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East Hardy Elementary School Is Developing Habits of Highly Successful Schools With Leadership Curriculum

By Stephen Smoot

“Every child can be a leader,” says East Hardy Elementary School principal Emily Morris.

And she has implemented a program at her school that is based around that ideal.

That program, known as the Leader In Me, comes originally from the book “Seven Habits of Highly Effective People.” Morris explained that “a principal about 20 years ago wondered if these habits could be taught to elementary school children.”

Starting with this one school in North Carolina, a whole program took shape rooted in the basic tenets of the book. Those habits are to be proactive, keep the goal in mind from start to

finish, put first things first, value the win-win scenario, “seek first to understand, then to be understood,” learn to work as a team, and “sharpen the saw.” The final habit refers to those who make a priority of maintaining physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and spiritual effectiveness.

Through engaging and absorbing these ideals, elementary school students can learn early on the value of leadership and its role in everyday life.

Morris explains that while every child can be a leader, this does not mean that every child will, or can, grow up to win election to the office of Governor or the presidency, or run a Fortune 500 corporation. Instead, she states that the program encour-

ages a child to think that “I can be a leader in my own life. I can do things to help myself. I can help others to be better.”

And leaders do not only run nations. They can also run a shift at a fast food establishment, run a committee of volunteers performing good works, or set an example for others through values and virtues such as hard work and honest dealing.

“The whole idea is that every child has greatness within them,” shared Morris.

A Leader In Me curriculum focuses on a three-tiered framework centering on academics, leadership, and culture. “Everything we do,” explained Morris “is in one of these three areas.”

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East Hardy Elementary School, after three years of hard work and diligence, earned a “Lighthouse” designation for excellence in fostering leadership culture among students, faculty, and staff

WordPlay Hosts Bestselling Children’s Author Katherine Applegate at East Hardy High on April 27

On Sunday, April 27 at 6PM, WordPlay will host acclaimed children’s author Katherine Applegate for a free event at East Hardy High School auditorium in Baker, West Virginia. Applegate will speak about her reading and writing journey and specifically her newest book, Odder: An Otter’s Story, the picture-book retelling of her mid-grade novel of the same name, which spent more than 80 weeks on the New York Times bestseller list. Applegate is traveling to West Virginia from her home in Nevada. The April 27 event at East Hardy High is the first stop on her national book tour.

In addition to Odder: An Otter’s Story, Applegate has written numerous books for young readers, including The One and Only Ivan, which won a Newbery Medal; The One and Only Bob; Wishtree; Odder; the Doggo and Pupper series; and Animorphs. She is also the coauthor, with Gennifer Choldenko, of Dogtown and Mouse and His Dog: A Dogtown Book.

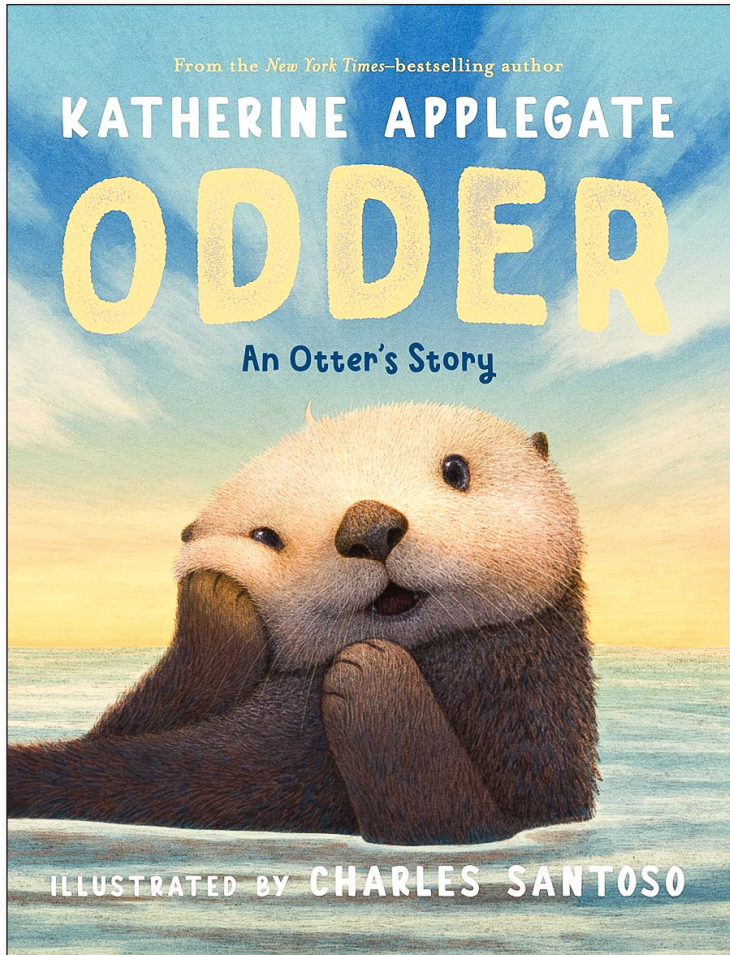
As she was writing Odder, Applegate spent a significant

amount of time researching the animal that she has grown incredibly fond of. “I started out writing an adventure story about an otter and veered in a whole different direction when I learned about the Monterey Bay Aquarium’s surrogate mother program for orphaned baby otters,” she says, adding that she highly recommends the Aquarium’s Sea Otter Cam (montereybayaquarium.org/animals/live-cams/sea-otter-cam). “You’ll come away smiling ear to ear. And while the Cute Factor definitely plays a role in the popularity of otters, they

are also considered a keystone species, highly important in the preservation of vital ocean habitats.”

Applegate is excited to talk about her new picture book with young readers and eager to hear their reaction not only to the story but to the illustrations as well. “More than anything, I can’t wait for folks to fall in love with Charles Santoso’s gorgeous illustrations. I’ve been lucky to work with Charles on several books, but with this picture book,

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Planning office seeks public input on county’s comprehensive development plan

PUBLIC COMMENT OPEN HOUSES FOR COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

April 17th , 6-8 p.m.
Mathias Community Center
195 Howards Lick Road, Mathias
April 22 nd , 6-8 p.m.

Wardensville Visitors Center/
Conference Room
301 East Main Street, Wardensville
April 24 th , 6-8 p.m.
Hardy County Health Department
421 Jackson Avenue, Moorefield

The 2011 Plan was last updated in 2016.

As described on the Planning Office’s website, the Comprehensive Plan is a “policy document that guides the future of land use and development. It addresses housing, transportation, infrastructure, public services,

jobs, natural resources, history, culture, the economy, the environment, and land use, including community design, preferred development areas, and redevelopment. The Plan documents the goals of the community for the next 10 to 20 years as set by those residents, businesses, and industry stakeholders who choose to be involved in the process.”

The process to update the 2025-2035 Plan began back in 2021. A series of stakeholder interviews were held to gather input from businesses and organizations about their priorities for the future of Hardy County.

The Hardy County Planning Office is nearing completion of its update to the county’s Comprehensive Development Plan. It will hold three public open houses over the next ten days to seek vital public input on the final draft.

Meet the Candidates: Moorefield Town Council

By Patrick Hurston

Moorefield will hold its municipal General Election on June 10, 2025. Among those on the ballot are six candidates vying for two Town Council seats. One of the seats is being vacated by current council member Scott Fawley who is running for mayor. The second seat is currently held by council member Jason Fertig who is seeking reelection.

Today the Examiner kicks off the first in a series of conversations with all six candidates, each of whom was given the same set of questions, and the same dead-

line in which to respond.

Candidates were asked to keep their responses to 3-5 sentences.

Today we talked with Valerie Daniel. Responses have not been edited.

Meet the Candidate: Valerie Daniel

Moorefield Examiner (ME): Please provide a brief personal statement about your candidacy, priorities and vision for the Town of Moorefield.

Valerie Daniel: Being a citizen

in the Moorefield community for 15 years plus. Firsthand seeing a decline in town pride and unprecedented challenges this town is facing. I wanted to step up to the challenge of helping our community be heard, feel heard for maybe the first time in years. Our current culture takes accountability for granted, we need to fight for basic morals that we seem to have lost. With sleeves rolled up and hands in the dirt, I will do my best to help bring this community back to a new vibrant town of safety, pride, and wellness.

ME: What initiative, program, project, or issue (infrastructure, public safety/services, economic development, etc.) would you spearhead if elected?

Daniel: My thoughts go directly to the most urgent initiative that’s needing 100% of our attention: School/Community safety. Our community is facing unprecedented events regarding the safety of children/youth, along with the entire community. Another project would be to grow our current social events that our community has and to add new ideas to the mix. Com-

munity wellness and strength is at an all-time low, changes are needed, I will do all I can in helping the Town of Moorefield flourish.

ME: Given recent controversies involving the Moorefield Police Department, how would you work to enhance transparency and accountability in town government and strengthen public trust in the Council and local law enforcement?

Daniel: Initiate conversations between the MFPD and community leaders/town

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Wardensville Lions Brings a Special Guest Bunny to Town

By Patty Austin

“Eggcellent!!!!” proclaimed the Easter Bunny as he took note of the preparations for the Easter Egg Hunt in Wardensville. The

event will be held on Saturday, April 19 at the Carnival Grounds in the heart of Wardensville. The Wardensville Lions Club members have been happily busy, getting things ready.

Activities will begin at noon with games and crafts, including the very popular woodwork project presented by Jim Hisghman. There will also be refreshments served at the shelter.

The Easter Egg Hunt kicks off at 1:00 in three parts. First will be the younger group of 0-4 year-old children. Then the 5-7 year-olds will gather eggs, followed by the 8-12-year-olds. Twenty-five eggs

will contain special certificates to be redeemed for gold dollars. All in all, there will be over 1,000 eggs! Children are asked to bring their own Easter baskets in which to gather their eggs.

There will be fun for all as the community gathers for good fun and fellowship, focused on delight for the community’ children. Hop on over and join the fun!



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By Stephen Smoot

One of the most time-honored ways in which one human being relates to another lies in preparing and providing food. Likely, even before humanity developed the ability to speak, people made food for each other for a variety of reasons.

The act of preparing and serving food can communicate much. In the act of meeting each others most fundamental need, the extra flourishes can tell the recipient that they are respected and/or cared about more than others. Or it can reveal the cook’s sense of duty and pride in providing the best possible to anyone who happens to consume it.

In modern life, true cooking, as opposed to just “heating something up,” can make a big difference between long term health and long term problems.

Because food is primal, cooking comes with a cultural context that changes from place to place. Tradition saw women, for example, as the keepers of the kitchen. Grandmothers shared their secrets and techniques with mothers, who passed them on to daughters. Sometimes this took the form of oral history, others scribbled down recipes on notecards or notebooks and kept them to pass on.

Up until about 40 years ago, the culture had mixed reactions to men who enjoyed

cooking. On one hand, celebrity male chefs earned stature. Hector Boiardi immigrated as a child from his native Italy as World War I broke out. He worked his way from the bottom up in New York City’s culinary world and ended up as the head chef at The Greenbrier where he and his staff catered President Woodrow Wilson’s wedding reception. From there, Boiardi built a restaurant and canned food empire that still serves millions today.

Of course most know him as Chef Boyardee!

In the 70s and 80s was another male celebrity chef, the big, boisterous, and always entertaining “Cajun Cook,” Justin Wilson. He and his Tabasco-laden recipes showed that the right personality could sell cooking on television to men or women.

On the other hand the culture could be hard on men who loved cooking. A side character on All in the Family, a male who loved cooking for its own sake, was presented as effeminate though he was married. His love of cooking served as the butt of jokes on the most popular show in America at the time.

But things changed quickly

As the rending of the shackles of tradition released women from household, many saw tending to tasks related to the household as unenlightened. Practically,

EDITORIAL

Learn to Cook

as women started adding their significant contributions to the workforce, they also had less time to master the art and science of cooking at home.

Then in the 80s came the late childhoods of what most refer to as Generation X, but who should have the moniker of “The Unsupervised Generation.”

Mom worked. Dad worked. More and more, children walked or rode the bus to empty homes. Simultaneously, divorces skyrocketed, families fractured, and in many cases kids had to pick up some of the slack in single parent households.

At the time, pundits mused about what would become of the “latch key kids.” They turned out to be one of the most resilient and least demanding generations, but that lengthy story should be told at another time.

One thing they learned to do, especially boys, was cook.

Much of an entire generation of boys left to fend for themselves from random items in the pantry developed a love of the art of cooking. Many boys started to treat cooking almost as an art form, experimenting with flavors, developing skills, and, of course, proudly serving their concoctions

to siblings or parents.

The flying in of “helicopter parents” in subsequent generations ended both the risk and the reward of children having time to figure out how to take care of basic needs, such as cooking, laundry, and other tasks, more or less on their own.

As childhood went from unsupervised to hyper-scheduled and closely monitored by parents, often times cooking fell by the wayside in favor of fast food, microwave, or “cheap and easy” quick fix foods.

In 2019, the Journal of Nutrition, Education, and Behavior published a study that examined children and cooking skills. In 2002 and 2003, the study focused on evaluating the cooking skills of 18 to 23 year olds. It assessed what techniques and knowledge they learned in their teenage years.

Twelve years later, those conducting the study caught up with those examined prior to measure their nutritional habits and outcomes of the same people in their 30s. Those who left their teen years having “very adequate” cooking skills, meaning that they could create full and proper meals on their own, including vegetables, enjoyed much better nutritional outcomes in their 30s

“and less frequent fast food consumption.”

The “quick fix,” however, is not necessarily that much faster than cooking from scratch as much as possible.

Consider the all-time kid favorite, macaroni and cheese. When most think of this food, they imagine a small 75 cent box with poorly made pasta and a packet of orange dust. The final product, it must be admitted, does not taste bad at all.

That said, what exactly is in that orange dust?

In the time it takes to boil water and cook the macaroni, one can make a much tastier cheese sauce out of butter, flour, milk, and a handful of freshly grated cheddar - or any mixture of cheeses that might taste good in the dish. It takes about five to 10 minutes of stirring and cooking. Then dump it all in a pot and mix it all together.

Voila! Much tastier, much healthier, way fewer unpronounceable chemicals, and tastes just like it came from a special church dinner or grandma’s kitchen.

One of the barriers to fresh homemade cooking has come in the unfortunate fact that knowledge is not passed down as it once was. Fortunately, community services such as Family Resource Center have stepped in to provide classes in topics such as cooking and canning where the whole family or household can attend and learn.

