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Planned power outage March 31

Greenbrier County Homeland Security and Emergency Management released the following notice on Monday, Mar. 22:

A planned outage to upgrade facilities is slated for Wednesday, Mar. 31. Inclement weather "make-up" day is Wednesday, Apr. 7. The outage will occur from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Approximately 6,965 customers will be affected in the vicinity of Alderson, Asbury, Auto, Buckeye, Caldwell, Clintonville, Crawley, Frankford, Friars Hill, Hillsboro, Lewisburg, Maxwellton, Renick, and Williamsburg.

NOTE: Downtown Lewisburg, Fairlea, County Courthouse, and WVSOM will not be impacted. However, City of Lewisburg Water Plant and the Greenbrier Valley Industrial Park will be impacted.

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"Hello. This message is from Mon Power. On Wednesday, March 31st, 2021, there will be a planned power outage to upgrade facilities. The outage will affect customers in the vicinity of Alderson, Asbury, Auto, Buckeye, Caldwell, Clintonville, Crawley, Frankford, Friars Hill, Hillsboro, Lewisburg, Maxwellton, Renick, Williamsburg. If you are receiving this message, you will experience a service interruption from approximately 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the planned outage will be rescheduled for Wednesday, April 7th. If you have any questions, please call: 800-686-0022. Mon Power thanks you for your patience and understanding while we perform this work to improve your electric service reliability."



It was a three-day process to gingerly jack up the house and relocate it approximately 100 feet to the left. (Photo by William "Skip" Deegans)

Sears house relocated to adjoining lot, will be restored into private residence

By Sarah Richardson

Downtown Lewisburg's focus this week was on the relocation of the "Sears House" from its spot next to the Greenbrier County Courthouse to its new location on the adjacent lot. The house, which is vacant, was moved by neighboring landowner Margaret Preston Kulkarni to prevent the building's demolition. The house was jacked up from its old foundation on Tuesday, moved halfway

to the new foundation on Wednesday, and completed its journey on Thursday.

The roughly 100 foot move was no easy feat, and required reinforcing the bottom of the house with steel beams, and tactical precision to not damage the structure. Plans for renovations and expansions to the courthouse necessitated the removal or demolition of

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Rainelle gets new Chief of Police

By Bobby Bordelon

The town of Rainelle finally has a chief of police again - John Sergeant. According to Acting Mayor Bill Bell, during the recent Rainelle Town Council meeting on Monday, Mar. 22, Sergeant is expected to begin on Thursday, Mar. 23.

"I'm very impressed with him," Bell said. "I've made a pact with him, and he'll make a pact [with council] that we will do this as a team effort. We'll make it work. I believe he's going to be a working chief of police and we've made that agreement with him. ..."

Noting he took the upcoming chief to "some of where our troubled areas are," Bell and council are now hopeful the police department can expand back into the larger department it used to be before the schism between former chief Dean Fankell and former mayor Jason Smith, and council.

One potential plan to limit flooding in Rainelle might See "Rainelle" Page 3

Briergarten to bring a taste of Germany to downtown Lewisburg

By Sarah Richardson

The overhaul of Stratton Alley in Lewisburg continues with the addition of the newest drink locale in town, Briergarten. Inspired by traditional German bars, Briergarten offers an impressive 17 taps, wine, seltzers, hard ciders, and bites to eat from a newly-installed kitchen.

garden in Berlin," said Mary Baldwin, one of the owners. Mary, together with her husband Josh Baldwin, Susan Syner, and hospitality group Civitas, have come together to overhaul the space into a family-friendly atmosphere to gather.

"We want to showcase what you can find in a beer

"I feel like we've finally turned a corner in terms of

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Bartenders Emily Mankins (left) and Alyssa Jarratt (center) are working together with Mary Baldwin (right) on the finishing touches for Briergarten's grand opening Apr. 1.

Airport receives national award

By Bobby Bordelon

A national award and employee cost security were the largest takeaways from the March meeting of the Greenbrier County Airport Authority for Director Brian Belcher.

So far, the three federal stimulus packages have provided essential funds to the Greenbrier Valley Airport. As operations and employee costs remain expensive as ever, the massive reduction in air travel during the COVID-19 pandemic could have left the airport in dire straits.

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GCC approves 2021/2022 budget, TIF project

By Bobby Bordelon

The second monthly meeting of the Greenbrier County Commission saw the approval of the next budget, permission for White Sulphur to move forward with water infrastructure projects, a presentation from 4-H youth, and more on Tuesday, Mar. 23.

After hearing budget presentations in a previous meeting, the Commission approved the 2021/2022 fiscal year county budget.

"Obviously three people don't always agree on everything but that process went exceptionally smoothly this year, so I thank my other two commissioners," said Commissioner Mike McClung.

This budget also came with a raise for many Greenbrier County employees, a common request for each of the department heads.

"I agree with Mike and ... we are very happy to be able to unanimously award a raise for all county employees," said Commissioner Tammy Shiflett-Tincher.

The budget was not the only approval - an infrastructure project for the Tax Increment Financing plan in White Sulphur Springs was approved by the commission. Just one of many projects in the reallocation of over \$10 million in tax revenue to the county, this specific project contains upgrades to the water plant and installing a new water line, running through Big Draft Road to Route 92.

In other business:

Local students with the Greenbrier County 4-H Club spoke with the County Commission and the City of Lewisburg for a possible grant match to fund improvements to Montwell Park. The students are competing in the My Home Town project, seeking to keep West Virginia youth in West Virginia. Should they win the \$2,500 grant award, their project would add permanent pickleball courts, fencing, and seating to the park.

The annual Child Abuse Prevention ceremony in front of the Greenbrier County Courthouse has been scheduled for Apr. 30,

calling attention to those in the community who fight for abused and neglected children, asking for

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State Fair back on, slated August 12-21

By Sarah Richardson

Last Monday, Gov. Jim Justice announced that all fairs, festivals, and similar events will be allowed to resume starting May 1. Immediately following the announcement, officials with the State Fair of West Virginia announced that the fair is on, and will run from Aug. 12 through Aug. 21, 2021.

"These events are part of the fabric of our state. We want them to go on," Gov. Justice said. "I expect all these events to continue following all safety guidelines in order to keep West Virginians safe if they choose to attend

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"In December, when they passed the second round, we [recently] got our funds agreement for that," Belcher explained. "We got a little over a million. That's our second one - the one that the president signed on this month], we know we're going to get something from that, but we don't know the amount."

The March bill comes with aid for local governments and businesses, as well as a one-time \$1,400 payment to individuals. Added to the previous relief bills, the Greenbrier Valley Airport's employee costs are under control.

"The first one was over a million, the second one was over a million, and if we get the third one, we project ... it could cover our employee costs for five years," Belcher said. "That would keep us from laying them off, which is what the bill was meant for, keeping people working. Maybe even add some when we get back to the busy season."

Belcher also noted the funds were restricted, able to be used for employees, costs, benefits, salaries, and utilities, but not general expenses.

Financial job security for airport employees also comes on the heels of a reason to keep as many as possible - an award.

"We, the Greenbrier Valley Airport, won the award for Airport of the Year for Excellence in Training," said Belcher. "... In one year [we] went from perceived worst to first - [we] got recognized nationally. Super proud of them, they all did a great job. They're all good airport employees, and I can't say enough about that."

After a recommendation from the FAA to conduct more out-of-house training, staff took part in training from the American Association of Airport Executives. Belcher noted a majority of U.S. airports were members of the organization, varying from large center hubs to local airports.

"Last year, when we had [an] inspection, the FAA pointed out that we were training, but we were doing more in house training," Belcher said. "There was nothing wrong with our training, they just wanted us to have some outside training instead of in-house. We signed up for Digicast [and took classes on] airfield inspection."

In other business:

- After the closing of The Aviator, the airport's restaurant space once again has interested parties, with one

having toured the facility.

- An FAA investigation into complaints filed against the airport by former airport director Stephen Snyder is still ongoing, with airport staff waiting for a response. Belcher explained, "We answered every question, we've been 100 percent cooperative, and we're waiting to see what they say."

Briergarten

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Covid and the fear of going out," she added, "and this space allows people to spread out and really get back to enjoying life."

The name Briergarten derives from the German word biergarten, but with an added 'r' at the front to give a nod to Greenbrier County and the briers native to the area.

A unique and Covid-friendly feature of Briergarten's space is a massive glass garage door that can be raised to allow for seamless indoor-outdoor integration. It also boasts a large bar and ample seating space at tables.

Mary noted that they actually ordered the tables from Germany, and they carry with them the spirit of a German beer hall. But of course, that's not the only thing they ensure carries a German authenticity.

A variety of beers including Veltins, Pflugstädter, Sünner, and Aldersbacher are all en route from Germany via ship and should be arriving shortly. Briergarten will also offer selections from Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company, Freefolk Brewery, Stumptown Ales, and more. Mary specified that while their focus is on beer, they will offer other alcoholic and non-alcoholic options.

"Our offerings are going to be evolving," she said, and they aim to try and carry beers that other local establishments may not usually have.

No detail is too small when it comes to creating such an atmosphere - most beers come served in specific glassware for that one drink in order to fully appreciate the aromatic compounds and flavors of each beverage. Throughout the space, reclaimed wood from the original Stratton Alley beams are installed throughout as the bar top, shelving, and other accents. The large chalkboards used to list the 17 tap offerings are actually recovered from the Bolling Community School.

"We didn't contract out most of this work. Most of

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residents to reach out if they can help.

- Grant applications for Victim of Crime Act Victim Assistance Grant Program grant applications for the Prosecutor's Office and the Sheriff's Department were approved. These grants are annual applications that fund victim advocate positions in both departments.



With 17 beers on tap, there is a drink for everyone.

the design elements were done by the owners and staff," Mary added. "The staff we've brought on has been very involved in the final touches, so there is already a sense of family and ownership in the place."

While they don't have a full kitchen, there will be simple, staple offerings such as pretzels, pepperoni rolls from Morgantown, bratwurst, sauerkraut, Mister Bee chips from Parkersburg, and hot dogs for the kids. The family-friendly atmosphere and game closet ensure this can be a fun stop for everyone.

"Josh and I publish Greenbrier Valley Quarterly, so opening something like this is a little out of our wheelhouse," said Mary. "An idea for a place like this has always been something we've thought about."

