resources than we can commit to at this time. We will not be moving forward with the proposal at this time.”

A decision regarding the \$50,000 donation was also addressed. “We have just completed our budgetary process for the FY 2025-26. While our growth has yielded an increase in the revenues it is not as much as we would like to have to address our many needs.”

“In the past year, through your organizations dedicated efforts, a generous individual came forward to offer a financial gift to help the county improve the physical facility of the Dog Pound. We appreciate her philanthropic gesture and her love of animals that prompted her offer. At this time, we believe her gift could be better used to support the efforts of your organization in spay and neuter assistance, vaccinations programs, fostering and care to ease the burden of many other animals in our community. Therefore, we will not be accepting her most generous offer.”

West Virginia’s Cultural Heritage

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abled us to create new permanent exhibits, support Appalachian authors, and launch innovative programs—many of which continue to thrive well beyond their initial funding. The success of the Museum over the past decade is, in large part, thanks to invaluable partners like the West Virginia Humanities Council.”

But our work is about more than just preserving history—it’s also

about contributing to a thriving cultural economy by fueling our state’s businesses and tourism industry. We coordinate with in-state businesses, corporations, foundations, and cultural organizations to create productive, sustainable partnerships between the public and private sectors that benefit us all.

The West Virginia Humanities Council is federal funding done right—locally directed and locally delivered, with transparency and accountability to the people of

West Virginia. West

Virginia’s Congressional representatives know the impact of our work, and have demonstrated their support year after year through regular appropriations. With the help of Congressionally approved funding, our Council contributes over \$1.2 million annually to the state’s cultural economy. DOGE’s proposed cuts would terminate that contribution, effective immediately.

If budget cuts must come, those

cuts should not reverse the essential work of sustaining and growing our state’s arts and humanities by decimating our up-and-coming cultural heritage economy—work that is supported by the West Virginia Humanities Council on every day of the year, everywhere in the Mountain State.

Eric Waggoner is the executive director of the West Virginia Humanities Council. More information may be found at www.wvhum.org.



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OBITUARIES

Clyde Victor “Vic” Fulk,

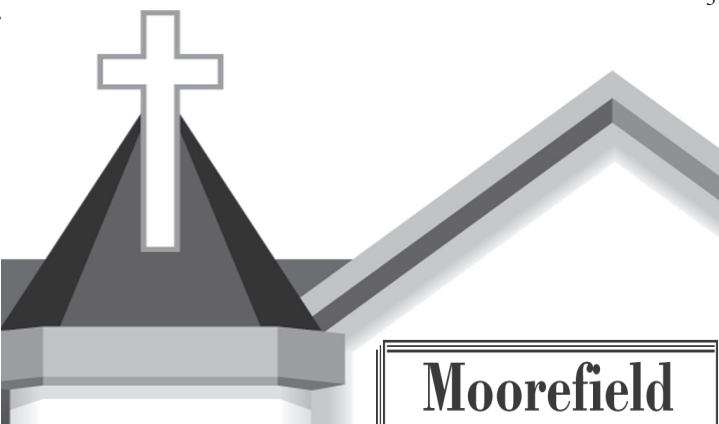


Clyde Victor “Vic” Fulk, 75, of Mathias WV, passed away at home March 29, 2025 surrounded by his family.

He was born on September 28, 1949 in Harrisonburg, VA and was the son of the late Dorothy and Denver Randolph Fulk. Vic enjoyed riding mules, deer hunting, fishing, turkey hunting, coon hunting, and most of all spending time with his wife and grandchildren. Surviving him is his wife, the former Shirley Strawderman. Vic and Shirley married on October 25, 1968 beginning their life together raising 2 children and countless grandchildren. Also surviving are his children, daughter Vicky Lynn Saville of Moorefield WV, and son Charles

Denver Fulk (Tina) of Mathias WV. Siblings, Bonnie Yankey (Harold “Squirm”) and Denver Fulk (Anne). Grandchildren, Justin, Natasha (Ryan), Kayla (Michael), Tanner (Jaden), Emmie (Alex), Cate (Justin), Eli, Bentley, Jess (Derek). Great grandchildren, Kendelynn, Priscilla, Aubree, Cora, Easton, Dreyden, Eliza, Levi, Raelynn, Polly, Scarlett, Haivyn, Sadie, Everleigh, Isaac. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sisters Peggy Warner, and Sandy Good. A memorial service will be held at Grandle funeral home in

Broadway VA officiated by Chaplain Irene Mongold on Saturday April 5, 2025 at 12 o'clock pm. The family will receive friends an hour before the service begins. There will be a dinner for family and friends held at the old schoolhouse in Mathias WV following the funeral service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grandle Funeral Home; P.O. Box 114 Broadway, VA 22815 to help offset funeral expenses. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.GrandleFuneralHome.com



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Evelyn Loraine Bowman



Evelyn Loraine Bowman, age 79 of Moorefield, WV, passed away Friday morning, April 4, 2025, at WVU's Potomac Valley

Hospital in Keyser, WV Born on July 13, 1945, in Winchester, VA, she was the loving daughter of the late Leonard Emmanuel Fishel and Goldie Wave See Fishel. Loraine was preceded in death by her beloved husband, John Thomas “Tom” Bowman, III, and her sister, Mabel L. Strawderman. Loraine was a vibrant spirit who touched the hearts of many. She had a passion for gardening, nurturing her annual flowers that brightened her home, and her crafty spirit brought joy to her and those around her. An outgoing and warm personality, she made countless friends among

the staff and residents at Stonerise, where she brightened every room with her smile. Surviving is a son Kevin M. Bowman of Barboursville, WV; a foster daughter, Loretta Hook of Brandywine, WV; two grandchildren and two foster grandsons and a host of friends and cousins who will miss her dearly. A Celebration of Life will take place on Sunday, April 13, 2025, at 2:00 PM in the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel, located at 107 Washington Street. Pastor Chris Lengel of the Mineral Baptist Church will officiate this heartfelt ceremony. Family and friends

are invited to gather from 1:00 PM until the service begins, as we share memories and honor Loraine's remarkable life. Her inurnment will follow at the Olivet Cemetery. The family encourages everyone to visit Loraine's Tribute Wall at www.fraleyfuneralhome.com to share their condolences, memories, and photos, celebrating the beautiful impact she made on each of us. Let us come together to honor the legacy of love, friendship, and kindness that Loraine leaves behind.

Jeffery “Todd” McDonald



Jeffery “Todd” McDonald, age 56, of Fisher, WV passed away on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 He was born on July 2, 1968 in Lorain, OH, the son of Forist James “Big

Jed” McDonald, Jr. of Moorefield, WV and the late Annabelle Laura (Berg) McDonald. On February 14, 2001, Todd married his loving wife, Valerie Ann (Bergdoll) McDonald, who survives in Fisher. Mr. McDonald attended Moorefield High School and was employed by American Woodmark in Moorefield for over 20 years until his illness. He was saved and baptized at the Cabins Assembly of God Church. Todd loved to be out in nature and enjoyed every minute he was out in the river fishing. He also had a passion for classic cars, however the love he had for his family will

be his lasting legacy. In addition to his wife, Todd is survived by: a daughter, Shantel Renee McDonald of Fisher, WV; a son, David Alan Cassell (Savanna) of Baker, WV; 2 brothers, Forist “Little Jed” McDonald, III (Judy) of Dorcas, WV; Brian McDonald of Moorefield, WV; 3 grandchildren, Leslie, Chelsea, and Waylon Cassell; father and mother-in-law, James and Nancy Bergdoll; brother-in-law, Roger Bergdoll (Kendi); sister-in-law, Dianna Bergdoll (companion, John); and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in

death by a son, Brandon Cassell; a niece, Ashley McDonald; and a great nephew, Rowen McDonald. Todd's family will receive friends on Friday, April 4, 2025, 5-7 PM at the Basagic Funeral Home, Petersburg, WV. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 11:00 AM with Pastor Max Cochran officiating. Memorials may be made to the family C/O The Basagic Funeral Home, POB 400 Petersburg, WV 26847. Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.

Ruth Arvella Hawk Cosner,



Ruth Arvella Hawk Cosner, age 94, of Rig, WV entered the glorious gates of heaven on Friday, April 4, 2025 surrounded by her family. She was born in Maysville, WV on March 30, 1931. She was the daughter of the late Ohley M. and Willye (Schell) Hawk. Ruth was a true inspiration to all, a faithful servant of the Lord.

Her contagious love of life always made her such a joy to be around. Ruth attended school in Maysville, WV until marrying Toney A. Cosner and settling at their home in Rig, WV. Ruth worked many years at American Woodmark until her husband's health declined and she then decided to retire and take care of him. Ruthie as most would call her would find joy in prayer, strength in scripture and peace in the promise of eternal life. Sewing and baking brought her pleasure, making sure that everyone that stopped in for a visit never left with an empty stomach. She loved being out in nature gardening, hunting, fishing, camping at Vepco Lake and spending time with family and friends. Surviving Ruth is her son Andy Cosner, two granddaughters, An-

gela (Greg) Berg of Maysville, WV, Toni (Hunter) Kite of Moorefield, WV; two great grandsons, Jeremy Berg and Kile Berg and two great granddaughters, Savannah Kite and Anniston Kite. Ruth is also survived by some very special neighbors, Van Hardy, Victor Carr, Carolyn Dolan, Damie Carr and their families that she loved so dearly. Ruth is preceded in death by her husband, Toney A. Cosner in 2006; one brother, Ralph Hawk, three sisters, Lorene Purdum, Oleda VanMeter, and Marie Harper; and a special daughter-in-law, Linda L. Cosner. Ruth was an active member of her community, always taking care of others and doing whatever needed to be done. Her entire life she held an unwavering faith in God, which she shared

with those who surrounded her. She found comfort in Bible verses such as II Timothy 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. She now rests in the arms of our Savior, free from pain and sorrow, rejoicing in the presence of the Almighty. Ruth's family will receive friends on Monday, April 7, 2025 from 11 AM till 1 PM at the Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg. Funeral service will begin at 1 PM in the chapel with Pastor Dan Sterns officiating. Burial will follow in the Scherr-Idleman Cemetery, Scherr, WV. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center, 127 Early Avenue, Petersburg, WV 26847.