The stakes are higher than just eating tastier foods. Bill Piersol from the New York City based Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center wrote just last January about the rapidly expanding - and unprecedented - number of young adults getting cancers previously associated with middle or senior ages.

He stated that the “vicious circle of obesity, highly processed foods, and sedentary lifestyles . . . are an epidemic in America and growing in many countries.” That said, the MSK Center for Young Onset Colorectal and Gastrointestinal Cancer “has tracked more than 4,000 younger adults” who “are actually less likely to be obese than the general population” but also share a higher risk of younger onsets of cancer than older children.

Though the center does not squarely place the blame solely on an overabundance of processed foods, it does say “that old belief that kids can eat anything and be healthy later really doesn’t hold up.”

Cooking is fun. Cooking is easy. Cooking correctly can help lay the foundation for a healthier and happier life decades down the road.

The Japanese have a saying. The best time to plant a fruit tree is 20 years ago. The second best time is now. The same applies to making choices that lead to better health.

My UNBASED OPINION

Unbased Revisited

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN



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It’s that season again. Spring. Time to mow. Time to grow.

The gardening part may be more important this year. More urgent. For folks who’ve plowed, planted, pickled and preserved for years, it’ll be business as usual, but it might be time to take a second look at preservation.

Freezers have become the way to go. Pick food, prepare it simply, drop it in zip lock bags and stack them neatly in a freezer. Four or five hundred dollars invested in a small/medium freezer will maintain foods for a couple of years at least. Everything goes great as long as electricity remains available and a cat doesn’t knock the plug out of a high wall socket. That happened to me once. Everything inside thawed and rot-

ted.

Canning is the thing. Learn how if you don’t know already. Teach somebody who doesn’t know if you already do.. Share what you know about gardening and preserving, particularly canning, with family members and good friends.

Buy extra canning supplies when they are available at good prices. Keep funnels, tongs, and big spoons handy. Replace your canner if you aren’t sure about its condition. Everyone has heard stories of green beans splattered all over a house from an exploding pressure canner, but pressure is still the best way to go. Reliable preservation of any edible meat or vegetable, no matter the acid content, is worth learning how to pressure can safely.

Why all this emphasis on growing and canning food? Why, all of a sudden now am I all turned on about it? What set me off?

Realization of a confluence of circumstances. World events coming together to suggest a repeat of history. Perhaps not only a repeat, but an extension besides.

Barack Obama was born on August 4th, 1961. Vladimir Putin of Russia was born October 7th, 1952. The Cuban Missile Crisis took place October 14th through October 28th, 1962.

For those folks, President Obama’s age or younger, The Cuban Missile Crisis came about when Premier Nikita Khrushchev attempted to arm his friend Fidel Castro’s Cuba with intermediate range nuclear tipped missiles. America couldn’t have such short

lift time missiles based so close to our shores. President John Kennedy said no and made it stick. Missiles sailed back to Russia on the same ships they’d arrived on.

You can bet your socks that Raúl and Fidel Castro as well as Vladimir Putin will remember this embarrassing loss of face at hands of American intimidation. I’ve seen conjecture that President Kennedy died in retaliation for part in that Cuban/Russian defeat. I’d guess their vaunted nationalistic pride cries for revenge against the American Warmongers that made their homelands lose face in direct confrontation.

Now the stars are aligning for Cuban Missiles Crisis II. President Obama is hugging and making nice with Raul Castro at a summit meeting of American

heads of state as I write. Removal of Cuba from the list of states which support terrorism is rumored. Return of Guantanamo, a much maligned prison for terrorists, has been mentioned.

Numerous recent news stories have discussed Mr. Putin’s nuclear saber rattling. He’s made sure America and Europe know nuclear weapons are on the table when he addresses his take over of Ukraine and they’ve been mentioned in conjunction with incursions around Finland and other Baltic countries.

How long before those missiles set sail again for Cuba? After hugging Castro and “resetting” with Putin, can Obama hold his thumb over our nuclear button while he tells them to get out? Based on his past record, I’d say we’ll be in

trouble.

June 2013 I wrote a column about a book, “One Second After” by William Forstchen. Forstchen describes a Electromagnetic Pulse attack launched against the United States by a missile fired from a common container ship in the Caribbean Ocean. After massive die offs of population East of the Mississippi, possession of food and water became of paramount importance to folks remaining.

If Cuba gets nuclear weapons with Putin’s finger on their trigger, America is one huge step closer to Forstchen’s described Armageddon. Best way to survive those circumstances is with reliable sources of food and water independent of commercial sources.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hello, my name is Anthony Ross, and I am proud to share my journey of recovery, transformation, and service to my community. I have recently completed the Recovery Coach/Life Coach 1 class through Greater Recovery and Community Empowerment (GRaCE), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, as well as the SMART Recovery Facilitator Certification Program

through SMART Recovery. On February 24th, I will begin the Advanced Recovery Coach class, also through GRaCE.

These certifications are more than just accomplishments—they are tools that will allow me to give back to my community, just as support was given to me. I am living proof that recovery is possible. The old saying, “Once an addict, always an addict,” is

simply not true. Just for today, by changing the people we surround ourselves with, the places we go, and the way we cope with life’s challenges, we can recover.

My own journey took a turning point on September 13th when I hit rock bottom. With nowhere left to look but up, I reached out to God, my pastor, and dear friend Daniel Taylor for help. I surrendered completely, saying,

“I’m yours. I can’t live like this anymore.”

After being released from PHRJ on October 31st following a violation of a DVP, I found salvation and was baptized on November 3rd. With the guidance and support of Potomac Highland Guilds (PHG), I made the decision to seek treatment at Pyramid Healthcare. For the first time in many years, I saw life

through a completely different lens—one filled with hope, purpose, and possibility.

Today, I am a full-time college student, working toward a degree that will allow me to assist the state with its overwhelming social services workload. But my mission doesn’t stop there. I am leading an initiative to establish the first-ever Sober/Recovery House in Hardy County—a joint

effort involving incredible people who share this vision. The idea has already gained the attention of county officials, and with their support, it is now possible. Though there is still a long road ahead, I am fully committed to seeing it through.

Thank you for your time and support.

Anthony Ross

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Letter to the Editor,
Today is my 64th birthday, which puts me one year away from signing up for Medicare. Of course, I could be collecting Social Security already, but in consultation with my financial advisor, I am in a position to use other retirement sources and defer Social Security until I am 70. I am curious to see what happens to these “entitlements” over the next few years.

The idea of reigning in, delegating more funding (e.g. block grants to state for Medicaid, etc) to states, if not eliminating entitlement spending is not a new idea. I recall a conversation with a friend at the beginning of the first Trump administration. He had worked on The Hill for his career and was at that time consulting with the Heritage Foundation. “We can now go after entitlements like Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security...” was the beginning of his conversation. This begs the first question: is

Social Security a retirement investment program? Or, was it intended as a “widows and orphans (e.g. disabled persons)” fund to prevent the most vulnerable from living on the streets or being denied health care?

Social Security was enacted in the 1930’s as part of the New Deal when many elderly lived in squaller, were malnourished, and dying from untreated medical conditions. Medicare was enacted in the 1960’s as part of the Great Society, to address the lack of medical insurance that people faced when they retired.

The Moorefield Examiner’s article (4-2-25, “Social Security Trustees’ Report...”) outlined the dilemma in the financial numbers.

The question is how to change directions.

Social Security and Medicare are programs that will take a generation to change. In other words, those relying on them now do not have the resources (unless

deal with made-up ones as well.

However, Mr. Smoot’s suggestion that President Trump’s policies may bring higher wages and additional income into the Social Security trust fund (the “Fund”) is highly speculative and overlooks Trump’s several Fund unfriendly

they are going to start working at a local store, gas station, or restaurant) to live without them. Thus, changes need to be either/ both merit based and age based.

Merit: these benefit could be assessed at tax reporting time, in a similar fashion to the Affordable Care Act Market Place insurance. If someone brings in a certain amount of income (working, investments, rentals...), their benefits could be reduced on a sliding scale.

Age: at the time of Social Security and Medicare programs starting, people lived less than 5 years beyond becoming eligible. Now, many retiring at age 65 can anticipate living 10 to 20 years. The age at which people could begin to collect these benefits could increase with the reality of our increased life span. Someone could be encouraged to defer collection to a higher age such as to 65, 70, and 75.

Another alternative would be to direct payroll deductions into sav-

proposals.

First, while there are pros and cons to deporting illegal workers, implementing that policy would reduce the amount being paid into the Fund. Illegal workers easily can make up an SSN and pay FICA, but it’s far more diffi-

ings accounts similar to 401k’s, 403b’s, and IRA/Roth IRA’s, which are currently optional. We would need to do more education of employees to assure them that these funds are theirs to invest with financial advisors assistance (which needs to be monitored to keep shady people preying on vulnerable employees). Social Security benefits could also be paid out in lump sums, again with caution against scammers. Of course, there should be a floor to the benefits with that “widows and orphans” protections in mind.

Similarly, Medicare could become both merit and age based, with incentives for people to seek alternative health insurance options until age 70 or 75. Health Savings Accounts might be part of the option. But, that “widows and orphans” floor should remain to protect the most vulnerable in society.

Oscar Larson
Baker, WV

cult to claim the benefits. Illegals paid approximately \$25.7 billion into the Fund in 2022, money to fund benefits that they unlikely ever are to see. Proposals to restrict legal immigration also would have an adverse impact on

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NEWS

“And All Thy Children Shall Be Taught of the LORD” Area AWANA Holds End of Year Session at Duffy Memorial

By Stephen Smoot

Proverbs advises that one should “train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

AWANA, a worldwide ministry dedicated to fostering Biblically-based faith and understanding of Holy Scripture, exists to serve the purpose of educating children in the fundamentals of Christianity directly from the Word.

The ministry, explains the Moorefield director Kelly Moran, serves “as a children’s Bible club similar to scouting in that there is a uniform, awards that go onto the uniform” based on achieving tasks laid out in a handbook. These can take the form of patches, or pins in which one can place small gemstones to mark various achievements.

Many of these tasks focus on memorizing and understanding

Holy Scripture, as well as applying the lessons learned thereof.

Also like traditional scouting, participants divide by age group. Toddlers form the initial group, called Puggles. This group even has its own theme song, which opens with “I like to be where the love of God is taught to me.” After that, a child can age into the Cubbies, which covers the pre-kindergarten ages.

Kindergarten through third grade is called Sparks and third through sixth graders participate in TNT, which stands for Truth in Training. Middle or junior high school children serve in Trek and the oldest in their high school years have Journey.

Middle and high school age children work in depth with first the New Testament, then the old. The entire program and curriculum from start to finish provides a complete and in depth educa-

tion on the Holy Bible and Christian beliefs based on the Word.

The Duffy Memorial Church offers AWANA from Cubbies through TNT.

For Hardy County area children, AWANA started in the fall of 2005. Moran explained that this particular group had to adapt the recommended schedule. AWANA generally starts and ends at about the same time as the traditional school year, but as Moran says “you have to battle all of the other things that are going on.”

Organizers in Moorefield elected to end the sessions in March, because “with spring softball and baseball, so many kids dropped off.” Although football and winter sports also affect participation, they do not have the same impact as those in the spring.



From August to March, AWANA participants at Duffy Memorial Church in Moorefield enjoy fun, fellowship, and Bible-based instruction on Holy Scripture

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Governor Morrisey Issues Proclamation National Alcohol Awareness Month

CHARLESTON, WV – The West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration (WVABCA) is pleased to report that Governor Patrick Morrisey has officially recognized April as Alcohol Awareness Month in West Virginia. In issuing a proclamation, the governor emphasized the need to increase public awareness and understanding about the dangers associated with underage alcohol use and adult alcohol misuse.

Since 1987, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence has recognized April

as Alcohol Awareness Month. According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), in the United States in 2023 approximately 178,000 people died from alcohol related causes with over 4 million emergency room visits. Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD) affects about 29 million adults in the United States. In addition, about 3.3 million adolescents aged 12 to 20 in 2023 binge drank in 2023.

WVABCA Commissioner Fred Wooton said, “We are grateful for Governor Morrisey’s proclamation.” Commissioner Wooton

added, “the WVABCA is committed to addressing the dangers associated with alcohol misuse by working with WVABCA licensees, educators, prevention specialists, community leaders and law enforcement on a local, county and state level.”

To address these issues, the WVABCA has a DUI Simulator program which has reached over 72,000 people, mostly students since 2010. Additionally, the WVABCA’s NO School Spirits Public Service Announcement (PSA) contest has reached tens of thousands of students. This

program encourages and empowers youth to develop and produce meaningful educational and prevention messaging aimed at preventing underage drinking. The WVABCA licensing and enforcement efforts are also geared to protect the public. New carding posters are available for businesses to ensure compliance and help avoid underage alcohol sales. In addition, the WVABCA will be unveiling a new server/seller carding video in the coming weeks. WVABCA educational information can be found at www.abca.wv.gov.

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. Reports 2025 First Quarter Earnings And Declares Quarterly Dividend

Petersburg, WV - Highlands Bankshares, Inc. (OTC: HBSI) announced unaudited earnings of \$1,384,000 for the first three-month period ended March 31, 2025. This represents an increase of 55% from the \$891,000 earned during the same period in 2024. On a per share basis, net income was \$1.04 for the first three months of 2025, compared to earnings of \$0.67 per share for the three months ended March

31, 2024.

On April 8, 2025, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.45 per share to be paid on May 2, 2025 to all shareholders of record as of April 25, 2025. Based upon the current market price and annualizing the dividends paid to shareholders this quarter, Highlands’ current dividend yield is 5.29%. Jack H. Walters, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the holding

company, stated “Highlands is pleased to report increased earnings for Q1 2025 compared to the year ago period.

Earnings were positively impacted by higher levels of net interest income due to growth in our loan portfolio, offset somewhat by higher levels of interest expense on deposits. We appreciate the continued trust of our customers and shareholders and will continue to do our best to

serve all of our local communities with quality banking products and great customer service.”

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. operates twelve banking locations in West Virginia and Virginia through its two wholly-owned subsidiary banks, The Grant County Bank and Capon Valley Bank, and offers insurance services through its wholly-owned subsidiary HBI Life Insurance Company

MEDIA NOTIFICATION OF SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT

To increase awareness of the hazards of intoxicated driving, members of the West Virginia State Police will conduct a Sobriety Checkpoint in Hardy County, on Friday, April 24, 2025, from 6:00PM through 12:00PM.

on WV Rt. 55, in the 200 block of East Main Street, in Wardensville, WV. The secondary location will be in Hardy County on U.S. Rt. 220, at the overpass of U.S. Route 48, near Weimer Chrysler Dodge in Moorefield, WV.

