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It's No Mistake

Our front page is blank except legal requirements for mailing. As the editorial stated two weeks ago: Unless people continue reading and, especially, advertising in community newspapers, we're done. Readership helps: You know what's happening, and the higher our readership, the easier it is to convince local businesses to purchase advertising. It's advertising that keeps us reporting, printing, and mailing. This time, front page stories are elsewhere in the paper and there will be a paper next week. If we all don't start caring and enabling local news, though, the future is grim, and not far off -- not just in Moorefield, but for any locally-owned, community newspaper.

What's Really Safe?

One question still not answered or even talked about regards all the rules surrounding the wearing of masks. We're now being told to wear a mask inside public places or gatherings if you have NOT been vaccinated.

The question is how do we know if someone is fully vaccinated or not?

The people giving shots don't tattoo a "V" on your forehead or hand so that it's easy to tell if you are "safe."

The card issued to us is bright pink on light cardboard, but does not fit into wallet slots so we can easily drag them out for show and tell.

Plus, if you encapsulate them you can't fold them to fit anything.

We suppose we could protect them with plastic and then attach them to a lanyard to wear around your neck. Still...

So how are we to know if someone has had the COVID shots? Can we believe someone (without some kind of proof) who tells us they have had the vaccination shots but has no proof.

This wouldn't even be an issue if so many of our citizens weren't refusing to take the shots. And refusing to wear masks because the government "can't tell us what to do" or because they are among the anti-vaccers.

There's discussion about a vaccine passport which could be a paper version or stored on your cellphone. That's OK if you are travelers or if you have a mobile device. Lots of people don't.

So what's a good citizen concerned about health and safety to do? And who can we trust?

Please share your ideas with us.

Vote June 8

Moorefield registered voters will be electing a mayor and two members of council next Tuesday, June 8.

We often hear folks complaining about elected officials and what the government does, or doesn't do.

As far as we're concerned, you don't have a right to complain about anything political if one, you are not a registered voter and two, you don't exercise your rights as a citizen and cast a ballot.

Don't tell us you'll be too busy to vote on election day. Early voting is in effect until this Saturday, June 5. That means you can go to the Town Office and vote any day the rest of this week. You have until today to request an absentee ballot. So, if you are registered, there are no excuses.

If you are not registered, you should be ashamed of yourself. And we don't want to hear you bitch about what is or is not happening according to your likes or dislikes.

Be a good citizen and vote in this election.

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LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Editor,
I just finished reading your passionate, accurate and truthful thoughts - Moorefield Examiner, May 19, 2021 - regarding the reporting of news and the obligations the press has. I wholeheartedly agree with your stance.

Too often, in today's world, folks take to heart what is written and/or posted on social media platforms, running with the story told and not determining what the facts are. You, and others, in the press

world, have a duty, obligation and expectation to report the news in a way that cannot cause you legal action, informing all.

Sure there are critics and those who disagree and that is the way it's supposed to be. Fair, open and

honest dialog and discussion on topics of interest, is critical to our republic and an idea that should not disappear.

While I support and acknowledge use of social media as a way

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MY UNBASED OPINION

By DAVID O. HEISHMAN



Remember my tomato ladders? My wonderful tomato growing aid I invented and touted so highly a couple years ago? Ladders were an arrangement of wooden parts which when properly assembled, supported growing plants and allowed adjustment for plant size. They also allowed easy picking through large openings.

Parts were reusable for several years. Dismantled, separated and sorted, parts were easily stored for reconstruction next year. Sole problem with tomato ladders was that they were simply way too much work. Hard bending labor to assemble and disassemble. I had fun inventing and touting the darn things, but I burned remaining parts for mine on a snowy brush pile last winter.

Back to the drawing board, I'm trying new tomato plant supports this year. A You Tube video on the internet got me going. Mine are assembled, waiting for plants to get large enough to warrant

dropping them in place.

Concrete reinforcement wire. I bought a roll of it at Lowe's, cut it into pieces five and a half feet long with bottom line wire cut off to leave useful height of the cages at four and a half feet after bottoms of stay wires are tramped into soil around the tomato plant. The five and a half foot cut off sections are cut so that last six inches are cut away from last stave wire and bent back on their remaining first stay wire to make a cylindrical cage eighteen inches diameter. I can't wait to get them tramped into place with a short steel post to insure they remain upright through the growing season.

Green things are hopping and popping and growing this year. That is, everything except cucumbers. I haven't raised a decent cucumber for several years.

Not sure why. Maybe because I've gone to plants instead of seeds. At some point I began using commercial plants from small business-

es around the area. I think some vendors start their own plants and some import or purchase from other growers and then resell them. Maybe my recent problems with viability stem from questionable practices of whatever source produced them.

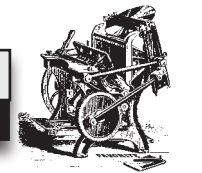
Not just cucumbers. Other veggies too. My Pap always set out tomatoes and cabbages. He tried starting his own in a hot bed behind Big House for a couple years, but found it too much extra work and trouble. He'd buy plants from one source for maybe several years until a year when garden didn't do well for some reason he could blame on starting plants. The next year, he'd try another source and praise them until another poor season came along when he'd switch again.

When I took over gardening, I changed things a bit. With garden at Big House near Wardensville and living/ working full time at the newspaper in Moorefield, I

had to schedule part time farming/ gardening a little closer. Instead of waiting/wondering if squash and cucumber seeds were going to germinate and push through, I began buying plants for them too.

This year I bought plants for dark green and bright yellow zucchini. Set them out a couple weeks ago, treated them decently and today they are still alive, but sick looking and a couple inches shorter than they were originally. Past week I made six hills, planted six seeds in each, both green and yellow and this morning I counted eleven, two leafers green and twelve two leafers yellow all looking healthy.

Out of four cucumber plants set out along garden fence so they could climb, one still has one green leaf. Every other leaf is missing or chewed by bugs. I found a pack of bush slicer seeds in my "old seeds" box a while ago. I'll get them in the ground soon as I get through key-boarding this column.



GLANCING BACKWARD

FROM THE MOOREFIELD EXAMINER ARCHIVES

Fifteen Years Ago
May 31, 2006

The Alum Bank goats, weather predictors for many years, were moved by the construction of Corridor H. A fence was being built along the right of way which will also keep the goats off the road.

Voter turnout for West Virginia was the lowest in 32 years at 25.87 percent.

Rep. Shelley Capito urged veterans to be extra vigilant about their bank statement. The Department of Veterans Affairs warned of a number of personal data was stolen.

Following the Flood of '85 local residents formed Moorefield Active Caring to provide food and clothing to those in need. Twenty years later the group was breaking ground for a facility to house MAC.

Edna Tressie Turner, 90, Maysville, died May 19...Eugene Hartman, 76, Greenville, died May 21...Edna Tross Dokes, 64, Winchester, died May 20...Betty Fitzwater Link, 51, Shanks, died May 2...Ralph Miller Charlton, 82, died May 23...Julia Mallow Vance, 97, Cabins, died May 24.

In Section play Moorefield boys beat Paw Paw 11-5 and lost to East Hardy 4-0 and 9-3...East Hardy girls lost to Moorefield 12-2...East Hardy boys beat Pendleton 4-1 and Tygarts Valley 8-3 and were heading to the State Tournament.

Thirty Years Ago
May 29, 1991

Hardy County valedictorians were Kimberly Hinkle, Moorefield, and Jennifer Wanda, East Hardy.

Col. Earl Simms, a graduate of Moorefield High School, was the commencement speaker... Dr. Crystl Willison, a graduate of Mathias, was the East Hardy speaker.

Mrs. Pansy VanMeter, Old Fields, was accepted as an entrant

in the 1991 Mrs. West Virginia Pageant.

Naomi Mongold Crider, 76, Addison, IL, died May 18...Margery Crites Allnut, Charles Town, died May 7...Icicle Hartman Kepling, 81, died May 23...Linda White Whetzel, 43, Mathias, died May 22.

Carolyn Ludwig and Scott Kesner were married May 18.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brennskag, a son, Justin Lee... to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry White, a daughter, Holly Beth.

Moorefield's baseball team was headed to Charleston to the state play-offs.

Forty-five Years Ago
June 2, 1976

Columbia Gas asked the Public Service Commission for a general rate increase.

Charles C. Wise, Jr., was conferred the Order of Vandalia, West Virginia University's highest honor. A native of Moorefield, Wise received both his bachelor and law degrees from WVU, where he was also Student Body president.

East Hardy's land judging team won top honors at the District FFA contest. Team members were Merrill May, Lester Funkhouser, Donald Sine and Greg Webster.

Peggy Hawse received three drama awards at Glenville State College, one for best actress and one for best performance in Children's Theater.

Judy Kay Hanlin and Kevin G. Null were married May 23.

Sixty Years Ago
May 31, 1961

Boyd Harper and Harman Vance purchased the Evans Amoco Service and were to operate it as H & V American Service.

Hardy County led counties in the Washington District for blood donors to the American Red Cross program.

The Moorefield High School Scholarship Fund, incorporated

in 1957, reported that cash donations had amounted to \$4,234.41. Recipients since that time were William Denney, Shelly Kimble, Robbie Grafton, Sally McNeill and John W. Fisher.

Riley Ashby Strawderman, 70, Mathias, died May 25...William Harrison Eye, 80, Fort Ashby, died May 20...Sallie Wrathford Stewart, 47, had died.

Sharon Brooks and Earl Sine were married May 22.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Miller, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. George Fawley, a daughter...to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar C. Ayers, a daughter...to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thompson, a son...to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Dove, a son.

Seventy-five Years Ago
May 29, 1946

Congressman Jennings Randolph addressed the graduating class at Wardensville...US Senator Harley M. Kilgore gave the commencement address to Mathias seniors.

The biggest air show in Hardy County's history was planned for July 4.

Children entering school for the first time in September were required be vaccinated against smallpox and diphtheria.

As part of the local "oil boom" three companies had leased land and drilling had already started on Casper Dove's farm near Bergton. Abraham Lincoln Heishman, 82, Wardensville, died May 15... Samuel T. Foltz, 71, Lost City, died May 25...Leland Williams, 50, died May 27 at Mt. Alto Hospital in Washington...Helen Fleming Dorsey, Keyser, died May 20... Thomas J. Bowman, II, well known merchant in Franklin, died May 22.

Mabel Fishel and Warren Strawderman were married March 23...a marriage license was issued to Armelia Frye and Myrl David Saville...Leona Hartman and Elmo

Simmons were married May 25... Anna Mae Lorentz and Arthur A. Anwalt were married May 5.

Born to Cpl. and Mrs. Ervin Malic, a son.

Moorefield beat Masontown 5-2 winning the Region 4 title.

Ninety Years Ago
May 28, 1931

J. M. Hackley opened his store in the room adjoining the Hollomere Hotel. C. E. Mott of Keyser was in charge.

Dr. and Mrs. Carroll Boggs arrived here to spend a month in Moorefield and Franklin before moving to Wheeling where he will serve an internship in a hospital there.

Beatrice Garrett had been selected by the faculty of Potomac State College as one of the pledges to Sigma Phi Omega honor society.

Una Pauline Pratt and Samuel Shrout were granted a marriage license...Alice Mae Combs and Thomas Rhodes were married on May 18.

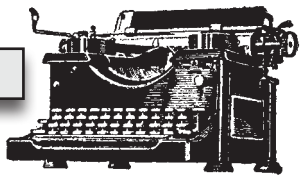
105 Years Ago
June 3, 1916

Moorefield High School was one of the largest in the state. Due to an epidemic of measles, the planned commencement program was cancelled.

Approximately 18,000 bottles of beer, several hundred gallons of whiskey and more than a score of kegs of beer were emptied into the city sewers at Wheeling by Prohibition officials.

Dr. Moyers had begun construction of a new office at Mathias.

A big debate had been held at Glendale Normal on the question, "That there should be an amendment to the Constitution granting women the right to suffrage." Roy Bean and John Burch were on the affirmative and William Snyder and Allen Wilkins were on the negative. The decision was in favor of the affirmative.



EXAMINER SAYS

June is Bustin'

A Charleston mom spent a lot of time during the COVID year writing and testing recipes for her daughter in college. Cafeteria food in college is not always the greatest, but nor are the opportunities, space and allowable cooking equipment for dorm room chefs. So mom Sarah Long went looking for a cookbook compatible to college students' needs and abilities. Couldn't find one. What was available for a student with limited refrigeration, and rules against a lot of cooking equipment was also limited what could be done in a dorm room. Long got creative. A Keurig could provide hot water. A

small slow cooker, toaster oven, blender and a microwave were all allowed. She began to convert her best loved family recipes for the dorm kitchen and came out with such items as blueberry pancakes in a mug, pizza, and omelets. Her two younger children were guinea pigs at home (and they didn't mind it a bit). All this work evolved into "College Cooking 102: Fast Food Without A Kitchen" which was released in May by Beacon Publishing Group. It's available from Amazon and if you're near Charleston, it's also at Taylor Books. We think this cookbook might also be useable for older folks living alone who want to fix easy dishes for themselves.