They made quick work on making their dream a reality, only beginning the renovations this February. Briergarten will officially open on Thursday, April 1, with projected hours of Thursday through Sunday, 12 to 10 p.m.

Mary credits the sense of community in Lewisburg with helping make the process easier, as other local business owners have reached out to offer tips and information while they get ready to open. "A rising tide raises all ships," she noted.

Sears House

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the building. Kulkarni reached an agreement with the Greenbrier County Commission and Historical Society to relocate the building so long as she covered the bill.

She is excited to begin the restoration process to transform the building back into a home.

A history of the Sears House

By William "Skip" Deegans

The Lewisburg "Sears House" was built in 1924 or 1925 according to information obtained from deeds, tax records, and Sanborn maps. Rose Thornton, author of Finding The Houses That Sears Built and other publications about kit homes, identified the house during a recent survey of kit homes in Lewisburg. The house is an early version of The Westly. In the 1928 Sears Modern Homes Catalog, The Westly was priced at \$2,392. This two-story bungalow of seven rooms was one of the best selling homes sold by Sears.

Most kit homes are found in railroad towns because the "already cut and fitted" materials were delivered in boxcars. The boxcars were parked on a side rail, and the owner-builder had a short period to unload the materials. While Lewisburg is not considered a railroad town and it has several kit homes from the early 1900s, it had a railroad from 1906 until 1931. The Lewisburg and Ronceverte Railway built a line from the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad main line in Ronceverte to downtown Lewisburg and offered passenger and freight service. It is plausible that the kit homes were delivered in Lewisburg or in Ronceverte, only a few miles away.

The Sears House was probably built by or for H. C. and Blanche Jackson. It sits on Court Street between the Greenbrier County Courthouse and the stately Governor Price home. In an effort to acquire more property adjacent to the courthouse, the Greenbrier County Court (now Greenbrier County Commission) bought the

Sears house in 1941. It also bought the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows Lodge 2463 (also known as the Colored Peoples Lodge) behind the Sears House, and replaced it with a new jail. After purchasing it, the County Commission rented the Sears House as a residence and then as an office for the West Virginia University Extension Service until a few years ago.

Despite its varied uses, the house is distinguished by the fact that the original floor plan has not been altered and nearly all of the original materials are intact. The house has been vacant for a few years and maintenance has been neglected. As a result, it is beginning to deteriorate. Contractors who have looked at the house have deemed it well built and worthy of restoration. The County Commissioners have vacillated through the years about razing, restoring or moving the house. The Lewisburg Historic Landmarks Commission considers it to be a contributing landmark in the historic district and would like to see the house restored and preserved.



Neighboring landowner Margaret Preston Kulkarni has plans to restore the Sears House into a home once again. (Photo by William "Skip" Deegans)

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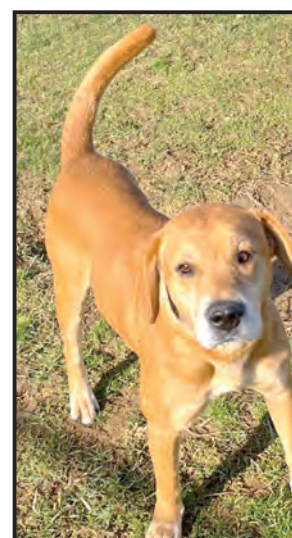
PRINCESS

Princess is a five-year-old female Feist mix and weighs 17 pounds.



GOMER

Gomer is a 10-year-old male hound mix and weighs 48 pounds.



These and other animals are available at the Greenbrier Humane Society, located at 151 Holiday Lane off of Rt. 60 West in Lewisburg. They are closed Sunday and Monday, and are open from 11 a.m. through 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Their cat adoption fee is \$65 and covers spay/neuter surgery, first kitty vaccinations, rabies vaccine, de-worming, toe nail trim and flea treatment.

Their dog adoption fee is \$85 and covers spay/neuter surgery, first dog vaccinations, rabies vaccine, de-worming, toe nail trim, flea bath and flea treatment.

They also offer donation-based spay/neuter vouchers, and clinics are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. They use a lot of vets in the area but the clinics fill up fast! Fill out an application to help prevent animal overpopulation! Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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Gbr. Co. Democratic Women's Club

will meet Tuesday, Mar. 23 at 5:30 p.m. On the agenda: Old Business - Minutes Review - 2/23/2021; Treasurer's Report; Proposed By-laws; Legislative Advocacy for 2021 Session; New Business - Activities Committee Update; Communications Committee Update; Membership Committee - Reaching out to new members; Position Paper for Club; Tee shirts for club. Next meeting Tuesday, Apr. 27, at 5:30 p.m.

WVSOM Board of Governors

will meet Friday, Mar. 26, via teleconference. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. To attend by phone, dial 844-621-3956 toll free and use access code 1386616010. No committee meetings are scheduled. A copy of the agendas for all meetings are posted on the WVSOM website at www.wvsom.edu/About/BOG prior to the meetings and are available in the president's office. WVSOM board meetings are open to all who are interested, including the general public.

AA meetings

are held Saturdays at 10 a.m. via Zoom meeting. (Contact 304-647-0677 for Zoom details.) Find listings for other meetings in West Virginia at aawv.org.

Legislator tests positive for COVID-19, several Woodrum-sponsored bills pass

By Bobby Bordelon

In the past week a legislator tested positive for COVID-19, causing alarm and testing in both chambers.

"We're praying for Delegate [Brandon] Steele and his family ... and their health," said Senator Stephen Baldwin. "We spent the day trying to figure out what the situation was, working with DHHR, the public health clerk in the Senate, President Blaire, and I want to thank those folks. The Bureau of Public Health and the DHHR have been protecting us across the state for the past year, but those efforts sometimes go unnoticed. They do not go unnoticed to us."

Baldwin and Democratic leadership, in a press conference after the positive test, explained they were not in favor of closing the session unless a serious outbreak occurs or if the virus is one of the newer strains. They also called out representatives that have flaunted masks, or even openly mocked masks by wearing a mesh mask.

"There comes a time when things need to get real, and we need to get real," Baldwin said. "Masks need to be worn at all times. They need to be worn when we're voting, worn in the hallways, they need to be worn when we're in committees, they need to be worn in offices, that's the way we're going to move past the situation we're in now. We've got to have testing. ... We've got to have reporting. ... That's got to happen so just one case doesn't turn into multiple cases."

According to Baldwin, 25 or 26 senators have been vaccinated so far.

Bills by Greenbrier County representatives have also progressed in the past week. Senator Jack Woodrum sponsored three more bills that have been passed by both houses of the Legislature:

- Senate Bill 469 would allow for a notary public to notarize a document over "communication technology" under certain conditions. Now enacted, the bill passed both houses without a single nay vote.

- Senate Bill 9 pushes requirements for the Licensed Racetrack Modernization Fund back from June 30, 2020, to June 30, 2030, and makes other technical changes. Although it initially passed the Senate on February 16 with yeas from Baldwin and Woodrum, the bill was revised before passage by the House (63-34-3, nay Bruce and Longanacre) and again by the Senate (21-13, yea Woodrum, nay Baldwin). After the vote, Bruce posted to social media "I voted NO on Senate Bill 9, which pumps another \$100 million dollars into casinos over the next 10 years. ... With issues like the drug crisis, road and infrastructure, and so much more, I believe \$100 mil would be better served elsewhere."

- Senate Bill 10 changes the date annual racetrack tables game license renewals fee is to Oct. 1. Passed by the Senate on Feb. 16 with yeas from Baldwin and Woodrum. The bill was then passed by the House (80-17-3, nay Bruce and Longanacre) on Mar. 23.

The Senate approved one other new Woodrum bill - S.B. 502, adjusting the fees and age requirements around lifetime hunting licenses, was unanimously passed and is now in the House Agriculture and Natural Resources committee.

Bills introduced by Senator Stephen Baldwin have passed the Senate since last week, including:

- Senate Bill 590, permitting medical marijuana to be prescribed in edible form, passed the Senate (26-8), with yeas from Baldwin and Woodrum.

- Senate Bill 626, setting new rules around scrap metal and catalytic converters, including a requirement that "person in possession of a catalytic converter which had previously been installed on a motor vehicle, or parts, thereof shall have ... written documentation of ownership or authorization." Violating this provision could mean a year incarceration or a \$1,000 fine. Passed the Senate (29-4-1, yea Baldwin, Woodrum) and is now expected in both the House Government and Judiciary committees.

In addition, for S.B. 272, S.B. 277, last week's round-up included an absent vote from Baldwin - this absent vote was for a reconsideration vote. During the final vote on each bill, Baldwin voted against both.

Introduced through the Senate President and Senate Minority Leader Stephen Baldwin, Governor Jim Justice proposed one bill that passed through the Senate:

- Senate Bill 693, updating the meaning of federal adjusted gross income and certain other terms used in West Virginia Personal Income Tax Act, unanimously passed the Senate. The bill is now being considered by House Finance.