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How to Pick the Right Plants for Your Location

(StatePoint) When planning your yard or garden, you likely focus on the what and the where. After all, a beautiful plant in a prime location enhances curb appeal and even bragging rights. You may pay less attention though to understanding how your location, or plant hardiness zone, impacts your garden's success. To help ensure your plants don't just survive, but thrive, the experts at lawn care equipment manufacturer Exmark are sharing the following insights about plant hardiness: What is Plant Hardiness? Plant hardiness is the secret sauce of any healthy outdoor space. Plant hardiness is the ability of a plant to survive adverse growing conditions such as drought,

flooding, heat and cold. Have you ever watched with frustration as a late-season temperature dip leaves your beautiful buds with a serious case of frostbite? Plant hardiness zones were developed to help landscapers, gardeners and lawn care enthusiasts avoid this heartache. American farming contributes billions of dollars to the gross national product annually, which is one reason why the USDA has long monitored weather data. If determining when the average final frost may occur for every region in the country is worth billions, what could that same knowledge mean for your garden? Well, choosing plants with hardiness levels appropriate to specific planting zones gives you the best chance of cultivating healthy, beautiful plants.

What is My Growing Zone? The United States is divided into 13 zones. Zones 1-6 being the coldest, and 7-13 the warmest. Zone 1 averages -60 degrees F while zone 13 never drops below 70 degrees F. A general guideline is to plant anything designated for your zone or lower, but never higher. Know what zone you live in and make a point of checking the tag on the back of the plant or seed pack before planting. Perennials Versus Annuals There's a reason you see palm trees in Sarasota, Florida, not Saginaw, Michigan. When it comes to perennials, it's not about when the first frost is, but how cold it gets, and whether that plant can survive and thrive

through winter. Plant hardiness zones are less important however when it comes to annuals. Because these plants are only meant to last one growing season; waiting until after the average first frost date will save you from having to re-plant. Know that even if your plant survives the frost, it may never match the photo you saw advertised at the nursery. Planting Zone Rule of Thumb Plant hardiness zone maps are, well, all over the map. Consider the number assigned to your zip code as a starting point. You may live right at the break between one zone and the other. When in doubt, guess too low, rather than too high. In the South, the heat stress a



plant not made for the conditions. Your particular geography can also affect your hardiness zone, like if you live on a hill or in a valley. For more insights, check out the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map, and watch “Find Your Plant Hardiness Zone,” an episode of “Backyard Smart,” an original series from lawn care equipment manufacturer, Exmark. To watch the video, visit Backyard Life, which is part of a unique multimedia destination with a focus on helping homeowners improve their outdoor living spaces. There you can also download additional tips and view other Exmark Original Series videos. Understanding what plants will thrive in your climate is essential to a healthy landscape. Fortunately, free resources abound to help you plant successfully.

The Old Master’s Views

Immediately after Selection Sunday, I thought I would devote a good bit of time to the NCAA's snub of WVU in the men's basketball tournament. I'll save that for another day, but suffice to say that even national pundits were on WVU's side this time – which seems to never happen.

Instead, the NCAA snub was just the first part of a rough 1-2 gut punch for WVU fans. The second was Darian DeVries leaving after just one year at the helm. So WVU will have its fourth head coach in four years. DeVries elected to go back to his Midwest roots and take the Indiana job. It is a more prestigious job, even if WVU has had more impressive results over the last 20 years. The reason for that is they are in the Big 10, which as a whole has more resources than most other conferences, and they do have multiple national cham-

pionships in their history (with the last one in 1987).

That said, it was pretty low class by DeVries to go out the way he did. Leaving after one year isn't a great thing to do, unless there is a pretty compelling reason. I'm not sure that leaving for a team that has finished eighth or worse in literally half of the last 20 seasons is a compelling reason. There were rumors that DeVries may have been tempted to go to Iowa – which is his home state – but that turned out to be a smokescreen, because Indiana was his target all along. To further drive home the low class nature of his departure, it's apparent that he didn't bother to address the team about him leaving, and he didn't even send out a "Thank you" to WVU or its fans. (Virtually every coach does that after leaving – even many who get fired).

To be clear, we don't know how long Indiana had been directly or indirectly negotiating with DeVries. We do know that Mike Woodson, the former coach, announced on February 7 that he would be stepping down/retiring at the end of the season. We also know that in his introductory press conference, DeVries made some comments about Indiana "respected" that he had a season to finish and a need to focus on WVU. That certainly indicates that Indiana had been in contact with DeVries before the season was over. We also know that an anonymous Twitter account said on March 12, that Indiana had their next coach and it would be DeVries (that was the day of WVU's loss to Colorado in the Big 12 tournament. The DeVries hire by Indiana was officially announce March 18).

Wren Baker's public com-

ments prior to DeVries leaving seemed to indicate that he thought DeVries would end up signing a revised contract with WVU. Now, that could have been spin to maybe sway DeVries' decision, it could have been wishful thinking. It also could have been that Baker was genuinely caught off guard.

So, who's next? Baker ended up going to someone he had some familiarity with: North Texas head coach, Ross Hodge. When Baker was the AD at North Texas, he hired Grant McCasland (now the Texas Tech coach). Hodge was his top assistant at Arkansas State, and followed McCasland to UNT. Two years ago (after Baker had left for WVU), McCasland took the Texas Tech job, and Hodge was elevated to the head job, where he went 19-15 last year, and is 27-8 this year. The Mean

Green played UC-Irvine in the NIT Semifinals last night, and if they won, they would play in the Championship tomorrow night (Apr 3) at 9:00 on ESPN. I will talk more about my thoughts on Hodge next week.

The women's basketball team won its first game in the NCAA tournament, dominating a good Columbia team, 78-59. Then they face the opening round host, UNC. The Tar Heels pulled away late in a close game to win 58-47. It felt a lot like last year's game at Iowa, when WVU also fell to the opening round host.

The baseball team had been hoping to make a big statement by winning a series at preseason conference favorite Oklahoma State to open the Big 12 season. Instead, wildfires in Oklahoma caused the cancellation of the first two games of the series. They did get in one game, and

WVU came away with a valuable 8-6 win in an exciting game. Then they hosted Arizona, who has been the best team in the Big 12 so far, and while they lost the series 2 games to 1, it was a close and exciting series. It looks like WVU has a chance to be near the top of the Big 12 standings throughout the season.

Notes: The wrestling team had a solid performance at the NCAA Championships, but only one was able to emerge an All-American. Peyton Hall wrapped up a very successful career with his third A-A honor when he placed third, his highest finish ever at NCAA's. Congratulations, Peyton!...The gymnastics team completed their season-long comeback by making the NCAA Regionals. They found themselves ranked 50th early in the season, but were able to keep improving and ended up in the field of 36.

Capito, Fischer, Mullin Introduce Resolutions to Repeal California’s Radical EV Mandate

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, U.S. Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), and Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.) introduced joint resolutions of disapproval under the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to repeal California's EV waivers that prohibit the sale of new gas-powered light-duty vehicles by 2035, and set unrealistic and stringent requirements for heavy-duty trucks and heavy-duty diesel engines.

“By sending these rules to Congress, Administrator Zeldin and the Trump administration followed the law and addressed the Biden administration’s attempt to circumvent Congress in this process. California’s extreme EV mandate imposes unrealistic and stringent requirements, fails to meet the Clean Air Act’s requirements for a waiver, forces the hand of American consumers, and makes our country more reliant on China for critical minerals. The American people have made it clear that they want con-

sumer choice – not an EV mandate. I will continue to address all options available to strike down these rules and eliminate the consequential impact they would make across our country,” Chairman Capito said.

“As we saw under the Biden administration, what happens in California doesn’t stay in California. Their emissions regulation will cripple the truck manufacturing industry nationwide, overloading companies and truckers with expensive, heavy-handed requirements. This inevitably

leads to increased prices for families across the nation. My resolution will overturn the Biden administration’s waiver allowing the ACT regulation to take effect without congressional review,” Senator Fischer said.

“We cannot allow California’s costly and extreme Green New Deal agenda to bankrupt families and eliminate consumer choice for hundreds of millions of American families. Thankfully, after four years of ineffective one-size-fits-all crippling bureaucracy, the Trump administration

is bringing back common sense. I’m grateful to my colleagues for partnering with me on this effort,” Senator Mullin said.

BACKGROUND:

- February 2024: Senator Capito joined Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.-05), Senator Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.), and Rep. John Joyce (R-Pa.-13), in a bicameral letter to EPA Administrator Michael Regan warning of the legal and economic consequences of granting a Clean

Air Act waiver request from the state of California, which would enable the state to require 35% of automobile sales to be zero-emission vehicles in model year 2026, and finally, 100% of them by 2035.

- December 2024: Senator Capito pledged to work to reverse the Biden administration’s lame duck action of approving California’s waiver to implement its “Advanced Clean Cars II” regulation.

“Not Just a Library” Hardy County Library Engages Community With Full Slate of Programs

By Stephen Smoot

“It’s no longer a ‘shh’ type of place. It’s much more of a community center,” said Carol Koontz.

She could be speaking of the Hardy County Library specifically or libraries across the nation as they adapt to a new age, new community needs, and new ways to support patrons.

This week, National Library Week, provides a great opportunity for libraries to share their upcoming spring and summer programs while also reminding the community of the full slate of offerings.

Also, the Friends of the Hardy County Library have run fundraisers to raise money to support programs. Many county libraries have “Friends” groups that serve

a similar function as volunteer emergency services and veterans’ organization auxiliaries. The Library also holds an ongoing used book sale to help raise funds as well.

“We are getting ready for the ‘Joys of Summer reading,” Koontz said, then shared that “it is a very busy time. It runs from June until about the first week of August.” She then added that “it used to be just for children, maintaining reading skills through the summer break.”

“They can lose those skills” over the summer, Koontz stated. Those who participate in the summer reading program get the benefit of both maintaining skills learned in the previous year while also getting a “jump start” on the fall. With its popularity, Koontz expanded the program

to include “kids of all ages” who share a love of reading. “It’s very well attended.”

The program includes more activities than reading. Koontz explained that this year’s theme, which could be “Color Our World” or “Color Your World”

“Needless to say, there will be a lot of painting!” she shared.

She described how in recent generations that the schedules of children and parents alike have grown so crowded that little time exists to simply go to the library, peruse for, and enjoy books. “Sometimes the only time we children here is in the summer reading program,” but Koontz then said “we get to see them grow up” in those programs from year to year.

Other programs help the library to serve the community

as well. That includes a weekly Storytime for preschool aged children. They can come, hear a story, and receive a snack. When school is not in session, older children oftentimes join as well. On the first Saturday of each month is a crafts for kids program as well.

New to this year is a “seed library” program that encourages those who love gardens both big and small to both take and share. Those looking to plant herbs, vegetables, and fruits of different types may take some to plant and raise. All who do so are encouraged to bring back seeds taken from plants that they harvest, thus perpetuating the program.

“We’re really excited about that,” Koontz stated.