Out All Over

Have you been keeping up with the court case in Southern WV? The one where Cabell County and the city of Huntington have accused the "Big Three" drug wholesalers of helping fuel the opioid crisis by sending nearly 128 million doses of opiates into the county between 2006 and 2014. The whole state of West Virginia has less than 1.8 million people and these greedy pill pushers just ignored or overlooked or didn't care what was happening in our rural state. They have blamed the doctors and the poor health of the citizens of WV for the overwhelm-

ing cases of drug related problems. But then Big Drug Boys added insult to injury when some emails were read in court from the officials of these companies. They referred to "pillbillies" and shared a parody of "The Beverly Hillbillies" and of a Jimmy Buffett song called "OxyContinVille." Think of the thousands of individuals in West Virginia and Kentucky who were given access to great numbers of pills, got hooked, died, caused great agony to family members and were in a living hell due to the profits being made by the three companies and their executives. Shame on them. And we hope the court system comes down hard on them.

SPORTS

Moorefield Softball Survives Jefferson Cougars' Attack

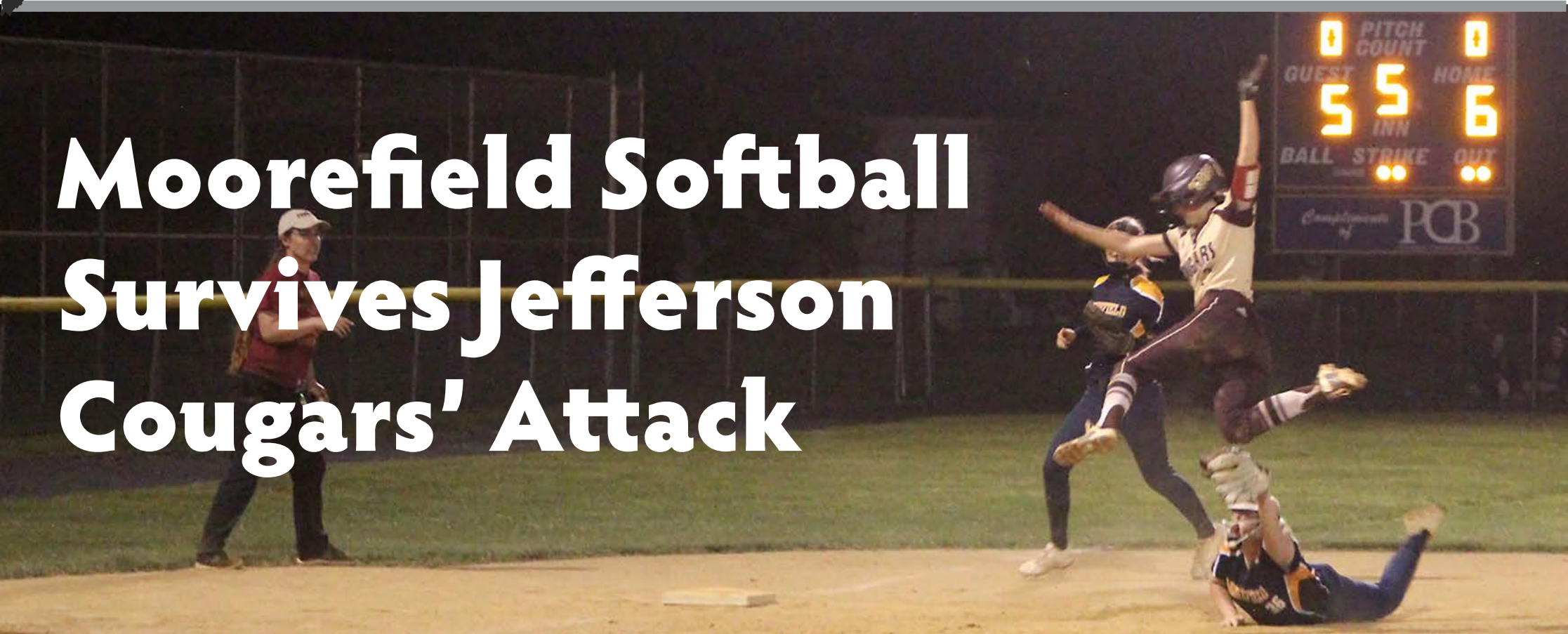


Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield third baseman Emily Kuykendall reached up for the tag as Jefferson's Lacie Lewis attempted to leap over.

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

The Cougars splashed on the scene at Sager Field slashing ahead 5-0 after a rain delay and the Yellow Jackets endured that attack responding with a buzz of fury scoring seven straight runs in a rally for a 7-6 victory in Moorefield on Monday night.

"Just try to keep them positive. When things like that happen, just because you get down doesn't mean you can't come back. That's why we're working on the mentality to keep them in the game and keep fighting and it paid off for us today. They stayed in and they

fought. They stayed up in the dugout and it worked out," Moorefield Softball coach Bridget Sions remarked.

"Jefferson is good, so that was a good way to fight back and win the game. They had some really good at-bats and the bottom part of our lineup was really hitting the ball. Even if they were popping out, they were advancing runners or scoring runners and that was big there. I didn't even know that was my 20th victory, that is awesome. Any victory is an awesome one. I am just enjoying every second of it. I love what we do and I love coming here everyday. We have a great group of girls that we work with and they work hard and it pays off.

No. 20 feels good."

The comeback gave Moorefield Softball coach Bridget Sions her 20th career victory in her first season.

Moorefield starting pitcher Emily Kuykendall jammed Cougars leadoff batter Lacie Lewis into a pop-up, but the ball fell for a single just in front of Yellow Jackets shortstop Tori Humphries.

Jefferson's Bethany Piercy connected for a fielder's choice out at second base with Moorefield third baseman Gracie O'Neill making the throw.

Shelby Harris launched a single into right field, then Moorefield's Aryana Wachter made the throw to second base for the second out.

Jefferson's Emilie Mason garnered an RBI double with the assistance of an error as the ball ricocheted off the glove of Moorefield center fielder Remi Hinkle stretching for it, 1-nil.

Kuykendall fielded a grounder from Kalee Dalton and made the throw to first baseman Amber Williams for the out.

Jefferson pitcher Kalee Dalton issued a walk to Moorefield's Alyson Simmons to begin the bottom half of the frame, then Humphries ripped a single into center field.

Hinkle hit into a fielder's choice double play from third base to first base before the inning ended on a flyout by

Kuykendall to Jefferson center fielder Rylee Tucker.

Humphries collected a groundout by Tucker to start the second inning, then Jefferson's Kendall Guy was hit by a pitch.

Jefferson's Bella Petit crushed a double into left field and the throw to third base by Moorefield's McKenna Crites wasn't in time.

Alysa Logreco bunted into a fielder's choice with Kuykendall throwing past catcher Alyson Simmons as two runs scored to create a 3-nil edge on the error.

Kuykendall settled down and tossed a

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Moorefield Stymies Indians With Baseball Shutout

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

The Indians struggled to find the path at George Hott Field as Moorefield pitchers Bryce Hines (six) and Isaac Van Meter (three) combined for nine strikeouts and allowed only three hits to help the Yellow Jackets gather a 7-0 victory.

Moorefield's Karson Reed plated three runs on two hits and Van Meter contributed a pair of hits with one RBI to boost the offense.

Berkeley Springs' Evan Thompson zipped the ball into center field to commence the game, but it was snatched in the air by Moorefield center fielder Matthew Jenkins for the first out.

Hines held an 0-2 count on the mound and induced a groundout by Chance Swink which was collected by second baseman Hayden Baldwin.

The Indians' Carson Stotler was given a walk by Hines.

Berkeley Springs added a second baserunner as

Nathan Guzick jumped on the pond with the assistance of interference by Moorefield catcher John Lahmeyer.

Jordan Miller singled for the Indians to load the bases, but Hines got out of the jam with a strikeout to Cole Oursler.

The Yellow Jackets were on the pond immediately with a walk to Matthew Jenkins issued by Berkeley Springs pitcher Tyler Barney.

Reed advanced Jenkins to second base with a groundout getting in scoring position.

Van Meter stepped up and unleashed an RBI double into left field to create the initial 1-nil edge.

After a flyout by Baldwin kept Van Meter at second base before advancing to third base on a groundout by Jayden Moore.

Moorefield couldn't send Van Meter home as Hines popped out to Barney at the mound.

The Indians went down in order for the second inning as Moorefield third baseman Jake Frederick

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Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield's Jake Frederick slides home on a passed ball against the Applemen.

Moorefield Takes Bite Out of Applemen

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

The Yellow Jackets revived from a previous shutout against Musselman and this time around took a bite out of the Applemen for a 9-6 victory at George Hott Field on Wednesday.

"I thought we hit really well last night at Pendleton County. We talked about being more aggressive at the plate and not looking

at so many strikes. We were going to use our swings to make some adjustments. It really started last night and it carried over," Moorefield skipper Wade Armentrout commented.

"They are a really good team and I am really pleased with how [Matthew] Jenkins and Karson [Reed] threw with a lot of strikes and kept the defense engaged in the game. Our pitchers have been doing that a lot lately, throwing

more strikes. We're getting more outs which brings confidence on the mound and that carries over to the plate. We're not there yet, but we are a lot closer now at this point of the season. We are playing together and putting in more reps this week helps us a lot. This has been a good week."

Moorefield starting pitcher Matthew Jenkins jammed Musselman leadoff batter Kyle Lore

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Jackets Salute Veterans In Victorious Fashion



Photo by Carl Holcomb

Moorefield Softball's Breanna Green gives her veteran grandfather a hug during a picnic at the inaugural Military Appreciation Night.

By Carl Holcomb
Moorefield Examiner

Moorefield Softball honored local veterans and active duty personnel during the inaugural Military Appreciation Game and turned the special occasion into a victory formation defeating Berkeley Springs 9-1 on Tuesday.

The Yellow Jackets players mingled with the veterans during a picnic showing their appreciation, then 40 veterans were announced with their military branch entering the field one at a time to be honored and the players stood next to them as the national anthem was played.

Every branch of the military was represented at the softball game and these veterans received a standing ovation.

Moorefield players wore patriotic red uniforms with star banded writing in blue with white pants plus stars and stripes socks for the game.

U.S. Marine and Moorefield alum Tyler Wetzel threw out the ceremonial first pitch which was received by Moorefield senior catcher Alyson Simmons.

"It was very special to honor the military veterans and some active duty members. My husband is a

veteran and we lived the military life for four years, so I know the obstacles they face and the sacrifices that are made," Moorefield Softball coach Bridget Sions stated.

"Taking the time to recognize our local Veterans and Active Duty members was important to me. They need to know that we are very thankful for the sacrifices they make and they aren't alone. It takes a brave person to willingly protect our country and we all know that freedom isn't free."

Moorefield starting pitcher Tori Humphries induced three consecutive groundouts to begin the game with all three grounders fielded by third baseman Emily Kuykendall with accurate throws to first baseman Lauren Arbaugh.

Simmons reached base on an error as the throw sailed over first base creating advancement to second base on the play.

Berkeley Springs pitcher Emily Schultz issued a full-count walk to Humphries giving the Yellow Jackets two baserunners.

Moorefield stranded both of them as Schultz sandwiched strikeouts to Kuykendall and Allie Biser around Gracie O'Neill's groundout where Simmons alertly jumped over the ball.

The second inning went quickly as there were no baserunners for either team.

Humphries forced two groundouts fielded by O'Neill and Kuykendall plus threw a strikeout to keep the Indians off the base path.

The Yellow Jackets went down in order as McKenna Crites grounded out, then Aryana Wachter and Breanna Green struck out.

Entering the top of the third inning, the game remained scoreless as Kuykendall caught the first out in foul territory off the bat of the Indians' Cheyenne Lewis.

Berkeley Springs' Autumn Smith reached base on an error, then Beasley singled into right field.

Humphries countered with a strikeout to Ocean Clatterbuck before walking Emma Widmeyer which gave the Indians loaded bases.

Berkeley Springs' Justina Vann made a short chopper in front of the circle which was collected by Humphries, who jogged the ball for a handoff at home plate with catcher Alyson Simmons for the third out.

Arbaugh and Simmons bunted into outs to start the bottom of the

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to communicate and inform, my only wish is that those who post take the time to determine what they are posting, reading, or forwarding have merit. Too often thoughts and tales are spun that have no basis but posted...with no consequences or accountability.

Our country was founded on the principals of a free and honest press. Free speech is a bedrock principal that should never disappear. We have freedoms that others only dream about but when unfounded rumors and innuendoes are posted, it isn't fair nor appropriate.