The Sobriety Checkpoint will be conducted in Hardy County

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

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Easter Happenings

A Love Feast will be held on April 17 at the Brethren Church at 6 PM

A Good Friday Service will take place on April 18 at Moorefield High School at 6 PM

Easter sunrise service will take place April 20 6:30 AM at Olivet. Mark Flynn will be the speaker.

Easter worship service will be April 20 at 10:30 AM at Moorefield Church of the Brethren, where kids and families can also enjoy an Easter egg hunt.

ANNUAL PICKENS RAMP SUPPER.

The Ramp supper will be held on April 19th, 2025, at the American Legion Hall in Pickens, WV. Serving time is 2 pm to 7 pm.

Menu: Ramps, Ham, Fried Potatoes, Brown Beans, ColeSlaw, Applesauce, Corn Bread, Dessert and Drinks. Sponsored by the Pickens Post 122 American Legion. All proceeds will be used to update and maintain our Legion Hall. Everyone is Welcome. For further information call 304-924-5813

The Region 8 Planning and Development Council will meet on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 12:30 p.m. at the Region 8 PDC Office, 131 Providence Lane, Petersburg, WV.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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the Fund, as immigration is one of the key drivers of American population and tax base growth.

Also, the proposal to eliminate the tax on Social Security benefits

would erode the Fund. The tax was enacted to put the taxation of Social Security benefits on a par with the taxation of private pensions, where repayment of post-tax worker contributions are

not taxed but benefits funded by pre-tax employer contributions and earnings on the fund are. But more to the point: (i) lower income people are exempt from the tax and (ii) the proceeds of the tax

are paid to the Fund (\$50.7 billion in 2023) and to the Medicare HI Trust Fund (\$35.0 billion in 2023). Accordingly, eliminating that tax will disproportionately benefit higher earners and hasten

the day that the Fund no longer can pay benefits to anybody.

Finally, Mr. Smoot expresses concern about our excessive sovereign debt, a concern that I share. I look forward to his op-

position to the proposed tax cuts that are projected to explode the deficit.

Best regards,
John Geracimos

AT THE LIBRARY

At the Library
April 16, 2025

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

STOP BY AND CHECK OUT OUR “SEEDABLE” DISPLAY! Our new program will eventually evolve into a “Seed Exchange.” However, this year, we supply the seeds to help you get started!

New fiction

The business trip by Jessie Garcia

Stephanie and Jasmine have nothing and everything in common. The two women don’t know each other but are on the same plane. Stephanie is on a business trip and Jasmine is fleeing an abusive relationship. After a few days, they text their friends the same exact messages about the same man—the messages becoming stranger and more er-

ratic. And then the two women vanish. The texts go silent, the panic flags go up, and the panic sets in. When Stephanie and Jasmine are each declared missing and in danger, it begs the questions: Who is Trent McCarthy? What did he do to these women—or what did they do to him?

The cat who saved the library by Sösuke Natsukawa

A chronic asthma condition prevents thirteen-year-old Nanami from playing sports or spending time with her friends after school. But nothing can stop her from one of her favorite activities. Nanami loves to read and happily spends much of her free time in the library, cocooned among the stacks. Then one day, Nanami notices that, despite the library being as deserted as ever, some of her favorite books are disappearing from the shelves. When she alerts the library staff, they dismiss her concerns. That’s when Tiger, the talking tabby cat

who saves books, comes to the rescue. Are Nanami and Tiger prepared to face the dangerous challenges that lie ahead? Why are faceless gray soldiers burning books in a stone castle? And what happened to Rintaro, the socially withdrawn hero who helped Tiger save books in a secondhand bookshop?

Bridal shower murder by Leslie Meier

Lucy Stone is thrilled about her youngest daughter Zoe’s engagement to Chad, a rising minor league baseball player with dreamy eyes and plenty of Southern charm. Yet there’s no denying the whirlwind romance has turned Lucy’s life upside down in more ways than one—especially when she learns about Chad’s complicated background and close ties to Tinker’s Cove. The secrets and rumors are enough to send her investigative reporting instincts into overdrive. Trouble really crashes in the moment

Lucy meets her in-laws-to-be, Penny and Nate Nettleton. Persuasive Penny proves to be intent on taking over wedding preparations—even arranging a Tuscan-themed bridal shower before Zoe publicly announces her engagement. It’s a shock when the event goes off without a hitch. But the real shock comes when prominent guest Hetty Furness, the head of the Tinker’s Cove Historical Society, goes missing—only to be found dead, the victim of a brutal murder.

Lawbreaker by Diana Palmer

Tony Garza has been Odalie Everett’s nemesis since the day they met. Once a New Jersey crime boss, Tony now owns an art gallery in New York, where he spends most of his time delegating his odier business to subordinates. Odalie is a professional singer whose lifelong dream is to perform at the Met. She never expected to run into the heartbreaker from her past when she

rents a small house near Tony’s Manhattan apartment while taking voice lessons. But when they reconnect, they can’t help but give in to unforgettable passion. As their relationship blossoms, deadly figures from Tony’s past come back to exact revenge, and he’ll do anything to protect Odalie...even bring her back home to her family ranch in Texas. But as Odalie struggles with the idea of leaving behind her dreams in the city to have true love in Texas, she finds herself caught in the ultimate trap—and Tony’s past won’t let them go.

New Non-Fiction

Good soil : the education of an accidental farmhand by Jeff Chu

A meditation on nature, heritage, and belonging, from an accomplished journalist who left New York City for life on a working farm.

Spell freedom : the underground schools that built the civil rights movement by Elaine

Weiss

The story of four activists whose audacious plan to restore voting rights to Black Americans in the Jim Crow South laid the groundwork for the civil rights movement.

New Easy Readers

The littlest drop by Sascha Alper

When a forest fire attacks their home, one brave hummingbird attempts to extinguish the flames, inspiring the other animals, paralyzed by fear and doubt, to do their part.

Every Monday Mabel by Jashar Awan

Every Monday Mabel takes her breakfast outside and waits for her favorite part of the week: the garbage truck.

Shark Girl by Kate Beaton
A part human part shark girl seeks revenge against a greedy fishing captain who threatens her fellow marine creatures.

2025 Opening Dates Announced for Monongahela National Forest Recreation Sites Elkins, W.Va., April 7, 2025

Below are the 2025 opening dates for developed recreation sites on the Monongahela National Forest close to this area.

The information is intended to be effective through Memorial Day (May 26, 2025) but may change based on local conditions or new information. We expect to have an updated schedule of open recreation sites in early June that will cover site operations through the end of July. Please visit the Mon’s Recreation Conditions Report at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/mnf/recreation> for the most current information. Campground and picnic shelter reservations for some sites may be made at www.recreation.gov. Dispersed camping opportunities are not included in the information, below, but are available in many areas of the Forest year-round.

Visitors can contact ranger district offices listed for details. Important safety reminder - the lack of cell phone service on the Monongahela National Forest

is something to consider when trip planning, but with a little preparation, you can unplug and still have a safe and fun trip. Learn about recreating safely and responsibly on your national forest at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/visit/know-before-you-go/responsible-recreation>. Opening dates for recreation sites on Cheat-Potomac Ranger District (304-478-2000) in the Elkins and Parsons areas:

Bear Heaven Campground – April 15

Horseshoe Recreation Area – May 13

Lower Gladly Dispersed Camping (Forest Road 162) – Area opens when snow-free; toilets open April 15

Stuart Recreation Area – April 18

Opening dates for recreation sites on Cheat-Potomac Ranger District (304-257-4488) in the Petersburg and Seneca Rocks areas:

Big Bend Campground – April 8

Dolly Sods Picnic Area – April 15, weather permitting

Forest Road 19 in the Dolly Sods area – April 1, weather permitting

Forest Road 75 in the Dolly Sods area – April 15, weather permitting

Gandy Creek Dispersed Camping (County Route 29) - Area opens when snow-free; toilets open April 15

Gatewood Group Campground – April 18

Jess Judy Group Campground – April 8

Red Creek Campground – April 15, weather permitting

Seneca Rocks Discovery Center –

April 4, through May 18 Friday - Sunday from 9:30am to 5:00pm, May 19 through Sept. 1 daily from 9:30am to 5:00pm

Seneca Rocks Picnic Area – April 1

Seneca Shadows Campground – April 8

Spruce Knob Lake – Lake open year-round; toilets open April 15

Spruce Knob Lake Campground – April 18

Spruce Knob Observation Tower – Area opens when snow-free; toilets open April 15

PILGRIM’S FRESH COMPLEX SENIOR TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT BUDDY HESSE - HATCHERY

Buddy Hesse (Harold Hesse III) started working for Rockingham Poultry Coop on October 22, 1986. He first started working in the Sawline Department and it was his first job ever! The start of Buddy’s 38-year career at our company soon led to working in a few different departments before he went to his current job as Supervisor at the Hatchery. He worked as Receiving Clerk

and remembers when everything was handwritten. He worked in the KFC and Paw Room departments, and in the Box Room for many years as a Lead and Supervisor. He was also a Supervisor in the Stack-off department.

I asked Buddy about things that have changed since he started working for the company and he, like most other senior team members, said “a lot!” So many

changes, not only the size of the plant, but production volumes have vastly increased. When he first started working in the Box Room, they received two – three loads of boxes per week, and now they receive three – four loads per day! Many of the jobs have become automated. He also remembers when there were two machines in the Box Room, which folded and stapled boxes

and lids. Everything else was hand folded. Now the product is run through metal detectors so there are no staples in the boxes.

When Buddy and I talked about his supervisors and managers over the years, he said he liked many of them that he worked with. Paul Ketterman was a good manager, he listened and they had a good rapport. He also remembers Satch Wratchford and Walt Shafer, who was very direct, but he liked that about him.

We talked about memorable events during his tenure, and he remembered a couple that stood out to him. The transition from the old to new plant in the 1990’s was very memorable. This update doubled the production and Buddy said he still remembers when employees used to

joke around and say, “It will be better in the new plant”. Another memorable event he remembers is the cyber-attack on the company, which happened just a few years ago. The plant had to shut down for a day or two while the company resolved the issue.

When Buddy isn’t working, he likes to spend his time with his family. He also likes to hunt and fish when he can. Buddy and his wife, Tammy, like to take trips to the beach a couple times a year. They have a trip planned to Nassau this year and they spend some weekends in Ocean City. They do a lot of traveling in their spare time.

What does Buddy’s future hold? He said he will keep working at the Hatchery, but there could be a move to South Caro-

lina where his daughter lives. He said that if there are any grandkids in the future that he and his wife would definitely consider moving south!

Thank you, Buddy, for your dedication, hard work and loyalty to our Company. We Appreciate You!

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A Message from the Hardy County Commission Regarding the Recent Declined Donation to the Dog Pound

We’ve seen your questions, heard your concerns, and we want to take a moment to explain a decision that was not made lightly. Recently, a generous individual—through the encouragement of the Humane Society of Hardy County—offered a donation to improve the Hardy County Dog Pound. Her compassion is deeply appreciated, and we thank her sincerely for her willingness to support animal welfare in our community. So why did the County Commission choose to decline the donation?

Here’s the reason: After careful consideration, we determined that the donation could have a far greater impact if directed toward the Humane Society of Hardy County (HSHC)—an organization that not only supports dogs, but also cares for cats, runs foster and adoption programs, and provides spay/neuter and vaccination assistance to the public. These are preventative, long-term solutions that reduce animal suffering before it starts.

Meanwhile, the County is moving forward with Pound improvements using budgeted funds—not relying on donations. This means the generous gift can still help animals in need, but through broader outreach and services that the County itself cannot provide.

We hear you. We care. And we’re committed.

We’re actively improving our animal control operations, reviewing policies, strengthening partnerships, and working toward a more compassionate system for ALL animals in Hardy County. This decision wasn’t a rejection of help—it was a redirection of kindness to where it can do the most good. Thank you for your passion, your voices, and your continued support.



AWANA

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Moran admitted “I love to see the kids come in late because of practice.” She explained that on one hand, they rush in still wearing their sports practice clothes and that in itself is one of those heartwarming details that mainly parents understand. More importantly, it shows that the children enjoy AWANA and take it seriously enough to still devote time in their packed schedules to do it.

The goal lies in children each year earning their way to being “completers,” finishing their book of tasks. Participants receive their awards in March at a session ending ceremony that recognizes all for what they accomplished. Moran said that they work with children who have to miss to try to catch up and complete. That said, those who cannot be “completers” still receive accolades for what they did accomplish. Even then, Moran said “that’s a seed being planted.”

“They really did so well this year,” described Moran, “It was really wonderful.”

AWANA has proved popular with area children and families. Approximately 70 join the program each year with attendance at each session reaching about 60. Moran remarked that even with such a large number of children, “everything’s calm.” Weekly sessions last 90 minutes, but “that’s a pretty fast hour and a half.”

Moran credits the “very wonderful group of staff” that volunteers for the success of the program. This includes a security team that keeps an eye on safety,

an unfortunate facet of the world today.

Emily Morris, principal at East Hardy Elementary School, praised the program, sharing that “my son has been going to AWANA for four years.” She said that, without encouragement, he asked to be baptized, adding that she doubted that he would have requested that without the positive influence of AWANA.

The program started in 2005 in Moorefield and has only missed its yearly sessions during COVID. August 26 is when the next weekly sessions start. While Moran encourages families to sign up children through the Facebook page, she said that they may come the first night and get squared away.

Children may even join after August 26, but it’s best to be there on day one if at all possible.

A parents night will take place on Sept 9.

think of the issue in “win-win” terms.

Morris explained that she was very proud of the fact that the students had absorbed not only the ideals, but also the language of the techniques taught to them.

The organization that administers the Leader In Me program, Franklin Covey, awards schools a “Lighthouse” designation after completing three years of the program and showing demonstrable effort and success. Schools must meet a rigorous set of criteria grounded in efforts, practices, and also results.

Two reviewers, one flying in all the way from Missouri, spent the day at East Hardy Elementary to conduct a review of the application. Morris said “they saw all of the inner workings of how we do things.” Quickly, “we were notified that we met the criteria.”