She then explained that one important mission for a library

lies in helping those who recently arrived in the area. In Hardy County, this could include those moving in from across the Potomac Highlands or from around the world.

Koontz explained that “it’s tough because of the language barrier” to assist those who come for work from other countries, but a combination of hand gestures and translation apps help facilitate communication. Immigrants often need basic information, such as access to paperwork for immigration or taxes, printing off forms, or other services.

Libraries also provide a wealth of services for anyone with paperwork type needs. Patrons needing document services can print, fax, or perform other necessary operations. The Library also offers notary public services

for legal and other documents. Without these available, many would have to travel much farther to get these basic tasks completed.

Of course many come for the same reasons they have since Benjamin Franklin pioneered the idea of a free lending library in Philadelphia during colonial times. They come to borrow from a wide selection of books to either take home or enjoy in quiet reading rooms set off from the rest of the building.

The Library also offers a selection of magazines, newspapers, and also movies on DVD. A number of patrons also enjoy frequenting the local history and genealogy section, which provides materials to those researching family or the area’s past.

Moorefield Council talks New Year’s Eve, Carnival and Child Abuse Awareness

By Hannah Heishman

The Moorefield Town Council met Tuesday, April 1. It was a long, busy meeting, with a lot of decisions.

The Town issued 13 building permits in March, for \$375 in revenue and to an improvement value of \$184,650. Eighteen total permits have been issued this year, for a total improvement value of \$218,025.

Amy Greenwalt, who presents the Building Permit and Zoning Officer report, also updated the council on rental inspections.

She said 170 units received certificates of occupancy. Six more units have complete inspections and are in an abatement period. There are 217 registered rental units yet to be inspected over the next two years, and approximately 40 units that are not yet registered.

Greenwalt said new construction is not included in the numbers, and 126 units are covered by USDA and Housing and Urban Development inspections.

Greenwalt also provided the code enforcement update. She said 23 property owners were contacted in March about 32 separate code violations. Twenty-three are pending, nine are resolved, and one is receiving legal action.

Greenwalt said 12 of those violations are junked or abandoned vehicles, and another eight are yard junk and clutter.

Moorefield Police Chief Stephen Riggleman reported the MPD had 129 calls for service in March, including 10 felony arrests; six misdemeanor arrests; 17 traffic citations and

12 traffic warnings.

He said officers read to children March 3-6 for Read Across America Week.

Riggleman asked the Council to purchase three radios to start replacing the Kenwoods the department has now, which are at least 13 years old.

The cost for three radios with programming is \$10,271.52.

Riggleman said he would need to replace all of the radios in the upcoming year.

“I can no longer get repairs done to these radios or replacement parts such as batteries or (microphones),” Riggleman said. “Last year I applied for a West Virginia Homeland Security Grant to help offset the cost...and this grant was denied.”

The current radios were distributed to agencies across the county by 911, Riggleman said. He’s still searching for grants. He said the Kenwoods have been fine, and that Motorola’s are not much better but twice the cost.

He’s requesting portable radios, rather than mobile units.

The request was tabled, with Riggleman set to seek quotes on 10 radios rather than three, and hoping to benefit from available discounts.

Riggleman requested an executive session to discuss hiring a part-time officer.

“He has requested to work no less than one day per week,” Riggleman said.

Riggleman noted one officer left for a job with the Grant County Sheriff’s Office. He said an officer who was previously assigned to ride with a field training officer but who has already com-

pleted the Police Academy has been cleared to run calls alone. A third officer, still in training, has been accepted to the Police Academy with a May 5 start date.

The Council approved hiring the part-time officer for six months.

Juwana Bridger-Titus, Town Park director, told the Council the Moorefield Volunteer Fire Department plans to hold its carnival the same week as last year: The carnival would move in on June 15, set up, open Wednesday, June 18 through Saturday, June 21, and move out June 22.

Titus said last year, the timing caused issues with youth baseball and softball, requiring some games be arranged and costing the community a play-off game.

The carnival sets up on the back of the parking lot, which affects the amount of parking available. Although it’s not on the ball fields, it affects them.

Last year, the MVFD had to hold the carnival then, or not at all, due to an alleged date mix-up on the carnival owner’s part.

This year, the scheduling was apparently intentional, but the fire department is still dependent on the carnival company’s availability.

Titus said she has not yet received a schedule from Moorefield Little League.

“I think a conversation needs to be had,” she said. “We don’t want to spite either one of them.”

The ensuing discussion included everything from holding the carnival in the fall, to debating whether it could be physically held at a different locations: There are plenty of fields, Titus said; the issue is a power source.

Both events are already being advertised, and Bridger said both sides are already upset.

The issue was tabled until a future meeting.

Discussions, Actions

The Council decided to purchase the brackets for the Hometown Heroes banners at the Town park, and citizens will pay for the banners. Those interested in a Hometown Heroes veterans’ banner should check the Moorefield Town Park Facebook page for more information, or call the Town Office at 304-530-6142.

The banners cost \$105 each. They will be displayed at the Town Park from Memorial Day until Veterans Day.

The Council approved paying each of three members of a recent Chapter 8 board \$150 for their time.

“I think that’s very reasonable,” City Clerk Rick Freeman said.

The Council approved paying their invoices.

Justin Murray, from Love Christian Assembly, asked about holding a New Year’s Eve celebration in town. Murray said he ultimately wanted the Council’s permission to do it because they want to include fireworks at midnight.

He said they already have liability insurance, and vendors would also carry insurance. Murray said they anticipate bounce houses, buggy rides, vendors, animals, and even fire barrels for warmth. They will use a third party for the fireworks.

“We’re looking for partnership, to do it in the Town of Moorefield,” Murray said.

The Council suggested using the Town Park, as it would be safer than other locations mentioned, has facilities in-

cluding bathrooms and a stage, and is able to accommodate the activities as well as parking.

The Council tabled a decision pending the answers to several questions they had, including whether nearby businesses might allow parking.

“Thank you for thinking of us,” said Mayor Carol Zuber.

“Thank you for partnering with us,” Murray replied.

The Council did waive fees for the church to hold services at the Town Park on Easter, April 20.

Amelia Gagnon, from Moorefield High School’s DECA team, asked the Council for help funding 13 team members’ trips to the International Career and Development Conference in Orlando April 25-30.

Per its website, DECA.org, the organization, “prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe.”

“We have \$15,000 as of 3 p.m. today,” Gagnon said.

The students have been raising money, and will continue until the trip, including selling smoked BBQ sandwiches at the Bub Riggleman softball tournament on April 11.

“We’re requesting \$5,000, but we’re grateful for anything you give us,” Gagnon said.

The Council approved the request to donate \$5,000.

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The Moorefield Little League Opening Day ceremony was held at Sager Field on Saturday. Moorefield High School Baseball and Softball players volunteered as umpires for the games.

Moorefield Varsity Lady Jackets With Tough Game Against Pendleton County Varsity Spring 2025 on Cancer Awareness Night

By GameChanger Media

Moorefield Varsity Lady Jackets had trouble keeping up with Pendleton County Varsity Spring 2025 in a 7-1 loss on Tuesday.

Pendleton County Varsity Spring 2025 got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after Jenna Smith singled to center field, Lizzie Alt grounded out, and Smith stole home, each scoring one run.

Aryana Hinz pitched five innings in relief for Moorefield Varsity Lady Jackets. The pitcher allowed eight hits and four runs while, striking out four and walking none. Raleigh Kuykendall stepped in the circle first for Moorefield Varsity Lady Jackets. The righty surrendered two hits and three runs over one inning, striking out one and walking one. Baylee Beachler started the game for Pendleton County

Varsity Spring 2025. The starting pitcher allowed five hits and one run over six innings, striking out eight and walking three.

Carlee Haines, Cici Kump, Seanna Heavner, Kuykendall, and Kerrigan Bergdall each collected one hit for Moorefield Varsity Lady Jackets. Kump went 1-for-3 at the plate and led the team with one run batted in. Moorefield Varsity Lady Jackets didn't commit a single error in the field. Grace Simmons had the most chances in the field with four.

Pendleton County Varsity Spring 2025 accumulated 10 hits in the game. Avery Townsend led Pendleton County Varsity Spring 2025 with three hits in four at bats from the leadoff position. Beachler went 2-for-3 at the plate and led the team with three runs batted in. Smith collected two hits for Pendleton County Varsity Spring 2025 in four at bats.

Townsend, Smith, and Alt each stole multiple bases for Pendleton County Varsity Spring 2025. Pendleton County Varsity Spring 2025 stole eight bases in the game. Pendleton County Varsity Spring 2025 turned one double play in the game. Pendleton County Varsity Spring 2025 didn't commit a single error in the field. Jessica Parker had the most chances in the field with nine.

Moorefield Varsity Lady Jackets play at home on Thursday against Strasburg in their next game.

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Cancer Awareness Game: Pendleton County Softball vs Moorefield

Petersburg Softball shutout Cougars in Baker

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

Petersburg pitcher Gracie Carpenter allowed only three hits with four strikeouts as the Vikings caged the Cougars with a 15-nil shutout in Baker on Saturday afternoon.

The Vikings embarked on a five run scoring first inning and kept the ship sailing to victory.

East Hardy starting pitcher Brooke Moyers permitted a leadoff single into center field by Petersburg's Shyane Tawney before issuing a walk to Miley Tingler.

Moyers responded with a strikeout to the Vikings' Ella Chew prior to hitting Ella Markwell with a pitch to load the bases.

Petersburg took advantage

ing the pitcher, having her have to work each pitch. Going forward, I would like to see us be more aggressive at the plate with pitches that are hittable. Ginger [Combs] had a good zip on her ball and was throwing strikes. She is a great leader for us and is vocal and she keeps her head up all the time. She is exactly what we need as a pitcher."

East Hardy's first turn at the plate would yield just one base runner.

Carpenter induced a groundout by East Hardy leadoff batter Addison Armentrout, then struck out Gracie Heishman.

Brooke Moyers reached base on an error for the Cougars, but was stranded on a groundout by Ginger Combs.

During the top of the second inning, Petersburg's Tingler



East Hardy pitcher Ginger Combs tossed a strike against Petersburg on Saturday.