Many thanks to you and others that continue to report. Without community newspapers, all of us would be lost and ill-informed about what occurs in our communities, our state, our nation and yes...the world.

Doug Lambert
Petersburg

Dear Editor,

After The War Between the States, the first service to honor the dead was held June 6, 1865 at Stonewall Cemetery in Winchester, Virginia. Two thousand Confederate soldiers are buried there.

This date chosen to coincide with the death of General Turner Ashby, June 6, 1862 at Harrisonburg.

Even with the damage inflicted by the Union armies, several thousand gathered to pay their respects.

The following May, Henry K.

Douglas of Jackson' staff spoke at Our Soldiers Cemetery in Mt. Jackson. Except for a small community service in Connecticut, the North was not remembering.

In 1868, Mrs. John Logan visited Blanford Cemetery in Petersburg. She saw ladies had placed flowers on Confederate graves. Her reply to her husband, General John Logan, "Why can't your boys have this?"

He would suggest Decoration Day, now known as Memorial Day.

In the 1880s, Union Veterans came to the National Cemetery in Winchester. At the close, one arose and asked that all walk across the street and honor those they fought. Those who wore the gray.

An Act of Congress in 1957 recognized Confederate Soldiers as American Veterans. They were Americans.

Bob Keller
New Market, Va.

Publisher Hannah Heishman and the staff of the Moorefield Examiner,

Thank you for your continued diligence with compiling the local news every week. I agree with your expressed frustration at the various obstacles that you face in generating, fact-checking and presenting the news to your audience - not to mention the potholes in the road to delivery. I look forward to picking up our personal copy from our mailbox each Wednesday.

I could probably write a letter to the editor on more topics you have written about each week, but I select which topics to voice my opin-

ions to let others have space too. Anyway, I need to devote time for garden and helping our neighbors. I look forward to another year of reading.

Oscar Larson
Baker

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the nice cicada article in the May 19 issue. I think it's neat how cicadas come out of the ground, climb trees and come out of their shells. I also like cicada noise, since it sounds like a sound effect from a science fiction movie or TV show.

Cicadas prove that God really did flood the earth. Think about it: Every year we get a new bunch of 13-year-old people and every year we get a new bunch of 17-year-old people. But we don't get a new bunch of 17-year cicadas every year and we don't get a new bunch of 13-year cicadas every year. The only explanation that I can think of is that long ago, every cicada that wasn't on the Ark was drowned.

I think that the national average intelligence would be doubled if all of the people who call cicadas "locusts" were all gone. I have a lot more respect for someone who admits, "I don't know the right name for those," - (and how many of us know the right name of everything?) - than for any person who insists on calling cicadas "locusts" no matter how much you explain truth to them.

Sincerely yours,
Michael G. Brill
Baker

Lee Ranger District Prioritizes Visitors

The George Washington and Jefferson National Forests are committed to maximizing public services during the COVID-19 pandemic while ensuring the safety and well-being of employees, partners and volunteers.

"We strive to provide quality public service while keeping our employees safe. Although our offices are not allowing visitors, we are serving the public over the phone, via email and through postal mail to answer questions and fulfill their administrative requests," said District Ranger Mary Yonce.

The public can still purchase firewood permits. A firewood permit allows the holder to gather up to six cords of down and dead wood on the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests so

long as the wood gathered is for personal use only (i.e., it cannot be sold to others). Permits cost \$20 and are good for one year from date of issue. They may be purchased by calling the Lee or North River Ranger District offices and leaving a message with a phone number for a call back. Another option is to send a request to the email address below.

Visitor passes are also still available. Annual, three day or daily permits to ride the Taskers Gap and Peters Mill OHV Trail Complex are available from local vendors and by mail. Visit (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/gwj/recreation/ohv/recarea/?recid=73883&actid=93>)

The America the Beautiful Interagency Passes, which provide access to more than 2,000 recre-

ation areas managed by five federal agencies across the Nation, costs between \$10 to \$80. The America the Beautiful passes are available for purchase online at <https://store.usgs.gov/pass/general.html>

To contact the Lee Ranger District Office, call: 540-984-4101

Email: mailroom_r8_george_washington_jefferson@usda.gov or write to Lee Ranger District Office, 95 Railroad Avenue, Edinburg, VA 22824

For forest maps and publications, visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/gwj/maps-pubs>.

For general about the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/gwj/> and follow us on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/GWJNF1>.

NEWS BRIEFS

West Virginia would pay unemployed people a \$500 sign-up bonus for returning to work under a plan expected to be finalized soon. The bonus would be half of what Republican Gov. Jim Justice initially suggested could be offered to workers. He said earlier in May that the bonus would be \$1,000, which would require the employer to pay half and the state to cover the rest. Justice announced earlier this month the state will end its additional pandemic-era boost for unemployment benefits on June 19, including the additional \$300 a week for those without a job.

The Mountain Music Festival is back at ACE Adventure Resort in Oak Hill from June 3-5. Over 25 bands will be featured along with

food, vendors, visual artists workshop, camping and adventures in the New River Gorge. More information is available at <https://aceraft.com/> or by calling 800-787-3982.

June is National Safety Month, Men's Health Month and LGBT Pride Month. Flag Day is celebrated on June 14 as is World Blood Donor Day. Other days to celebrate this month include the D-Day Anniversary on June 6 and World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15.

According to AAA last week, the average gas price in West Virginia was \$2.998. The national average gas price was at \$3.035. The national average has stabi-

lized following the Colonial Pipeline cyberattack. Motorists can find current gas prices along their route with the free AAA Mobile app for iPhone, iPad and Android. The app can also be used to map a route, find discounts, book a hotel and access AAA roadside assistance. Learn more at AAA.com/mobile. Across West Virginia, prices ranged from a low of \$2.904 in Weirton to a high of \$3.051 in Beckley. Area prices were \$2.989 in Hampshire, \$2.951 in Mineral, \$3.049 in Grant, \$3.019 in Pendleton and \$3.010 in Hardy. Local prices in Moorefield: Sheetz was \$2.99. Baker BP was \$3.09. Kerr's Shell at Wardensville was \$2.99.

8th Annual Celebrate the Family Happens June 12

Celebrate the Family is all about families spending quality time together. Saturday, June 12, the 8th Annual Family Fun Day at Brighton Park will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kids of all ages and their families will be delighted by the many activities planned for the day. A variety of inflatables will be available along with a climbing wall, games, arts, crafts, face painting, reptiles, door prizes, local youth demonstrations, music and food,

and several popular displays that have been here in the past. WELD will be on-site with a live broadcast. Remember, everything is FREE and everyone is welcome.

According to Kris Kimble, one of the event coordinators, "As we planned this event, we kept the family in mind. We want you to enjoy this day as a family, do things together and get ideas of how you can continue to make your family unit stronger."

Through the combined efforts of

Family Issues Task Forces in both Grant and Hardy Counties, this event will take place, rain or shine. An enthusiastic turnout is expected as our communities emerge from over a year of COVID restrictions. Multiple agencies, businesses and organizations believe in this cause and worked together to make this day possible.

Please call 304-257-4936 if you need additional information. Hope to see you at the park!

W.Va. Folklife Program Presents Virtual Herbalism and 'Sheep-to-Shawl' Apprenticeship Showcases

On two weekdays in June, The West Virginia Folklife Program, a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council, will present two virtual showcases, featuring participants in its 2020-2021 Folklife Apprenticeship Program.

On Wednesday, June 9 at noon, herbalist Leenie Hobbie of Hampshire County and apprentice Jon Falcone of Hardy County will hold their virtual showcase event, screening their slideshow "Traditional Appalachian Herbalism in the Time of COVID," leading a guided indoor wild herb walk, and hosting a Q&A.

On Thursday, June 17 at noon, "sheep-to-shawl" apprentice pair Kathy Evans of Preston County and apprentice Margaret Bruning of Randolph County will hold their virtual showcase, screening a video about their apprenticeship in sheep husbandry and fiber arts and hosting a Q&A. Both events are free and open to the public, but attendees should register at wvfolklife.org.

As part of the 2020-2021 West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Program, Leenie Hobbie of Rio led an apprenticeship in traditional Appalachian herbalism with Jon

Falcone of Lost River. Hobbie has been a family herbalist for over 30 years, originally learning the tradition from her grandmother, who used both garden-grown and wild harvested plants at her home in the mountains of Southwestern Virginia. She has studied with acclaimed herbalists across the country and has taught the tradition within her community in Hampshire County. Falcone is a novice herbalist who hopes to apply his skills to his future homestead in West Virginia.

Kathy Evans of Bruceton Mills led an apprenticeship titled "Sheep to Shawl: The Art of Raising Sheep and Creating Fiber Arts," with apprentice Margaret Bruning of Elkins. Evans is a fifth-generation farmer and owner of Evans Knob Farm in Preston County, where she cultivates Certified Naturally Grown vegetables and raises sheep and poultry. She teaches and exhibits her fiber arts both in West Virginia and across the country and has been featured in Modern Farmer and Morgantown Magazine. Bruning grew up on a goat farm in upstate New York and has been a lifelong fiber artist. She and her husband David raise sheep at their homestead in

Randolph County.

The West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Program offers a stipend to West Virginia master traditional artists or tradition bearers working with qualified apprentices on a year-long in-depth apprenticeship in their cultural expression or traditional art form. These apprenticeships aim to facilitate the transmission of techniques and artistry of the forms, as well as their histories and traditions. This marks the second year of the biennial Folklife Apprenticeship Program.

The West Virginia Folklife Program is a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council and is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Folk & Traditional Arts Program. West Virginia Folklife is dedicated to the documentation, preservation, presentation, and support of West Virginia's vibrant cultural heritage and living traditions.

For more information on the event and West Virginia Folklife Program, visit <http://wvhumanities.org/programs/west-virginia-folklife-program/> and wvfolklife.org or contact Emily Hilliard at hilliard@wvhumanities.org or (304)346-8500.

DNR Urges Public to Leave Young Wildlife Alone

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources is urging people to leave young wildlife alone. Doing anything else is illegal, unsafe and often detrimental to the animal's health. Picking up, touching, or even getting close can greatly increase the chance of the animal being harmed.

"When you touch or approach young animals, you leave behind scent that predators may key in on and increase the risk to that young animal," said Vinnie Johnson, a wildlife biologist for WVDNR. "Watching these young animals can be an enjoyable pastime, but the WVDNR recommends that this is done from a distance with the use of binoculars."

WVDNR district offices receive numerous calls regarding young wildlife, especially fawns and birds. An adult doe will leave its fawn hidden for many hours while it searches for food, and the fawn remains still while the mother is away. Fawns have a unique color pattern and have little to no scent, which allows them to remain undetected by predators.

People often pick up young

birds because they assume they fell out of the nest. At times, this can be the case. If the bird is pink and featherless, and the nest is easy to reach, the nestling can be put back into the nest. Most of the time, though, the bird is fledging, when a young bird has intentionally left the nest to learn how to feed itself and fly. These young birds are feathered but look poor, and they hop or make short flights.

Handling wildlife can also increase the risk of transmitting rabies, roundworms or other parasites like ticks to the person handling the animal. Rabies is a viral disease that, when left untreated, is almost always fatal to humans. Rabies is commonly found in mammals like raccoons, foxes and skunks. These animals are common during the spring in West Virginia and, if illegally possessed by humans, can increase the risk of being exposed to rabies.

Another danger of handling young wildlife is exposing yourself to Lyme Disease. Lyme Disease is caused by the bite of a black-legged (deer) tick that carries the disease. When handling wildlife,



the likelihood of encountering the tick is extremely high.

The WVDNR also reminds the public that it is illegal to possess wildlife without a permit. Fines for the unlawful possession of a bear cub, fawn, squirrel, bird or any other animal range from \$20 to \$300 and/or 10 to 100 days in jail.

"We want people to enjoy the wildlife that West Virginia has to offer," Johnson said. "But we don't want to interfere with the wildness of wildlife, so please leave young wildlife alone."

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

COVID Vaccine

Hardy County Health Department is giving COVID-19 vaccines to any resident of the state of West Virginia, who is 16 years of age or older. Vaccines are given BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Appointments are first-come, first-served; there will be no waiting list. Call Hardy County Health Department to schedule your appointment; 304-530-6355.

Moorefield Election Information

Early voting begins Wednesday, May 26, during regular business hours and continues through Saturday, June 5. The offices also will be open for early voting on Saturday, May 29 and Saturday, June 5 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. for early vot-

ing. All voting will be conducted at the Moorefield Town Office, 206 Winchester Ave.

Applications for absentee voting by mail are being accepted until June 2, 2021. Ballots can be hand delivered until 4:30 P.M. Wednesday, June 9, 2021 or received by mail any time prior to the beginning of the canvass.

Public Meeting

The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 2, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held by Teleconference ONLY. Call in instructions are posted on the District webpage: www.wvca.us/district/pvcd.cfm or by contacting the office at 304-822-5174. The meeting agenda will be available three days prior to the meet-

ing and a copy may be obtained on the webpage or by contacting the office at 500 East Main St., Suite F, Romney. The public is invited to participate.