East Hardy’s accession to Lighthouse status in the first year of eligibility is by no means typical. Many schools do not attain the status on the first try. “I am so proud of everybody,” said Morris, who emphasized “how much work it has been” for everyone in the school. Success came in part from students, faculty, and staff buying in and believing in the program from the start.

To celebrate the achievement, East Hardy Elementary held a ceremony to mark the occasion. In two years, they will go through an other evaluation to recertify their status.

“It’s so nice for someone else to come in and see the things we are doing that have become second nature to us,” said Morris.

East Hardy Elementary School

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She added that “we have definitely seen measurable results in those three areas.”

“The meat of the program,” as she says, is that “every child in the school has a leadership lesson every single day about leadership.” Morris shared an example in that the younger children have received instruction on how to communicate and articulate what they are feeling and why.

Recently, she stated, two children had a conflict. When brought together to discuss the problem, the students admitted that they were not trying to understand the point of view of each other, which led to the conflict. Students said they were not seeking first to understand the other and that they had failed to

WordPlay

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he’s really outdone himself! The beauty of the ocean world shines through on every page.”

At the April 27 event, and at two school visits in Hampshire County the following day, Applegate will share her personal reading journey with children. “I was not much of a reader when I was young,” she admits, “until I fell in love with what I call my ‘best friend book’: Charlotte’s Web. I believe there is a book out there waiting for every kid that’s going to be life-changing.”

Although Odder: An Otter’s

Story doesn’t officially release to the public until April 29, the publisher granted special permission to WordPlay to sell copies at the April 27 event. WordPlay also will have other titles by Applegate available for purchase and signing at the event. Twenty percent of all sales will benefit WordPlay Connects, the non-profit arm of WordPlay that regularly hosts author and illustrator programs in area schools and has to date gifted more than 12,500 books to young readers through school and community events.

The April 27 event is free and open to the general public; no registration or ticket required. East Hardy High School is located at 259 Cougar Drive in Baker, WV. Doors will open at 5:30PM.



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Meet the Candidates

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council for a discussion regarding ongoing and/or current issues and their challenges affecting our town. This is where an open discussion can be had for resolution ideas to build trust and transparency issues we currently are facing and design a path moving forward within our community. As well as establishing resources to keep our community updated on current issues. Examples: via social media page, town and/or council meetings. The importance of collaboration and being visible in the community such as events to create mutual trust in MFPD and community. Ride-Alongs with officers, police involvement in local school activities, and Police participation in (or police-led) community events.

ME: What do you believe is the most pressing issue facing Moorefield and its residents and how do you plan to address it if elected?

Daniel: Moorefield School system issues currently being faced with racism, harassment and assault allegations. Looking to initiate meetings w/ BOE, school’s principal, town council, and the MFPD discuss working towards a path of resolution, adding new programs and/or updating those currently used to bring more awareness to our student body and parents. Secondly, a community wide meeting/forum to share and provide information/programs to reassure that those parties listed above are fully invested in resolving and finding resolutions for the current situation to build a path moving forward for our system.

ME: The Council is just finishing/just finished its budgeting for FY 2025/26. How would you prioritize budgeting and balancing public safety needs with other municipal responsibilities such as cultural and recreational activities; public works and infrastructure; and economic development?

Daniel: Prioritize is an action that when addressed with all standard yearly operational or a new request that comes forth to the town council. I, along with our fellow council members, would give consideration to all equally within our budgeting resources.



OBITUARIES

Clinton Roy “CR” Garrett

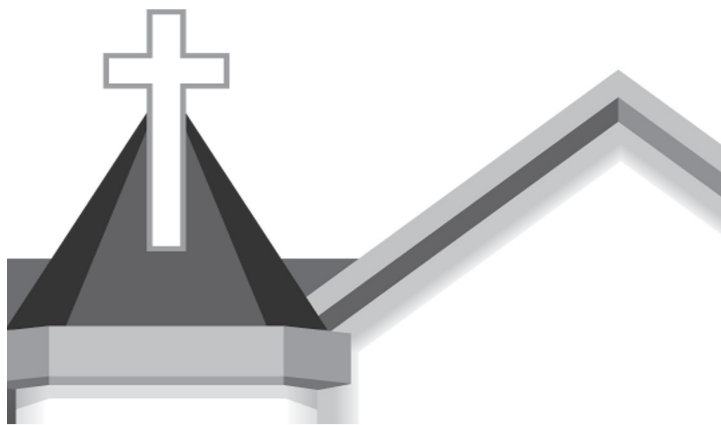


Clinton Roy “CR” Garrett, 68, of Wardensville, WV, died on Sunday, April 6, 2025, at the E.A. Hawse Nursing & Rehab sur-

rounded with his family. CR was born on February 10, 1957, in Winchester, VA, the son of the late Clinton E. & Elizabeth M. Orndorff Garrett. CR was a 1977 graduate of Wardensville High School, a member of the Wardensville United Methodist Church, Capon Springs Ruritan Club, worked 46 years at Capon Springs & Farms, and 41 years at the Capon Valley Fire Department. CR was a fan of the Dallas Cowboys, watching NASCAR especially Dale Earnhardt, Sr. & Chase Elliott and enjoyed collecting racing memorabilia and hats. CR was a big sports fan where he would participate in the Winchester Star football forecast

where he had won it three times, and he loved watching sports with his family and friends. He enjoyed listening to music, mailing Christmas cards every year, hunting & fishing, and selling chances at the Wardensville carnival. Surviving is a sister: Beverly Garrett of Ranson, WV; two brothers: Steven Garrett (Cynthia McDaniel-Garrett) of Cross Junction, VA; Bradford Garrett of Wardensville, WV (Lana Stottlmyer of Winchester, VA); two nephews: Bryan C. & Zachary D. Garrett; and two great nephews: Weston M. & Connor F. Garrett. A funeral service will be held at Wardensville United Method-

ist Church on Sunday, April 13, 2025, at 2:00 PM. Officiating will be Rev. Michael Funkhouser. Interment will follow in the Heishman Cemetery near Wardensville, WV. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made in memory of CR to Capon Valley Fire Company, PO Box 308, Wardensville, WV 26851 or Wardensville Vol. Rescue Squad, PO Box 2, Wardensville, WV 26851. Arrangements are by Loy-Giffin Funeral Home & Crematory, Wardensville, WV.



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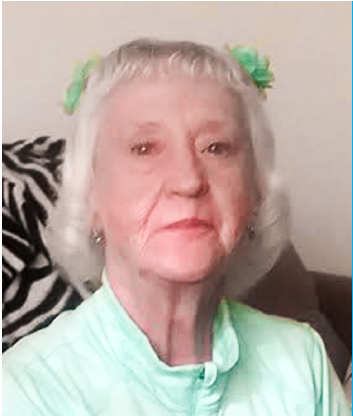
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Dorothy Earlene (Evans) Bolyard



Dorothy Earlene (Evans) Bolyard, age 80, passed away on Sunday, April 6, 2025 at E.A. Hawse Healthcare Center in Baker, WV surrounded by the warmth of her

family’s love. Dorothy was born on January 8, 1945 in Kitzmiller, MD and was a daughter of the late Leslie Carl Evans and Hulda Jane (Stark) Evans. In addition to her parents, Dorothy was preceded in death one brother, Paul Evans and one sister, Mildred Evans. Dorothy is survived by one son, Harold W. Bolyard and wife Glenda of Petersburg, WV and two daughters, Sarah E. Boyce and husband Dwayne of Keyser, WV and Tammy J. Mongold and husband David W. of Baker, WV; twelve grandchildren; seventeen great grandchildren and eight great-great grandchildren; two sisters, Emma Jean Harris of Pe-

tersburg, WV and Nancy Evans of Baltimore, MD; three brothers, Ronnie Evans of Southerland, VA, Roy Evans of Jefferson, NC and Carl Evans of Cumberland, MD and several nieces and nephews. Dorothy’s love for gardening, canning, and tending to flowers was not just a hobby but a testament to her connection with the cycles of life and growth. Throughout her life, Dorothy’s loving heart found its truest expression in her devotion to her family. Family gatherings were a highlight for Dorothy, where her presence was the cornerstone of many cherished memories. Her

memory will be cherished and kept alive through the stories her family share, the gardens they tend and the love they give, just as she did. Dorothy’s family will receive friends on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 from 6 – 8 PM at the Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 1:00 PM in the chapel with her son, Harold W. Bolyard and Derek Bailey. Burial will follow in Maple Hill Cemetery in Petersburg, WV. Memorials may be made to the family, c/o Schaeffer Funeral Home, 11 North Main Street, Petersburg, WV 26847.

Julie Rebecca Markwood



Julie Rebecca Markwood, age 56 of Purgitsville, WV, passed away Sunday afternoon, April 6, 2025, at her residence with her loving family at her side. Born on April 25, 1968, in Winchester, VA, she was a daughter of Ronald

Warfield Markwood and Linda Eloise Sions Markwood of Purgitsville, WV. Preceding her in death was a sister, Tammie Ayers; a nephew, Kyle Helmick; maternal grandparents, Edgar & Nellie Sions and paternal grandparents, Warfield & Naomi Markwood. Julie excelled academically, graduating as Class Co-Valedictorian from Moorefield High School in 1986 before earning an associate’s degree in business administration from Potomac State College in 1988. She dedicated 35 years to her career at Burke & Herbert Bank, but her greatest joy came from spending time with her family, especially when supporting her children on the softball field as a coach for over two decades.

Surviving in addition to her parents is a son, Braxton Cook; daughters, Beth Cook and Rebekah Markwood; siblings, Chip (Karen) Markwood, Kevin (Becky) Markwood, Brett (Alicia) Markwood; her fur baby Piper who was her girl; along with numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and many dear friends who were blessed to know her. Family and friends are invited to celebrate Julie’s life at a funeral service to be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 11:00 AM at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel, located at 107 Washington Street. Pastors Wade Armentrout and Steve Snyder will officiate the service, promising a heartfelt tribute to the remarkable woman

Julie was. Following the service, Julie will be laid to rest at Elijah High Cemetery in Junction, WV. The family will be receiving guests on Tuesday from 4 – 7 PM at the funeral home. The family invites everyone to join in honoring her memory, sharing laughter and love that she so generously gave throughout her life. To offer condolences, share memories, or upload photos in honor of Julie’s extraordinary life, visit her Tribute Wall at www.fraleyfuneralhome.com and celebrate the impact she made on all those around her. The family kindly asks for memorial donations to be directed to the Autym M. Wilt Scholarship Fund at 411 Boxwood Drive, Purgitsville, WV 26852.

Leonard “Sonny” Charles Anderson



Leonard “Sonny” Charles Anderson, age 80 of Purgitsville, WV, passed away Thursday morning, April 10, 2025, at his residence with his loving family by his side. Born on November 20, 1944, in Capon Springs, WV, he was the son of the late Leonard Miller Anderson and Mary Elizabeth Kelchner Anderson. In addition to his parents, he was

preceded in death by three brothers, and one sister. Throughout his life, Leonard was blessed with a spirit of perseverance and dedication. He devoted many years to working in maintenance for Corrugated Container of Winchester, VA, where his commitment to his work was reflected in the quality and care he applied to every task. His passions extended far beyond his profession; he found joy in playing golf, hunting, and fishing. Leonard took great pride in caring for his lawn, often spending cherished time mowing and weed eating. However, above all, his family was the center of his universe. The love he shared with them was profound and unwavering, a source of strength and happiness that will resonate through generations to come. He leaves behind his wonderful wife, Glenda Lee Baldwin

Anderson, whose support and companionship were a source of comfort throughout their lives together. He is also survived by his sons, Jason (Melanie) Anderson of Strasburg, VA, Charles (Lori) Haggerty, Kenneth (Samantha) Haggerty of Winchester, VA; and a daughter, Jessica Adams (Fiancé Altron Davis) of Strasburg, VA. Leonard was a proud grandfather to nine grandchildren: Devin Miller, Jerome Adams, Javon Adams, Jalen Adams, Ian Anderson, Evan Anderson, Dylan Haggerty, Alexis Davis, and Abbie Anderson (Alex). His legacy continues to shine brightly through his three great-grandsons, Keimani, Onyx, and Genesis Miller and one great-granddaughter, Yara Miller. In addition to his immediate family, Leonard is also survived by a brother, Buzzy (Patty) Anderson of Lynchburg, VA; three

sisters, Alberta Burkholder of York, PA, Beverly Carter of North Carolina, and Roxanne Jones of Winchester, VA; father and mother-in-law, Glenn and Judy Baldwin of Purgitsville, WV; and a brother and sister-in-law, Tim and Laranda Baldwin of Purgitsville, WV along with a host of nieces and nephews who deeply cherished him. Honoring Leonard’s wishes, no funeral or memorial service will be held, as his body was donated to WVU’s Human Gift Registry. Those who wish to pay tribute to his remarkable life and memories are encouraged to reflect on the ways he made a difference in the lives of others. Memorials may be directed to Hospice Promise Foundation, c/o Grant Memorial Hospice, 100 Hospital Drive, Suite #2, Petersburg, WV 26847.



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West Virginia State Historic Preservation Survey and Planning Grants Available

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – An additional opportunity to apply for FY 2025 matching Historic Preservation Survey and Planning Grants is now available through the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WV-DACH). Funding for Survey and Planning Grants is appropriated

by the United States Congress for preservation efforts through the National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund. Grant funds are awarded on a matching basis. The deadline for receipt of applications is 11:30 p.m. on Friday, May 16, 2025. Grant information and access to the GOapply on-line grant application portal, are available at

<https://wvculture.org/agencies/state-historic-preservation-office-shpo/grants/> or contact Randy Hill at (304) 558-0240 ext. 270 or Randall.Hill@wv.gov. Certified Local Governments (CLGs), State or local government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, for-profit organizations or firms, and educational institutions are eligible to

apply. Eligible projects include architectural and archaeological surveys, preparation of National Register of Historic Places nominations, heritage education programs relating to preservation activities (i.e. hands-on window or masonry workshops), pre-development activities, and comprehensive planning projects. Funded projects must be completed by Dec. 31, 2026.

A competitive process is used to determine the recipients. An outside grant panel reviews and makes recommendations to the West Virginia Archives and History Commission. The final decision will be made by the Commission. The projects are selected based upon how they best meet the established

priorities and criteria stated in the grant application packets. All grant monies must be administered in accordance with federal and state requirements. The announcement of grantees is planned for July 2025, contingent upon receipt of an allocation by the National Park Service.