Third Annual Lost River Trail Run marks the path on May 3



Location: Lost River State Park

Description: The Lost River Trail Run features a beautiful, challenging running course through the wooded mountain trails of Lost River State Park. The course is hilly with sections of relatively smooth single and double track, a little pavement, and several shallow water crossings. Runners may choose from a 1 mile primarily paved out and back, or a 4.5 mile loop which may be repeated for race distances of approximately 4.5 miles, 9 miles, or half-marathon (13.1 mi). Routes and distances are subject to change due to trail conditions on race day. The 9 miler and 1/2 Marathon will be-

gin at 9am, and the 1 miler and 4.5 miler will begin at 10 am, with check-in starting at 8:00 at the Lee Sulfur Spring Shelter, located on Howard's Lick Road within the state park (see park map).The Lost River Trail Run will benefit the Lost River Trails Coalition, a non-profit dedicated to maintaining and developing the trails in Lost River State Park, Hardy County, West Virginia. Funds support regular trail maintenance (such as clearing trails from debris) that benefits all trail users, the development of mountain biking trails in Lost River State Park, and the Cryptids, a National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) mountain bike team in Hardy County for students in 6th-12th grades. We are working towards creating a trail system that is universally engineered for use by riders of standard mountain bikes, hand-cycles, and e-bikes, starting with construction of the Jay Moglia Beginner Trail. Follow the Lost River Trails Coalition on Facebook and Instagram

for more information.The top 3 male and female competitors in each distance category (excluding the 1mile run/walk) will receive prizes. All participants will receive a T-shirt (while supplies last) and post-run pizza. You must register by April 1 to guarantee your T-shirt.COURSE: The 1 mile course is a primarily paved out and back (<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41755969>).The 4.5 mile, 9 mile, and 1/2 Marathon are 1, 2, or 3 laps through several trails, with aid stations located at approximately mile 1.6 and near the finish of each lap (<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/46498843>). *Routes are best viewed using the OSM layer on Ride with GPS. SPONSORS:

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Petersburg's Quenlynn Cole made a dive back to first base to avoid a double play tag by East Hardy's Jaylynn Combs.

of the full bases as Addison Kitzmiller and Gracie Carpenter smashed back-to-back two-run producing singles into right field for a 4-nil lead.

Olivia Kimble came in as a courtesy runner for Carpenter, who reached second base on the previous play's throw.

Kimble advanced on a passed ball and scored a run on a second pitch whisking behind Cougars catcher Gracie Heishman for a 5-0 lead.

Petersburg's Blair Loy singled and Karlie DiBenedetto was hit by a pitch for two more base runners aboard, but they were stranded as Quenlynn Cole popped up to Moyers and Tawney hit a line drive to East Hardy third baseman Ginger Combs.

"Getting down early shook our confidence a little bit. Brooke [Moyers] was working through her pitches and trying to find the strike zone. She's learning and growing everyday. We got off to a little bit of a rough start, a slow start, but I was glad that we hung in the game and kept playing the game and kept doing our jobs," East Hardy Softball coach Noah Orndorff remarked.

"Our hitters have done a really nice job this year of not extending the strike zone and swinging at unhittable pitches. I am really pleased with that and that has led to them work-

and Chew received free passes before Markwell popped out.

The Vikings added to the lead as Kitzmiller notched an RBI groundout to Combs and Carpenter smacked an RBI single into right field extending the lead to 7-0.

After two stolen bases, East Hardy left fielder Paylynn Rexrode made the final catch of the frame.

The Cougars went down in order April Dove popped out to third base, Chelsea Mills struck out and Jaylynn Combs grounded out.

East Hardy sent in relief pitcher Ginger Combs at the start of the third inning and induced a groundout before issuing a walk to Cole.

Tawney crushed an RBI double into center field to give the Vikings an 8-0 lead.

Combs countered with a strikeout, then Tawney scored on a passed ball.

Chew smashed a double down the left field line, then scored on Markwell's towering hit into center field where the ball ricocheted off Taylor McReynolds' glove creating a 10-nil advantage.

The next Vikings batter was thrown out at first base on a dropped third strike with Heishman tossing to Jaylynn Combs.

McReynolds grounded out on a very close play for the Cougars to begin the bottom

of the third inning.

After a strikeout to Paylynn Rexrode, Armentrout connected for a single as the ball eluded the third baseman.

Armentrout stole second and third bases prior to being stranded on a strikeout by Carpenter to Heishman.

Petersburg started the fourth inning with a groundout, then Cheyenne Sites reached base as her shot up the middle deflected off Combs in the circle.

Olivia Kimble garnered an RBI single into right field to put the Vikings up 11-0 and stole second base moments later.

Cole was given a walk, then Tawney hit a laser caught by Cougars first baseman Jaylynn Combs and Cole just narrowly eluded the tag for a double play diving back to the base.

Ginger Combs pitched a walk to Petersburg's Lacey Moyers to load the bases and the runners were stranded on a fielder's choice by Armentrout dashing to second base.

East Hardy started the bottom half of the fourth inning with a groundout by Moyers.

The Cougars responded with a double by Ginger Combs down the right field line.

East Hardy failed to score as Dove and Mills grounded out.

Petersburg's Markwell was hit by a pitch and Kinsley Crites was issued a walk to commence the fifth inning, then Carpenter plated a run with the help of an error at first base.

Sites smacked an RBI single up the middle to give the Vikings a 13-0 advantage.

Armentrout caught a line drive for the first out, then Petersburg countered with back-to-back RBI singles by Cole and Tawney for a 15-nil lead.

East Hardy got out of the frame as Combs pitched a strikeout and McReynolds covered a lot of ground to catch a fly ball.

East Hardy's Jaylynn Combs delivered a single into shallow right field, then McReynolds hit into a double play.

Rexrode received a walk for the Cougars, but was stranded in a groundout by Armentrout to end the game with the Vikings sailing away with a 15-0 win.

Donation time: BETA Club Blood Drive at Union High School

The Union High School BETA Club is holding its annual Spring blood drive at UEC on April 23 from Noon to 5:00 p.m. Please schedule your

donation at www.redcross-blood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=UNIONHIGHHSCHOOL or by calling Jamie Tallman at 304-257-3256.



East Hardy Varsity Cougars Defeat Pendleton County Behind Strong Performance From Shayne Sisler

By GameChanger Media

Shayne Sisler struck out 14 batters as the starter led East Hardy Varsity Cougars past Pendleton County 15-1 on Wednesday at Pendleton County High School. Sisler surrendered one hit and one run over five and one-third innings while walking one.

Evan Hamilton collected three hits in four at bats in the win. Hamilton tripled in the first inning, doubled in the second inning, and singled in the third inning.

East Hardy Varsity Cougars got on the board in the top of the first inning after Dayton Dove singled to the left side of the infield, and Pendleton County committed an error, each scoring one run.

East Hardy Varsity Cougars scored five runs on three hits in the top of the third inning. Levi Price scored after tagging up, Jordan Teets lined out, scoring one run, Hamilton singled, scoring one run, and an error scored two runs.

East Hardy Varsity Cougars scored eight runs on five hits in the top of the sixth inning. Gage Dove singled, scoring one run, Mason Wilkins singled, scoring two runs, Dove drew a walk, scoring one run, an error scored one run, Sisler drew a walk, scoring one run, and Teets singled, scoring two runs.

Travis Owens started the game for Pendleton County. The starting pitcher gave up two hits and

two runs (one earned) over one inning, striking out two and walking none. Teets appeared in relief for East Hardy Varsity Cougars.

East Hardy Varsity Cougars tallied 12 hits in the game. Dove, Teets, Wilkins, Sisler, and Dove each drove in two runs for East Hardy Varsity Cougars. Patrick Mills collected two hits for East Hardy Varsity Cougars in four at bats. East Hardy Varsity Cougars had a strong eye at the plate, piling up six walks for the game. Krystian Byram and Sisler led the team with two walks each. Sisler threw an immaculate inning in the second, striking out the side on nine pitches. Hamilton and Sisler each stole multiple bases for East Hardy Varsity Cougars. East Hardy Varsity Cougars ran wild on the base paths, amassing eight stolen bases for the game.

Cooper Smith went 1-for-2 at the plate to lead Pendleton County in hits. Pendleton County turned one double play in the game.

Next up for East Hardy Varsity Cougars is a game at Tucker County Varsity Mountain Lions on Friday.

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Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets Breeze Past Tucker County Varsity Mountain Lions

By GameChanger Media

Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets won big over Tucker County Varsity Mountain Lions 10-0 on Wednesday.

Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after Trevor Baldwin grounded out, Ben Watts singled to center field, and Blake Snyder doubled to left field, each scoring one run.

Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets added to their early lead in the bottom of the second inning after Kail Greenwalt singled to center field, and Oliver Crites doubled down the left field line, each scoring one run.

Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning after Shawn Reed grounded out, Greenwalt grounded into a fielder's choice, and Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets scored on a wild pitch, each scoring one run.

Cyrus Kump earned the win for Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets. The righty gave up zero hits and zero runs over two innings, striking out two and walking one. Owen Bolyard took the loss for Tucker County Varsity Mountain Lions. The southpaw went two and two-thirds innings, allowing eight runs (five earned) on

seven hits, striking out two and walking four. Watts and Baldwin each came on in relief for Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets and shutdown Tucker County Varsity Mountain Lions.

Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets tallied 10 hits in the game. Caleb Flinn, Greenwalt, and Crites each collected two hits for Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets. Greenwalt, Crites, and Baldwin each drove in two runs for Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets. Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets had a strong eye at the plate, amassing six walks for the game. Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets turned one double play in the game.

Tyler Riccottilli went 1-for-2 at the plate to lead Tucker County Varsity Mountain Lions in hits. Tucker County Varsity Mountain Lions turned two double plays in the game.

Next up for Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets is a game at Strasburg on Thursday.

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Big Third Inning Leads Hampshire Past East Hardy Varsity Cougars 2025

By GameChanger Media

Hampshire scored eight runs in the third inning, which helped them defeat East Hardy Varsity Cougars 2025 11-2 on Wednesday at Hampshire High School.

Hampshire scored eight runs on three hits in the bottom of the third inning. And Ryleigh F singled, scoring one run.

Ginger Combs led things off in the circle for East Hardy Varsity Cougars 2025. The pitcher surrendered five hits and two runs over one inning, striking out one and walking none. Bri C stepped in the circle first for Hampshire. The pitcher gave up six hits and zero runs over three innings, striking out one and walking one.

April Dove led East Hardy Varsity Cougars 2025 with two hits in three at bats. East Hardy Varsity Cougars 2025 were sure-handed and didn't commit a sin-

gle error. Paylynn Rexrode made the most plays with two.

Chaz K led Hampshire with two runs batted in. The infielder went 1-for-2 on the day. K, F, Charly Ashton, Ava Call, Molly M, and Katilyn F each collected one hit for Hampshire. Hampshire stole four bases in the game. Hampshire were sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. K made the most plays with two.

Next up for East Hardy Varsity Cougars 2025 is a game against Northern Varsity Huskies on Friday.