Mobile Office

Throughout West Virginia's Second Congressional District, members of Congressman Mooney's staff will be making stops to meet with constituents who may be having problems with a federal agency.

A staff member will be in Hardy County on Tuesday, June 15, from 2 - 3 p.m. at the Hardy County Courthouse (Lobby), 204 Washington Street in Moorefield. Constituents are asked to bring copies of documentation related to their issues.

Eastern Hosts

Virtual Open House

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College will hold a series of virtual open house events, where attendees can learn more about the most affordable community college in West Virginia. Eastern offers 14-degree programs, as well as numerous skill sets, certificates, and trainings to accelerate your education and career.

The next virtual open house event will be held on Thursday, June 10 at 7 p.m.

Those interested in attending a virtual Meet Eastern event can visit <https://bit.ly/38Sv9zE> to register.

Hardy County Public Meeting Schedule

• Hardy County Commission -

First Tuesday of each month - 9 a.m. Hardy County Courthouse

• Hardy County Board of Education - First and Third Monday of each month - 5 p.m. Hardy County Board Office, 510 Ashby Ave. Moorefield

• Wardensville Town Council - Second Monday of each month - 6:30 p.m. - Conference and Visitors Center, Main Street, Wardensville

• Moorefield Town Council - First and Third Tuesdays of each month - 7 p.m. Inskeep Hall, 206 Winchester Ave., Moorefield.

• Hardy County Planning Commission - First Tuesday of each month - 6 p.m. Planning Office, Hardy County Courthouse, Lower Level

• Hardy County Public Service District - First Wednesday of each

month - 4 p.m. PSD Office, 2094 U.S. 220 South, Moorefield

• Hardy County Ambulance Authority - Second Wednesday of each month - 6:30 p.m. alternates between Moorefield 911 Center and Baker building.

• The Hardy County Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Board - Third Wednesday of each month - 1 p.m. - Planning Office, Hardy County Courthouse, lower level

• Hardy County Rural Development Authority - Does not publish a regular schedule of meetings. RDA Office, 223 N. Main St., Suite 102, Moorefield

Meeting schedules may change because of holidays or other events. Please check with the agency to verify the meeting will be held as planned.

AT THE LIBRARY

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Book Memorials

Ocean Prey by John Sandford – given in memory of Phyllis Burns Denney by Sandra Bean Tierney and Mike Murphy.
Miss Julia Happily Ever After by Ann B. Ross – given in memory of

Phyllis Burns Denney by Sandra Bean Tierney and Mike Murphy.
The Drowning Kind by Jennifer McMahon – given in memory of Phyllis Burns Denney by Sandra Bean Tierney and Mike Murphy.
Mother May I by Joshilyn Jackson – given in memory of Phyllis Burns Denney by Sandra Bean Tierney and Mike Murphy.

New Fiction

Legacy by Nora Roberts (Reg. Print, Audiobook) – While her mother dismisses the death threats that she starts getting as a routine part of her daughter's growing celebrity, Adrian Rizzo can't help but find the vicious rhymes unsettling. Year after year, they keep arriving--the postmarks changing, but the menacing tone the same. They continue after she returns to Maryland and becomes reacquainted with Raylan, her childhood crush, all grown up and as gorgeously green-eyed as ever. Sometimes it even seems like the terrifying messages are indeed routine, like nothing will come of

them. Until the murders start and the escalation begins.
The Saboteurs (Isaac Bell; 12) by Clive Cussler – Detective Isaac Bell's investigation into an attempted assassination brings him to the construction site of the Panama Canal--and straight into a nest of vipers.
Arctic Storm Rising (Nick Flynn; 1) by Dale Brown – After a CIA covert mission goes badly awry, U.S. Air Force intelligence officer Nicholas Flynn is exiled to guard a remote radar post along Alaska's Arctic frontier. As winter storms pound Alaska and northern Canada, Russian aircraft begin penetrating deep into friendly airspace. Are these rehearsals for a possible first strike, using Russia's new long-range stealth cruise missiles? Or is some other motive driving the Kremlin to take ever-increasing risks along the hostile Arctic frontier separating two of the world's great powers? As Russia and the U.S. square off on the brink of all-out-war, it's up to Nick to find the missing bomber...and prevent a potential nuclear holocaust.

Auntie Poldi and the Lost Madonna (Auntie Poldi; 4) by Mario Giordano – Strange dealings are afoot in the Apostolic Palace--a nun leapt to her death shortly after participating in a seemingly routine exorcism. But when a priest clad in Gammarelli and a Vatican commissario with an almost unholy level of sex appeal turn up at her door, Poldi is shocked to hear that she's a suspect in their case. Who is the woman being exorcised, and where has she disappeared to? And why in the world does she claim, in perfect Bavarian, to be Poldi, Isolde Oberreiter, of Torre Archirafi? Poldi will need all the help she can get to clear her name.
Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead by Olga Tokarczuk – In a remote Polish village, Janina devotes the dark winter days to studying astrology, translating the poetry of William Blake, and taking care of the summer homes of wealthy Warsaw residents. Her reputation as a crank and a recluse is amplified by her not-so-secret preference for the company of ani-

mals over humans. Then a neighbor, Big Foot, turns up dead. Soon other bodies are discovered, in increasingly strange circumstances. As suspicions mount, Janina inserts herself into the investigation, certain that she knows whodunit. If only anyone would pay her mind.
Hidden (Lost and Found; 1) by Fern Michaels – Brother and sister Cullan and Luna Bodman are drawn into a dangerous mystery through an antique with a complicated past.
The Wedding Thief by Mary Simes – Two sisters in love with the same man --one engaged to him and the other about to sabotage the wedding--struggle to reconcile.

New Non-Fiction

My Remarkable Journey: A Memoir by Katherine Johnson – Johnson tells the full story of her life, including what it took to work at NASA, help land the first man on the moon, and live through a century of turmoil and change.
Edge: Turning Adversity into Advantage by Laura Huang – Huang

shows that success is about gaining an edge: that elusive quality that gives you an upper hand and attracts attention and support. Some people seem to naturally have it. Now, Huang teaches the rest of us how to create our own from the challenges and biases we think hold us back, and turning them to work in our favor.
The Nature of Oaks: The Rich Ecology of Our Most Essential Native Trees by Douglas W. Tallamy – Tallamy reveals the ecological importance of the oak tree, discussing its month-by-month role in the planet's seasonal cycles, and shares practical advice about how to plant and care for an oak.
Battle of Brothers: William and Harry--The Inside Story of a Family in Tumult by Robert Lacey – Lacey reveals the untold details of William and Harry's closeness and estrangement, asking what happens when two sons are raised for vastly different futures-- one burdened with the responsibility of one day becoming king, the other with the knowledge that he will always remain spare.

Eastern Action Providing Covid-19 Supplies and Food to Seniors

By Milda M. Mullins
Moorefield Examiner

Eastern Action, previously known as Eastern Community Action, is providing buckets of supplies and food to senior eligible households.
“It's an ongoing program right now and will run through next September,” said Harland Barr, Covid-19 response specialist for Eastern Action.
“It's money from the Covid Relief Act. We wanted to find a way, instead of boxes, we thought well everyone can use a 5-gallon bucket so that's where that came from.”
The buckets – called Action Buckets – will include masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, rolls of toilet paper, sanitizing wipes, and

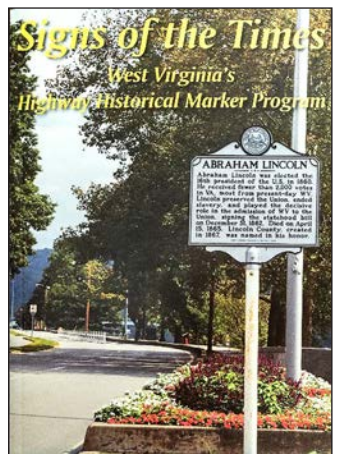
more.
In addition, eligible individuals and families will also receive a bucket of food with pantry items including corn, beans, crackers, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, soup, and more.
Participants must meet qualifications including at least one person in the household be at least 55 years old and the household income must be below 200 percent of the poverty level. For example one person with less than \$2,100 a month qualifies.
Registration in any of Eastern Actions programs, including Action Buckets, will require participants to provide photo ID, a social security number, and household income.
Eastern Action is providing this

service to all six counties it serves: Hardy, Grant, Hampshire, Mineral, Morgan, and Pendleton Counties.
Barr said participants who sign into the system can be eligible for other Eastern Action services, including utility assistance, rent assistance, weatherization, repair of heating and cooling systems, a garden seed program, life skills education, homeless veterans services, support from food pantries, the Warm the Children program, low income tax assistance and more.
“We're here to try and help people,” said Barr.
For more information on Eastern Action and the services they provide, call 304-538-7711 or visit their office at 228 Clay Street in Moorefield.

Governor Unveils New State Historical Highway Marker Book

Governor Jim Justice joined West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History Curator Randall Reid-Smith to unveil a new book for West Virginia travelers – “Signs of the Times: West Virginia's Highway Historical Marker Program.”
The book features descriptions of each of the state's historical markers located along highways and byways. A historical marker book for West Virginia was first published in 2002, but hasn't been updated in almost 20 years.
It can be purchased for \$12.95 at the Culture Center in Charleston, at Tamarack in Beckley, The Grave Creek Mound in Moundsville, and at Independence Hall in Wheeling. You can also call 304-558-0230.
“This book absolutely provides

all kinds of wonderful information, all through the book, about all the historical markers all across our highway system,” said Gov. Justice. “It is an absolute jewel and I congratulate Randall in every way.”
The historical marker program was started in 1934, with the first marker displayed in 1937 marking the location of the old Capitol Building in Charleston.
This new book makes all the state's prehistoric, historic, scenic, and geological highway marker inscriptions and locations available in a readily accessible format. The 334-page publication is the most comprehensive and up-to-date volume with the complete inscriptions of each marker arranged alphabetically by county, with nearly 200 historical photographs and a full index.



Gov. Justice signed a copy of the newly published book to be added to the West Virginia Archives.
“Signs of the Times: West Virginia's Highway Historical Marker Program” was published by the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History.

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W.Va. Seeks Input on Stimulus Funds

(AP) — West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice said Monday he plans to reach out to leaders in the state Legislature to decide how to allocate the latest in federal stimulus funding.
Justice said his staff is working on a spending plan for \$678 million from the America Rescue Plan. He said House and Senate input will be sought next week.
The funding represents half of

what the state will receive to offset economic setbacks from the coronavirus pandemic. Because West Virginia's current unemployment rate is not significantly higher than its pre-pandemic level, the state will receive the rest of its nearly \$1.4 billion allotment next year.
An additional \$516 million is going to every county and some larger cities.

The money can be used by state and local governments for relief from the public health crisis. Under guidance the Treasury Department released along with the numbers, it also can be used to offset harm to workers, small businesses and affected industries, to invest in water, sewer and broadband systems and to replace lost public sector revenue. Essential workers also can qualify for premium pay under the program.
Officials cannot cut taxes, pay down debt or bolster the state's rainy day fund with the relief package.

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OBITUARIES



DONALD RAY MILLER

Donald Ray Miller, 60 of Wardsville, W.Va. passed away Monday, May 10, 2021 at his home. Born July 24, 1960 in Clifton Forge, Va. he was the son of Margaret Lavon Godby Miller and the late Charles Melvin Miller. Donnie worked as a purchaser for LSC Printing. He was an avid history buff. He loved antiques and had developed a passion for clock repair and restoration. He enjoyed mountain biking, hiking, and taking random road trips through the mountains. Donnie loved God, his

mom and dad, his country, and his family. In addition to his dad, he was preceded in death by his infant twin brother, Ronald Lynn Miller, and his beloved K9 Max.

Including his mom, survivors are his brothers, Eddie Miller (Sherri) of Renick, W.Va. and Kenny Miller of Frankford, W.Va., sister, Susan Bagford (Michael Vasapoli) of Fairfax, Va., nieces and nephews, Christi Bagford, C.J. Miller (Jennifer), Kathy Bagford, Jack Gordon Miller and Reese Henry Miller and a great niece, Maggie Miller.

A memorial service was held at 12:00 Noon, Friday, May 28, 2021 at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel – 252 Montvue Drive, Lewisburg, W.Va. with Pastor Youel Altizer officiating. Interment followed in the End of the Trail Cemetery, Clintonville, W.Va.. Online guestbook can be signed at www.morganfh.net.

Arrangements are under the direction of Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, W.Va.

WELTON ‘POP’ SHIPE SR

Welton Darl “Pop” Shipe Sr., 87, of Renick, W.Va. passed away Monday, May 24, 2021 at his home. Born June 4, 1933 in Mathias, W.Va. he was the son of the late Benjamin Calvin and Pearl Gertie Ritchie Shipe.