In the House, Delegate Todd Longanacre sponsored two bills that have passed since last week:

- House Bill 2982, requires that information about the

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Tax Tip

- **Remember:**
Deadline to file both Federal & State taxes has been extended to May 17, 2021



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Jessica Ann Ross, Ronceverte, 1) obstructed view, NC< fine \$25; 2) driving suspended, fine \$100
William Lee Brooks, White Sulphur Springs, non-aggravated DUI, NCP, fine \$100, jail 1 day - time served
Jason M. White, Union, reckless driving, NC, fine \$100, jail 10 days - suspended 9 days with credit for 1 day time served and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation
Kimberly A. Horne, Alderson, petit larceny, NCP, fine 0, restitution \$175, jail 30 days - suspended and placed on 9 months unsupervised probation with 90 days Day Report Center
Danny L. Hundley, Charmco, 1) no insurance, NCP, fine \$200; 2) no registration, fine \$50
Joseph S. Pauley, Powhatan, hunting wildlife from motorized vehicle, fine \$40
Kenneth M. Meadows, III, Ronceverte, possession of marijuana, fine \$100
Veronica Brooke Brunty, Forest Hill, improper registration, fine \$25
Mark Cambell, Ronceverte, no proof of insurance, NCP, fine \$200
James Gabriel Henthorn, Lewisburg, trespassing, fine \$100
Levi W. Hamrick, Hinton, fleeing from officer, NCP, fine \$500, jail 1 day credit time served
Paulino J. Gutierrez, Lewisburg, stop sign violation, NCP, fine \$10
McKenzie Belle Hendrix, Ronceverte, stop sign violation, fine \$10
William Robert Leed, Frankford, lane change violation, fine \$25
Victoria Michelle Luke, Smoot, 1) speeding, fine \$18; 2) registration violation, fine \$10
Garrison Grant Shay, Lewisburg, possession of marijuana <15 gr., fine \$100

For the Record

Deeds

Angela Lynn Stone and Randall Lee Stone Sr. to Casey Goodson and Macie Goodson, 20,000 sq ft, Old Alderson Independent District
Joseph Subrick and Iris Subrick to W. Marston Becker and Katharine Becker, Lot 5 in Old White Cottages in the Greenbrier Sporting Club, White Sulphur District
Deborah June Dunbar to Alex Herndon, a parcel, Fort Spring District
Jonathan T. Hemby and Coy Flowers to Hayes Beard, Lot 13 of Beechwood Hills Subdivision, Lewisburg District
Thelma Goddard to Eric Franklin and Joshua Franklin, 1.29 acres, Meadow Bluff Tax District
Rosa Graybeal to NexGen Recycle LLC, two parcels, Blue Sulphur District
Harry Edward Fletcher and Ernest Stanley Fletcher to Keith Judy and Tammy Judy, 28.01 acres, Williamsburg District
Wayne G. Vance and Connie G. Vance to Daniel Campbell Jr. and Melissa Campbell, 0.42 acre, White Sulphur District
David Lynn Hedrick and Stella Hedrick to Christopher Neel Hedrick, three parcels, Williamsburg District
Marceliza Boothe to Caitlin Paige Elmore and Joshua Elmore, .87 acre, Meadow Bluff District
Richard Jenkins and Roberta L. Clemons-Jenkins to Fred McGehee, 5.6 acres, Lewisburg Municipality
Margot Ann Drew to Jess Reilly Price, 17,212 square feet, Lewisburg Corporate District
Billy Mitchell and Tenna Mitchell to Dixie Wickline, 3.283 acres, Irish Corner District

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Rainelle Town Council

meetings are held every second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Rainelle City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Lewisburg Planning Commission

will meet in working session Tuesday, Apr. 1, at 5:30 p.m. via teleconference. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Mar. 4, 2021
- Comments from the public
- Review and discuss draft of sign regulations
- Determine next LUSD Clinic Date
- Comments from the Planning Commission
- Comments from Zoning Officer

The next regular scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be on Thursday, May 6, at 7 p.m. by teleconference, with a deadline of Apr. 16.

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OPINION

Commentary

Think with a capital 'I'

Some West Virginia legislators spell “think” with a capital ‘I.’

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This is the reality for capital “I” legislators:

- I live in a city with good internet service.
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This is the reality for most West Virginians:

- Poor internet service as West Virginia ranks 48th in the nation for broadband service.
- Cost concerns as West Virginia has the 2nd poorest population in the nation, meaning many households can’t afford the best service, computers and devices.

• As many as 789,514 West Virginians, or 44% of the population, either don’t subscribe or don’t have access to quality internet.

• Many people are not prepared to search a government website as West Virginia has the 3rd oldest population in the nation.

• Your newspaper makes it easy to see the names of any family and friends listed in a legal advertisement.

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The Back Pew

By Stephen Baldwin



When I began writing this column nine years ago, I never suspected it would still be in print. Much less that it would be printed all across the state. It is my hope that the column will allow you as a citizen to look behind the curtain of the capitol. Here’s the inside scoop.

GOVERNOR’S PERSONAL INCOME TAX PLAN. Governor Justice continues to pursue a personal income tax reduction plan. It cuts the personal income tax in half and increases taxes on alcohol, wine, tobacco, professional services, the sales tax, and more to make up the difference. He believes it will result in businesses, citizens, and young people relocating to West Virginia.

HOUSE REPUBLICAN PERSONAL INCOME TAX PLAN. Meanwhile, House Republicans are pursuing an alternate plan to reduce the income by \$150 million per year for 13 years until it is completely eliminated. They pay for it by skimming from various funds including lottery, surplus, tobacco, and business taxes.

WILL INCOME TAX REFORM HAPPEN? It remains to be seen whether either plan will become reality. Lots of folks want to get rid of the income tax, but they disagree over how to do it. Critics of the governor’s plan don’t like the new taxes. Critics of the House plan say it will defund things like the Promise Scholarship.

POLICE PAY RAISE. A bill I co-sponsored to give a pay raise to police officers is expected to be placed on a committee agenda for debate this week. Folks, law enforcement salaries are far too low. Especially considering the dangers they face on a daily basis. If we fail to take action and fairly compensate law enforcement, a crisis will soon face us when we cannot recruit public servants.

TERM LIMITS. A number of bills setting term limits are moving through the Senate - term limits for federal officeholders, term limits for state legislators, and term limits for state offices such as Attorney General. I’ve always supported term limits and stand in support of these bills before us now.

ELECTION LAW CHANGES. A comprehensive election law bill passed the Senate this week. I voted no because it shifts the voting calendar backwards. That would result in elimination of early voting on the Saturday before the election. That’s always the most popular day for early voting. Why would we eliminate that day for voters to express their will?

HANDLE WITH CARE. Several years ago, multiple local sheriffs (including Fayette & Greenbrier) instituted the “Handle with Care” program. Quite simply, when law enforcement takes a call at the home of a child (perhaps involving abuse, violence, or drugs), they are authorized to contact the child’s school and ask them to handle the child with care. They do not share any details or personal info. They simply let them know something has occurred in the home and they should handle the child with care. I was on the Board of Education when we initiated the program, and it was enormously effective. We passed a bill this week to take the program statewide. Great news!

REFERENCE TO DELEGATE. My friend and colleague Delegate Todd Longanacre mentioned my name in his column this week. He took issue with a sentence from my Mar. 10 column which referenced a delegate’s comments on public schools funds. He assumed I was speaking about him; I was not. I was speaking about a delegate from the panhandle who serves in leadership. I didn’t mention a name because, as a matter of civility, we as legislators do not criticize each other by name in debate. In Charleston, I work hard to get along with everyone personally. I appreciate all my colleagues, even those with whom I disagree politically, and believe we must all work hard to serve the people together.

That’s the view from the back pew, where it is my privilege to serve you!

(Senator Stephen Baldwin is the Minority Leader and a local pastor. Reach him at 304-357-7959 or stephen.baldwin@wvsenate.gov. Follow him on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram @BaldwinForWV)

Commentary

Warner’s coordinated efforts with County Clerks to clean voter lists produce huge success

Secretary of State Mac Warner took time this week to congratulate West Virginia’s 55 county clerks for achieving a remarkable milestone relating to voter list maintenance. For the first time in recent history, every West Virginia county now has less registered voters than citizens of the voting-age population.

When Warner ran for Secretary of State in 2016, a number of frustrated county clerks brought to Warner’s attention a disconnect between the Secretary of State’s office and the desire of the clerks to do list maintenance as directed by the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA). In fact, there were several counties that had more registered voters than they did actual residents of voting age. Warner made voter list maintenance the foundation of his campaign and vowed to work closely with clerks to correct the situation.

Warner was elected and took office in 2017. He worked with his staff to provide the technology clerks needed to ensure efficiency and accuracy in the voter list maintenance process. Together, they turned a manual, mostly paper procedure into a streamlined, automated process. They made voter lists accurate, and invested in infrastructure to improve the registration system while staying within strict conformance to NVRA guidelines.

Over the last four years, more than 313,000 outdated, duplicate, deceased, out of state or convicted felon voter files have been removed from the state’s voter registration lists.

“Bloated rolls and increased opportunities for improprieties exist when voter lists aren’t kept up to date,” Warner said. “Today, I congratulate all 55 county clerks and my Elections Division for making these advancements. By leveraging technology and making list main-

tenance a top priority, we’ve removed West Virginia from the conversation of delinquent states that do not properly maintain voter lists.”

Prior to Warner taking office, West Virginia had a number of counties with more registered voters than citizens of voting age - a situation that created opportunities for fraud and caused a lack of confidence in our elections. In fact, West Virginia’s then inaccurate and outdated voter rolls attracted the attention of election watchdog groups, some of which threatened to bring legal action to force voter list clean up. According to Judicial Watch, one of those watchdog groups, such lawsuits have historically been initiated or threatened against several states including California, Colorado, Illinois, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

In 2017, Warner began working closely with clerks and made known West Virginia’s strong efforts to correct the situation. Under state and federal law, clerks must remove outdated records, but the process can take several years.

“What was needed,” said Warner, “was attention to detail, determination to get the job done, and the tools to accomplish the task. That is what we did alongside the 55 county clerks, and now we’ve achieved the objective. West Virginia will never go back to what we faced before I took office. With the action completed today, West Virginia is now a shining example of clean and properly administered elections, not a target of scorn.”

Over the last four years, Warner and his staff also worked closely with county clerks to identify eligible voters and encouraged them to register to vote. Since January 2017, Warner’s administration has helped county clerks to register 244,245 live, eligible West Virginia residents to vote.

Notably, over 67,000 high school students have registered as part of the Secretary of State’s Jennings Randolph Program. The late West Virginia U.S. Senator Jennings Randolph was the “Father of the 26th Amendment” that reduced the national voting age from 21 to 18. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the 1971 ratification of the 26th Amendment.

Commentary

WV Legislature passes term limits on Congress Resolution

On Monday, the West Virginia Senate passed HCR9, a resolution applying for a national convention to propose term limits on Congress. Since the state house passed the same measure last week, West Virginia becomes the fourth state to pass the term limits only application following the lead of Florida, Alabama and Missouri.

The application is officially heading to Congress to be counted towards the 34 state applications required to call a term limits convention. The effort was sponsored by West Virginia state Senator Randy Smith and house Delegate Jeff Pack. This success is part of a national, nonpartisan movement led by U.S. Term Limits to fight careerism in Washington, DC.

Senator Randy Smith commented on the victory, “I’m glad to see West Virginia moved one step closer to reeling in career politicians and a runaway Congress by passing HCR9 this morning and sending a message to DC that a majority of the citizens in this state are fed up with their deaf ear to we the people.”