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East Hardy Varsity Cougars 2025 Stymied By Southern Garrett

By GameChanger Media

East Hardy Varsity Cougars 2025 couldn't keep up with Southern Garrett and fell 11-4 on Tuesday at East Hardy Elementary School.

Southern Garrett opened the scoring in the top of the first thanks to three errors. Southern Garrett first got on the board when an error scored one run.

Addison Armentrout hit a solo inside the park home run in the bottom of the first for the East Hardy Varsity Cougars 2025.

Southern Garrett added one run in the third. East Hardy Varsity Cougars 2025 committed an error, making the score 5-1.

Wilson earned the win for Southern Garrett. The starting pitcher surrendered five hits and four runs (two earned) over seven innings, striking out 13 and walking six. Brooke Moyers took the loss for East Hardy Varsity Cougars 2025. The reliever went four innings, allowing six runs on five hits, striking out five and walking five. Ginger Combs started the game for East Hardy Varsity Cougars 2025. The pitcher surrendered two hits and five runs (one earned) over three innings, striking out two and walking two.

Moyers and Armentrout each

collected two hits for East Hardy Varsity Cougars 2025. Jaylynn Combs, Adyson Crider, and Armentrout each drove in one run for East Hardy Varsity Cougars 2025. East Hardy Varsity Cougars 2025 had a strong eye at the plate, tallying six walks for the game. Gracie Heishman and Chelsea Mills led the team with two bases on balls each. East Hardy Varsity Cougars 2025 stole four bases in the game.

Wilson provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Southern Garrett with four runs batted in. The pitcher went 2-for-5 on the day. Parks and Wilson each collected two hits for Southern Garrett. Parks paced Southern Garrett with two walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, tallying seven walks for the game.

East Hardy Varsity Cougars 2025 will travel to Hampshire for their next game on Wednesday.

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Fifth-Inning Spurt Lead Moorefield Varsity Lady Jackets Past Strasburg Varsity Rams

By GameChanger Media

Moorefield Varsity Lady Jackets scored eight runs in the fifth inning, which helped them defeat Strasburg Varsity Rams 9-1 on Thursday. Kerrigan Bergdall tripled, scoring one run, Emmy Crites doubled, scoring two runs, Carlee Haines singled, scoring two runs, Raleigh Kuykendall grounded out, scoring one run, Bergdall drew a walk, scoring one run, and Cici Kump grounded out, scoring one run.

Moorefield Varsity Lady Jackets were the first to get on the board in the first when Seanna Heavner grounded out, scoring one run.

Madison Wilkins grounded into a fielder's choice, which helped Strasburg Varsity Rams tie the game at one in the top of the third.

Annie Barr earned the win for Moorefield Varsity Lady Jackets. The righty allowed five hits and one run (zero earned) over five innings, striking out three and walking one. Ava Mayhew took

the loss for Strasburg Varsity Rams. The pitcher went four innings, giving up six runs on six hits, striking out seven and walking three.

Crites drove the middle of the lineup, leading Moorefield Varsity Lady Jackets with two runs batted in. The right-handed hitter went 2-for-3 on the day. Moorefield Varsity Lady Jackets turned one double play in the game.

Wilkins led the team with one run batted in. Camille Greco went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Strasburg Varsity Rams in hits.

Next up for Moorefield Varsity Lady Jackets is a game at Jefferson on Friday.

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Golden Lanes Bowling Petersburg

ODD COUPLES MIXED
 LEAGUE
 03/25/2025

TEAM STANDINGS: Terminators 85 - 35, Vetter's Guns & Ammo 82 - 38, Split Happens 69 - 51, MMATFB 68 - 52, Empire Strikes 63 - 57, Country Cars & Trucks 57 - 63, WELD 53 - 67, Family Traditions I 45 - 75, Family Traditions II 42 - 75, Happy Bowlers 32 - 88;

HIGH GAME MEN
 (SCRATCH): Troy McGreevy 267, Trevor Wratchford 244, Cohan Kesner 232, Jon Hedrick 230;

(HANDICAP): Troy McGreevy 276, Travis Cook 274, Trevor Wratchford 270, Eric Whetzel 251;

HIGH SERIES MEN
 (SCRATCH): Troy McGreevy 680, Jon Hedrick 671, Trevor Wratchford 667, Cohan Kesner 639;

(HANDICAP): Trevor Wratchford 745, Travis Cook 726, Troy McGreevy 707, Jon Hedrick 683;

HIGH AVERAGE (MEN): Cohan Kesner 212.08, Jon Hedrick 205.69, Troy McGreevy 199.88, Ed Wompler 197.81;

HIGH GAME WOMEN
 (SCRATCH): Dee Anna McDonald 214, Carissa Michael 193, Denise McGreevy 188, Ashley Wratchford 176; (HANDICAP): Dee Anna McDonald 244, Sue Earle 236, Sonya Horton 235, Denise McGreevy 231;

HIGH SERIES WOMEN
 (SCRATCH): Carissa Michael 528, Dee Anna McDonald 520, Denise McGreevy 517, Ashley

Wratchford 480; (HANDICAP): Sonya Horton 651, Denise McGreevy 646, Jordan Ketterman 630, Helen Bell 616;

HIGH AVERAGE (WOMEN): Dee Anna McDonald 172.33, Emily Stark 162.08, Ashley Wratchford 159.21, Denise McGreevy 156.80;

THURSDAY NIGHT MENS
 LEAGUE
 03/27/2025

TEAM STANDINGS: Balls Deep 81.5 - 42.5, Vetter's Guns & Ammo 69 - 55, Golden Lanes 67.5 - 56.5, Vetter's Mini Mart 67 - 57, Chillmers 66 - 58, Petersburg Oil Company 65 - 59, Strikeforce 64 - 60;

HIGH GAME (SCRATCH): Evan Kesner 243, Gary Leatherman 239, Cohan Kesner 234, Floyd Shepard 231, Eddie Baldwin 227; (HANDICAP): Ed Turner 283, Floyd Shepard 276, Harry Timbrook 269, Gary Leatherman 267, Trevor Wratchford 266, Eddie Baldwin 266;

HIGH SERIES (SCRATCH): Evan Kesner 645, Mike Smith 634, Trevor Wratchford 620, Gary Leatherman 604, Floyd Shepard 590; (HANDICAP): Trevor Wratchford 749, Harry Timbrook 747, George Halterman 743, Mike Smith 739, Floyd Shepard 725;

HIGH AVERAGE: Cohan Kesner 214.76, Don Himelright 209.39, Evan Kesner 208.65, Jon Hedrick 202.27, Tyler Halterman 198.62, Gary Leatherman 198.60;

East Hardy Varsity Cougars With Tough Game Against Keyser Varsity Golden Tornado

By GameChanger Media

East Hardy Varsity Cougars had trouble keeping up with Keyser Varsity Golden Tornado in a 12-1 loss on Saturday.

East Hardy Varsity Cougars were the first to get on the board in the first when an error scored one run.

Keyser Varsity Golden Tornado captured the lead, 4-1, in the bottom of the first when an error scored one run, Cam Larkin doubled, scoring two runs, and Cole Holland singled, scoring one run. A single by Hunter Harr, a double by Lucas Davy, and a single by Larkin helped Keyser Varsity Golden Tornado extend their early lead in the second.

Keyser Varsity Golden Tornado added one run in the third after Lucas Williamson scored after tagging up.

Jordan Teets led things off on the mound for East Hardy Varsity Cougars. The pitcher surrendered seven hits and eight runs (four earned) over two innings, striking out two and walking three. Layton Valentine stepped on

the mound first for Keyser Varsity Golden Tornado. The hurler gave up one hit and one run (zero earned) over five innings, striking out three and walking none.

Shayne Sisler led East Hardy Varsity Cougars with one hit in two at bats.

Keyser Varsity Golden Tornado piled up nine hits in the game. Larkin went 2-for-3 at the plate and led the team with four runs batted in. Wes Hahn led Keyser Varsity Golden Tornado with two walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, tallying seven walks for the game. Williamson stole two bases. Keyser Varsity Golden Tornado stole six bases in the game.

Next up for East Hardy Varsity Cougars is a game against Allegany Varsity Campers on Monday.

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Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets Stymied By Strasburg Varsity Rams

By GameChanger Media

Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets couldn't keep up with Strasburg Varsity Rams and fell 11-1 on Thursday.

Strasburg Varsity Rams jumped out to the lead in the bottom of the second inning after Brady Flynn singled, scoring two runs, Gavin Dellinger doubled, scoring one run, and Ryan Reynolds homered to left field, scoring two runs.

Tadeo Bunch earned the win for Strasburg Varsity Rams. The left-handed pitcher allowed one hit and zero runs over four innings, striking out three and walking one. Oliver Crites took the loss for Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets. The pitcher went two innings, surrendering five runs on three hits, striking out one and walking one.

Crites and Shawn Reed each collected one hit for Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets. Kail Greenwalt led Moorefield Varsity

Yellowjackets with one run batted in. Reed stole two bases.

Flynn led Strasburg Varsity Rams with three runs batted in. The shortstop went 2-for-4 on the day. Reynolds, Flynn, and Nate Turner each collected two hits for Strasburg Varsity Rams. Flynn stole five bases. Strasburg Varsity Rams stole seven bases in the game. Strasburg Varsity Rams turned one double play in the game. Strasburg Varsity Rams didn't commit a single error in the field. Harper Sherman had the most chances in the field with five.

Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets will travel to Philip Barbour for their next game on Saturday.