Darl was a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran and had retired from Lever Brothers Company. He was a member of the Mt. Herman United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the NRA and loved hunting and bowling. In addition to his parents, he was pre-

ceded in death by 13 brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his loving wife of 48 years, Lois Roberts Shipe, sons, Darl Shipe Jr. (Beth) of Charleroi, Pa., Wayne Shipe of Baker, W.Va., and Jeffrey Herndon (Karen) of Bradenton, Fla., daughters, Sandy Swain of Baltimore, Md., Darlene Shipe of Baker, W.Va., Katherine Sorrells (Bobby) of Stuarts Draft, Va., and Sandra Lowe (James) of Dayton, Ohio, 14 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren and two great-great

grandchildren, several nieces, and nephews.

Funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m., on Saturday, May 29, 2021 at the Mt. Herman United Methodist Church, Renick, W.Va. with Pastor Pete Scott officiating.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m., on Sunday, May 30, 2021 at the Cullers-Shipe Cemetery, Mathias, W.Va.

Online guestbook can be signed at www.morganfh.net. Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, W.Va.



LEAH SHANELL ROBINSON

Leah Shanell Robinson, 13, of Mathias, W.Va. passed away on Friday, May 21, 2021 in Mathias, W.Va.

Born on August 17, 2007 in Harrisonburg, Va., she was the daughter of Kerry E. and Kimberly Villanueva Robinson.

Leah was a student at East Hardy

Middle School. She volunteered at Head & Trail Horse Stables, took piano lessons and attended the Mathias Church of the Brethren.

Along with her parents, she is survived by a half-brother, Justin Robinson of Mathias, brother, Cpl. Isaac Robinson who is stationed in Hawaii, brother, Christian Rob-

inson of Mathias, paternal grandmother, Barbara Robinson of Lost River, W.Va., maternal grandparents, Joe and Yolanda Villanueva of San Diego, Calif. and a special Uncle Danny and Aunt Erica Villanueva.

Funeral services were held on Thursday May 27, 2021 at 2:00

P.M. in the Mathias Church of the Brethren with Pastor Robert Curns officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of McKee Funeral Home, Baker, W.Va.

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Thurs. June 10 - Swedish meatballs over linguine, pea salad, beets, peaches

Fri. June 11 - Spinach salad w/ tomato, red onion, turkey bacon, dressing, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, applesauce

Those making donations were Food Lion and the Moorefield Ex-

aminer. We would like to thank each and everyone of you for your donations. They are greatly appreciated. Have a safe and happy week.

HCCOA receives funding from federal and state entities including WV Bureau of Senior Services and Upper Potomac AAA, local government, donations and memorial contributions.

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This Week in West Virginia History

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

June 2, 1951: Cornelius Charlton died of the wounds he received in battle during the Korean War. Charlton, a Raleigh County native, was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously.

June 3, 1856: Harriet B. Jones was born in Pennsylvania. After attending Wheeling Female College and graduating from the Women's Medical College of Baltimore, she opened a private practice in Wheeling, becoming the first woman licensed to practice medicine in West Virginia.

June 3, 1861: The first land battle of the Civil War took place in Philippi. About 3,000 federal troops drove about 800 Confederates from the town.

June 3, 1861: A company of Confederate soldiers known as the Logan Wildcats was created at the Logan Courthouse. The company, consisting of about 85 men, first saw action at the Battle of Scary Creek.

June 3, 1936: The first Strawberry Festival was held in Buckhannon. More than 6,000 spectators attended the festivities, which also included a parade of 30 princesses down Main Street.

June 4, 1975: Clark Kessinger died in St. Albans, Kanawha County. Kessinger was among the most prolific and influential fiddlers of the 20th century, and one of West Virginia's most important traditional musicians.

June 5, 1859: A great frost killed crops in the Preston County fields. The fields were replanted with hardy buckwheat, which was successful and became a staple crop, celebrated in the annual Buckwheat Festival in Kingwood.

June 6, 1919: Historian Otis Rice was born in Hugheston, Kanawha County. Rice was named West Virginia's first Historian Laureate in 2003.



The first Strawberry Festival was held in Buckhannon.

June 6, 1989: During the Pittston strike, about 60 miners embarked on a four-day march from Logan County to Charleston, retracing the path of the 1921 Armed March on Logan.

June 7, 1899: Congresswoman Elizabeth Kee was born in Radford, Virginia. She became West Virginia's first female member of Congress in 1951.

June 7, 1926: An explosion at a sand mining operation in Morgan County killed six men. Their deaths were the inspiration for the

ballad “The Miner’s Doom.”

June 8, 1893: Entrepreneur Donald F. Duncan was born. Duncan was the founder of the Duncan Yo-Yo Company and the Duncan Parking Meter Corporation.

e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia is a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council. For more information, contact the West Virginia Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; (304) 346-8500; or visit e-WV at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

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We would like to remind the community that we are beginning our annual donation drive. All donations are used for the upkeep and maintenance of our beautiful cemetery. Please take the time to visit Olivet Cemetery and enjoy the beauty of the community's cemetery. All donations are tax deductible and can be mailed to 192 Olivet Drive, Moorefield, WV, 26836

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Hurricane Season is Here - Prepare Now

May marked the beginning of hurricane season in the US, with Eastern Pacific hurricane season beginning May 15 and Atlantic and Central Pacific hurricane season beginning June 1.

Regardless of where hurricanes land, they always come with powerful winds, heavy rainfall, and flooding, which can cause significant harm to life and damage property.

If you haven't prepared for hurricane season before, now is the time to get ready. Here are some ways to stay ahead of the storm and be better prepared.

Be on Alert

Know the risks in your area. Find out what types of wind and water

hazards could occur where you live.

Download the FEMA app to your mobile phone and receive real-time alerts from the National Weather Service to be informed about hurricane watches and warnings.

Sign up for community alerts in your area.

Be informed on the latest CDC guidance on COVID-19 to see how it could impact your plans.

Make an Emergency Plan

Get started by having enough supplies for your household, including medication, disinfectants, masks, and pet supplies in your go bag or car trunk.

Make sure to have extra water

and nonperishable foods at home. After a hurricane, you may not be able to purchase some essential items for days or even weeks.

Involve your whole family in creating a family emergency communications plan and emergency kit.

Learn your evacuation routes Practice with household members and pets and identify where you will stay. Local emergency managers will provide the latest recommendations based on the threat to your community.

If you need to evacuate to a public shelter, review the latest CDC guidelines for public shelters before you head out. If public evacuation shelters aren't the safest choice

for you and your family, prepare alternative plans to shelter in place at home or with nearby friends or family, whichever is safest.

Prepare Your Home and Help Your Neighbors

Make sure to clear storm drains and gutters and bring in outside furniture. Consider installing hurricane shutters if you need added protection against the storm.

Check with neighbors, seniors, or those who may need additional help when making your plans.

Visit ready.gov/hurricanes to learn more about how to get ready for hurricanes and how to stay safe during a storm.

S O C I A L

Shepherd University Announces Dean's List Honors and Graduates from Hardy County

Hardy County Residents Named to Dean List

Eight hundred eighty-one students were named to the Dean's List at Shepherd University for the spring 2021 semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.4 grade point average for the semester

and carry at least 12 hours of coursework or be in a professional teaching block.

Those Hardy County students recognized on the Dean's List include:

- Leanna J. Basye from Baker.

- Brooklyn J. Thomas from Fisher.
- Jessica L. Campos-Smith from Mathias.
- Hanna G. Carlson and Sierra R. Reynolds from Moorefield.

Hardy County Residents Receive Degrees

Five-hundred-fifty-two students received baccalaureate degrees during Shepherd University's 148th Commencement, which took place on May 8. Former Shepherd University Rams football coach Monte Cater delivered the under-

graduate commencement address and was awarded an honorary doctorate degree.

Included in the graduation was Richard Robinson from Mathias and Kylie P. Riggelman from Moorefield.

Located in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle, Shepherd University is a regional public university accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC).

Clark Graduates From Cedarville University

Nicole Clark from Mathias, graduated from Cedarville University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Clark was also named to the Dean's Honor List for Spring 2021. This recognition requires

the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist

institution with an enrollment of 4,550 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 150 areas of study. For more information about Cedarville University, visit www.cedarville.edu.

Concord University Announces Dean's List

The following students are on the Spring 2021 Dean's List at Concord University. The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who were regis-

tered for a minimum of 12 Concord credit hours and have attained a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the end of the semester.

Local students honored include:

- Jennifer Ketterman from Moorefield
- Rebekah Markwood from Purgitsville.

WIC to Provide Temporary Benefits Increase

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health, Office of Nutrition Services today announced participants in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) will receive a temporary benefit increase for the purchase of additional fruits and vegetables.

Through \$490 million in support to the WIC program from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the United States Department of Agriculture has offered a boost to the cash-value benefit amount for the months of June, July, August, and September. This will allow the West Virginia WIC Program to temporarily increase

the benefit to \$35 per month for each eligible participant.

The current monthly WIC cash-value benefit is \$9 per child, \$11 for pregnant or postpartum women and \$16.50 for breastfeeding women. WIC clinics will begin to distribute the increased benefits on June 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

"Investing in WIC helps address food insecurity, a critical issue faced by many West Virginia families during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Heidi Staats, State WIC Director. "The USDA funding more than triples the fruit and vegetable benefit to allow purchase and consumption of more canned, frozen and fresh fruits and vegeta-

bles."

The West Virginia WIC Program has a long-standing history of improving the overall health and nutrition of its participants. The program provides women, infants, and children up to the age of 5, who are at nutritional risk, with healthy foods to supplement their diets as well as breastfeeding support, nutrition education and health care referrals. WIC offers certification, benefit issuance, breastfeeding support, and nutrition education virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information about the WIC Program or to apply, visit dhhr.wv.gov/WIC.

Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society Holds Spring Meetings

Alpha Kappa Chapter of WV State Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society met on March 20th, 2021 at the Seneca Rocks Presbyterian Church. Guest speaker was Dr. Glenda Wait, West Virginia State DKG President from Daniels, West Virginia. Dr. Wait was presented with member-donated items particular to the Alpha Kappa area of West Virginia which filled a basket crafted by member Vickie Skavenski.

Dr. Wait recognized Alpha Kappa President, Vickie Skavenski, who is currently serving as the state recording secretary. Also recognized were the following Alpha Kappa members who are on state committees—Rosanne Glover, music; Carolyn Harper, publications; Beverly Mathias, membership; Ann Bennett, archives; Pam Boggs, disaster relief; and Vickie Saville, technology.

Members also brought feminine clothing items which were donated to the Family Crisis Center in Petersburg and West Virginia University items which will be sent to the West Virginia School in Argentina which was established there by Ruby Alvaro's foreign exchange student.

Carolyn Harper was presented the R.O.S.E. award for being the president's co-pilot while delivering "Little Bats of Sunshine" to members who are still teaching and to Betty Inskeep, Ruby Alvaro, and Dorothy Harper.

Alpha Kappa Chapter of WV State Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society met Saturday, April 17th at the Main Street United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Petersburg.

Alpha Kappa members raised \$476.00 with an auction held at the April meeting. The auction proceeds are the second highest amount raised by the group to provide scholarships to women educators from other countries for advanced studies. World Fellowship is a Delta Kappa Gamma project. Special thanks to Gayle Allen who served as auctioneer. Other World



Donna Bodkins honors Dorothy Harper for her years of service to the Alpha Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Fellowship committee members are Sharon Harr, Sue Harper, and Donna Bodkins. The auction serves a worthy purpose and provides a fun activity.

Ruth Ann Columbia gave inspirational thoughts on Spiritual Gardening amid tables decorated with colorful pansies and large geranium centerpieces grown by the Petersburg FFA chapter.

The Red Rose STAR award was presented to Roseanne Glover for volunteering to organize the April Meeting.

Fourteen members attended the Virtual State Convention held April 23-24, 2021. During the virtual convention, WV State honored members from each chapter

for "Following in the Footsteps of Our Founders". Hardy County member, Dorothy Harper, was recognized for holding offices of president and parliamentarian. Mrs. Harper has been a driving force for the Alpha Kappa Chapter for many years. Chapter President Vickie Skavenski was elected second vice-president of the state society.

Hardy County members of Alpha Kappa Chapter include Donna Bodkins, Amber Champ, Anne Dunlap, Susan Garrett, Dorothy Harper, Jane Kessel, and Amber Shockey. Please see one of these ladies if you are interested in learning more about Delta Kappa Gamma.

P-EBT Extended for Children 6 and Under

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) has extended the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program to children under the age of six years old who re-

ceive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and are not enrolled in school.

The P-EBT benefit will be issued retroactively in 2-month allotments beginning with the October/November 2020 benefit period. The amount of benefits will vary by county and the child will receive the average student benefit for their county of residence.