Supreme Court Partners with Tyler Technologies on New Appellate E-Filing and Public Access Systems

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia today announced it has partnered with Tyler Technologies to release new e-filing and public access systems for the Supreme Court and Intermediate Court of Appeals that will

debut later this year. “This improved appellate-level records system is part of our Court’s continued efforts to make our judicial system as accessible as possible,” said Chief Justice William R. “Bill” Wooton. “These new systems

will offer similar functionality to our current e-filing system but provide noticeable cost savings for those who use it. It will also enable us to launch an on-line records search portal so the public can conveniently access and view information on cases

brought before the Supreme Court and Intermediate Court.” The new system is in the final stages of development and is expected to launch in late summer. The public access system will also allow the Court to launch a convenient online search portal

shared Petty. Children who attend Victory Junction qualify if they have one of the many approved conditions. These range from hemophilia to genetic and organ disorders and include a wide-range of diseases and chronic conditions, including diabetes.. Others contend with conditions not related to a congenital or other illness. Children who have suffered from severe burns and other serious permanent injuries can attend as well.

for appellate case information, similar to the search systems now offered for magistrate and circuit court case information. The Court is currently working to ensure the transition to the new e-filing system will be as seamless as possible for the

Kyle Petty Leads his Charity Ride Across America to Moorefield in May

By Stephen Smoot

“Mama lock your daughters up! That wild bunch is back in town!” Charlie Daniels penned those lyrics in the wild and woolly time of the first generations of NASCAR racing, when a number of those driving professionally came from roots of “haulin’ shine” as a “regular line till the track got in his blood.” Next month on May 9, Kyle Petty will lead a special run into Moorefield. No need to lock any of the kids up. The 29th annual Ride Across America is so special because, at its heart, it is for and about children.

“Listen,” said the veteran racer with a three decade career with eight wins, 173 top 10 finishes, and eight pole positions, “we’ve been everywhere. It’s like that Johnny Cash song, we’ve been everywhere man. He explained that the idea came up almost 30 years ago, saying “honestly, about five of us wanted to ride motorcycles from California to North Carolina.” He added that “they told us we were crazy” and joked that “we’d be fired from our jobs.” In 1994 the ride commenced, as Rider magazine shared “pretty much in the spur of the moment.” Numbers expanded as those riding called on friends to join. “Like the scene in those John Ford westerns,” the article explained “the posse grew along the way.” One of the most legendary “master(s) of going faster” from one of the founding families of NASCAR, however, then gave the idea of a fun and lengthy ride a greater mission. Petty explained “then we told them we’d do it for charity. Then they said it’s the greatest idea in the world.” At that point, they understood the dream that he got. In its first several years, the Ride traveled across the country to stop at children’s hospitals. In those days, as Rider magazine described, the ride included “almost 200 biker-philanthropists, NASCAR zealots, supermodels, celebrities, good ol’ boys, and Southern eccentrics, all heaven bent on raising money for a good cause.”

“We stopped at children’s hospitals all over the country and left a donation at each one,” Petty explained. Then, in 2015, came a tragedy that changed this special family - and NASCAR itself - forever. Only a few days off of a quarter century prior to Petty and the Ride coming to Moorefield Kyle Petty’s son Adam, a 19 year old rising star, died during a practice lap. The throttle stuck in the car that he was powering down a New Hampshire track at 130 miles per hour. The young driver collided with the wall and died instantly. Kyle Petty had once tried to balance rising stardom in both NASCAR racing and country music before committing fully to driving. He recorded an autobiographical song about the “people who love me” and “worry a lot.” In a BBC article, Kyle Petty remembered that feeling as a father as he watched his son compete at Talladega Speedway in Alabama. He said “all of a sudden here’s your son in a car and you’re not there to protect him. I was a nervous wreck, but at the same time you’re so proud of what he’s been able to do.” Two changes took place after that crash. First, NASCAR worked to protect its drivers even more by establishing a safety research center and passing a number of protocols. And second, the mission of the Ride shifted into a higher gear. Adam Petty dreamed of drinking champagne in the victory lane and hearing that concrete whine in his chosen profession. He also dreamed of an even greater legacy off the track. In 1999, as the website for Victory Junction tells it, “a lanky wide-smiling teenager visited Camp Boggy Creek, a Serious-Fun camp in Florida, with his Dad and knew it was his calling to bring a similar camp to the hills of North Carolina.” Not entirely out of his childhood himself, still living at home as he pursued racing, Adam Petty’s heart was committed to helping the kinds of very special kids who found a new lease on life at Camp Boggy Creek. As he worked to lay the groundwork for another such camp, Adam Petty spent his time

between races with children suffering from chronic and terminal illnesses. That dream would enter reality as a camp called Victory Junction. “That camp was built to honor my oldest son Adam,” Petty explained, then added that the camp welcomes children suffering from a wide range of debilitating illnesses and conditions that prevent them from experiencing so many of the joys that other children take for granted. The entire Petty family had established a four generation legacy in sport, but now endeavored to build another in a field much more profound. As the Victory Junction website states, after the crash “the Petty family gathered their strength and challenged themselves, their friends, and the NASCAR community to build his inspired dream.” Richard and Lynda Petty donated land in the Tar Heel State countryside as part of a 2002 capital campaign. Funds from corporate and individual donors flooded in and the camp welcomed the first of approximately 125,000 children in June of 2004. The “very special kids” who come to Victory Junction get to enjoy and experience what most view as the normal childhood experience, but safely. Petty said “so many of the children who spend time here live in a medical facility, or stand on the sidelines and watch other children” And in many cases, the people who love these children worry a lot and may not know what all they are capable of doing, despite their conditions. Camp activities are designed to build confidence in the child, but also the family, that they can have at least part of a normal childhood where their conditions don’t restrict them. Some of the activities include rope climbing, ziplining, minigolf, bowling, archery, swimming, boating, and even hot-air balloon rides. Bass Pro Shops donated an entire fishing facility where campers can “Catch, Kiss, and Release.” They catch the fish, kiss the fish, then return it to the water. “For some of these kids, its the first time they caught a fish in their life,”


shared Petty. Children who attend Victory Junction qualify if they have one of the many approved conditions. These range from hemophilia to genetic and organ disorders and include a wide-range of diseases and chronic conditions, including diabetes.. Others contend with conditions not related to a congenital or other illness. Children who have suffered from severe burns and other serious permanent injuries can attend as well. The camp urges families who have a child with a condition not listed to reach out. “This list is not comprehensive and is ever changing,” the camp advises. So that it can provide the most safe conditions for each condition, the camp has specific weeks for children with specific issues. For example, those with bleeding and gastro-intestinal conditions come between June 8 and 12; those with cerebral palsy from June 15 to 19. Children with autism or other neurodivergent conditions go from June 29 to July 2. The entire summer has a week blocked off for each general problem. Richard Petty once said of Victory Junction that “we see Adam every time we see a happy kid and it makes us feel good too.” The Ride Across America takes different routes every year. This year it will run from Traverse City Michigan starting on May 3 and end on May 9 in Hot Springs, Virginia. On the final day, 225 motorcycles will thunder down US 220 from Bedford to Hot Springs, stopping near the Sheetz in Moorefield at 11 AM to greet fans and others looking for midday family fun. This will bring them through Keyser in the morning and also allow them to pass through Petersburg, Franklin, and Monterey in the afternoon. Only at Moorefield will the riders have a chance to stop and hold an event. In previous iterations, the Ride has held stops in Charleston and Morgantown. The other side of the Ride

lies in giving race fans a chance to see heroes and legends. The aforementioned Richard Petty still, and always, the reigning “King” of NASCAR has fans, as Kyle Petty puts it “from six years old to in their 90s.” He and fellow NASCAR hall of famer Herschel McGriff will be part of the ride. Also riding along will be University of Georgia Heisman Trophy Winner and former Dallas Cowboy Herschel Walker, retired NASCAR drivers Max Papis, Ken Schaefer, and Kenny Wallace, as well as television personalities and Rutledge Wood, the grandson of Bill Davidson, one of the founders of Harley-Davidson. Petty explained that the Ride will help the Petty family build an enduring legacy in addition to America’s favorite racing sport. “The goal is to keep it running and see it funded in our lifetime and then see it funded for after we’re gone.” “The ride existed before the camp. The ride exists now because of the camp,” said Petty

In Loving Memory

of my beautiful Son, Woodrow Jefferson Davis III, Born on October 03, 1988. Also, in memory of my sister Alvina Monday, Born on August 11, 1967. There will be a memorial service held at The Believers Victory Center. Friends and Family are welcome. Jeffery has touched so many hearts out there; it's time we touch his. I miss him so much. The pain of losing him is so indescribable and so deep. He is my Rock, my Hero, my Everything. It will be such a blessing to have you all come and honor him. It means so much to the family. You all are welcome. He is so loved and missed by so many. Forever in our Hearts. The only thing that is getting me through this is knowing I will be with my son again with Christ's calling. I'm a believer in Christ just like my son is. We will be together again. This is not the End. It's Just Later.

Held at the Believers Victory Center on Friday, April 25, 2025 at 6:00 PM.







Moorefield Softball hosted its annual Strike Out Cancer Game and recognized former coaches Tammie Ayers and Julie Markwood who lost their battle with cancer. The MHS Baseball team joined in the ceremony to honor all those affected by cancer throughout the community.

Moorefield ensnares Trojans in Bub Rigglesman Tournament opener

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

The Trojans marched out to a quick 2-0 edge and the Yellow Jackets swarmed back with 17 runs in the first inning en route to a 19-2 victory during the opening game of the annual Bub Rigglesman Memorial Softball Tournament at Sager Field on Friday afternoon.

Bub Rigglesman was a pioneer for softball in the area and made a huge impact on the community with his coaching and mentoring.

A total of 14 teams are competing in this year's tournament with three fields simultaneously holding games at the Moorefield Town Park for the two-day tournament.

"Honestly, I was really worried about the weather at the beginning of the week for the Bub Rigglesman Tournament. We were tryin' to rack our brains around how we could work around the weather, but luckily it worked out in our favor. This is my favorite time of year, softball season. I have told you before, Bub was a really special person to me. He was one of my first softball coaches and one of the first pitching coaches in our area. He helped get softball to us. It is a huge honor and such a joy to remember him. It is always a great weekend playing for Bub and makes us extra happy to be able to explain to the girls how good a coach he was and the impact he made," Moorefield Softball coach Bridget Sions commented.

Moorefield pitcher Raleigh Kuykendall allowed a leadoff single by Hampshire's Charly Ashton, then issued a free pass to Ava Call.

Brianna Cosner popped out to Moorefield first baseman Hannah Snyder.

The Trojans took a 2-0 lead as Molly McVicker and Kaitlyn Ferguson hit back-to-back RBI sin-

gles into right field. Moorefield closed the side with a fielder's choice play by third baseman Calree Haines throwing home to catcher Grace Simmons with the runner being called out on a collision for not sliding, then second baseman Seanna Heavner collected a grounder with a throw to Snyder for the third out.

Moorefield started its 17-run first inning attack as CiCi Kump reached base on an error by Ava Call.

Grace Simmons executed a bunt single for the Yellow Jackets and advanced to second base on a wild throw by Trojans catcher Charly Ashton and Kump took third base.

Moorefield's Emmy Crites smacked a two-run producing single tying the game at 2-all.

Moorefield's Seanna Heavner punched an RBI single into center field for a 3-2 edge.

The Yellow Jackets kept the momentum swarming as Carlee Haines crushed a two-run home run, 5-2.

Moorefield's Hannah Snyder singled into left field and Raleigh Kuykendall (Annie Barr runner) was beamed for two more on the base path.

Hampshire pitcher Brianna Cosner struck out Brenna See, then issued a walk to Kerigan Bergdall to load the bases.

Kump plated Snyder on a fielder's choice with Bergdall thrown out at second base.

Moorefield created an 8-2 lead as Simmons unleashed a two-RBI double into center field.

Crites kept the onslaught going with an RBI double into center field.

Heavner tapped an RBI single into center field as the Yellow Jackets went up 10-2.

Haines drew a walk from Cosner.

Moorefield senior Hannah Snyder hammered her first career home run, a three-run blast clear-

ing the right field fence for a 13-2 advantage.

Kuykendall singled and courtesy runner Barr stole second base, then scored on an RBI single by See.

Bergdall created a two-run inside-the-park home run to give the Yellow Jackets at 16-2 lead.

Kump singled, then Hampshire pitcher Molly McVicker walked Simmons (Aubrey Kidwell runner).

A wild pitch enabled Kump to get to third base and Crites plated Kump with the help of an error for a 17-2 lead and a line drive by Heavner ended the frame which was caught by Call.

The Trojans went down in order in the second inning as Kuykendall pitched two strikeouts and induced a groundout.

Haines drew a walk for the Yellow Jackets in the bottom of the second inning, then Snyder flew out to left fielder Ryleigh Frazier.

Kuykendall singled to center field to put runners on the corners (Keplinger baserunner).

Haines stole home, then See notched an RBI groundout for a 19-2 advantage.

Hampshire would manage a walk and single in the third inning, but wasn't able to score with Simmons connecting to Haines for the final out at third base catching the runner as the Yellow Jackets swarmed to a 19-2 victory.

"We started behind and I didn't know how our mood was going to be. I pulled them in and it went up from there. Sometimes you just have to give the girls some encouragement to focus. I was very happy with our production at the plate. That was Hannah's first career home run as a senior. I was very excited for her as a senior and she has worked hard for that. I am very proud of their performance and hopefully we can keep it rolling into tomorrow," Coach Sions concluded.

Yellow Jackets topple Williamsport in coaches reunion at Bub Rigglesman

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

It was a reunion for Moorefield coach Bridget Sions and Williamsport coach Jennie Finafrock, who are former Davis and Elkins College teammates, at the Bub Rigglesman Memorial Softball Tournament on Friday afternoon in Moorefield.

The Yellow Jackets buzzed past the Wildcats 18-2 as Carlee Haines smashed a walk-off home run to seal the victory.

"It is awesome. I haven't seen Jennie for 15 years or so. The last time I saw her was at mine and my husband's wedding. We played at D&E together and this is awesome. She was an awesome player. To be able to come together and play ball was a fun time. We have been working really hard at hitting. That has been our team's focus the past few weeks. The girls have been taking our drills seriously. I told them they aren't going to get better if they don't take this serious and going through the motions won't help anything. They have been getting it done and it really came together in these past two games. We are hitting the ball very well. I just hope we keep getting better everyday and keep this rolling," Moorefield coach Bridget Sions remarked.