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First Team	5-10, Sr.
Braydun Ferris, Tug Valley, 5-10, Jr. (Captain)	Donavan Tanouye, Paw Paw, 6-2, Sr.
Keegan Davidson, Greater Beckley Christian, 5-11, So.	Preston Randolph, Parkersburg Catholic, 6-2, Jr.
Drew Fitzwater, Greater Beckley Christian, 6-7. Sr.	Colt Sandy, Hundred, 6-2, Jr.
Trevan Bonner, Tucker County, 5-11, Sr.	Chase Owens, Pendleton County, 6-1, Jr.
Jordan Teets, East Hardy, 6-0, Sr.	Honorable Mention
Kingston Christen, Magnolia, 5-11, Jr.	Nymir Bryant, St. Joe Central; Eli Christman, Wood County Christian; Baron Davis, Calhoun County; Braylan Dawson, Wirt County; Colton Dunbar, Greenbrier West; Micaiah Ehirim, St. Joe Central; Dubale Greathouse, Magnolia; Kolten Holbert, Gilmer County; Josten Lewis, Webster County; Mark Meadows, Van; Brayden Neff, Paden City; Carson Newsome, Tug Valley; Hunter Oates, Magnolia; Austin Porta, Trinity Christian; Trent Roles, Meadow Bridge; Cooper Roush, Wahama; Javonte Spencer, Greater Beckley; Luke Tagliante, Sherman.
Second Team	
Eli Rickard, Wahama, 6-4, Sr. (Captain)	
Isaiah Sanders, St. Joe Central, 6-1, Jr.	
Noah Keaton, St. Joe Central, 6-0, Fr.	
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NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, a certain Deed of Trust dated December 2, 2009, was executed by Linda Albright to Placer Title Company, Trustee, securing Financial Freedom Acquisition, LLC, a subsidiary of Onewest Bank, FSB (MERS) in the amount of \$150,000.00, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia in Book 252, at Page 138. This Deed of Trust was assigned from by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as beneficiary, as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition, LLC, a subsidiary of Onewest Bank, FSB to The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by Assignment dated August 4, 2021, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 9, at Page 30; and WHEREAS, a certain Second Deed of Trust dated December 2, 2009, was executed by Linda Albright to Senior Official with responsibility for Single Family Mortgage Insurance Programs in the Department of Housing and Urban Development Field Office with jurisdiction over the property or a designee of that Official, Trustee, securing The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$150,000.00, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia in Book 252, at Page 149; and WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the above Deeds of Trust in the payment due on January 4, 2025, was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to current; and WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of January 6, 2025 is \$154,006.28; and, WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Deeds of Trust to be immediate due and payable; and NOW THEREFOR, pursuant to powers vested in it by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq, by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B and by the Secretary's designation of Bailey & Slotnick as Foreclosure Commissioner by FORECLOSURE COMMISSIONER DESIGNATION dated November 7, 2017, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Book 1, at Page 577, notice is hereby given that the borrower has defaulted under the Deeds of Trust and the Foreclosure Commissioner will sell the following property described to the highest bidder at the at the front door of the Courthouse of Hardy County, in Moorefield, West Virginia, on:

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025, AT 10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

All that certain lot or parcel of real estate, together with all rights, rights-of-way, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, together with dwelling house situate thereon being located and situate on the foothills if North Mountain near Wardensville, in Capon District, Hardy County, West Virginia, and described as follows:

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timely objection thereto shall schedule a hearing or hearings thereon and order relief, if any, it considers proper including, but not limited to, an order directing that full and complete ancillary administration of the estate of the nonresident decedent be made in this state. First Publication Date: Wednesday, April 2, 2025

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3) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-2.
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7) The total purchase price is payable to the Foreclosure Commissioner by cashier's check, cash or money order within thirty (30) days of the date of sale with a minimum deposit of \$15,000.00 payable to the Foreclosure Commissioner by cashier's check, cash or money order at the time and place of the sale. There will be no refund granted of any amount if the third-party purchaser elects not to purchase the property for any reason.
8) The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a cashier's check or money order made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.
9) If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner and after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.
10) There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subse-

quent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein.

The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the borrower to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the Deeds of Trust are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed.
The amount that must be paid if the Deeds of Trust are to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is \$154,006.28 as of January 6, 2025, plus all other amounts that would be due under the Deeds of Trust if payments under the Deeds of Trust had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.
Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below.

Given under my hand this 27th day of February, 2025.

BAILEY & SLOTNICK, PLLC,
FORECLOSURE COMMISSIONER

By: Marc J. Slotnick, Member
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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF Hardy COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE MATTER OF: S. G. M. Civil Action No. 25 -FIG- 1

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
To the above named Respondent:

It appearing by affidavit in this action that after diligence to determine the address of Gregory McCauley, residency is unknown, it is hereby ordered that Gregory McCauley serve upon Hardy County Circuit + Clerk whose address is: 201 Washington St Moorefield, WV 26836 an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition for Appointment of Guardian filed in this action, on or before May 1, 2025. If you fail to do so, thereafter judgment, upon proper hearing and trial, may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court on this 25 day of March, 2025.

Kelly Shockey by:
CLERK OF COURT

Mr B

4/9,4/16

NOTICE

AVAILABILITY OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, PUBLIC HEARING, AND WORKSHOP
STATE PROJECT: X316-H-125.16
FEDERAL PROJECT: NHPP(0484)118
CORRIDOR H
WARDENSVILLE TO VIRGINIA STATE LINE
HARDY COUNTY

The West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) is announcing the availability of the Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) and will hold a Public Hearing & Workshop on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at the East Hardy High School, 259 Cougar Drive, Baker, Hardy County West Virginia for the proposed Wardensville to Virginia State Line Section of the Appalachian Highway Corridor H Project. The purpose of this public hearing is to provide the public and federal and state resource agencies the opportunity to comment on the SEA and the project. This meeting complies with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requirements.
WVDOH and FHWA will share project developments with the public and seek comments on the SEA. WVDOH and FHWA will be available from 5:00pm to 8:00pm to provide updates on the project and answer questions. A formal presentation and hearing will begin at 6:00pm. The public will be afforded the opportunity to speak at the hearing and ask questions at the workshop. The SEA is available on the WVDOH website. A handout and detailed plans with project details will be available at the meeting and on the WVDOH website.
Written comments may be sent to Ms. Sarah L. Runyon P.E. Deputy Chief Engineer – Development, 1900 Kanawha Blvd. East Building 5, Room 820, Charleston WV, 25305 on or before Sunday, June 01, 2025. Visit the WVDOH Website at <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/476b7a6edd240ec9a0f19e59f89e473> for project information and the opportunity to comment on the SEA and the project.
The West Virginia Department of Transportation will, upon request, provide reasonable accommodations including auxiliary aids and services necessary to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in our services, programs and activities. Please contact us at (304) 558-3931. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can reach all state agencies by calling (800) 982-8772 (voice to TDD) or (800) 982-8771 (TDD to voice), toll free.

4/2,4/9,4/16

HARDY COUNTY ENHANCED 911 FEE ORDINANCE
AN ORDINANCE OF THE HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUED ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENHANCED EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM, AND FOR THE IMPOSITION OF A FEE INCREASE FOR THE CAPITAL, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE COST OF SUCH SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, Section three (3cc), Article one (1), Chapter 97) (7-1-3cc) of the West Virginia State Code grants authority to County Commissions/Councils to establish an enhanced emergency telephone system and to impose a fee for the capital, installation and maintenance costs thereof:

WHEREAS, Article six (6), Chapter twenty-four (24) (24-6-1, et seq.) of the West Virginia Code requires the preparation of a proposal, the holding of a public meeting and the timely placement of an advertisement concerning such proposal and meeting before a final plan for implementation of such an enhanced emergency telephone system may be adopted:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, PURSUANT TO AN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION THREE (3cc), ARTICLE ONE (1), CHAPTER SEVEN (7) (7-1-3cc) AND ARTICLE SIX (6), CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR (24) (24-6-1, et seq.) OF THE WEST VIRGINIA CODE, THAT AN ORDINANCE BE ESTABLISHED TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR CAPITAL, INSTALLATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF SUCH SYSTEM BE IMPOSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS FOR THE ENHANCED 911 SYSTEM.

THAT A COPY OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE HERETO ATTACHED BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION BY THE PUBLIC AT THE OFFICE OF THE HARDY COUNTY CLERK, HARDY COUNTY COURHOUSE, 204 WASHINGTON STREET, MOOREFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS

THAT A PUBLIC MEETING BE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT THE HARDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON THE SIXTH DAY OF MAY, 2025, AT 1:30 P.M. IN ORDER TO RECEIVED COMMENTS FROM OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND INTERESTED PERSONS:

THAT AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS BUT NOT MORE THAN SIXTY DAYS BEFORE SUCH MEETING, AN ADVERTISEMENT BE PLACED BY STEVEN SECHETROM, II, PRESIDENT OF THE HARDY COUNTY COMMISSION IN THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER, NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN SUCH COUNTY, NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC OF THE DATE, TIME, PLACE, AND PURPOSE OF SUCH MEETING AND THE LOCATION AT WHICH A COPY OF SUCH PROPOSAL MAY BE EXAMINED.

3/19,4/9,4/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MINERAL COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA THAT BEING THE JUVENILE COURT OF SAID COUNTY

IN RE: B.W., Juvenile ABUSE & NEGLECT: 25-JA-04

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

TO: Daisy Stewart, Mother of B.W.

Be advised that a Petition has been filed in the above-captioned action by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources alleging that the children who are the subject of this action are abused/neglected children. The object of this action is to obtain an Order granting custody of your minor child to the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. You have the right to be represented by Counsel at all stages of the proceedings in this matter. This action may result in the termination of your parental rights in regard to said children. You should file an answer or other response to this action no later than May 8, 2025.

A copy of the Petition and other pleadings in this case may be obtained from the office of the Circuit Clerk at the Mineral County Judicial Center in Keyser, West Virginia.

Please be further advised that an Adjudication hearing has been scheduled in the above-captioned matter on **May 22, 2025 at 1:45 p.m.**, and you should be present at the aforesaid day and time to protect your interests.

Entered by the Clerk of the Court this 28 day of March, 2025.

Krista Dixon
KRISTA DIXON,
Mineral County Circuit Clerk.

4/9,4/16

PUBLIC NOTICE

The WV Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) and C&K Metal Recycling, LLC have proposed a settlement of Administrative Consent Order No. 10236 which resolves violation(s) of the WV Water Pollution Control Act which occurred in Hardy County, WV. In accordance with the proposed Consent Order, C&K Metal Recycling, LLC has agreed to pay administrative penalties and to comply with the Act. Final settlement is subject to comments received during the thirty (30) day period following this publication. Further information about this Administrative Consent Order is available by contacting the Chief Inspector, WVDEP/ Environmental Enforcement, 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304, (304) 926-0470 or by accessing WV Department of Environmental Protection's website at <http://www.dep.wv.gov/pio/Pages/Settlements.Ordersouttopublicnotice.aspx>

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NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Hardy County Commission will be accepting sealed bids for the repairs to existing sidewalks and stoop/steps.

The work to be performed will include: Leveling and stabilization of existing sidewalk and stoop/steps
Sealing cracks in all sidewalk surfaces

The work to be performed on a time to be scheduled with the County Commission which may include a Saturday.

For project specification or to schedule a site visit, please contacting Melvin Shook at 304-257-7882.

Bids will be opened on May 6th 2025 during a regularly scheduled meeting of the County Commission. Bids must be received by 4:00 pm on May 2, 2025, they may be hand delivered to the County Coordinator, Wendy Branson, or mailed to Hardy County Commission, Attn: Wendy Branson, 204 Washington Street, Rm 111, Moorefield WV 26836.