Each SNAP household with a qualifying child will receive a West Virginia P-EBT card. A letter will be mailed separately from the card with a DHHR case number and will explain the amount the child is eligible to receive during each benefit period. Please keep the P-EBT

letter as the case number is needed to activate the P-EBT card.

"P-EBT is valuable resource to ensure West Virginia children's nutritional needs are met during the ongoing pandemic," said Linda Watts, Commissioner for DHHR's Bureau for Children and Families. "We are pleased to expand this federal benefit to a broader population of our most vulnerable residents."

The expanded P-EBT program will benefit approximately 37,000 additional children in West Virginia. The first P-EBT issuance date for non-school children will be released in June 2021.

With Great Thanks

We would like to thank everyone who prayed for us and our daughter Amanda, before her surgery, during her surgery and during her recovery time. If you sent a card, sent a text, or even made a phone call, it was very much appreciated. God has healed her body. God bless each of you for caring.

- Charles and Gloria Combs

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-Moorefield Examiner Staff

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Social Security Provides Outreach During the COVID-19 Pandemic

By Tony Stutts
Special to Examiner

People who struggle with low-income, limited English proficiency, homelessness, or with mental illness have historically relied on meeting with us in person at our local offices to get the help they need. Currently, Social Security offices are open only for in-person appointments for limited, critical situations, depending upon local office conditions.

If you cannot use our online services, please call your local office or our National 800 Number for assistance. If we cannot help you by phone, your local office can determine if an in-person appointment or other option may be available to help you.

To serve those who need us most, we've partnered with community-based groups to launch a national outreach campaign. The goal of the campaign is to increase public awareness of our Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance benefit programs and support third-party groups that are assisting vulnerable individuals to apply for benefits. The SSI and SSDI programs provide critical financial assistance, and, in many cases, grant access to healthcare and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP.

Key components of our outreach campaign include:

Working with community-based groups that can assist with taking

applications for SSI and SSDI.

Launching a national advertising campaign on TV, radio, and social media, with emphasis on benefits for children with disabilities.

Adding new online tools and informational pages, including:

Resources for people helping others access our services at www.ssa.gov/thirdparty.

Outreach materials for partner groups working with vulnerable populations at www.ssa.gov/thirdparty/groups/vulnerable-populations.html.

Updated information for faith-based and community groups, including a new toolkit and fact sheets about SSI and SSDI, at <https://www.ssa.gov/thirdparty/groups/faithandcommunity.html>.

We want to thank the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships for working with us and sharing our website and products with their national network of community leaders.

We also want to thank members of the claimant advocacy community for their collaboration on this campaign. We will feature their perspectives on serving vulnerable populations on our blog over the coming weeks. Please be sure to visit and subscribe at blog.ssa.gov to receive alerts when we publish new articles from our partners, and share the latest information about our national outreach campaign.

Tony Stutts is the District Manager of the Social Security District Office in Petersburg.

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Melvin and Judy Baker and all the family would like to thank everyone who supported us in any way during our difficult time. We want to thank you all for the sympathy, kindness, prayers and support during our time of sorrow. We have over \$5000 in the scholarship fund in memory of Saige and we are still getting donations. We will post in the paper and other social media and get information to the schools once we decide the criteria for the scholarships.

All the messages of condolences was greatly appreciated and we received comfort and strength from all your uplifting words. It is hard to imagine how different life is going to be for us, but we are thankful we have support of our friends and this community.

Antique Automobile Club Visits Moorefield

By Milda M. Mullins
Moorefield Examiner

Drivers with the Antique Automobile Club of America came for good fun to Moorefield and left doing a good turn for Hardy citizens, providing \$2,205 for the Moorefield Church of God food pantry.

Drivers from 20 different states around the country participated in this year's AACA Founder's Tour, which was hosted by the local Mountain State Classics Region Club associated with the organization.

The tour came through Moorefield where, among other things, participants saw a private car collection belonging to Chris Alt. Other stops along the way included Grant County Mulch, Reeds Creek Fish Hatchery, Canaan Valley, and more.

Moorefield Church of God

hosted the group for a meal and was left with the significant donation that Imogen Helsley, director of the Church of God food pantry, said will go to local school children.

"We feed all Hardy County kids that don't have enough food from Monday through Thursday evenings through the backpack program," she said.

Helsley explained that donations the church receives go beyond food and include clothing, personal hygiene items, and more that children and families may need.

"A lot of kids don't have this stuff that we take for granted," she said, adding that the church is happy to provide these services to the community.

"God has really blessed us and as we continue to grow, we're hoping to even try to move into the Grant County area."

Franklin Gage, this year's tour

director and a member of Mountain State Classics Region, said nearly 200 people participated in the tour with 93 cars and 182 people registered for the event.

"It's always wonderful to have car friends in town. I always tell people in advance, no matter how much I screw it up, between the friendly local population and the beautiful scenery, every group that comes here always leaves happy," said Gage.

"We joke that we have a disease for which there is no cure – the old car disease. We're out to preserve old cars and we're trying to have fun doing it."

While in Moorefield, participants saw nearly 32 antique cars including a Hupmobile, a Model A, a Model AA, and REO Speed-wagons to name a few.

"I really love to show people my cars, you know what I mean? That's what they're here for – for people

to enjoy," said Alt who shared his collection with those touring. "I've had a nice group here today."

Several participants said they enjoyed the excursion for the camaraderie with fellow club members and the ability to travel and see new places and things.

"It's like a cruise ship, but it's a car cruise on land," concluded Linda Sturgeon of Milford, Mich.

"A lot of people don't realize what it is; a lot of people don't realize how fun it is and what you can see, [including] parts of the country."

For more information on the Moorefield Church of God food pantry, visit www.moorefield-churchofgod.org or visit the food pantry from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Thursday at the church on 212 S. Elm Street.

For more information on the Antique Automobile Club of America, follow on Facebook.



Photos by Milda M. Mullins
Roy Strom of Norman, Okla. inspects one of Chris Alt's cars.



Bill Maurer from Rostraver Township, Pa. (right) spoke about the collection with Carl and Linda Sturgeon of Milford, Mich. (left).



Antique cars were on display in Chris Alt's collection in Moorefield.



Michael Natale of Townson, Md. (left) discusses the collection with Robert Barrows of Fincastle, Va.

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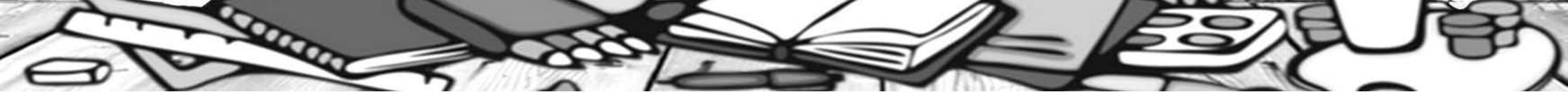
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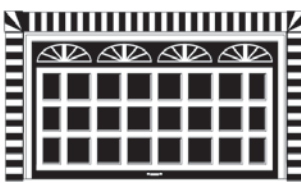
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whouse Cemetery will be Sunday,
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sent to Darwin Simmons, 507 Eve-
ning Sun Drive, Moorefield, WV
26836 5/29

THERE WILL BE a meeting at
the Green Hill cemetery, Purgi-
stville June 5 at 10:00. We are in
need of volunteers to help clean
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MOVING SALE. Everything must
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The Town of Moorefield is accepting applications
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Applications for this position are available at the Moorefield Town
Office at 206 Winchester Avenue, Moorefield, West Virginia, 26836
from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. each weekday.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, possess a high school
diploma or GED equivalent, possess a valid driver's license, have a
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Applications also available at:
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Position would be ideal for someone in need of less than 30
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The account of the Estate of Bobby Junior Cain is before the undersigned for a final settlement.
Dated this the 17th day of May, 2021.
William H. Judy, III
Fiduciary Commissioner

5/26, 6/2 2c

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE
Notice of Trustee's Sale is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Trustee, William H. Bean, by that certain Deed of Trust dated October 26, 2010, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Trust Book No. 257, at Page 329, executed by the Borrower, Marshall F. Combs, II, to William H. Bean and Oscar M. Bean, Trustees, to secure a Promissory Note unto Vernon W. Webster, Jr., Buddy L. Webster and Annabelle Webster Barr, the beneficial owners. The Borrower has defaulted under the terms of the Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, and the Trustee has been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the Hardy County Courthouse in Moorefield, West Virginia, on Friday, June 4, 2021, at 12:00 Noon the following described real estate situate in Moorefield Corporate District, Hardy County, West Virginia, with a physical address of 223-225 South Main Street, Moorefield, WV 26836:

FIRST:
All that certain tract or parcel of real estate, together with all rights, rights-of-ways, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, with old former rental house, historically referred to as "tin shop", situate thereon, located on the east side of Main Street in the Town of Moorefield, Moorefield Corporate District, Hardy County, West Virginia, and known as 225 South Main Street, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds description incorporated in that certain Deed to Myrtle Lee Webster and Minnie E. Fitzwater dated October 29, 1948, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 81, at Page 254. The real estate is identified for tax assessment purposes in the Hardy County Assessor's Office on Tax Map 4, as Parcel 0057.

SECOND:
All that certain tract or parcel of real estate, together with all rights, rights-of-ways, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, with dwelling house situate thereon, located on the east side of Main Street in the Town of Moorefield, Moorefield Corporate District, Hardy County, West Virginia, and known as 223 South Main Street, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds description incorporated in that certain Deed to Vernon W. Webster and Myrtle Lee Webster dated October 29, 1948, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 81, at Page 255. The real estate is identified for tax assessment purposes in the Hardy County Assessor's Office on Tax Map 4, as Parcel 0058.
Being the same tracts or parcels of real estate conveyed unto Marshall F. Combs II from Vernon W. Webster, Jr., Buddy L. Webster and Annabelle Webster Barr by Deed dated October 26, 2010, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Hardy County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 315, at Page 906.
The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" 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, easement, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the

aforesaid Clerk's Office or affecting the subject property. The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property.
The Trustee reserves the right to continue the sale from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee. The Beneficiary and/or Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserves the right to submit a bid for the property offered at such sale. Any excess monies obtained from said sale will be applied toward inferior liens in order of their priority.
TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent (10%) deposit, in cash or approved check, must be tendered on date of sale, with the balance to be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of sale. The Purchaser shall be responsible for all costs associated with the transfer of real estate, including deed preparation, transfer stamps and any real estate taxes and ambulance fees.
All announcements made on the day of sale take precedence over any printed material. For more information concerning the real estate, contact William H. Bean at (304) 530-6198.

WILLIAM H. BEAN, Trustee
116 Washington Street, Moorefield, WV 26836
Phone: (304) 530-6198

5/19, 5/26, 6/2 3c

MOOREFIELD LANDMARK COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE
The Moorefield Landmark Commission will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. in the council chambers of Inskeep Hall, 206 Winchester Avenue, Moorefield, WV. Items to be discussed during the meeting include:
1) Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
2) Review / Possibly Approve - Certificate of Appropriateness for Verman & Melissa Nipper to replace the old vinyl windows and install an awning on their property at 224 N. Main Street.
3) Review / Possibly Approve - Certificate of Appropriateness for James Rigglesman to add a roof on the west side of the house on his property at 209 Jefferson Street.
4) Review / Possibly Approve - Certificate of Appropriateness for Sidney Belcher to install an accessory building on the rear of his property at 213 Washington Street.
5) Any other business.
As always, this meeting is open to the public.

6/2 1c

NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE
Notice is hereby given that a foreign will or affidavit has been filed before Hardy County Commission at 204 Washington Street, Rm. 111, Moorefield, WV 26836.
That no appointment or administration is being made pursuant to the provisions of law but that a foreign will or affidavit of heirs of the decedent has been filed with the Hardy County Commission, and is of record in the Hardy County Clerk's Office.
Any person interested in 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 be filed 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.
1st Publication Date: Wednesday, JUNE 2, 2021
Claim Deadline Date: Sunday, AUGUST 1, 2021

DECEDENT: ELIZABETH C FRYE
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FILED BY: RODNEY B FRYE
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MAY 25 2021
GREGORY LELY
Clerk of the Hardy County Commission
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Absentee and Early Voting Instructions
Applications for absentee voting by mail are being accepted until June 2, 2021. Ballots can be hand delivered until 4:30 P.M. Wednesday, June 9, 2021 or received by mail any time prior to the beginning of the canvass.
Early voting will begin Wednesday, May 26, 2021, during regular business hours and continue thru Jun 5, 2021. All voting is conducted at the Moorefield Town Office, 206 Winchester Avenue. Saturday May 29, 2021, and June 5, 2021, the office will be open 9:00 - 5:00 to accommodate early voting.
5/19, 6/2 2c

OFFICIAL BALLOT
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Town of Moorefield, West Virginia
June 8, 2021
To vote for a candidate mark an "X" in the square opposite to and at the left of the name.
In order to cast a WRITE-IN vote, you may write the name and office of the candidate in any location on the front side of this ballot.