“After two years of partial success, the West Virginia Legislature has finally passed our US Term Limits Resolution. HCR9 is in response to the majority of West Virginians who have demanded their legislature take action to rein in the federal government,” said Del. Pack. “We are now one state closer

to limiting the number of terms members of Congress may serve. This is a necessary first step in controlling the runaway federal government. I thank all of the members who cosponsored this amendment and all of those who voted for it,” Pack concludes.

Article V of the U.S. Constitution provides state legislators with the power to impose term limits on Congress without congressional approval. For the term limits amendment convention to be called, 34 states must pass similar resolutions. Once a term limits amendment is proposed, 38 states must ratify it for it to be added to the U.S. Constitution. This process allows the states to completely bypass Congress.

The President of U.S. Term Limits, Philip Blumel said “Eighty percent of Americans support term limits on Congress, including huge majorities of Democrats, Republicans and Independents. This is a rare, truly non-partisan issue with national appeal.” HCR9 was supported by both Democrats and Republicans and passed easily through both chambers of the West Virginia Senate.

“Senator Smith and House Delegate Pack have been an integral part of the process in West Virginia. Their efforts helped make West Virginia the fourth state in the nation to call for a convention for the exclusive purpose of proposing term limits on Congress,” Blumel added. “Other battleground states are well on their way to passing this important election reform. The progress here today has laid the groundwork for future successes.”

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Commentary

Justice announces extension of state tax filing deadline to May 17

Gov. Jim Justice announced recently that he has directed the West Virginia Tax Department to extend the West Virginia income tax filing and payment deadline until Monday, May 17, 2021, to correspond with the federal government’s recent tax filing extension to the same date.

Individual taxpayers do not need to file any forms or call the West Virginia Tax Department to qualify for this extension.

This relief does not apply to estimated tax payments that are due on Apr. 15, 2021. These payments are still due on Apr. 15. Taxes must be paid as taxpayers earn or receive income during the year, either through withholding or estimated tax payments. In general, estimated tax payments are made quarterly to the West Virginia Tax Department by people whose income isn’t subject to income tax withholding, including self-employment income, interest, dividends, alimony, or rental income. Most taxpayers automatically have their taxes withheld from their paychecks and submitted to the West Virginia Tax Department by their employer.

More information will be available in the coming days on the West Virginia Tax Department’s website.

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OBITUARIES

Forest Service to hold virtual meetings for Lake Sherwood rehabilitation projects

The public is invited to participate in one of two virtual meetings, Apr. 13 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and Apr. 15 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., related to rehabilitation projects at the Lake Sherwood Campground on Monongahela National Forest's Marlinton-White Sulphur Ranger District. Each meeting will include the same information.

As a result of funding from the Great American Outdoors Act, Lake Sherwood Campground will be renovated by replacing several old toilet/shower wooden buildings with new accessible concrete structures, demolishing old vault toilets, repairing utility lines, replacing sewer infrastructure, reconstructing the amphitheater, and installing new traffic signs.

"We would like to take this opportunity to begin an ongoing conversation with the public about Lake Sherwood and how we can improve the visitor experience there," said District Ranger Cynthia Sandeno. "During the meetings, we will share information about the work that is already planned at the lake

for this year, but we would also like to hear suggestions from those who love Lake Sherwood about what they want us to focus on for fiscal year 2022."

During the virtual meetings, Forest staff will present information about current projects at Lake Sherwood, projects planned for the rest of 2021, and potential projects for 2022. The public is encouraged to submit comments, questions and suggestions ahead of time by emailing sm.fs.lakesherwood@usda.gov.

Instructions for joining the meetings via computer or telephone are posted on the Forest's public website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mnf/>. Meeting handouts will be available for download on the website by April 5. Information and updates about the meetings and projects will also be posted on the Forest's new Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MonongahelaNF/>. Written transcripts of the meetings will not be available.

For more information and to request reasonable accommodations

during the meetings, contact Public Affairs Officer Kelly Bridges at kelly.bridges@usda.gov or 304-642-2864.

The Great American Outdoors Act (<https://www.congress.gov/116/plaws/publ152/PLAW-116publ152.pdf>) responds to the growing \$5.9 billion backlog of deferred maintenance on national forest and grasslands, which includes \$3.7 billion for roads and bridges and \$1.5 billion for visitor centers, campgrounds and other facilities. The Forest Service currently administers more than 370,000 miles of roads, 13,400 bridges, 159,000 miles of trails, 1,700 dams and reservoirs, 1,500 communications sites, 27,000 recreation sites, and 40,000 facilities of other types. In addition to helping address deferred maintenance for these critical facilities and infrastructure, the Great American Outdoors Act will help the Forest Service to continue supporting rural economies and communities in and around national forests and grasslands across the country.

Gold Rush trout program back and better than ever in 2021

Gov. Jim Justice announced this week that the West Virginia Gold Rush trout program is returning this year bigger and better than ever, with 12 days of trout stockings and more opportunities for anglers to win prizes.

"Every year through our incredible Gold Rush program, more and more people are discovering the

thrill of fishing in West Virginia's pristine waters, surrounded by the awe-inspiring nature we are blessed to enjoy in one of the most beautiful places on Earth. Many are creating memories and family bonds that will last a lifetime," Gov. Justice said. "With all the excitement surrounding this event, it only made sense to add more days of

trout stockings and more great prizes for anglers. As someone who's fished his entire life, I can say that this is one of the most exciting events of its kind anywhere in the nation, and we invite everyone to come and experience the joy of fishing in West Virginia."

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) will stock 50,000 golden rainbow trout from Tuesday, Mar. 23, through Saturday, Apr. 3, at more than 60 lakes and streams, including waters in or near 15 state parks and forests. Stocking locations and details about Gold Rush can be found at GoldRushWV.com. Stockings for the Gold Rush are performed in addition to regularly scheduled trout stockings.

West Virginia Gold Rush Contest

The WVDNR is increasing the number of prizes for catching a tagged trout. This year, 100 trout will receive a special numbered tag, which can be entered to win one of four prizes. The grand prize is a three-night cabin stay at Blackwater Falls State Park. Other prizes include one-

night cabin stays at a state park or forest, West Virginia State Parks gift cards, and exclusive Gold Rush merchandise. Anglers who catch a golden trout with a numbered tag during Gold Rush can enter the number online with their contact information for a chance to win prizes.

For those who don't reel in one of the 100 golden rainbow trout with a tag, there are still chances to win prizes by signing up to receive travel tips and information from the WVDNR during Gold Rush.

"I want to thank Governor Justice for the incredible support he brings to the Gold Rush program each and every year. As a lifelong angler himself, the Governor gets what fishing is all about," WVDNR Director Stephen McDaniel said. "Gold Rush is an exciting event that gets anglers and their families to lakes, streams, and our wonderful parks and forests all throughout the state. Not only is this event great for tourism and a boost to the economy, it provides exciting opportunities for kids and new anglers to enjoy trout fishing."

Arygel Ray Starrett

White Sulphur Springs-Arygel Ray Starrett, 61, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, Mar. 13, 2021, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 1, 1959, in Fairmont, the son of the late James N. and Lucy Vaniela Glover Starrett.

Arygel was an avid woodsmen, spending most of his free time hunting or fishing.

Survivors include his wife and mother of his children, Shelby Mae Starrett of White Sulphur Springs; daughter, Jennifer Rose Starrett (Chuck) of Beckley; son, James Ray Starrett of White Sulphur Springs; five sisters, Julie Starrett of Ohio, Nancy McKinney of Mannington, WV, Pamela K. Jones of Four States, WV, Janet Lee Kinty of Bowling Green, KY, and Robin Lynn Starrett of Four States, KY; brothers, James Stanley Starrett of White Sulphur Springs, and Claude Starrett of Mannington; three grandchildren, Dorian Blain Bailey, Delaney James Starrett, and Tatum Rose Starrett; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Per Arygel's wishes, he will be cremated with a visitation on Friday, Mar. 26, at Wallace & Wallace funeral home in White Sulphur Springs from 6 to until 8 p.m.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Jane Wilkinson Spicer

On Tuesday, Mar. 16, 2021, Jane Wilkinson Spicer passed away at Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg, after a fight against pancreatic cancer.

Born Dec. 13, 1945, in Huntington, WV, she was the daughter of the late Randolph Natili Wilkinson, II, and Marjorie Tice Henderson.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Randolph Natili Wilkinson, III; and her second husband, Frank L. Spicer.

She is survived by her

first husband, Robert J. Front (Billy); her daughter, Jennifer Front Sams (Roger); her grandchildren, Brenna and Evan Shafer; and her step-daughters, Sarah Spicer Anway (William), and Catherine Spicer.

A memorial service was held Friday, Mar. 26, at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Ronceverte.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg, 1265 Maplewood Ave., Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Clark Wallace Hanson

Asbury-Clark Wallace Hanson, 76, passed away Friday, Mar. 19, 2021, at Lewisburg Center (The Brier) in Ronceverte.

He was born Sept. 8, 1944, at Ronceverte, a son of the late Harve Luther and Nellie Gray Moody Hanson.

Clark was retired from the Department of Transportation, after many years of service. He also drove a school bus, was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church and loved hunting, fishing and gardening.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Jade Hanson; sister, Martha Belle Canterbury; and brother, Alfred Moody.

Clark is survived by his daughters, Ruth Ann Hanson (Andrew) of Lewisburg, and Teresa Lynn Adkins (Anthony) of Hinton; son, Clark "Luther" Hanson (Laurie) of Tennessee; three grandchildren, Alexis "Knot Head" Hanson and fiancé (Nicholas Ward), Bryson Adkins and Paisley Adkins; niece, Corinda Robinson; nephew, Mont Canterbury, Jr.; great-niece; one great-nephew; and one great-great nephew.

As per his wishes Clark will be cremated and a private family service will be held at a later date.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements.

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Blood Drive set for April 17

The Maxwellton Ruritan Club is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, Apr. 17, at the Henning Church of God on Vago Road from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every person who donates on this date will receive a gift card for a free Little Ceasear's pizza courtesy of Robert Bittinger, Jr. from Coldwell Banker Stuart and Watts Real Estate. Go to RedCrossBlood.org to pre-register. Blood donations are essential: Give blood, save a life!