The Hardy County Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 4/9,4/16

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HARDY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

RE: PETITION OF SHERRY D. RAMIREZ FOR THE ADOPTION OF ONE MINOR CHILD, O.M.R., WHO IS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN (18) AND ALSO FOR THE NAME CHANGE OF O.M.R. TO O.M.B.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 25-A-1

(The object of this suit is to obtain an adoption)

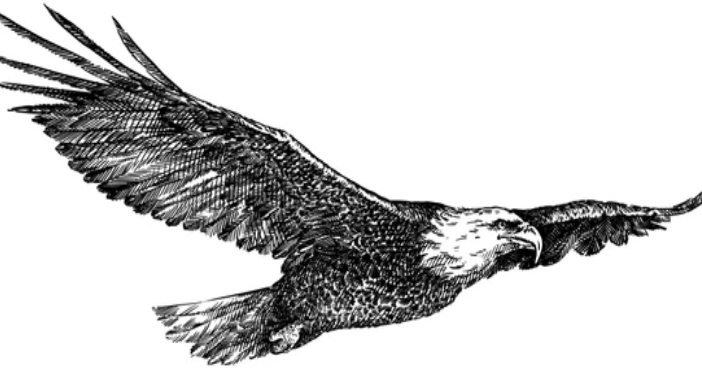
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: Unknown father

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption has been filed in the Circuit Court of Hardy County, West Virginia, by Sherry D. Ramirez, requesting that she be allowed to adopt O.M.R. A hearing on said Petition will be held in the Circuit Courtroom of the Hardy County Courthouse on the 2nd day of May, 2025 at the hour of 1:45 p.m. Any person having an objection to the adoption must appear at the hearing on the aforesaid date at the Hardy County Circuit Courthouse or file a statement in opposition to the adoption by mailing such statement to the Circuit Clerk of Hardy County, Hampshire County Judicial Center, 204 Washington Street, Moorefield, West Virginia 26836, and the Petitioner's Counsel, Grant M. Sherman, at his address of P.O. Box 1810, Romney, West Virginia 26757, on or before the 25th day of April, 2025.

This notice shall inform the unknown father that his parental rights, if any, may be terminated in these proceedings and that such person may appear and defend such rights within the required time after such service. This notice shall also provide that if the person upon whom notice is properly served fails to respond within the required time after its service, said person may not appear in or receive further notice of the adoption proceedings.

4/9,4/16



Notice of Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees

Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Hardy County Clerk's Office at 204 Washington Street, Moorefield, WV 26836-0200. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-1 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file notice of an objection with the County Commission within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-2 and 44-3 and/or 44-1-14A(10).

Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner. If no reference to a fiduciary commissioner is listed herein, claims against the estate(s) must be filed in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-1-14A(10).

First Publication Date: Wednesday, April 9, 2025
Claim Deadline: Sunday, June 8, 2025

ESTATE NAME: ROBERT PHILLIP FALCONE III
ADMINISTRATRIX ANDREA LESLIE FALCONE 576 MEADOW VIEW DRIVE LOST CITY WV 26810-8469

ESTATE NAME: HAROLD BROOKS VINCENT II
ADMINISTRATOR STEVEN R DAWSON 204 WASHINGTON STREET MOOREFIELD WV 26836-0200

ESTATE NAME: MELVIN LEON SIONS EXECUTOR CHRISTOPHER R SIONS 1612 DEWEY ST, APT 7-10 NEW ALBANY IN 47150-5749

ESTATE NAME: LOLA RENA CRIDER CO EXECUTRIX SUSAN E EVANS 9472 STATE ROAD 55 MOOREFIELD WV 26836-8534
CO EXECUTRIX PATRICIA R SIMMONS 8212 SR 55 MOOREFIELD WV 26836-8530
ATTORNEY C CARTER WILLIAMS C. CARTER WILLIAMS, PLLC PO BOX 367 MOOREFIELD WV 26836-0367

ESTATE NAME: DONALD GERARD EVANS ADMINISTRATRIX SUSAN E EVANS 9472 STATE ROAD 55 MOOREFIELD WV 26836-8534
ATTORNEY C CARTER WILLIAMS C. CARTER WILLIAMS, PLLC PO BOX 367 MOOREFIELD WV 26836-0367

ESTATE NAME: ELMER LEROY MILLS EXECUTOR WESLEY A MILLS 881 AMERICAN WAY MARTINSBURG WV 25405-6989

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 04/01/2025

Loretta L. Humbertson
Loretta L. Humbertson
Clerk of the Hardy County Commission 4/9,4/16

PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water and Waste Management
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304
Telephone: (304) 926-0495
Fax: (304) 926-0463

GENERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT
STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH OIL AND GAS RELATED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES
WV PERMIT NO. WV0116815

Public Notice No.: BS-029-2025

Publication: Statewide/West Virginia Press Association

Publication Date: April 9, 2025

The State of West Virginia, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water and Waste Management is proposing to reissue the West Virginia General Stormwater Associated with Oil and Gas related Construction Activities. The General Permit will authorize discharges associated with industrial activity from oil and gas to surface waters of the state for construction activities. It is proposed that this General Permit be issued for a five (5)-year term. All facilities covered under the existing general permit within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the reissued general permit will be required to submit a new registration form to obtain coverage under the new Stormwater Associated with Oil and Gas related Construction Activities Permit. The Draft Permit and Fact Sheet are available on the WVDEP website at: <https://dep.wv.gov/WVWE/Programs/stormwater/ogcsw/Pages/default.aspx>.

The comment period for the Draft General Permit begins April 10, 2025, and ends on May 10, 2025. During the public comment period, any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and/or request a public hearing. Comments and/or a request for a public hearing shall be made in writing and addressed to:

Director
Division of Water and Waste Management
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304
Attention: Billy Shirley
Phone: (304) 926-0499, Extension 43893
E-mail: billyt.shirley@wv.gov

The request shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing and must be received within the comment period. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever he or she finds there is a significant degree of public interest in issues relevant to the draft permit.

For more information, contact Billy Shirley at the email address or phone number listed above. Hearing impaired individuals having access to a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) may contact our agency by calling (304) 926-0489. Calls must be made between 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p. m.
Monday through Friday.

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Rams stampede East Hardy Track meet opener

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

Southern Garrett Rams stamped into Baker collecting the boys and girls team victories with nine event titles in the East Hardy Track Meet home opener among a field of eight teams, while Moorefield secured the silver medal in both divisions with eight top finishes and the Cougars landed on fourth place with five top medalists.

Southern Garrett Girls Track won the meet with a team total of 167.5 points, followed by Moorefield with 129 points, Paw Paw with 86 points, East Hardy with 78 points, Petersburg with 65.5 points, Pendleton County with 37.5 points and Union rounded out the field with 22.5 points.

Southern Garrett Boys Track took top team honors with 176 points, followed by Moorefield with 108 points, Pendleton County with 97 points, East Hardy with 89 points, Paw Paw with 38 points, Union with 30 points, Petersburg with 21 points and Timber Ridge was last place with three points.

East Hardy Girls Track garnered two gold medals as junior Gracie Heishman finished first overall in the two-miler with a time of 18:07.10.

Heishman is a member of the new cross country team and the longevity of those races helped with the pacing for the 3200 meters.

The second top medal for the Cougars was obtained by sophomore Madison Kerr in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 16.19.

The Yellow Jackets Girls Track squad swarmed for six event titles at the East Hardy Meet.

Moorefield freshman Parvatee Snyder snatched the gold medal in the 200 meter dash with a time of 27.35.

The success of the Yellow Jackets freshman class continued to grow as Moorefield's Chloe Leroux collected top honors in both the 800 meter run and one-miler with times of 2:56.69 and 6:16.37, respectively.

Moorefield Girls Track kept the momentum going with three gold medals in the relay events including the 4x100, 4x200 and shuttle hurdles.

The 4x100 and 4x200 relay quartets were the same for the Yellow Jackets taking the top honors: 4x100 (54.10) and 4x200 (1:55.38 — Sydney Rumer (12), LaTanya Redman (12), LeeAnne Coon (11) and Parvatee Snyder (9)).

East Hardy Boys Track notched three top honors in the 100 meter dash, 4x100 relay and shuttle hurdles.

East Hardy junior Evan Hamilton snatched the gold medal in the 100 meter dash in a time of 11.12 and anchored the 4x100 winning quartet with a collective time of 45.07 along with Khristian Bauserman (11), Nehemiah Graham (9) and Chase Rexrode (12).

The Cougars shuttle hurdles team placed first with a time of 1:07.72 with Bauserman, Rexrode, Angelo Loulis (9) and Gideon Good (10).

Moorefield Boys Track grabbed two top honors for the 4x800 relay and discus.

Moorefield senior Ethan Eye was a gold medalist in the discus with a throw of 127-07 and came in a close second for the shot put at 36-07.

Moorefield's Thomas Parisi fueled up for the discus by eating some nachos and shared them with teammates.

A Pendleton County long jumper kicked sand out of the pit one sliding down after the leap and some of the competitors emptied their shoes of sand after their jumps.

The Moorefield 4x800 relay quartet took first place with a time of 9:21.69 and is just seven seconds shy of the school record: Matthew McDonald (11), Brayden Sachet-Williams (10), William Wojtowicz (12) and Chernet Asani (10).

The temperatures began to drop as the rain came down near the end of the meet, so members of the East Hardy Girls Track shuttle hurdles team attempted to stay warm with headstands and cartwheels.

East Hardy and Moorefield Track teams are showing a tremendous amount of promise to usher in state meet berths at the end of the season.