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(VOTE FOR ONE)

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Moorefield Softball

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strikeout to Lewis.

The Cougars took a 4-0 advantage as Bethany Piercy's sharp grounder eluded the grasp of O'Neill, allowing a run to score.

After a single by Harris with advancement to second base on the throw, Moorefield brought in Tori Humphries to pitch as Kuykendall became the third baseman and O'Neill shifted over to shortstop.

Humphries induced a groundout from Mason which was fielded by second baseman Allie Biser to retire the side.

O'Neill rocketed the ball past the diving attempt of Jefferson shortstop Lacie Lewis for a single, but was stranded on the base path as Biser and Crites struck out before Wachter grounded out.

In the top of the third inning, Jefferson failed to get a baserunner on board as Dalton and Tucker grounded out (Biser and Kuykendall) prior to Guy hitting a line drive to Biser.

Moorefield's Breanna Green flew out to center field, then Simmons grounded out to third base.

The Yellow Jackets didn't go down quietly as Humphries unleashed a double to the center field fence, but was left on the pond as Hinkle grounded out.

"Absolutely, I was pleased to see us take an early lead. That is what we have been preaching to the girls, to go up early and stay up early. I was happy with the first couple innings where we went up 5-0, then they started hitting and getting a couple bloop and we had a funky defensive inning. We fought back and that's all I can ask for," Jefferson coach Desire Waters commented.

"We've had a few games where we'd go up the first inning, then haven't been able to score, so I am glad to see multiple runs scored. When we had that lead, I mainly told the girls to stay calm and not to freak out or let the pressure get to them. They needed to realize they needed to get outs and we always have the chance to come back and hit which is what we've been asking them to do. The hit down the line was hit fair at first and went foul before it reached the bag, so he made the right call as frustrating as it is."

Things got interesting in the fourth inning as the Yellow Jackets buzzed to life closing the gap to 5-4.

Humphries pitched a strikeout to Jefferson's Bella Petit, then Logreco made a short bunt single just along the lines of the batter's box where catcher Alyson Simmons picked it up and no throw was made.

There was no foul ball call, so the play stood.

Lewis singled into center field for the Cougars and Hinkle made a great throw to third base, but the tag wasn't in time and Lewis advanced to second base.

Piercy executed an RBI groundout to put Jefferson up 5-nil, then Humphries finished the side with a strikeout to Harris.

Kuykendall started the bottom of the fourth inning rally with a single into center field for the Yellow Jackets and Delany Crites came in as the courtesy runner.

Dalton gave O'Neill a free pass and Biser reached base on an error to load the bases for Moorefield.

Crites smacked an RBI single into right field to cut the deficit to 5-1.

Moorefield's Aryana Wachter notched an RBI single with the help of an error as Tucker missed the ball diving for it in center field.

Green connected for an RBI sacrifice fly and an error allowed another run to score which pulled the Yellow Jackets within one run, 5-4.

Simmons advanced a runner to third base on a groundout, but the scoring opportunity ended on another groundout coming by Humphries.

The Cougars pounced on base in the fifth inning with a leadoff single by Mason, then Dalton hit into a fielder's choice out.

Wachter caught a fly ball from Tucker and O'Neill fielded a grounder by Guy with the throw to Williams for the third out.

The spark of energy buzzing from the previous inning grew stronger as Hinkle singled just past the reach of Lewis to keep the Yellow Jackets momentum flying.

After a strikeout to Kuykendall, O'Neill reached base on an error as Logreco couldn't make the diving catch on the fly ball with it ricocheting away.

Biser stepped up and hammered the go-ahead, two-run producing double giving the Yellow Jackets a 6-5 edge.

Crites nearly had a home run, but settled with a double as the ball hit the center field fence.

The two baserunners were stranded as Wachter grounded out to Dalton and Green popped out to Logreco.

Humphries pitched a strikeout to Jefferson's Petit to commence the sixth inning, then issued a walk to Logreco.

Lewis hit into a fielder's choice, but the throw by Humphries went awry past second base giving the Cougars two ducks on the pond.

Piercy knocked a grounder to O'Neill, who alertly made the throw to Kuykendall for the second out at third base catching the lead runner.

Harris smacked a sharp grounder which was stopped by Kuykendall on her knees, then Lewis attempted to leap over Kuykendall, who managed to reach up for the tag.

Entering the bottom of the sixth inning, the Yellow Jackets looked to add an insurance run.

Simmons launched the ball into right field and it was dropped by Guy for an error, Simmons teased Logreco attempting to steal second base with her standing with the ball just a few paces away and walked the ball back to the pitcher looking over her shoulder at Simmons.

A deep shot by Humphries was caught on the warning track by Tucker, then Dalton struck out Hinkle for the second out.

Kuykendall singled into center field to place runners on the corners for Moorefield.

O'Neill crushed an RBI double to the center field fence to boost the Yellow Jackets lead to 7-5.

Guy secured the catch for the third out this time around off the bat of Biser to close the inning.

The Cougars got things started in the top of the seventh inning with a single by Mason, then Dalton reached base on an error.

Tucker's shot into right field eluded the grasp of Wachter as Jefferson loaded the bases with no outs and trailed by two runs.

Moorefield coach Bridget Sions took a timeout to make a visit to the pitching circle and kept Humphries out there with confidence to finish the game.

Jefferson's Kendall Guy ripped a grounder down the third base line and the ball hopped foul just as it passed third base as two runners came home to potentially tie the game, but the umpire made the call that it was indeed foul and the runners returned to their spots as the Yellow Jackets held their breath.

Guy connected again and this time the ball was knocked down by second baseman Allie Biser and fielded in time for the throw to Williams at first base making the first out, however, one run scored in the process to slice the deficit to 7-6.

Petit bunted foul on an 0-2 count for the second out with the Cougars scratching their heads.

Humphries pitched a full-count strikeout leaving Logreco staring at the final pitch ending the game sealing the victory for Moorefield, 7-6.

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fielded a grounder by Caleb Stotler with the throw to first baseman Jaydon See, then Garrett Stotler grounded out to Baldwin at second base making the toss to See and Mitchell Miller struck out.

The Yellow Jackets added two insurance runs in the bottom half of the frame for a 3-0 lead.

Barney issued walks to See and Frederick, then Garrett Strickler executed a bunt single to load the bases.

Jenkins hit into a fielder's choice with the initial out nabbing See at home, but a miscue on the sequence enabled Frederick to score.

Reed connected for an RBI sacrifice fly in left field as Moorefield took the 3-0 score.

Van Meter singled into center field and Baldwin hit a sharp grounder up the middle to put three ducks on the pond, before the trio got stranded on a fly ball from Moore caught by Garrett Stotler.

Thompson singled for the Indians in the third inning, but was

caught stealing by catcher John Lahmeyer.

Hines made Swink stare at a strikeout, then jammed Carson Stotler into a pop-up snatched by Baldwin as Berkeley Springs came up empty.

After a groundout by Hines, See was given a free pass by Barney for the first Moorefield runner of the bottom half of the third inning.

Frederick flew out to Mitchell Miller in right field as See stayed put at first base.

Barney walked Strickler, then a wild throw enabled See to advance to third base and came home on a pitch going awry to build a 4-0 advantage.

Berkeley Springs was kept off the base path in the fourth inning as Guzik grounded out to Frederick, Jordan Miller popped out to Baldwin and Oursler grounded out to Van Meter.

Reed crushed a double into left field to start the bottom of the fourth inning for the Yellow Jackets and Van Meter drew a walk.

Baldwin hit into a fielder's choice out at second base, then

got caught stealing second base.

Moore cracked a sharp grounder toward Indians shortstop Evan Thompson, who fumbled the ricochet which allowed Reed to score giving Moorefield a 5-nil lead and a pop-up by Hines ended frame.

In the fifth inning, Hines started with a strikeout to Caleb Stotler, then walked Garrett Stotler before wrapping that sandwich with a strikeout to Mitchell Miller and retiring the side catching a pop-up from Thompson.

Oursler pitched three consecutive walks to Moorefield's See, Frederick and Strickler which loaded the bases.

The Indians brought in Jordan Miller to pitch and he recorded a strikeout on Blake Funk.

Reed slammed a two-run producing single into center field to give the Yellow Jackets a 7-nil advantage.

Miller responded with a strikeout to Van Meter, then Baldwin flew out to left fielder Garrett Stotler to end the inning.

Berkeley Springs' Chance Swink struck out on a 1-2 count from Hines to commence the sixth

inning.

Carson Stotler singled into left field for the Indians, but was left on board with a flyout by Guzik to Reed in left field and Jordan Miller grounded out back to Hines on the mound.

Moorefield went down in order during the sixth inning, but kept the 7-0 lead intact as Moore grounded out, Hines popped out and Michael Cost hit a line drive to Barney in center field.

Mount St. Marys signee Isaac Van Meter came in as the closer with an enthusiastic attitude having finally returned to the mound after having Tommy John surgery and the pandemic hiatus.

Van Meter had the best ERA in the state as a sophomore during the Yellow Jackets' second straight state championship and that precision didn't waver against Berkeley Springs.

Van Meter closed the door on the Indians with three consecutive strikeouts to seal the 7-nil shutout win and walked off the mound with a huge smile as his teammates congratulated him.

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into a pop-up blooper, but it was lost in the sun dropping into shallow left center field just out of reach of shortstop Isaac Van Meter.

After a stolen base, Musselman's Bayden Hartman singled into center field to put runners on the corners.

Jenkins made a swift pickoff move for the out at first base as Jaydon See applied the tag with the dugout shouting 'got him'.

Blake Hartman hit into a fielder's choice initiated by Moorefield third baseman Hayden Baldwin which created a rundown with Van Meter making the tag.

Musselman's Jacob Miller hit an RBI double with the assistance of an error in right field for the initial lead, 1-nil.

Jenkins stepped back and didn't make the throw as the runner dove back and the sequence was deemed a balk.

Jenkins regained composure and struck out Jason Myers to retire the side.

Musselman pitcher Dylan Stevens induced a groundout by Jenkins, then struck out Karson Reed as the Yellow Jackets were looking at a two-out rally now.

Van Meter ripped a line drive down the third base line just eluding the infielder for a double, but was stranded on a groundout by Hayden Baldwin.

The Applemen were picked down in order during the top of the second inning as Jenkins sandwiched strikeouts to Jackson Shockey and Trenton Wolfe around a flyout by Liam Wilson to Moorefield center fielder Jayden Moore.

The Yellow Jackets failed to get a baserunner as Moore flew out, Bryce Hines grounded out and See struck out.

Musselman's Trevor Boor hit a grounder down the first base line where See fielded the ball and tried to flip it to Jenkins, who dropped it as Boor arrived.

Boor was stranded as Jenkins fielded a groundout, then See and Van Meter snatched pop-ups.

Moorefield's Jake Frederick got the rally going with a single down the third base line and a failed pickoff attempt allowed advancement to second base.

Frederick moved to third base on a passed ball before Garrett Strickler was given a walk.

Stevens tossed a wild pitch and Frederick stole home pitch sliding in with the dirt flying around to tie the game.

Jenkins gave the Yellow Jackets a 2-1 lead with an RBI single on the next pitch.

Musselman's defense made some plays as Reed grounded out and Van Meter popped out.

Moorefield responded as Baldwin crushed an RBI double into the right center gap creating a 3-1 edge.

Baldwin advanced to third base on a passed ball, then Moore drew a walk before the inning ended on a fielder's choice out at second base off the bat of Hines.

Moore chased down a fly ball by Miller to start the fourth inning.

Musselman's Myers slipped the ball just around Van Meter for a single, then Shockey slammed a double into center field.

The Yellow Jackets got out of that jam unscathed as Jenkins pitched a strikeout and induced a groundout fielded by See.

Frederick singled into left field with one out, but was left on board on a pop-out and strikeout.

Boor and Lore hit back-to-back singles into right field to get things started in the fifth inning for the Applemen.

Van Meter caught a pop-up to keep the runners in check, then Musselman's Blake Hartman loaded the bases on an error in right field.

Miller connected for an RBI infield single and Myers notched a two-run producing single with the help of an error to put the Applemen back on top 4-3.

Miller scored on a passed ball to extend the lead 5-3.

The Yellow Jackets escaped further damage as Jenkins tossed a strikeout and induced a groundout fielded by Baldwin.

Reed reached base on an error and Gavin Wolfe came in as the baserunner.

Van Meter flew out into left field for the first out, then Baldwin's sharp grounder eluded the grasp of the third baseman hopping down the line.

Moore hit into fielder's choice out and safely reached first base on an errant throw.

Wolfe scored on a wild pitch, then Hines smacked an RBI double into right field as Moorefield knotted the contest at five runs apiece.

See connected for a single, but the Applemen closed the frame with a strikeout to Frederick.