Moorefield pitcher Annie Barr allowed three hits and tossed five strikeouts in the win.

Barr commenced the game throwing back-to-back strikeouts to Williamsport's Breanna Stevens and Kaylen Butts.

The Wildcats got on base with a single by Jordyn Miles into center field, but was stranded on a pop-up by Ella Rehtorovic which was corralled by Moorefield third baseman Carlee Haines.

Williamsport pitcher Jordyn Miles allowed a leadoff single by Moorefield's CiCi Kump into right field prior to issuing a walk to Grace Simmons.

Miles countered with a strikeout to Emmy Crites, then Seanna Heavner plated Kump on an error by shortstop Jewel Sullivan.

Simmons stole home to give the Yellow Jackets a 2-nil edge.

Haines flew out to right field and the inning came to a close with a strikeout to Barr.

Sullivan singled for the Wildcats starting the second inning, then Barr countered with a strikeout to Hannah Small.

Williamsport's Morgan Neil smacked an RBI double and was tagged out trying to reach

third base as left fielder Caroline Auville connected with shortstop Kerigan Bergdall, who tossed to Haines for the rundown tag and Kump caught a fly ball to retire the side.

Moorefield went down in order on a pop-out, strikeout and groundout.

Barr struck out the Wildcats' Katie Vanderhuff, then Stevens reached on an error in the third inning.

Williamsport tied the game at 2-all as a fly ball by Butts into left field turned into an error allowing Stevens to score.

Moorefield got out of the jam with a groundout and fly-out.

Kump notched a single into right field, then Simmons drew a walk.

The Yellow Jackets regained the lead 4-2 as Crites delivered a two-run producing single into left field and advanced to second base on the throw home.

Heavner crushed an RBI double into center field for a 5-2 edge.

Haines drew a walk and Barr smacked a single to load the bases for the Yellow Jackets.

Kuykendall hit into a fielder's choice at home plate, then Brenna See struck out with the bases still loaded.

Bergdall ripped a two-run single into center field to put Moorefield up 7-2, then Kump grounded out to close the frame.

Williamsport went down in order during the fourth inning on a flyout to Kump, a strikeout and groundout fielded by Bergdall.

Simmons singled to left field and stole second base, then advanced to third base on a groundout by Crites.

The Yellow Jackets took an 8-2 lead as Heavner hit into a fielder's choice and Simmons avoided the tag at home plate.

Miles issued a free pass to Haines, then Barr reached base on an error to load the bases.

Heavner scored on a sacrifice fly by Kuykendall for a 9-2 lead.

Moorefield's Hannah Snyder plated two runs on an error in right field for an 11-2 advantage.

Bergdall and Kump hit back-to-back singles with the latter creating a run by Snyder, 12-2.

Williamsport pitcher Bryan Ruppenthal induced a groundner by Simmons, but an error occurred allowing Bergdall and Kump to come home.

Crites launched an RBI single into left field extending the Yellow Jackets lead to 15-2.

Heavner notched an RBI double as the damage continued.

Haines smashed the game ending two-run home run and did the Griddy dance on the way to home plate to join her teammates in celebration in the 18-2 win.

"I was superpsyched. I didn't know how to react. I Griddy'd unto home plate. It was super exciting. I haven't hit all season, so it is finally falling together," Moorefield senior Carlee Haines noted.

The Class AA No. 10 Yellow Jackets played once more in the Bub Rigglesman Tournament on Saturday afternoon with fireworks by Haines creating seven runs during an 11-8 loss to Hedgesville.

Haines smashed a grand slam, notched an inside-the-park home run and added a two-run blast against Class AAAA Hedgesville.

The Eagles lost to Class A No. 1 ranked Pendleton County in the semifinals, then the Wildcats defeated Class AA Keyser 12-4 to win their first Bub Rigglesman Memorial Softball Tournament Championship.

"That was awesome. These girls for four years have worked so hard to get where they are. Last year we were runners-up and this year we battled through. We all ran out of pitching, but we made it. They worked hard and I am very proud of them. This Bub Rigglesman Tournament is one of the best ones to ever have. We are so delighted to be in it. Every time we come to Moorefield, they treat us like their own. So many people have invested in this tournament. The Bub Rigglesman Tournament is our local tournament and it means so much for our community," Pendleton County coach Eric Crites stated.

Moorefield's Carlee Haines was named to the Bub Rigglesman Memorial Softball All-Tournament Team along with Pendleton County's Baylee Beachler (MVP), Avery Townsend, Lizzy Alt, Jayden Mitts, Tucker County's Ava Shaffer and Peyton Hicks, Keyser's Brielle Root, Bibs Felton and Leighton Johnson, Philip Barbour's Avery McDaniel, Greenbrier West's Madalyn Fields, Spring MillsTaryn Close, Hampshire's Ava all, Lewis County's Ashley Crook, Hedgesville's Maggie Boyer and LExie Brown, Musselman's AllisonHoffman and Camryn Mallow.



Moorefield's Annie Barr stole second base as Hampshire's Ava Call waited for the ball during the Bub Rigglesman Memorial Softball Tournament opener at Sager Field.

WVSSAC Approves Classification Structure

The WVSSAC's Board of Control unanimously approved a classification structure for high school athletics across the state. The measure passed by a vote of 150-0 among those present and voting. The Board of Control is comprised of principals (or designees) from secondary schools in the state. The approved proposal states that each member high school shall be classified as either AAAA, AAA, AA or A based on the total enrollment figures of grades 9-12 based on enrollment figures from the West Virginia Department of Education. The enrollment figure will be calculated at the start of the second school month of the year preceding classification. Schools with an enrollment of 1,050 or more will be in Class AAAA, schools with enrollment of 625-1,049 will be Class AAA, schools with an enrollment of 351-624 will be Class AA, and schools with an enrollment of 350 or less will be Class A. The reclassification will take effect beginning in the 2025-26 academic year. In a separate vote, the Board of Control determined which sports would utilize four, three, or no classifications. Sports utilizing the four-class structure will be volleyball, football, cheerleading, girls basketball, boys basketball, baseball and softball. Sports utilizing a three-class (Class AAAA, Class AAA and Class AA/A) will be golf, cross country, soccer, wrestling, tennis and track. Participants in swimming will compete without a designated classification.



Moorefield's Hannah Snyder connected for a hit against Williamsport during the Bub Rigglesman Memorial Softball Tournament.

Wildcats united in hope and battled nine innings to clip Yellow Jackets

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

Moorefield Softball united together with Pendleton County during the Strike Out Cancer Night game pitching for hope at Sager Field as the teams battled back and forth with the Class A top ranked Wildcats outlasting the Class AA No. 10 Yellow Jackets in a nine inning marathon 7-6.

There was so much love and compassion poured out on the field honoring the memories of former Moorefield coaches and sisters Tammie Ayers and Julie Markwood with a special banner placed on the center field fence in their honor for their battles with cancer and all the players gave recognition to a loved one during a pregame ceremony.

All of the coaches and players for both teams donned Cancer Awareness shirts and had color specific socks recognizing the different types of cancer in the community.

“We came in as the underdogs and we took it nine innings and lost 7-6. We battled it out. They had nothing to be ashamed of, they battled their hearts out. I thought maybe they would give up in the end, but they kept fighting. Tammie [Ayers] and Julie [Markwood] meant so much to Moorefield Softball and our Little League programs. It was heart-breaking to lose them to cancer. We wanted to honor them and all of our loved ones dealing with any form of cancer. We will cherish each one of them and I am happy to hang this banner in their memory at Sager Field,” Moorefield coach Bridget Sions commented.

Moorefield starting pitcher Annie Barr kept top ranked Pendleton County in check throwing 10 strikeouts going into the seventh inning.

Barr started the game throwing a strikeout to Pendleton County leadoff batter Avery Townsend, then issued a walk to Baylee Beachler.

Beachler was caught stealing by Yellow Jackets catcher Grace Simmons connecting with Kerigan Bergdall.

The Wildcats went down in order as Janna Smith struck out.

Pendleton County starting pitcher Susan Vincell, who would pitch 4.1 innings and threw two strikeouts, started by inducing a groundout from Moorefield lead-off batter CiCi Kump.

Simmons followed with a hard shot ricocheting off the third baseman for a single.

Simmons stole second base and advanced to third base on a groundout by Emmy Crites before being stranded on a groundout by Seanna Heavner.

Lizzie Alt smashed a double with the help of an error by Moorefield right fielder Hannah Snyder as the Wildcats has a runner aboard in the second inning.

The Yellow Jackets countered as Barr garnered two consecutive strikeouts to Jessica Parker and Vincell before inducing a groundout by Chesnee Colaw by first baseman Raleigh Kuykendall.

Vincell pitched a strikeout to Moorefield’s Carlee Haines to start the bottom half of the frame.

Moorefield responded with a double crushed by Kuykendall, but couldn’t create a score as Barr popped out and Liddy Keplinger struck out.

Pendleton County commenced the third inning with a walk received by Molly Rowe, who advanced on a sacrifice bunt by Julia Mongold.

Townsend grounded out to send Rowe to third base, but the Yellow Jackets prevented a run as Barr collected a strikeout on Beachler.

Bergdall popped out for the Yellow Jackets and Kump grounded out for the first two Moorefield outs.

Simmons sliced a single down the third base line and stole sec-



Todd Snyder threw the ceremonial first pitch to his daughter Hannah Snyder during Moorefield Softball’s Cancer Awareness game.

ond base before being left on the pond with a groundout from Crites as the game remained scoreless through three innings.

Heavner fielded a grounder by Smith for the first out of the fourth inning.

Pendleton County responded as Alt delivered a towering double to the left field fence.

Parker grounded out and the Yellow Jackets nearly recorded a double play on a rundown as Simmons made a diving tag, but the ball was jarred loose allowing Alt to get back to third base.

Vincell smacked an RBI single as Kump just missed making a diving catch with the Wildcats grabbing the initial 1-nil lead.

Barr answered with a strikeout to Colaw.

After a groundout by Heavner, the Yellow Jackets tied the game on a solo home run by Haines in the bottom of the fourth inning.

The Wildcats defense collected the next two outs as Kuykendall grounded out and Barr flew out to right field.

Barr threw a strikeout to Rowe to begin the fifth inning, then issued a walk to Mongold.

Pendleton County regained the lead as Townsend notched an RBI single and dashed to second base on the throw home.

Kuykendall caught a pop-up by Beachler, then Barr closed the side with a strikeout to Smith.

Keplinger launched the ball to right field, but it was tracked down for an out.

Bergdall singled as her grounder took a wicked hop underneath the legs of the third baseman.

After a stolen base, Kump plated Bergdall with the help of an error as the first baseman dropped the ball and the Yellow Jackets tied the game at 2-all.

Simmons reached base on an error, then Beachler came in to pitch and got out of the jam with a groundout and strikeout.

Barr collected a grounder by Alt and Heavner caught a pop-up by Parker for the first two Wildcat outs in the sixth inning.

Pendleton County countered as Vincell hammered a solo home run for a 3-2 edge, then Moorefield answered with a strikeout by Barr to retire the side.

The Yellow Jackets buzzed with a double smacked by Haines which ricocheted off the center fielder.

The Wildcats responded with two groundouts by Kuykendall and Barr with Haines advancing to third base on the latter.

Haines scored on a passed ball lifting Moorefield into a tie at 3-all.

Keplinger drew a walk, then Bergdall singled on an infield play with quick speed to first base.

However, the rulers were stranded on a groundout by Kump.

Barr began the seventh inning throwing a strikeout, then issued a full-count walk to Mongold and fielded a groundout by Townsend.

Pendleton County jumped ahead 5-3 as Beachler ripped an RBI double into left field and Smith recorded an RBI single.

Moorefield brought in Aryana Hinz to pitch and allowed an RBI double by Alt, who advanced to third base on the late throw home

with the score now at 6-3.

Hinz settled down and threw a strikeout to Parker to prevent another score.

The Yellow Jackets rallied back with three runs in the bottom half of the frame starting with Simmons getting on base after being hit by a pitch and stole second base and was brought home as Crites made an RBI groundout.

Heavner grounded out on a brilliant save at third base.

Moorefield kept battling as Haines unleashed a double into right field and scored on an RBI single into center field by Kuykendall.

Barr crushed an RBI double into center field to tie the game for the Yellow Jackets, but was stranded on a groundout.

In the eighth inning, Pendleton County’s Vincell singled into left field off of Hinz.

Hinz responded by jamming Colaw into a pop-up caught by Kuykendall in foul territory, then Rowe made a sacrifice bunt fielded by Haines and the side was retired on a groundout by Mongold to Bergdall.

Beachler jammed Bergdall into a pop-up to Smith, then Kump grounded out to Townsend.

Simmons tapped a single into right field and was left on base on a groundout by Crites as the game moved into the ninth inning.

Townsend smashed a double into left field to commence the ninth inning for the Wildcats.

Beachler hit a shallow fly ball into right field and plated Townsend, while being caught in a rundown as a distraction to put Pendleton County ahead 7-6.

Hinz induced two consecutive groundouts to retire the side fielded by Hinz and Bergdall.

Heavner grounded out to Smith for the first Moorefield out.

Haines drew a walk from Beachler, but Kuykendall hit into a game-ending double play by Townsend as the Wildcats won 7-6.

After shaking hands, both teams gathered together for a big group picture honoring cancer survivors and to preserve the memory of lost loved ones.

“Moorefield is always a team that I don’t care if they find ten new players every game, they will give you a contest. That is a great group of kids with Moorefield. I have been with them having a daughter at the same age. They have always battled. The first game is sometimes easy, but the second time you play Moorefield is the hardest contest you will play all year. That is one of the game that we would go up and they would tie it. It was five innings in a row there that we would go up by one and they would tie it. Finally in the seventh, we went up by three and they came back and tied it with three. We went into the extra innings and didn’t get anything in the eighth inning, but got one in the ninth and were able to hold them for the win. That was the first game that has had so many back and forth innings. We took the lead and couldn’t keep it and they wouldn’t get enough to take the lead. It was one of the best games of softball in a long time,” Pendleton County coach Eric Crites concluded.