Save the Children leads food distributions in Greenbrier County

Effort Aimed to Support Children and Families, Curb Hunger During COVID-19 Pandemic

Local nonprofit Save the Children is distributing boxes filled with fresh fruits, vegetables, meat, milk and dairy products in West Virginia as part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farmers to Families Food Box program. Families and individuals from Greenbrier County are invited to participate in weekly drive-up distribution events from 3 to 7 p.m. at Rhema Christian Center on Wednesday, Apr. 14.

"We know that coronavirus continues to have significant, detrimental impacts on children and families across America, particularly those who depend on school for meals. Save the Children is proud to be part of the solution to ensure fresh food reaches rural communities," said Betsy Zorio, Vice President of U.S. Programs and Advocacy at Save the Children. "So often we hear of parents going without to ensure their kids have the food they need to grow healthy and strong. By coordinating distribution efforts in Greenbrier County, we're hopeful we can help curb hunger for kids and adults alike."

More than 25,000 food boxes are being distributed weekly at a variety of community pick-up points in rural communities across Kentucky, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee and West Virginia. Before COVID-19, nearly 90 percent of counties with high child food insecurity rates were classified as rural. The pandemic has exacerbated hunger across America, with food insecurity rates tripling for households with children.

As part of Save the Children's coronavirus response efforts in the United States, the nonprofit has helped prepare and deliver more than 8 million meals across rural America since March. Save the Children believes every child deserves a future. Since our founding more than 100 years ago, we've changed the lives of more than 1 billion children. In the United States and around the world, we give children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm. We do whatever it takes for children - every day and in times of crisis - transforming their lives and the future we share.

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2020 WV Honey Production report released

West Virginia - Honey production in 2020 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 276,000 pounds, up 24 percent from 222,000 pounds in 2019. There were 6,000 producing colonies in 2020, unchanged from 2019. Yield per colony averaged 46 pounds, up 24 percent from the yield per colony of 37 pounds in 2019. Honey stocks on Dec. 15, 2020, were reported at 58,000 pounds, up 23 percent from 47,000 pounds in 2019.

Prices for the 2020 crop averaged \$3.89 per pound, down 9 percent from the price of \$4.26 per pound in 2019. Value of production totaled \$1,074,000, up \$128,000, or 14 percent, from \$946,000 in 2019.

United States - Honey production in 2020 totaled 148 million pounds, down 6 percent from 2019. There were 2.71 million colonies producing honey in 2020, down 4 percent from 2019. Yield per colony aver-

aged 54.5 pounds, down 2 percent from the 55.8 pounds in 2019. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 39.7 million pounds on Dec. 15, 2020, down 3 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Honey prices increased 2 percent during 2020 to \$2.03 per pound, compared to \$1.99 per pound in 2019. United States and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private, and retail channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2019 crop reflect honey sold in 2019 and 2020. Some 2019 crop honey was sold in 2020, which caused some revisions to the 2019 crop prices.

The average prices paid in 2020 for honey bee queens, packages, and nucs were \$18, \$84, and \$105 respectively. Pollination income for 2020 was \$254 million, down 18 percent from 2019. Other income from honey bees in 2020 was \$55.8 million, down 28 percent from 2019.

Latest craft beverage summit to focus on relationships between growers, bottlers

The Robert C. Byrd Institute (RCBI) at Marshall University, Brilliant Stream, and the West Virginia Food & Farm Coalition announce the latest in a series of statewide events to support and expand the burgeoning craft beverage industry in West Virginia.

The number of craft beverage producers in West Virginia has tripled since 2014, with at least three breweries and four distilleries scheduled to open this year, according to BrilliantStream.com, which tracks the industry in the Mountain State.

Craft: A Farm to Bottle Summit will convene Apr. 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. The virtual gathering will focus on the symbiotic relationship between growers and craft beverage makers, with a special emphasis on helping famers better understand the specific needs of the craft beverage industry, said Bill Woodrum, director of Entrepreneurship and Agricultural Innovations at RCBI.

“This latest Craft event will provide answers to many of the ques-

tions that existing suppliers and farmers who are considering growing for the craft beverage market have about the industry,” Woodrum said. “For example: ‘What crops are bottlers looking for? How does a grower become part of the supply chain? What should you consider when creating contracts? Is it OK to provide crops that are not visually appealing, those that are considered seconds or even thirds?’”

The event will conclude with a Pour It Forward happy hour from 7 to 8 p.m. Participants are encouraged to grab a glass of their favorite West Virginia craft beverage for an informal networking session with other like-minded people, Woodrum said.

To register for the free event, visit www.rcbi.org/craft4. Craft is funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. For more information about Craft or any of RCBI’s agricultural initiatives, contact Woodrum at bwoodrum@rcbi.org or 304-781-1670.

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NOTICE: The Greenbrier County Board of Education will open an online auction on March 24, 2021 through April 7, 2021. The following will be for sale:

- school buses
- pickup truck
- shop equipment
- tables
- chairs
- cabinets
- miscellaneous items

Greenbrier County Board of Education will be offering for sale at auction these vehicles with no warranties or guaranties. Sold as is, where is. Greenbrier County Board of Education has the right to accept or reject any or all bids. All items sold need to be removed from location within 10 business days of auction. Telephone (304) 647-6461 or (304) 667-9924.

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LEWISBURG WV3301307 Consumer Confidence Report- 2021 Covering Calendar Year- 2020

This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. If you would like to observe the decision-making process that affect drinking water quality, please call BEVERLY WHITE at 304-645-2080.

Your water comes from:

Source Name	Source Water Type
IN-GREENBRIER RIV	Surface Water

Buyer Name	Seller Name
There are no additional purchases to display.	

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPNCDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800- 426-4791).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in sources water before we treat it include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity.

Organic contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulation which limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA’s regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system has an estimated population of 10057 and is required to test a minimum of 10 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public.

Water Quality Data

The following tables list all of the drinking water contaminants which were detected during the 2020 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from the testing done January 1- December 31, 2020. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

Terms & Abbreviations

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): the “Goal” is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the “Maximum Allowed” MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL): recommended level for a contaminant that is not regulated and has no MCL

Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.

Treatment Technique (TT): a required process intended to reduce levels of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Non-Detects (ND): lab analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

Parts per Million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

Parts per Billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter(ug/l)

Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L): a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per Year (mrem/yr): measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Monitoring Period Average (MPA): An average of sample results obtained during a defined time frame, common examples of monitoring periods are monthly, quarterly and yearly.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person. Turbidity is not regulated for groundwater systems.

Running Annual Average (RAA): an average of sample results obtained over the most current 12 months and used to determine compliance with MCLs.

Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA): Average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.

Testing Results for: LEWISBURG

Microbiological	Result	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2020				

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
BARIUM	5/4/2020	0.0171	17.1	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE	5/4/2020	0.82	0.7-0.82	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminium factories
NITRATE	5/4/2020	0.39	0.39	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

NITRATE-NITRITE	5/4/2020	0.39	0.39	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
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Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Monitoring Period	Highest LRAA	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	Greenbrier Valley Airport	2020	42.5	35.1-55.4	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	Inactive Lowells Bakery	2020	45.1	32.8-60.6	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	Inactive Tubbs Residence	2020	46.3	33.1-60.2	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	Tomlinson DVM	2020	43.4	28.7-55.8	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	Greenbrier Valley Airport	2020	43.3	25-69.2	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	Inactive Lowells Bakery	2020	44.0	22.4-93.8	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	Inactive Tubbs Residence	2020	47.4	27.3-88.7	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	Tomlinson DVM	2020	36.3	20.2-76.9	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90th Percentile	Range (low/high)	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2020	0.245	0.0035-141	ppm	1.3	1	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2020	2	0-460	ppb	15	3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Chlorine/Chloramines	Maximum Disinfection Level	MPA	MPA Units	RAA	RAA Units
01/01/2020-01/31/2020	2.09	2.09	MG/L	1.6	MG/L

Total Organic Carbon	Lowest Month for Removal	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	TT	Typical Source
CARBON		8/5/2020	1.3	0.63-1.3	MG/L	0	Naturally present in the environment

Analyte	Facility	Highest Value	Unit of Measure	Month Occurred
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2020				

Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. RADON & U	5/2/2019	3.6	3.6	pCi/L	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits

Secondary Contaminants-Non Health Based	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	SMCL
CARBON, TOTAL	8/5/2020	1.3	0.63-1.3	ppm	10000
NICKEL	5/4/2020	0.25	0.25	MG/L	0.1
SODIUM	5/2/2019	7.68	7.68	MG/L	1000
SULFATE	5/4/2020	11.4	11.4	MG/L	250

During the 2020 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Compliance Period	Analyte	Comments
12/1/2020-12/31/2020	CHLORINE	FAILURE TO COMPLETE OF SUBMIT MOR
1/1/2020-12/31/2020	SODIUM	MONITORING, ROUTINE MAJOR
11/13/2020	PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION

Additional Required Health Effects Language:

Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.

Infants and children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home’s plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home’s water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4761).

Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

Water System	Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period
No Violations Occurred in the Calendar Year of 2020				

There are no additional required health effects violation notices. There are no additional required health effects notices. Your CCR is available at <http://lewisburg-wv.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/CCR-Report.pdf>. To receive a paper copy in the mail, please contact us at the phone number above.