The East Hardy Track Meet's full results can be found on runwv.com and athletic.net

East Hardy Track Meet Results

East Hardy Track Meet Results

Boys 100 Meter Dash			
1 Hamilton, Evan	11 East Hardy	11.12	4 10
2 Graham, Nehemiah	9 East Hardy	11.99	3 8
3 Taylor, Diego	12 Moorefield	12.07	4 6
4 Rodeheaver, Brayden	12 Southern Gar	12.07	4 5
5 Mazariago, Jeshua	12 Moorefield	12.13	4 4
6 Bobo, Colson	11 Petersburg	12.14	4 3
7 Rexrode, Chase	12 East Hardy	12.27	3 2
10 Laughlin, Camden	12 Moorefield	12.50	3
11 Acosta, G. Javier	10 Moorefield	12.51	3

12 Dove, Gabriel	10 East Hardy	12.54	1
13 Howard, Josiah	11 Moorefield	12.79	3
15 Smith, Aden	11 East Hardy	13.03	2
17 Fields, Jordan	10 Moorefield	13.13	3
21 Elias Escobar, E. Javier	11 Moorefield	13.95	1

Boys 200 Meter Dash

1 Burgess, Dominic	12 Southern Gar	23.73	5 10
2 Harvey, Gabriel	12 Pendleton Co	24.27	5 8
3 Bobo, Colson	11 Petersburg	24.39	4 6
4 Mazariago, Jeshua	12 Moorefield	24.47	4 5
5 Rodeheaver, Brayden	12 Southern Gar	24.75	5 4
6 Savage, Kade	12 Southern Gar	24.79	4 3
10 Dove, Gabriel	10 East Hardy	25.70	1
11 Fields, Jordan	10 Moorefield	25.86	4
13 Paul, Jhon	11 Moorefield	26.21	1
14 Laughlin, Camden	12 Moorefield	26.30	3
-- Graham, Nehemiah	9 East Hardy	NT	4
-- Taylor, Diego	12 Moorefield	NT	5
-- Hamilton, Evan	11 East Hardy	NT	5
-- Smith, Aden	11 East Hardy	NT	2

Boys 400 Meter Dash

1 Harvey, Gabriel	12 Pendleton Co	53.51	3 10
2 Burgess, Dominic	12 Southern Gar	54.33	3 8
3 Buchanan, Charlie	11 Southern Gar	55.08	3 6
4 Savage, Kade	12 Southern Gar	56.02	3 5
5 Sackett-Williams, Brayde	10 Moorefield	56.41	3 4
6 Leydig, Mason	11 Southern Gar	56.87	3 3
9 Wojtowicz, William	12 Moorefield	59.82	2
14 Paul, Jhon	11 Moorefield	1:05.38	1

Boys 800 Meter Run

1 Tanouye, Donovan	12 Paw Paw	2:17.23	2 10
2 Brobst, Benjamin	11 Southern Gar	2:19.77	1 8
3 Ansani, Chernet	10 Moorefield	2:20.86	2 6
4 Buchanan, Charlie	11 Southern Gar	2:20.92	1 5
5 Funk, Gabriel	9 Petersburg	2:32.01	2 4
6 Martin, Levi	9 Southern Gar	2:32.81	1 3
-- Wojtowicz, William	12 Moorefield	NT	2

Boys 1600 Meter Run

1 Tanouye, Donovan	12 Paw Paw	4:39.38	1 10
2 Brobst, Benjamin	11 Southern Gar	4:39.96	2 8
3 Gill, Thunder	12 Pendleton Co	4:57.47	1 6
4 Ansani, Chernet	10 Moorefield	5:29.45	2 5
5 Martin, Levi	9 Southern Gar	5:35.47	2 4
6 Montgomery, Jonathan	10 East Hardy	5:38.09	2 3
9 Whitacre, Owen	9 East Hardy	6:43.12	1

Boys 3200 Meter Run

1 Brobst, Benjamin	11 Southern Gar	11:14.42	10
2 Gill, Thunder	12 Pendleton Co	11:18.80	8
3 Montgomery, Jonathan	10 East Hardy	12:52.35	6
4 Martin, Levi	9 Southern Gar	12:52.36	5
-- Armstrong, Cayson	10 Pendleton Co	NT	

Boys 110 Meter Hurdles

1 Apple, Sawyer	12 Pendleton Co	16.13	2 10
2 Bauserman, Khristian	11 East Hardy	16.65	2 8
3 Ward, Braylon	10 Union	16.83	2 6
4 Good, Gideon	10 East Hardy	17.94	1 5
5 Paul, Jhon	11 Moorefield	18.59	2 4
6 Wroten, Charlie	12 Southern Gar	19.35	2 3
-- Loulis, Angelo	9 East Hardy	NT	1

Boys 300 Meter Hurdles

1 Apple, Sawyer	12 Pendleton Co	41.99	2 10
2 Ward, Braylon	10 Union	42.18	2 8
3 Wroten, Charlie	12 Southern Gar	47.47	2 6
4 Millar, Aiden	12 Southern Gar	48.43	2 5
5 Laws, Edward	11 Southern Gar	52.31	1 4
-- Tanouye, Donovan	12 Paw Paw	NT	1
-- Doman, Iann	9 Petersburg	DQ	1

Boys 4x100 Meter Relay

1 East Hardy 'A'	45.07	10
1) Bauserman, Khristian 11	2) Graham, Nehemiah 9	
3) Rexrode, Chase 12	4) Hamilton, Evan 11	
2 Moorefield 'A'	46.24	8
1) Mazariago, Jeshua 12	2) Fertig, Caden 12	
3) McDonald, Matthew 11	4) Taylor, Diego 12	
3 Southern Garrett Co 'A'	46.54	6
1) Rodeheaver, Brayden 12	2) Brobst, Curtis 10	
3) Savage, Kade 12	4) Peterson, Charlie 12	
4 Moorefield 'B'	48.51	5
1) Laughlin, Camden 12	2) Howard, Josiah 11	
3) Acosta, G. Javier 10	4) Fields, Jordan 10	
5 East Hardy 'B'	50.31	4
1) Smith, Aden 11	2) Schetrom, Silas 11	
3) Loulis, Angelo 9	4) Dove, Gabriel 10	

Boys 4x200 Meter Relay

1 Southern Garrett Co 'A'	1:36.28	10
1) Rodeheaver, Brayden 12	2) Peterson, Charlie 12	
3) Savage, Kade 12	4) Burgess, Dominic 12	
2 Moorefield 'A'	1:37.32	8
1) Mazariago, Jeshua 12	2) Taylor, Diego 12	
3) Fertig, Caden 12	4) McDonald, Matthew 11	
3 East Hardy 'A'	1:40.29	6
1) Bauserman, Khristian 11	2) Graham, Nehemiah 9	
3) Rexrode, Chase 12	4) Hamilton, Evan 11	
4 Moorefield 'B'	1:42.78	5
1) Laughlin, Camden 12	2) Howard, Josiah 11	
3) Acosta, G. Javier 10	4) Fields, Jordan 10	

Boys 4x400 Meter Relay

1 Southern Garrett Co 'A'	3:52.61	10
1) Leydig, Mason 11	2) Gaijot, Arden 11	
3) Buchanan, Charlie 11	4) Burgess, Dominic 12	
2 Moorefield 'A'	4:01.04	8
1) Sackett-Williams, Brayden 10	2) Wojtowicz, William 12	
3) Ansani, Chernet 10	4) McDonald, Matthew 11	

Boys 4x800 Meter Relay

1 Moorefield 'A'	9:21.69	10
1) McDonald, Matthew 11	2) Sackett-Williams, Brayden 10	
3) Wojtowicz, William 12	4) Ansani, Chernet 10	
2 Pendleton County 'A'	9:46.13	8
1) Gill, Thunder 12	2) Armstrong, Cayson 10	
3) Nulph, Titus 12	4) Eason, Sam 9	

Boys 4x110 Meter Shuttle Hurdle

1 East Hardy 'A'	1:07.72	10
1) Bauserman, Khristian 11	2) Rexrode, Chase 12	
3) Loulis, Angelo 9	4) Good, Gideon 10	
2 Southern Garrett Co 'A'	1:13.85	8
1) Leydig, Mason 11	2) Millar, Aiden 12	
3) Laws, Edward 11	4) Wroten, Charlie 12	

Boys High Jump

1 Apple, Sawyer	12 Pendleton Co	5-10.00	9
1 Harvey, Graham	9 Southern Gar	5-10.00	9
3 Harvey, Gabriel	12 Pendleton Co	5-08.00	6
4 Loulis, Angelo	9 East Hardy	5-04.00	5
5 Sackett-Williams, Brayde	10 Moorefield	5-02.00	4
-- Cambero, Edgar	9 Moorefield	NH	
-- Elias Escobar, E. Javier	11 Moorefield	NH	
-- Ward, Braylon	10 Union	NH	



Moorefield Little League Opening Day ballpark fun all around







TOWN OF MOOREFIELD

Spring Cleanup

April 14-18, 2025

Moorefield's spring cleanup is scheduled for April 14-18th, and residents/business owners are encouraged to contribute to this community-wide endeavor to beautify our Town. We ask that you devote time to lawn care, weed/brush control, property cleanup, culvert maintenance, home enhancements, and any other seasonal preparation.

As a resident of Moorefield, take advantage of the town's special bulk trash pickup incentive, offered **FREE** of charge. Simply find your residence on the *Zone Collection Schedule* and set items out at the curb the night before your scheduled pickup. If you have questions, please call (304)851-2324.

The following guidelines must be followed:

- *No Household Trash
- *No Hazardous Materials
- *No Batteries, Paint, Oil, Liquids, or Items Containing Freon
- *All Brush & Boards Must Be Bundled (4 feet maximum length)
- *Collection amounts must be reasonable, as excessive quantities will NOT be picked up.

In an effort to help our community better maintain their properties, the **Town of Moorefield** will host

Brush Day

The first Tuesday of each Month
April - October, 8am-Noon

All brush and natural yard waste can be dumped **FREE OF CHARGE** at the old waste water plant on Stalnaker Dr. (behind Miller's BBQ).

This program is only for Town residents. No Commercial Dumping is allowed. Only natural yard waste items can be dumped (grass, brush, leaves, etc.). Absolutely no building materials, trash, or tree limbs over 8" in diameter will be accepted. Please call the town office at 304-530-6142 if you have any questions.

Zone Collection Schedule

Zone 1 (Monday – 4/14)	Zone 2 (Tuesday – 4/15)	Zone 3 (Wednesday – 4/16)	Zone 4 (Thursday – 4/17)
Adams	Alpine	Acorn	Arlington Manor
Allegheny	Branson	Cedar	Baker
Ashby	Burr	Hinkle	Beans
Clay	Central	S. Fork (Cedar + beyond)	Douglas
Drain	Chipleay	Tannery Hollow Rd.	E. Brighton
Eisenhower	Clements	Water Plant	Grace
Funnel	Duffy	1 st	Hardy
Gelia	Elmore	2 nd	Harper Ct
Hambone	Evening Sun	3 rd	Hedrick
Jackson	Evening	4 th	Highland
Jefferson	Hill Top	5 th	Hiser
Kuykendall	Hope Mt	6 th	Magnolia
Lee	Levee	Grand	Manor
Maple	Mt. View		Morningside
Metallurgy	Natwick		Rohrbaugh
Monroe	Paskell Hill		S. Main (S. Mfid)
N. Elm	Railroad		Sunset Terrace
N. Main	Short		Vale
Poplar	Shultz		Vance
Raines	Sunrise		Walnut
Rosemary	S. Elm		Welton
Sions	S. Fork (before Cedar)		W. Brighton
Sites	S. Main (to bridge)		
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