Birthday Bash: Moorefield Boys Tennis serve up win over Warriors, Trinity Girls snatch cake

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

Moorefield Boys Tennis celebrated local sports reporter’s birthday with a complete sweep victory over the Warriors, while Trinity Christian Girls Tennis snatched the cake from the Yellow Jackets for their own victory party last Wednesday at the Moorefield Town Park.

The Yellow Jackets Boys squad only allowed two points in the 7-nil match victory over Trinity Christian.

Moorefield Boys top seed doubles of Lian Mung and Levi Malcolm dispatched Trinity Christian’s Josh Mercure and Everett Gannon 8-0.

The Yellow Jackets Boys second seed doubles of Hunter Mongold and Will Keplinger shutout the Warriors’ Brayden Clumpffer and Hamilton Breakey 8-0.

Moorefield Boys third seed doubles of Hayes Sherman and Stewart Monroe volleyed past Trinity Christian’s Max Mancuso and Ridge Murdock 8-1.



Moorefield’s Sakura Cameron defended the net during doubles action against the Warriors.

Moorefield Boys No. 1 singles Lian Mung coasted past Trinity Christian’s Mercure 8-0.

Mung created wicked spin on the ball with volley as the racquet whipped upwards for the hits.

Moorefield Boys No. 2 singles Levi Malcolm served over Warriors’ Gannon 8-1.

Malcolm made great strides for the returns including a leaping save on a shot bouncing just beyond the baseline heading into the adjacent court.

Moorefield Boys No. 3 singles Hunter Mongold shutout Trinity Christian’s Clumpier 8-0.

Mongold controlled the placement on volleys and kept the momentum going with accurate attacks.

Moorefield Boys No. 4 singles Will Keplinger slammed Trinity Christian’s Breakey 8-nil.

Keplinger towered over the net and made powerful serves with a devastating angle drop.

The Yellow Jackets Boys team celebrated eating Moon Pies after the matches.

Moorefield Girls Tennis solo win was by top seed singles competitor Courtlynn Ault with an 8-4 match score over Trinity Christian’s Catherine Street.

Ault got into a rhythm with precise volley returns and had some fun making faces throughout the match entertaining the gallery.



Moorefield’s Lian Mung slammed a volley at the net against Trinity Christian during last week’s home match.

gles Scarlet Maynard bested Moorefield’s Grace Tayman 8-2.

Moorefield Girls No. 1 doubles of Gracie Combs and Bethany Coon lost to Trinity Christian’s Street and Stephens 8-nil, despite solid serves from Combs and Coon.

The Yellow Jackets Girls No. 2 doubles partners Grace Tayman and Emily Vinoski fell to the Warriors’ Falk and Maynard 8-1.

Tayman had great serves and Vinoski communicated well on the court and had strong volleys in the loss.

The Warriors Girls No. 3 doubles team of Lydia Knight and Kaylin Kurilko edged Moorefield’s Sakura Cameron and Emily Evans 8-3.

Cameron had a quick reaction at the net to create slams throughout the match, while Evans kept the back row clear.

The Yellow Jackets had a fun time celebrating the birthday with a plethora of cupcakes.

This match was good preparation for the Potomac Valley Conference Tournament that was initially rained out last week and rescheduled for tonight in Keyser with the Moorefield Boys seeking a third straight PVC title.

Golden Lanes Bowling Petersburg

ODD COUPLES MIXED LEAGUE 04/01/2025

TEAM STANDINGS: Terminators 88 - 36, Vetter’s Guns & Ammo 85 – 39, Split Happens 73 – 51, MMATFB 69 – 55, Empire Strikes 66 – 58, Country Cars & Trucks 60 – 64, WELD 54 - 70, Family Traditions I 46 – 78, Family Traditions II 46 – 78, Happy Bowlers 32 – 92; **HIGH GAME MEN (SCRATCH):** Cohan Kesner 256, Jon Hedrick 246, Andrew Hawk 243,m Troy McGreevy 238; **(HANDICAP):** Andrew Hawk 265, Trevor Wratchford 258, Cohan Kesner 256, Jon Hedrick 250; **HIGH SERIES MEN (SCRATCH):** Troy McGreevy 702, Cohan Kesner 664, Jon Hedrick 630, Phil Crews 620; **(HANDICAP):** Troy McGreevy 726, Andrew Hawk 673, Mike Smith 666, Cohan Kesner 664; **HIGH AVERAGE (MEN):** Cohan Kesner 212.39, Jon Hedrick 205.83, Troy McGreevy 201.06, Ed Wompler 197.81; **HIGH GAME WOMEN (SCRATCH):** Dee Anna McDonald 207, Emily Stark 203, Ashley Wratchford 200, Denise McGreevy 168; **(HANDICAP):** Emily Stark 241, Ashley Wratchford 240, Dee Anna McDonald 237, Helen Bell 225; **HIGH SERIES WOMEN (SCRATCH):** Dee Anna McDonald 579, Ashley Wratchford 550, Emily Stark 491, Tonya Ours

454; **(HANDICAP):** Ashley Wratchford 670, Dee Anna McDonald 669, Helen Bell 629, Wendy Whetzel 629; **HIGH AVERAGE (WOMEN):** Dee Anna McDonald 173.00, Emily Stark 162.13, Ashley Wratchford 160.14, Denise McGreevy 156.60;

THURSDAY NIGHT MENS LEAGUE 04/03/2025

TEAM STANDINGS: Balls Deep 84.5 – 43.5, Vetter’s Guns & Ammo 72 – 56, Golden Lanes 71.5 – 56.5, Vetter’s Mini Mart 68 - 60, Strikeforce 67 – 61, Chillmers 67 – 61, Petersburg Oil Company 66 – 62; **HIGH GAME (SCRATCH):** Cohan Kesner 257, Walter Barnes 255, Derek Miller 246, Ethan Kesner 241, Chayse Myers 239; **(HANDICAP):** Chayse Myers 305, Walter Barnes 301, Ethan Kesner 294, Nate Travis 280, Derek Miller 277; **HIGH SERIES (SCRATCH):** Cohan Kesner 729, Derek Miller 636, Jon Hedrick 634, Gary LEatherman 632, Jaxson Vetter 622; **(HANDICAP):** Cohan Kesner 771, Ethan Kesner 764, Walter Barnes 749, Nate Travis 746, Jaxson Vetter 745; **HIGH AVERAGE:** Cohan Kesner 215.65, Evan Kesner 208.41, Don Himelright 208.39, Jon Hedrick 202.55, Gary Leatherman 198.99, Tyler Halterman 198.68;



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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 currency; 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-ways, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, together with dwelling house situated thereon being located and situate on the foothills if North Mountain near Wardensville, in Capon District, Hardy County, West Virginia, and described as follows:

Being designated as a portion of Tract #3 containing 1.10 acres, more or less, and a portion of Tract #4 containing 1.08 acres, more or less. LESS, HOWEVER, 0.755 of an acre conveyed unto David Charles Ateberry, et als, from Bessie Miller, et als by Deed dated August 15, 1996 and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia in Deed Book 239, at Page 579; according to the Hardy County Assessor's Office now contains 1.425 acres, more or less. Said real estate is also identified on a plat of a subdivision of a portion of the Miller Property prepared by Vernon C. Whitacre, Licensed Land Surveyor. A copy of the aforementioned plat is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia in Deed Book 132, at Page 433, to which reference is now made for a more particular description of said real estate for any and all pertinent purposes.

Being the same property conveyed unto Linda Albright from Bessie M. Miller by deed dated July 29, 2004, of record in the Clerk's Office in Deed Book 281 at Page 29. Bessie M. Miller died on July 23, 2008 thereby extinguishing her life estate interest in the subject property. Linda Albright died testate on June 14, 2023, in Hardy County, West Virginia, and devised the subject property to Karen Sue Garver, David Monroe Miller, II and Melissa Ann Miller, by will dated September 9, 2020 and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Will Book 38, at Page 920. At the time of the execution of the Deeds of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 3320 N Mountain Road, Wardensville, WV 26851.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property. There will be no prorations of taxes, rents or other incomes or liabilities, except that the Purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his

prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.

3) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-2.

4) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.

5) The Foreclosure Commissioner reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Foreclosure Commissioner.

6) The Foreclosure Commissioner shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate the property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.

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 500 Virginia Street East, Suite 600 Charleston, West Virginia 25301 Phone: (304) 346-1800 WV State Bar No. 5956

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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 MCCRAWLEY, residency is unknown, it is hereby ordered that GREGORY MCCRAWLEY 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 NOV 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

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NOTICE

OF 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 (WVDOT) 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. WVDOT and FHWA will share project developments with the public and seek comments on the SEA. WVDOT 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 WVDOT website. A handout and detailed plans with project details will be available at the meeting and on the WVDOT 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 WVDOT 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.

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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 41-5-11 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

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Loretta L. Humbertson

Loretta L. Humbertson Clerk of the Hardy County Commission

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

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

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 sidewalks 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



The draft permit and fact sheet are available on the WVDEP website at: <https://dep.wv.gov/WWE/Programs/stormwater/MS4/Pages/default.aspx>. The public comment period for the Draft General Permit begins April 17, 2025 and ends on May 17, 2025. During the public comment period, any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments and/or a request for a public hearing shall be made in writing and can be sent via email to Billy Shirley at Bill.T.Shirley@wv.gov or by regular mail to:

Attention: Billy Shirley West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water and Waste Management 601 57th Street SE Charleston, WV 25304

All comments received by the end of the comment period will be considered prior to the agency making its final decision on the draft General Permit. Comments and/or requests for a public hearing should include the name and contact information of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. Hard copies are available for review at WVDEP headquarters in Charleston or any of the agency's regional field offices and can be mailed upon request. For more information, contact Billy Shirley at (304) 926-0499, Ext. 43893 or Bill.T.Shirley@wv.gov.

4/16

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Trustee, Richard A. Pill, by that certain Deed of Trust dated June 2, 2016, executed by Borrower, Michaela C Woodcock, to Richard A. Pill, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Book 294, at Page 925. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 5683 Us Hwy 220 N, Old Fields, WV 26845. The borrower defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Trustee has been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Trustee will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Hardy County, in Moorefield, West Virginia, on the following date:

6th day of May 2025 at 2:00pm. All that certain tract or parcel of real estate, together with all rights, rights-of-ways, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and situate north of Old Fields, on the west side of U.S. Route 220, in Moorefield District, Hardy County, West Virginia, and being designated as Lot No. 3A of Briarwood Subdivision, containing 2.56

acres, more or less, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds according to a Description of Survey and Plat of Survey prepared by Robert A. Antower, Professional Surveyor No. 8040, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 225, at Page 425, to which reference is now made for any and all pertinent purposes. Being the same tract or parcel of real estate conveyed unto Michaela C. Woodcock from The Bank of Romney, a West Virginia Banking Corporation, by Deed dated May 20, 2016, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 339, at Page 152. Reference is hereby made to the aforesaid deed and other documents therein referred to and same are incorporated herein, by reference, for all proper and pertinent reasons.

1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.

2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1. 3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.

4) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.

5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.

6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.

Richard A. Pill, Trustee

4/16,4/23,4/30

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

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

An interested person(s) objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this state must file a statement with the Hardy County Commission through the County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of first publication or 30 days of

service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not timely filed, the objection is forever barred. The Hardy County Commission upon receiving any timely objection thereto shall schedule a hearing or hearings thereon and order relief, if any, it considers proper including, but not limited to, an order directing that full and complete ancillary administration of the estate of the nonresident decedent be made in this state. First Publication Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2025

DATE FILED04/07/2025 ESTATE NAME:THOMAS JOHN HENDERSON 3900 TUNLAW ROAD APT#408 WASHINGTON DC 20007 AFFIANTRANDALL JAMES HENDERSON 4806 SAINT BARNABAS ROAD #598

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on 4/8/2025

Loretta L. Humbertson Clerk of the Hardy County Commission

4/16,4/23

Petersburg Middle School Track Meet Results

- Boys Team Results**
1. Moorefield Middle 226.5
2. Keyser Middle 113
3. Petersburg Middle 61.5
4. Tucker Valley Middle 53
5. Paw Paw Middle 29
6. Tygarts Valley Middle 22
7. East Hardy Middle 16
8. Pendleton County Middle 12
9. Harman Middle 6

- GirlsTeam Results**
1. Petersburg Middle 206.17
2. Moorefield Middle 145
3. Keyser Middle 57.83
4. Tucker Valley Middle 38
5. East Hardy Middle 37
6. Pendleton County Middle 23
7. Union Middle 18.5
8. Tygarts Valley Middle 7
9. Paw Paw Middle 6.5
10. Harman Middle 3

Potomac Valley League

Boys Results <u>100 Meters</u> Middle School - Finals		
1. 7 Keysean Washington	12.9	Moorefield
2. 8 Bill Ware	13.1PR	Moorefield
11. 7 Tyrese Pinkett	14.4	Moorefield
18. 6 Adonis Toulomelis	16.1PR	East Hardy
22. 7 Grafton Whitacre	17.0PR	East Hardy
7 Alex Ketterman	DQ	Moorefield
<u>200 Meters</u> Middle School - Finals		
1. 8 Thomas Simmons	26.6PR	Moorefield
2. 8 Bill Ware	26.9PR	Moorefield
4. 8 Edison Matheny	27.6	Moorefield
4. 8 Matthew Iman	27.6	Moorefield
6. 7 Leevi Stoltzfus	27.8PR	Moorefield
8. 8 Dakon Taylor	28.5PR	Moorefield
20. 8 Teagan Eversole	33.2SR	Moorefield
6 Adonis Toulomelis	NT	East Hardy
<u>400 Meters</u> Middle School - Finals		
8. 8 Ledziah Matos	1:06.5P R	Moorefield
8. 8 Levi Williams	1:06.5P R	Moorefield
12. 7 Noah Constable	1:08.3P R	Moorefield
16. 6 Elijah Thorne	1:19.8P R	Moorefield
19. 8 Nicholas Miller	1:25.6	East Hardy
22. 6 Tyler Ebaugh	1:38.7	Moorefield

Hardy County Game Summaries

Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets Fall After Strong Showing By Vikings

By GameChanger Media

Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets couldn't keep up with Vikings and fell 10-0 on Wednesday. Vikings got on the board in the top of the second inning after Trace Rohrbaugh singled, scoring two runs, Peyton Metheny singled, scoring one run, and an error scored one run.

Vikings added to their early lead in the top of the third inning after Lucas Wolford grounded out, and Matt McDonald singled to center field, each scoring one run.