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**SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES
GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022**

The above named county board of education, having ascertained that the amount to be raised by a levy of taxes for the purposes and within the limits prescribed by statute or authorized by voters, does hereby propose to adopt the following levy rates to be laid on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of each class of property:

	Column E Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Current Expense Levy	
		Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I			
Personal Property	\$ -	19.40	\$ -
Public Utilities	-	-	-
Total Class I	-	-	-
Class II			
Real Estate	964,775,810	38.80	3,743,330
Personal Property	3,159,728	-	12,260
Total Class II	967,935,538	-	3,755,590
Class III			
Real Estate	426,655,230	77.60	3,310,845
Personal Property	252,584,224	-	1,960,054
Public Utilities	112,911,594	-	876,194
Total Class III	792,151,048	-	6,147,093
Class IV			
Real Estate	161,504,200	77.60	1,253,273
Personal Property	67,015,691	-	520,042
Public Utilities	32,689,229	-	253,668
Total Class IV	261,209,120	-	2,026,983
Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections	\$ 2,021,295,706		\$ 11,929,666
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies		3.50%	(417,538)
Less Allowance for Tax Discounts		1.00%	(115,121)
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing- see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)			(1,603,508)
Net Projected Tax Collections, before allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund			9,793,499
Less - Allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)		2.00%	(195,870)
Projected Net Taxes to be Collected			\$ 9,597,629

SIGNED THIS 5th DAY OF MARCH, 2021, BY
Jeffrey Bryant COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

**SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES
GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022**

	Excess Levy		Permanent Improvement Levy		Bond Levy	
	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I						
Personal Property	11.475	\$ -	-	\$ -	6.20	\$ -
Public Utilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Class I	-	-	-	-	-	-
Class II						
Real Estate	22.95	2,214,160	-	-	12.40	1,196,322
Personal Property	-	7,252	-	-	-	3,918
Total Class II	-	2,221,412	-	-	-	1,200,240
Class III						
Real Estate	45.90	1,958,348	-	-	24.80	1,058,105
Personal Property	-	1,159,362	-	-	-	626,409
Public Utilities	-	518,264	-	-	-	280,021
Total Class III	-	3,635,974	-	-	-	1,964,535
Class IV						
Real Estate	45.90	741,304	-	-	24.80	400,530
Personal Property	-	307,602	-	-	-	166,199
Public Utilities	-	150,044	-	-	-	81,069
Total Class IV	-	1,198,950	-	-	-	647,798
Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections	\$ 7,056,336		\$ -		\$ 3,812,573	
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies	3.50%	(246,972)	3.50%	-	9.16%	349,273
Less Allowance for Tax Discounts	1.00%	(68,094)	1.00%	-	-	-
Projected Net Taxes to be Collected	\$ 6,741,270		\$ -		\$ 3,463,300	
Total Projected Net Taxes from Regular and Excess Levies	\$ 16,338,899					

**SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES
ALLOWANCE FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING
GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022**

	Column C Roll Back Value Form	Current Expense Levy	
		Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I			
Personal Property	\$ -	19.40	\$ -
Public Utilities	-	-	-
Total Class I	-	-	-
Class II			
Real Estate	244,283,450	38.80	947,820
Personal Property	-	-	-
Total Class II	244,283,450	-	947,820
Class III			
Real Estate	81,522,490	77.60	632,615
Personal Property	-	-	-
Public Utilities	-	-	-
Total Class III	81,522,490	-	632,615
Class IV			
Real Estate	12,630,950	77.60	98,016
Personal Property	-	-	-
Public Utilities	-	-	-
Total Class IV	12,630,950	-	98,016
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 338,436,890		\$ 1,678,451
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies		3.50%	(58,746)
Less Allowance for Tax Discounts		1.00%	(16,197)
Allowance for Tax Increment Financing			1,603,508

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**FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022
LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
MUNICIPALITY OF LEWISBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

In accordance with Code § 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

REVENUE SOURCE	
Unassigned Fund Balance	3,832,454
Property Taxes - Current Expense	969,994
Property Taxes - Excess Levy	494,895
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	7,000
Excise Tax on Utilities	200,000
Business and Occupation Tax	835,000
Wine & Liquor Tax	35,000
Animal Control Tax	900
Hotel Occupancy Tax	400,000
Fines, Fees & Court Costs	25,000
Licenses	30,000
Building Permit Fees	42,000
Miscellaneous Permits	1,200
Franchise Fees	35,000
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	69,000
Municipal Service Fees	438,000
Off Street Parking	240
Rents, Royalties and Concessions	16,800
Fire Protection Fees	273,800
Contributions from Other Entities	600
Gaming Income	18,000
Interest Earned on Investments	5,000
Reimbursements (Explain type of funds & amounts being transferred)	1,000
Recycling Program	3,200
Video Lottery (LVL)	11,500
Miscellaneous Revenues	26,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$ 7,771,583
COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND	
REVENUE SOURCE	
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 1
Coal Severance Tax	5,101
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$ 5,101

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
Mayor's Office	29,184	-
City Council	12,000	-
City Manager's Office	63,331	-
Treasurer's Office	49,245	-
City Clerk's Office	57,166	-
Police Judge's Office	54,754	-
City Attorney	35,000	-
City Auditor	15,500	-
Community Development (Housing)	86,971	-
Rehabilitation of Property	22,000	-
Regional Development Authority	1,700	-
Building Inspection	66,669	-
Planning & Zoning	142,775	-
City Hall	931,890	-
Other buildings	2,000	-
Contributions / Transfers to Other Funds	500,000	-
Parking	2,800	-
Contingencies	300,000	-
Police Department	1,771,404	-
Fire Department	1,060,866	-
Fire Fee Distribution	223,129	-
Streets and Highways	506,192	-
Snow Removal	41,689	-
Sidewalks	868,458	-
Public Transit	3,000	-
Recycling Center	64,464	-
Storm Sewer	56,703	-
Parks & Recreation	389,986	5,101
Visitors Bureau	200,000	-
Arts & Humanities	50,000	-
Library	55,800	-
Beautification Programs	106,907	-
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 7,771,583	\$ 5,101

**MUNICIPALITY OF LEWISBURG, WEST VIRGINIA
Regular Current Expense Levy
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022**

	Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
CLASS I			
Personal Property	\$ 0	12.50	\$ 0
Public Utility	0	-	0
Total Class I	\$ 0	-	\$ 0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	\$ 125,521,250	25.00	\$ 313,803
Personal Property	0	-	0
Total Class II	\$ 125,521,250	-	\$ 313,803
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$ 99,169,670	50.00	\$ 495,848
Personal Property	34,175,875	-	170,879
Public Utility	10,035,718	-	50,179
Total Class IV	\$ 143,381,263	-	\$ 716,908
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 268,902,513		\$ 1,030,709
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectible Taxes		3.00%	30,921
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)		1.00%	9,998
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)		-	0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			\$ 989,790
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		2.00%	19,796
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			\$ 969,994

**MUNICIPALITY OF LEWISBURG, WEST VIRGINIA
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022**

	Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
CLASS I			
Personal Property	\$ 0	6.25	\$ 0
Public Utility	0	-	0
Total Class I	\$ 0	-	\$ 0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	\$ 125,521,250	12.50	\$ 156,902
Personal Property	0	-	0
Total Class II	\$ 125,521,250	-	\$ 156,902
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$ 99,169,670	25.00	\$ 247,924
Personal Property	34,175,875	-	85,440
Public Utility	10,035,718	-	25,089
Total Class IV	\$ 143,381,263	-	\$ 358,453
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 268,902,513		\$ 515,355
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectible Taxes		3.00%	15,461
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)		1.00%	4,999
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy for Budget Purposes			\$ 494,895

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF GREENBRIER
MUNICIPALITY OF LEWISBURG
I, Shannon Beatty, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 16th day of March, 2021.

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Notice of Public Hearing
April 29, 2021
5:00 p.m.

For information on how to attend the Board of Zoning Appeal meeting, please call Marsha Cunningham at 304-645-2080 no later than 4:00 on April 29, 2021.

The City of Lewisburg Board of Zoning and Appeal will hold a working session at 4:30 and its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. to hear the following applications.

- Call to Order;
- Approval of the minutes;
- Comments from the public;
- Notice of public hearing: Roger Pence, 185 Green Lane - application for a variance to install a 6' privacy fence.
- Notice of public hearing: Greenbrier Premier Rentals & Property LLC, Lots 10, 12, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 33 Hill Top Drive - set back variance request.
- Comments from the Zoning Board;
- Comments from the Zoning Officer;
- Adjournment;

The next scheduled meeting for the Lewisburg Board of Zoning Appeal will be held on Thursday May 27, 2021, with a deadline of Friday, April 16, 2021.

Lewisburg selected to participate in remote work program

Gov. Jim Justice issued the following statement recently after West Virginia University's announcement that Morgantown, Shepherdstown, and Lewisburg have been selected as the first three cities selected to participate in the Brad & Alys Smith remote work program:

"Today is an exciting day for West Virginia. During my State of the State address, you first heard me share news of a generous donation provided by Brad and Alys Smith to help us work on a concept that would bring remote workers to West Virginia. This program will put West Virginia on the map as a great place to visit, live, and now work remotely.

"I'd like to personally congratulate the communities of Morgantown, Shepherdstown, and Lewisburg for being selected as the program's first cities that will accept remote workers starting as early as this summer. I have spent time in each of these towns and I know you all will roll out the red carpet and give these new West Virginia residents the warmest of welcomes. What I love most about the selection of these three cities is that they each offer their own version of Almost Heaven.

"In Morgantown, remote workers will get the opportunity to be in the heart of the action in one of West Virginia's most vibrant college towns. Shepherd-

stown offers a riverside oasis located just a rock's throw away from the major metropolitan area of Washington, DC. And in Lewisburg, workers will get the opportunity to experience mountain living at its finest, with a beautiful downtown and thriving arts scene. Collectively, these three cities each offer a uniquely 'West Virginia' experience to those looking to move here and work remotely.

"We are thrilled to have joined forces with the Smiths and WVU on this initiative. It not only has my personal support, but it has the full support from my Tourism, Commerce, and Economic Development departments to assist with marketing as well as

community readiness and development. We are also working to modernize our corporate tax structure to allow us to attract and retain these remote workers. With bipartisan support, I'm happy that the House of Delegates overwhelmingly passed my remote worker tax bill (HB 2026) and am hopeful that the Senate will also pass this important legislation so I can sign it into law.

"Remote work has great potential in our state, and I know this is just the beginning. While three cities were selected to get this program started, I know there's more goodness to come. There are other cities working on developing similar programs, and I could not be more proud.

Brad and I both want nothing more than to look back in five or 10 years and see a program that spans the entire state and has pushed the bounds on remote work in West Virginia beyond what we ever could have imagined.

"As I said just one month ago, Brad truly embodies the spirit of a Mountaineer. He and Alys have absolutely given us a real chance to do this. In a time where so many can now work from home but live in other places, we must not let this opportunity pass us by. We take for granted this place we all call home. It's time to share our secret with the world. Let's get to work, West Virginia!"

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 20-1040-E-CN
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY
and WHEELING POWER COMPANY
public utilities.

Application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the internal modifications at coal fired generating plants necessary to comply with federal environmental regulations and surcharge.
NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING, AND EVIDENTIARY HEARING

On December 23, 2020, Appalachian Power Company (APCo) and Wheeling Power Company (WPCo) (collectively Companies) filed a duly verified Application for a Certificate to make internal modifications at coal-fired generating plants in Putnam, Mason, and Marshall Counties.