Jenkins started the sixth inning throwing a strikeout to Musselman.

The Applemen responded with a double by Lore which was unleashed into right field.

Bayden Hartman singled into right field as the Applemen threatened to score.

Musselman's Blake Hartman plated one run for a 6-5 edge on a fielder's choice out at second base and safely reached first base to prevent a double play.

Hines caught a pop-up to retire the side.

Blake Hartman came in as the pitcher for the Applemen and walked Strickler, who advanced on a passed ball.

Jenkins notched an infield single beating the throw from third base.

There was a timeout to discuss the lack of lighting as some bulbs burned out, but play continued.

Reed was given a walk to load the bases, then Trevor Boor entered the game to pitch for Musselman.

Van Meter garnered a two-RBI single into center field for the go-

ahead lead 7-6.

Baldwin hit into a fielder's choice, but plated a run in the process to put Moorefield up 8-6.

After a flyout by Moore, Hines singled for the Yellow Jackets.

See launched an RBI single blooper into center field and the Applemen complained about the lighting to no avail as the umpire hushed the comment with the score now at 9-6 before a strikeout ended the frame.

"Moorefield is a good team, they absolutely are. They have a good team all the way around. It was a good game back and forth. We fought back and they fought back. It was a good, quality game all the way through. We just came up a little short," Musselman coach Josh Hartman remarked.

"Moorefield is good. I know they threw their other pitchers having a few games already this week and their pitching depth is quality, no doubt about that. There is a reason they are the number one ranked team in the WV MetroNews polls. Dylan Stevens pitched five strong innings. I thought when we came back to the top of the lineup, we would have time to make a move. It is probably on me, I should have warmed up my pitchers more. Blake [Hartman] didn't have the control he usually has and needed out there. Give credit to Moorefield, they did a good job with plate riding."

Moorefield closer Karson Reed entered in the seventh inning and Musselman's Myers connected for a line drive straight to Hines at second base.

Shockey drew a walk, then Jenkins caught a fly ball in center field for the second out.

Musselman's Trenton Wolfe singled as the ball just eluded the stretch of Hines to put two runners on the base path.

Reed countered with a strikeout to Boor to finish the game as the Yellow Jackets claimed the 9-6 win.

BOWLING NEWS

RED PIN SUMMER LEAGUE

05/20/2021

HIGH GAME MEN (SCRATCH): Jon Hedrick 245, Roger Earle 235, Kevin McDonald 231, Richie Burgess 224, Troy McGreevy 223.

(HANDICAP): Kevin McDonald 256, Troy McGreevy 251, Jon Hedrick 245, Roger Earle 236,

Richie Burgess 224. HIGH SERIES MEN (SCRATCH): Jon Hedrick 639, Roger Earle 639, Kevin McDonald 608, Troy McGreevy 606, Richie Burgess 595.

(HANDICAP): Troy McGreevy 690, Kevin McDonald 683, Roger Earle 642, Jon Hedrick 639, Tyler Halterman 611, HIGH AVERAGE (MEN):

Jon Hedrick 215.25, Mike Smith 210.67, Roger Earle 202.33, Terry Wratchford 199.75, Richie Burgess 199.75.

HIGH GAME WOMEN (SCRATCH): Emily Stark 177, Dee Anna McDonald 166, Rachel Stark 158, (HANDICAP): Emily Stark 221, Rachel Stark 204, Dee Anna McDonald 191,

HIGH SERIES WOMEN

(SCRATCH): Dee Anna McDonald 464, Emily Stark 464, Rachel Stark 419, (HANDICAP): Emily Stark 596, Rachel Stark 557, Dee Anna McDonald 539.

HIGH AVERAGE (WOMEN): Dee Anna McDonald 165.08, Emily Stark 147.83, Kathy McNemar 142.00, Rachel Stark 141.58, Rhonda Wratchford 117.17.

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third inning.

Humphries was given a free pass and the Yellow Jackets struck first with a two-out rally as Kuykendall launched the ball into right field where it was mishandled by Vann, allowing Humphries to score for the initial lead, 1-nil, and a strikeout to O'Neill ended the frame.

Berkeley Springs' Destiny Parsell popped out to O'Neill in the top of the fourth inning and the Yellow Jackets kept the Indians off the pond as left fielder Sterling Kump snatched a fly ball hit by Natalie McCarty, then Humphries struck out Schultz.

Moorefield garnered four runs in the bottom half of the fourth in-

ning for a 5-nil cushion.

Biser was given a full-count walk, then Crites singled into center field and Wachter reached base on an error to load the bases for the Yellow Jackets.

Two passed balls allowed two runs to score, then Green smacked an RBI single up the middle with the ball ricocheting off the glove of Beasley to put Moorefield up 4-0.

Arbaugh flew out and Green made the dive back to first base eating dirt as the ball zipped into foul territory.

Simmons was hit by a pitch to provide another baserunner.

Humphries stepped up and delivered an RBI single into center field creating a 5-nil advantage for the Yellow Jackets.

Kuykendall and O'Neill popped out to end the inning.

Moorefield second baseman Alie Biser made a great save chasing down a grounder near second base, but Berkeley Springs' Cheyenne Lewis beat the throw for the single.

Autumn Smith notched a single into right field for the Indians.

Beasley's sharp grounder deflected off of Biser and the throw home by Crites was late as the Indians sliced the deficit to 5-1.

Humphries countered with a strikeout.

Berkeley Springs' Emma Widmeyer singled into center field, but Crites made the throw to third base for the out and Humphries escaped further damage with her

fifth strikeout of the game going to Vann.

The Yellow Jackets were doing better with the two-out rallies as the bottom of the fifth inning started with Biser striking out and Crites grounding out.

Wachter hammered a double to the left field fence and overran second base just seeing the stop signal from coach Bridget Sions and attempted to turn back, then tripped and fell before crawling the rest of the way to safely reach the bag as the ball came sailing past the infielders allowing advancement to third base.

Wachter scored on a wild pitch and received compliments on her running skills by her teammates as they laughed about the crawling (it

worked).

Green and Arbaugh got on base with the assistance of errors and Simmons was given a walk to load the bases for the Yellow Jackets.

Another walk to Humphries sent Green home as Moorefield extended the lead 7-1.

Schultz escaped any further trouble by throwing a strikeout to Kuykendall to end the inning.

Kuykendall tossed the final strikeout for Moorefield in the sixth inning.

The Yellow Jackets added two more runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to garner the mercy rule 9-1 victory.

Crites plated O'Neill (single) on an error and Wachter sent Biser (single) home on another miscue.

"The girls were very excited to play this game. They couldn't wait for the veterans to arrive. I think it's important for them to keep those special people close to their hearts and show appreciation whenever they get the chance. I'm proud of them not giving up and pushing through the tough innings," Coach Sions remarked.

The Yellow Jackets improved to 21-9 on the season and closed out the regular season against Allegacy.

The section playoffs begin this week, but the schedule wasn't available by press time.

Chamber Hosts Meet and Greet For Candidates in Moorefield Election

By Milda M. Mullins
Moorefield Examiner

The Hardy County Chamber of Commerce held a meet and greet event for candidates running for mayor and town council for the town of Moorefield on Thursday, May 20 at the South Branch Inn.

There are three candidates running for mayor: Rick Miller, Joshua Parsons, and Carol Zuber. There are two candidates running for town council: Scott Fawley and Jason Fertig.

Miller, who is retired from the postal service, said he would like to get back into public service.

“I’d like to see Moorefield continue to grow. I’d like to see Moorefield remain clean – environmentally and just in general — so that it’s a good place for families to raise children,” he said.

“I really have a passion now for the youth of Moorefield. They seem to want to move away and I think the ones that are left here want to get into drugs. I think drugs are a major problem here and I’d like to see something done about that.”

He said he feels counseling and mental health services could help youth who are struggling.

“It goes beyond drugs and it goes into the realm of counseling. I think depression and loss of hope and anxiety and just on and on – I think these kids don’t have a good chance and they need someone or someplace to go and work these things out,” he said.

Miller concluded, “I retired eight



Rick Miller



Joshua Parsons



Carol Zuber



Scott Fawley



Jason Fertig

years ago and it was nice, but I feel like I need to come back and do something.”

Parsons, a shipping supervisor at American Woodmark, said he hopes to bring his diverse experiences – including living and working across the country – forward to help the town.

“We have to be open to changes – be it with immigration, be it with jobs, be it with choices about how we go forward with our culture, and with our business developments,” he said.

“It’s having a bigger worldview picture and how Moorefield fits into that and wanting to move forward to a goal that we’d be involved in the 21st century.”

Parsons said he is interested in the expansion of rural broadband among other things. “I think a lot about the diversification of our industries,” he concluded.

“For a long time in Moorefield, all of our eggs were in one basket. We need to make sure we have a thriving mixture of industries so we can weather whatever comes down the

pipe, for example if one plant closes, how could we integrate [workers] back into the community so we don’t lose that skilled labor and also those people in the community.”

Zuber, a branch manager at Capon Valley Bank and a sitting town council member for the last 12 years, said she hopes to bring her wisdom and experience to the table for the mayor position.

“Something I’m passionate about is sidewalks. I’m big on safety because I ran as a paramedic for 27 years and I’m really about sidewalks,” she said.

“I’m also passionate about our police department and that they have the equipment they need, enough manpower, that they’re not overworked, and that they have backup so they’re not out there by themselves. Those are two things I’d like to see us get enough money to complete,” she said.

Citing a host of positive relationships she has developed with different people and entities throughout the town, Zuber spoke about the

importance of collaboration to help Moorefield grow.

“I would like to see us not be just a speck on the map – a place where people drop off at Sheetz or at the Liberty station and get gas and get back on the corridor. I’d like to see and tell the town that we need to start working together and become a destination,” she concluded.

“That means working with the visitors bureau, the chamber, the town, [and] the county to make Moorefield a destination – to come look at our historical homes, to enjoy our river, canoeing, kayaking, fishing, biking, hiking – that’s what I would tell the town: we need to become a destination.”

Fawley, a plant manager at Pilgrim’s Fresh Plant and a current sitting town council member, said he hopes to serve the town for a third term.

“I enjoy being on the council and making decisions that benefit our town and our community. I care about improvements to the park and that we continue to invest in the park and in infrastructure – particularly to see us expand more with sidewalks,” he said.

Fawley explained that if chosen to serve again, he will continue to contribute to decisions he said he feels benefit the town.

“I’ve been part of helping to get and invest our funds in certain areas, which benefit our citizens including allocations that we make to various non-profits around town,” he said.

“I’ll continue to serve faithfully

for the next term, just like I have the prior two terms. I appreciate any support citizens give me. I consider it an honor to be chosen and selected and voted for, I don’t take that lightly at all.”

Fertig, who is in charge of production at Fertig Cabinet Company and is currently running for town council, said he wants to lend his voice to the community.

“I feel people in town have a lot of good ideas, things they would like to express, and for whatever reason they’re afraid to or just won’t go to the meetings because they’re afraid of backlash over what may happen,” Fertig explained.

“I have 3 children and I want to try and make things better in the community, including for my children, so if I can be a voice for the public, that’s what I would like to do.”

Like Miller, Fertig expressed interest in working towards helping youth in Moorefield.

“Youth would be first and foremost. I think we need things within the town for the youth to do. Drugs are a big problem, alcohol is a big problem,” he said.

“I know from my experiences when I was a teenager and growing up in town, there was nothing to do but hang out with your friends and sneak out of town to drink a beer. We need something to steer the kids away from that. We need activities and things for them to do.”

Fertig concluded, “I’m available. If anyone has questions, if anyone has concerns, if there’s anything

they’d like brought up and names kept private – just mentioned as a concerned citizen – reach out to me. I’d like to make myself as available as possible. I do have a job, but my phone number is in the book, I’ve got a machine, and I’d be more than happy to return calls.”

Casey Hamilton and Jeff Fraley, both members of the legislative committee for Hardy County Chamber of Commerce, said they hosted the event to encourage voters to come out and meet candidates running for office.

“We wanted to promote the candidates that are running for the Moorefield town council and the town mayor’s race. It was one of our members, Morgan See, who brought the idea to us just to kind of encourage voter turnout and [provide] information on who people want to vote for,” said Hamilton.

“We encourage people to come to these events because they can interact with the candidates for the position, ask questions, [and] find out more about them and their platform,” added Fraley.

“Getting folks out to vote [and] participate – that’s the thing. You got to have a dog in the fight and you come out and vote and do that.”

The Hardy County Chamber of Commerce will hold a candidate meet and greet next year for the election in the town of Wardensville according to Hamilton.

For more information on the Chamber of Commerce, visit www.hardycountychamber.org.



Chamber of Commerce members who facilitated and hosted the meet and greet for candidates running for mayor and town council positions included Carla Williams, Bonnie Rogers, Tracy Sherman, Casey Hamilton, Morgan See and Jeff Fraley.



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