Clay Arbaugh earned the win for Vikings. The right-handed pitcher gave up two hits and zero runs over five innings, striking out four and walking one. Trevor Baldwin took the loss for Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets. The starting pitcher went three innings, giving up six runs (three earned) on five hits, striking out two and walking one.

Shawn Reed and Baldwin each collected one hit for Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets.

McDonald and Metheny each collected two hits for Vikings. Metheny and Rohrbaugh each drove in two runs for Vikings. Metheny, Rohrbaugh, and Kaleb Kuhn each stole multiple bases for Vikings. Vikings stole nine bases in the game.

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

Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets Fall After Strong Showing By Frankfort High School

By GameChanger Media

Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets couldn't keep up with Frankfort High School and fell 15-0 on Friday.

Frankfort High School jumped out to the lead in the bottom of the first inning after Jacob Neth-

ing tripled, scoring two runs, Uriah Cutter singled, scoring one run, and Lane Lease homered to right field, scoring two runs.

Frankfort High School scored six runs on six hits in the bottom of the second inning. Nething doubled, scoring two runs, an error scored one run, Lease singled, scoring one run, Julian Pattison hit a sacrifice fly, scoring one run, and Ben Watts induced Carson Durst to hit into a fielder's choice, but one run scored.

Frankfort High School added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning after Jesus Perdew singled to center field, Cam Sell doubled to center field, Durst singled to center field, and Gunnar Bradshaw singled down the right field line, each scoring one run.

Oliver Crites took the loss for Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets. The pitcher went one inning, surrendering five runs (one earned) on three hits, striking out none and walking none.

Kail Greenwalt and Trevor Baldwin were a force together in the lineup, as they each collected one hit for Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets while hitting back-to-back.

Frankfort High School accumulated 15 hits in the game. Cutter and Nething were a force together in the lineup, as they each collected three hits for Frankfort High School while hitting back-to-back. Nething drove the middle of the lineup, leading Frankfort High School with four runs batted in. The number three hitter went 3-for-3 on the day.

Lanson Orndorf and Lease each collected multiple hits for Frankfort High School. Lease stole two bases. Frankfort High School ran wild on the base paths, piling up four stolen bases for the game. Next up for Moorefield Varsity Yellowjackets is a game against Doddridge County on Monday.

Strong Hitting Not Enough As East Hardy Varsity Cougars Falls To Pendleton County Varsity Wildcats

By GameChanger Media

23. 7 Grafton Whitacre	1:47.0P R	East Hardy
<u>800 Meters</u> Middle School - Finals		
5. 8 Vance Simmons	2:36.8P R	Moorefield
7. 8 Levi Williams	2:39.8P R	Moorefield
11. 6 Isaac Barb	2:48.4P R	Moorefield
12. 8 Brice Toulomelis	2:49.1P R	East Hardy
13. 8 Jackson Cutlers	3:08.6	Moorefield
18. 6 Elijah Thorne	3:14.3P R	Moorefield
21. 8 Nicholas Miller	3:20.7P R	East Hardy
23. 8 Geoffrey Williams	3:45.5	Moorefield
<u>1600 Meters</u> Middle School - Finals		
5. 8 Nathan Crites	6:35.2P R	Moorefield
6. 6 Adonis Toulomelis	7:03.8P R	East Hardy
<u>3200 Meters</u> Middle School - Finals		
1. 8 Zakk Keplinger	13:54.1P R	Moorefield
<u>100m Hurdles</u> - 33" Middle School - Finals		
1. 6 Jackson Kerns	19.6PR	Moorefield
2. 6 Brice Toulomelis	20.8PR	East Hardy
<u>200m Hurdles</u> - 30" Middle School - Finals		
2. - Brody Simmons	33.7PR	Moorefield
3. 8 Jackson Kerns	33.9PR	Moorefield
5. 8 Jackson Cutlers	37.8	Moorefield
6. 6 Landon Bailey	38.0	Moorefield
<u>4x100 Relay</u> Middle School - Finals		
8 Thomas Simmons		
7 Keysean Washington	51.0	Moorefield - A
8 Matthew Iman		
8 Bill Ware		
<u>4x200 Relay</u> Middle School - Finals		
8 Thomas Simmons		
8 Edison Matheny		
1. 8 Matthew Iman	1:46.9	Moorefield - A
- Keysean Washington		
<u>4x400 Relay</u> Middle School - Finals		
8 Edison Matheny		
1. Vance Simmons	4:27.6	Moorefield - A
7 Leevi Stoltzfus		
8 Ledziah Matos		
7 Noah Constable		
3. 8 Jackson Cutlers	5:10.2	Moorefield - B
6 Isaac Barb		
- Brody Simmons		
<u>4x800 Relay</u> Middle School - Finals		
8 Edison Matheny		
1. Vance Simmons	10:51.8	Moorefield - A
7 Leevi Stoltzfus		
8 Levi Williams		
<u>4x60 Shuttle Hurdles</u> Middle School - Finals		
8 Jackson Kerns		
- Brody Simmons	46.3	Moorefield - A
1. 6 Landon Bailey		
8 Teagan Eversole		
<u>Shot Put</u> - 4kg Middle School - Finals		
3. 7 Alex Ketterman	35' 0"PR	Moorefield
4. 8 Dakon Taylor	34' 8"PR	Moorefield
7. 8 Nathan Crites	30' 7"PR	Moorefield
8. 8 Braedyn Toney	29' 4"	Moorefield
11. 8 Nicholas Miller	24' 0"	East Hardy
17. 7 Grafton Whitacre	15' 10"PR	East Hardy
6 Bear Poe	ND	East Hardy
<u>Discus</u> - 1kg Middle School - Finals		
1. 8 Dakon Taylor	98' 6"	Moorefield
3. 8 Braedyn Toney	77' 7"PR	Moorefield
5. 8 Nicholas Miller	75' 9"PR	East Hardy
7. 8 Nathan Crites	71' 10"	Moorefield
8. 8 Geoffrey Williams	69' 0"PR	Moorefield
11. 7 Alex Ketterman	62' 6"	Moorefield
16. 7 Grafton Whitacre	46' 10"PR	East Hardy

East Hardy Varsity Cougars fell 5-4 to Pendleton County Varsity Wildcats on Wednesday at 238 Cougar Drive despite out-hitting them 13 to eight. Patrick Mills led East Hardy Varsity Cougars with three hits.

Pendleton County Varsity Wildcats got on the board in the top of the first inning after Cole Harper grounded out, and Cash-ton Kisamore singled to the left side of the infield, each scoring one run.

Mills singled down the left field line, which helped East Hardy Varsity Cougars tie the game at two in the bottom of the fifth.

A single by Will Smith gave Pendleton County Varsity Wildcats the lead, 4-2, in the top of the sixth.

Jordan Teets led things off on the bump for East Hardy Varsity Cougars. The right-handed pitcher surrendered seven hits and four runs over six innings, striking out four and walking three. Harper started on the bump for Pendleton County Varsity Wildcats. The pitcher allowed nine hits and two runs (zero earned) over four and one-third innings, striking out four and walking three.

East Hardy Varsity Cougars accumulated 13 hits in the game. Shayne Sisler provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led East Hardy Varsity Cougars with two

High Jump Middle School - Finals

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| 1. 8 Matthew Iman | 5' 4" | Moorefield |
| 6. 8 Vance Simmons | 4' 6"PR | Moorefield |
| 7 Tyrese Pinkett | NH | Moorefield |

Long Jump Middle School - Finals

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| 1. 8 Bill Ware | 18' 3"PR | Moorefield |
| 2. 7 Keysean Washington | 15' 6"PR | Moorefield |
| 5. 8 Edison Matheny | 13' 8" | Moorefield |
| 7. 7 Noah Constable | 13' 2" | Moorefield |
| 8. 8 Brice Toulomelis | 12' 11.5"PR | East Hardy |
| 9. 7 Tyrese Pinkett | 12' 5"PR | Moorefield |
| 12. 8 Teagan Eversole | 11' 5" | Moorefield |

Girls Results

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| <u>100 Meters</u> Middle School - Finals | | |
| 2. 8 Madison Thompson | 14.9SR | Moorefield |
| 3. 7 Aeries Deetz | 15.0PR | Moorefield |
| 4. 8 Kiersten Rinker | 15.2PR | Moorefield |
| 6. 7 Harper Hunt | 15.5PR | Moorefield |
| 7. 7 Charollette Brown | 15.6PR | Moorefield |
| 12. 7 Harper Kline | 15.9 | East Hardy |
| 15. 7 Kate Huffman | 16.1PR | Moorefield |
| 17. 7 Lexi Gordon | 16.6PR | East Hardy |
| 24. 6 Mia Seay | 17.6PR | East Hardy |
| 25. 7 Elizabeth Cambero | 17.8PR | Moorefield |
| 25. 6 Adalynn Combs | 17.8 | Moorefield |
| 29. 8 Irelis Castro-Perez | 19.1PR | Moorefield |

200 Meters Middle School - Finals

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| 3. 7 Harper Kline | 32.2 | East Hardy |
| 4. 8 Lily Eve | 32.3 | Moorefield |
| 8. 8 Nevaeh Redman | 33.5SR | Moorefield |
| 11. 6 Hannah Tinnell | 34.2PR | East Hardy |
| 13. 7 Kate Huffman | 34.6PR | Moorefield |
| 14. 7 Cadence Long | 34.7PR | East Hardy |
| 18. 8 Sophia Pillus | 35.5PR | Moorefield |
| 19. 8 Kadance Mitchell | 35.9PR | Moorefield |
| 28. 7 Elizabeth Cambero | 38.5PR | Moorefield |
| 33. 7 Aleah Cook | 45.4 | East Hardy |
| 34. 8 Leslie Diaz | 48.4 | Moorefield |

400 Meters Middle School - Finals

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| 1. 6 Kennedy Strawderman | 1:15.3P
R | Moorefield |
| 3. 6 Hannah Tinnell | 1:15.7P
R | East Hardy |
| 7. 6 Alexandra VanMeter | 1:19.3P
R | Moorefield |
| 11. 7 Bella Linville | 1:20.4P
R | Moorefield |
| 13. 7 Becca Liller | 1:21.8P
R | Moorefield |
| 14. 7 Isabella Haines | 1:21.9SR | Moorefield |
| 19. 7 Aleah Cook | 1:26.2P
R | East Hardy |
| 22. 7 Lexi Gordon | 1:32.8SR | East Hardy |

800 Meters Middle School - Finals

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| 3. 8 Emily Parisi | 3:14.5SR | Moorefield |
| 4. 6 Alexandra VanMeter | 3:21.0P
R | Moorefield |
| 8. 6 Kiersten Molen | 3:54.2P
R | Moorefield |
| 9. 7 Isabella Haines | 3:57.1SR | Moorefield |
| 14. 6 Lydia Crawford | 4:19.2P
R | Moorefield |

1600 Meters Middle School - Finals

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| 1. 8 Shave Barb | 6:35.4SR | East Hardy |
| 2. 6 Kennedy Strawderman | 7:03.5P
R | Moorefield |
- 3200 Meters Middle School - Finals

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| 1. 8 Shaye Barb | 14:17.9P
R | East Hardy |
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100m Hurdles - 30" Middle School - Finals

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| 7. 8 Sophia Pillus | 23.3 | Moorefield |
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4x100 Relay Middle School - Finals

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| 8 Kadance Mitchell | | |
| 2. 7 Aeries Deetz | 1:03.5 | Moorefield - A |
| 8 Madison Thompson | | |
| 8 Nevaeh Redman | | |
| 7 Kate Huffman | | |
| 4. 6 Adalynn Combs | 1:07.1 | Moorefield - B |
| 6 Kiersten Molen | | |
| 7 Charollette Brown | | |

4x200 Relay Middle School - Finals

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| 8 Emily Parisi | | |
| 8 Kiersten Rinker | | |
| 1. 7 Aeries Deetz | 2:08.7 | Moorefield - A |
| 8 Lily Eve | | |
| 8 Kadance Mitchell | | |
| 7 Becca Liller | | |
| 3. 7 Harper Hunt | 2:16.7 | Moorefield - B |
| 8 Nevaeh Redman | | |

4x400 Relay Middle School - Finals

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| 7 Bella Linville | | |
| 7 Harper Hunt | 5:22.3 | Moorefield - A |
| 8 Emily Parisi | | |
| 8 Kiersten Rinker | | |
| 6 Alexandra VanMeter | | |
| 3. 7 Kennedy Strawderman | 5:47.4 | Moorefield - B |
| 7 Becca Liller | | |
| 7 Isabella Haines | | |

Shot Put - 6lb Middle School - Finals

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| 5. 7 Bella Linville | 25' 0"PR | Moorefield |
| 6. 8 Sophia Pillus | 23' 11"PR | Moorefield |
| 9. 6 Adalynn Combs | 21' 5"PR | Moorefield |
| 12. 8 Kiersten Rinker | 19' 7" | Moorefield |
| 13. 7 Becca Liller | 18' 8"PR | Moorefield |
| 16. 7 Isabella Sanchez-Ri... | 17' 9"PR | Moorefield |
| 19. 8 Leslie Diaz | 14' 9" | Moorefield |
| 19. 8 Irelis Castro-Perez | 14' 9"PR | Moorefield |
| 21. 6 Lydia Crawford | 12' 1"PR | Moorefield |
| 6 Mia Seay | ND | East Hardy |
| 7 Savannah Suite | ND | East Hardy |

Discus - 1kg Middle School - Finals

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| 12. 8 Irelis Castro-Perez | 31' 6"PR | Moorefield |
| 13. 7 Isabella Sanchez-Ri... | 29' 4"PR | Moorefield |
| 14. 6 Lydia Crawford | 27' 9"PR | Moorefield |
- High Jump Middle School - Finals

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| 1. 8 Lily Eve | 4' 2" | Moorefield |
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- Long Jump Middle School - Finals

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| 1. 8 Madison Thompson | 12' 1"SR | Moorefield |
| 2. 7 Charolene Brown | 10' 9"PR | Moorefield |
| 4. 7 Harper Kline | 9' 11" | East Hardy |
| 6. 6 Kiersten Molen | 9' 6"PR | Moorefield |
| 26. 8 Kadance Mitchell | 9' 0"PR | Moorefield |





East Hardy County Little League Opening Day was chilly and fun

There are 145 children on 14 teams for the EHCLL this season.



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