According to the Companies, the proposed modifications are necessary to comply with federal environmental regulations at the Companies' Amos, Mountaineer, and Mitchell plants. The Amos plant is located approximately 15 miles northwest of Charleston, West Virginia, on the Kanawha River. The Mountaineer plant is located approximately 12 miles northeast of Point Pleasant, West Virginia, on the Ohio River. The Mitchell plant is located approximately 12 miles south of Moundsville, West Virginia, on the Ohio River.

The Companies provided construction estimates for several alternative projects. The estimate for APCo and WPCo construction costs necessary to allow all three plants to remain open until 2040 (Alternative 1) is approximately \$317 million. The estimate for APCo and WPCo construction costs necessary to allow Amos and Mountaineer to remain open until 2040 and Mitchell to remain open until 2028 (Alternative 2) is approximately \$286 million.

The construction will be phased-in over a four year period beginning in 2021. For Alternative 1 the Companies requested approval of the following surcharges in retail rates for the initial phase-in year from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022:

Tariff Schedule/Contract	Alternative 1 ECS Rates	
	(C:/kWh)	(S/kW)
RS	0.041	
RS TOD On Peak	0.087	
RS TOD Off Peak	0.007	
SWS	0.037	
SGS	0.027	
SS	Secondary	0.101
	Primary	0.168
	AF	0.027
GS TOD On-Peak	0.045	
GS TOD Off-Peak	0.015	
GS	Secondary	0.099
	Primary	0.099
	Subtransmission	0.067
	Transmission	0.209
	AF	0.027
LCP	Secondary	0.175
	Primary	0.126
	Subtransmission	0.112
	Transmission	0.105
IP	Secondary	0.175
	Primary	0.126
	Subtransmission	0.112
	Transmission	0.105
OL	0.004	
SL	0.004	
Special Contract A		0.061
Special Contract B		
Special Contract C	0.068	
Special Contract D		0.110
Special Contract G		
Special Contract I		0.089
Special Contract J		0.025
Special Contract K		0.074

These rates represent the following project-related increases per year:

	(\$)	(%)
Residential	2,140,000	0.32
Commercial	1,020,000	0.31
Industrial	1,632,000	0.35

The Companies' only resale customer in West Virginia is Black Diamond Power Company.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 20-1012-E-P
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY
and WHEELING POWER COMPANY

Petition for Implementation of an Experimental Infrastructure Investment Tracker and Surcharge
PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION, PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING, and EVIDENTIARY HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company ("the Companies"), public utilities, have on December 14, 2020, filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, a tariff containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing electric service to approximately 467,295 customers in cities, towns, villages, unincorporated municipalities, and rural areas in their service territories in the counties of Boone, Brooke, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Ohio, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Summers, Wayne and Wyoming.

The proposed increased rates and charges will produce approximately \$49.8 million annually in additional revenue, an increase of 3.4%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential	\$5.26	3.71%
Commercial	\$12.37	3.52%
Industrial	\$5,686.63	2.92%
Other	\$0.84	4.42%

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission.

Because of the pandemic, a public comment hearing will be held by videoconference only on June 8, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. Directions to enter the public comment hearing will be posted on the Commission website, www.psc.state.wv.us, under the Hot Topics section by June 3, 2021.

The Public Service Commission will conduct an evidentiary hearing at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2021, or immediately following the public comment hearing, and to continue if necessary on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, Public Service Commission Building, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. Depending on the state of the COVID-19 pandemic at the time of the hearing, the entire evidentiary hearing may be held by videoconference. The Commission will issue further instructions regarding this matter at a later date.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene by 4:00 p.m. May 4, 2021. Failure to timely intervene can affect your right to participate in the proceeding. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written or electronic protest at any time up to the start of the evidentiary hearing. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. All protests and interventions should be addressed to: The Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

A complete copy of this tariff, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following office of the Companies: 500 Lee Street, East, Suite 800, Charleston, WV 25301. A copy of this tariff is also available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents on the website of the Companies: www.appalachianpower.com/account/bills/rates/APCORatesTariffsWV.aspx. Any customer wishing to receive a reduced-size copy of the tariff can telephone toll-free 800-982-4237, request such a copy and provide the necessary mailing information, and a copy will be mailed to the customer. A copy of this tariff is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY
and WHEELING POWER COMPANY

The average residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month would experience a rate increase of \$3.38 monthly or \$4.57 yearly under the Companies' proposal.

The proposed phase-one increases will produce approximately \$4.8 million annually in additional revenue, an overall increase of 0.33%. If approved, the surcharge will increase gradually each year during the four year phase-in of the plant upgrades.

The project completion is expected to be achieved in 2025/2026. At that time, the Companies project that the capital costs for the Alternative 1 project will result in a total annual revenue requirement of \$23.5 million. The projected surcharge rates upon substantial completion are projected to be as follows:

Tariff Schedule/Contract	Alternative 1 ECS Rates	
	(C:/kWh)	(S/kW)
RS	0.202	
RS TOD On Peak	0.426	
RS TOD Off Peak	0.034	
SWS	0.182	
SGS	0.133	
SS	Secondary	0.493
	Primary	0.824
	AF	0.133
GS TOD On-Peak	0.221	
GS TOD Off-Peak	0.074	
GS	Secondary	0.492
	Primary	0.488
	Subtransmission	0.329
	Transmission	1.028
	AF	0.133
LCP	Secondary	0.857
	Primary	0.621
	Subtransmission	0.550
	Transmission	0.518
IP	Secondary	0.857
	Primary	0.621
	Subtransmission	0.550
	Transmission	1.518
OL	0.020	
SL	0.019	
Special Contract A		0.298
Special Contract B		
Special Contract C	0.338	
Special Contract D		0.538
Special Contract G		
Special Contract I		0.438
Special Contract J		0.121
Special Contract K		0.365

The proposed increased rates and charges related to the project will produce approximately \$23.5 million annually in additional revenue, an increase of 1.62%, on substantial completion of the project.

The application is on file with and available for public inspection at the Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street, in Charleston, West Virginia. It is also available on the Commission web docket found at www.psc.state.wv.us. Select "Case Information" on left side of page, and type the case number above to view the Application and other documents filed in this case.

Because of the pandemic, a public comment hearing will be held by videoconference only on June 2, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. Directions to enter the public comment hearing will be posted on the Commission website, www.psc.state.wv.us, under the Hot Topics section by May 27, 2021.

The Public Service Commission will conduct an evidentiary hearing in this case on June 3, 2021, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and continuing to June 4, 2021, if necessary. The evidentiary hearing will be held in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. Depending on the state of the COVID-19 pandemic at the time of the hearing, the entire evidentiary hearing may be held by videoconference. The Commission will issue further instructions regarding this matter at a later date. The evidentiary hearing may be viewed live by videostream at www.psc.state.wv.us.

Anyone desiring to intervene in this proceeding should file a written petition to intervene by 4:00 p.m. May 4, 2021. Failure to timely intervene can affect your right to participate in the proceeding. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. Anyone desiring to make written comment should file it at any time prior to the start of the evidentiary hearing. Electronic comment may be made at the above website using the case number for this case. All comments and requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the comment or intervention. All comments, except those submitted electronically, or requests to intervene should be addressed to Connie Graley, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P. O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

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and WHEELING POWER COMPANY

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 21-0043-G-PC
MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY
and

UGI CORPORATION,
Joint petition for consent and approval for UGI Corporation to acquire Mountaineer Gas Company.
NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On January 26, 2021, Mountaineer Gas Company (Mountaineer) and UGI Corporation (UGI) (jointly, Petitioners) filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) a joint petition (Joint Petition) for Commission consent and approval of an acquisition transaction pursuant to which UGI would acquire indirectly all of the issued and outstanding common stock of Mountaineer. Petitioners also seek certain related approvals, including authority to assign an existing service agreement from Mountaineer to UGI and to extend and renew an existing liquefied natural gas purchase and sale agreement between Mountaineer and UGI.

Mountaineer provides natural gas utility services under the Commission's jurisdiction to approximately 215,000 customers located throughout 50 counties in West Virginia. UGI is a publicly traded energy holding company incorporated in Pennsylvania and provides natural gas, electric, propane, and comparable fuels to nearly 2.9 million customers throughout the United States and Europe.

Petitioners assert that the transaction will not change the local management, operations, employee levels, service levels, or rates of Mountaineer, and will have no adverse effect on existing Mountaineer customers, other public utilities, or the public in general. Mountaineer will continue to own all its existing gas utility assets and operate its existing gas utility business.

The Joint Petition is on file with and available for public inspection at the Commission, 201 Brooks Street, in Charleston, West Virginia, and is available online at the Commission website (www.psc.state.wv.us).

The Commission schedules this matter for evidentiary hearing to be held on July 20, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. and continuing on July 21, 2021, if necessary, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, Public Service Commission Building, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The Commission may determine, in light of the COVID-19 situation, that the scheduled hearing will be conducted virtually, with the parties to the case appearing online. Interested persons should be able to view the evidentiary hearing via an internet livestream. The Commission website, www.psc.state.wv.us, contains links to "Case Information," "Submit a Comment," and "Commission Webcast."

Because of the COVID 19 pandemic, a public comment hearing will be held by videoconference only on July 19, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. Directions to enter the public comment hearing will be posted on the Commission website, www.psc.state.wv.us, under the Hot Topics section by July 14, 2021.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene no later than 4:00 p.m., May 4, 2021. Failure to timely intervene may affect your right to participate in the proceeding. All requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments and protests until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments, protests and requests to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Connie Graley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

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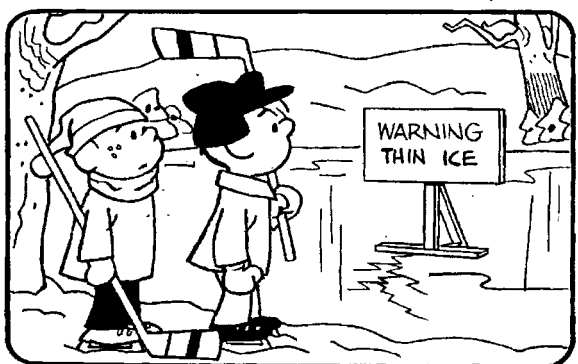
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| ACROSS | 52 Sunset's direction, in French | 99 "Walker, Texas Ranger" star | 10 "Hail, Catol!" | 48 Dry as — | 83 Email status |
| 1 Past artifact | 55 Tokyo sash | 103 Ernie's buddy | 11 High mil. range | 49 Birds flap them | 85 Lustrous fabric |
| 6 Steal the scene from | 56 TV's "Warrior P.D." or "Law & Order" | 104 Dialogue bit | 12 Founded, on city signs | 53 Prior to, to bards | 86 Service costs |
| 13 "Chicago | 57 With | 105 — facto | 13 "Enter" | 54 Get for less | 87 Wood splitter |
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| 20 Kagan of justice | 78 Twilght | 108 Louise's film partner | 15 Buddy | 58 Abbr. at the top of a 111-Down | 90 Consents to |
| 21 Indigenes | 79 Sign gas | 113 Fatty | 16 Safeguards | 59 Actress O'Connor or Merkel | 92 Film director Roth |
| 22 Euphoric | 80 Last letters | 115 Old ad question that's apt for this puzzle's theme | 17 Language of India | 60 Comic Caesar | 93 Missouri-to-lowa direction |
| 23 Change in the side of a military formation | 81 Vision test | 119 Colonist, e.g. | 18 Limerick writer Nash | 61 "Jeepers!" | 95 Licoricelike seeds |
| 25 Gates of philanthropy | 82 Big bother | 120 Russia and Turkey's place | 19 Strike heavily and loudly | 62 Pot-au- (French dish) | 96 People using lassos |
| 26 Karate instructor | 83 "Help!" | 121 Good odor | 24 Mazda roadster | 63 Suffix with 93-Down | 99 Bracelet part |
| 27 Female, bleater | 84 Gnat's kin | 122 Own | 29 Ordinance | 64 Popular typeface | 100 Baseball's — Nomo |
| 28 Not docked | 85 Oahu porch | 123 Distributing | 32 Belgrade's land | 65 Actress Jane Fonda | 101 Army squads |
| 30 Perfect site | 86 Encountered | 124 Benefactor | 33 Vatican City surrounder | 66 Portable bed (shrinking Asian lake) | 102 Used oars |
| 31 Court throw | 87 Gnat's kin | | 34 Suffix with Wyoming | 67 Year, in Rio de Janeiro | 103 Sink part |
| 33 Really funny | 88 Gnat's kin | | 35 Retained | 68 Year, in Rio de Janeiro | 106 — Sea (shrinking Asian lake) |
| 36 Talk up | 89 Oahu porch | | 36 Grand — (race event) | 69 Year, in Rio de Janeiro | 107 Amaz of 1950s TV |
| 40 Get tangled | 90 Oahu porch | | 37 Uncouth | 70 Year, in Rio de Janeiro | 109 Long Spanish river |
| 42 Paid to get a hand | 91 Vision test | | 38 Premonition | 71 — diavolo (pasta sauce) | 110 Spinks of boxing |
| 43 Body that voted for the trial resulting in Charles I's execution | 92 Bow of film | | 39 Film-rating gp. | 72 Unpaid debts | 111 Office note |
| 46 "Baloney!" | 93 Wine vat sediment | | 40 Mall stall | 73 Steenburgen of "Ink" | 112 Not nearby |
| 50 Creative flashes | 94 Bow of film | | 41 Home to Hanoi, briefly | 74 Peruvians of old | 114 Bullfight cry |
| 51 Rain forest, for one | 95 Wine vat sediment | | 44 Mortgage claim | 75 Crawl (with) | 116 — and cry |
| | 96 Most snooping | | 45 Quick bite | 76 Chemical "I" | 117 Noted period |
| | | | 47 Kachina doll carvers | 77 Tubular pasta | 118 Present label |
| | | | | 78 Actress Falco | |
| | | | | 79 "I" problems | |

Gateway Industries cancels annual Derby Day Fundraiser

For the second year, Gateway is cancelling its traditional Derby Day Fund Raiser. This event is always held on the first Saturday in May to celebrate and enjoy the Kentucky Derby "Run for the Roses." The cancellation comes as a result of the continuing, however, improving COVID-19 pandemic.

It saddens us to miss yet another year of this long-celebrated event,

which has become such a favorite tradition each year in Greenbrier and surrounding counties. However, we believe that it is best to be prudent regarding having such a large gathering, while the virus still lingers in our midst.

With the continued successful fight against Covid and the hard and much appreciated work of our health care workers, first responders

and volunteers, we feel confident that we will be able to return to our longstanding fund raiser next May, and once again, share this special event with the hundreds of loyal Gateway supporters who turn out for a fun filled evening of endless food, entertainment, and the ever so popular Derby Day Silent Auction.

Be well and we look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Monongahela National Forest issues annual reminder on guidelines for collecting ramps

Digging and eating ramps in the spring is a traditional activity throughout Appalachia and especially in the gateway communities of Monongahela National Forest. While collecting ramps for personal use is permitted on the Forest within established limits, commercial harvesting of ramps in the Forest, including re-selling ramps collected for personal use, is not permitted.

Personal use is defined as two gallons per person in possession at any one time, about the amount that fits in a typical plastic grocery bag. This equals about 180 whole plants, including roots and leaves. Individuals may not collect ramps on behalf

We encourage people who collect ramps in the Forest to follow these guidelines to ensure abundant ramps in the future:

- Collect ramps only in patches with more than 100 plants.
- If you find a patch that has already been harvested, move on to another area.
- When collecting ramps from a large clump, take only one-fifth of the plants. Leaving behind most of the plants will allow them to mature and go to seed, and the patch will recover faster.
- If digging bulbs, use a soil fork or a small hand trowel and a knife, rather than a large shovel. Shovels disturb the root system of neighbor-

ing ramps and other plants much more than these smaller tools. To dig ramps, loosen the soil with the soil fork or hand trowel and use the knife to cut the ramp roots beneath the bulb.

• After you dig a ramp, cover the bare soil with leaves. This will reduce the likelihood of invasive species taking root.

By following these guidelines for harvesting ramps, we can ensure that our children and grandchildren will be able to enjoy ramps for generations to come. Learn how to grow ramps on your property here: <https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/compass/2017/04/12/grow-your-own-ramps-2/>.

Legislature

process of chemical abortion be provided to a woman prior to prescribing pharmaceuticals for, or administering, a chemical abortion except in certain emergency circumstances, passed the House

(83-15, yea Longanacre and Bruce).

• House Bill 2874, extending waiver of veterans' initial business registration fees and annual business fees to active-duty military members, their spouses, and immediate family, was passed by the House with no nay votes.

In a recent column, Longanacre also defended H.B. 2174, which would require any removed monuments be analyzed by a Charleston committee before being disposed of by a local community that wants to remove them. In public discussion, the most considered monuments are those honoring confederate leadership.

Several members of House spoke against the bill, noting that many of the monuments serve as reminders of slavery, the active rebellion against the United States, and the harsh treatment of African Americans. Longanacre pushed back against this idea, citing one African American delegate for being "racist" against white people, stating they were insisting that "if your skin is white, you are 'privileged' and if you are in a position of 'power,' then we are a racist."

Longanacre also, incorrectly cited Nazi ideology of racial purity as "socialist" in more than name, appearing to endorse not

removing or recontextualizing Nazi imagery in Germany after the war.

"Ironically enough, [the bill's opponents] did bring up the fact that Germany banned all Nazi (National Socialist German Worker's Party) monuments shortly after WW2," Longanacre wrote. "... However, they failed to mention that just 75 short years later, German students are increasingly embracing socialism. Could this be because history is quickly forgotten if it is not preserved?"

Previous Mountain Messenger Legislative roundups included the following bills sponsored by Greenbrier County Representatives that have passed both chambers:

- Governor Justice, through Baldwin and the Senate Majority Leader, S.B. 272, S.B. 277, S.B. 295
- Woodrum S.B. 372, S.B. 270

Also previously covered are bills sponsored by Greenbrier County Representatives that have passed one chamber of the West Virginia Legislature:

- Baldwin S.B. 344, S.B. 359, S.B. 392, S.B. 368, S.B. 1, S.B. 16, S.B. 39, S.B. 102
- Bruce H.B. 2003, H.B. 3078, H.B. 3128
- Governor Justice, through Baldwin and the Senate Majority Leader, S.B. 275
- Longanacre H.B. 2093, H.B. 2260, H.B. 2264, H.B. 2791
- Woodrum S.B. 1, S.B. 7, S.B. 66, S.B. 69, S.B. 263, S.B. 332, S.B. 339, S.B. 359, S.B. 381, S.B. 396, S.B. 421, S.B. 429, S.B. 501.

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by Linda Thistle

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Dear Recycle Lady,

Dear Recycle Lady,

The recycle symbol on my plastic laundry jug says it is recyclable with plastics. Which plastic bin do I put it in?

Washer Lady

Dear Washer Lady,

The recycle symbol on your plastic laundry jug should be a triangle with the number 2 inside it. This triangular symbol indicates that your jug goes in a bin for #2 plastic bottles and jugs. Next, check the color of your jug, as there are two #2 plastic bins: one for #2 CLEAR plastics and one for #2 COLORED plastics. See photo for examples of #2 COLORED plastics. Be sure your jug is clean and dry as bottles and jugs that are not clean could contaminate an entire load of recyclable materials. Have



you considered any of the alternatives to laundry detergents packaged in plastic jugs? There are several eco-friendly laundry strips and tablets available now. Hopefully, there will soon be more choices as approximately 1 billion (1,000,000,000,000!) plastic laundry jugs end up in U.S. landfills every year. Recycled jugs are re-purposed in several ways. For example, Green Toys makes toys and eating utensils from recycled plastic jugs. Repreve makes athletic and fashion



ion apparel from plastic jugs, and Max-R-Lumber makes lumber from milk jugs.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Spring is upon us, and if any of your readers are wondering what plants to grow, here is some information I have found helpful. First of all, there are benefits to using native plants in your garden - they are low maintenance, conserve water, add beauty to the landscape, and provide food and shelter for wildlife. Second, according to author Doug Tallamy in *Bringing Nature Home*, "When native plants disappear, the insects disappear, thus impoverishing the food source for birds and other mammals." Native plants and seeds can be purchased locally from Sunshine Farm & Gardens in Renick, WV (www.sunfarm.com, 304-497-2208) or they can be purchased online from <http://www.prairiemoon.com>.

Lover of Birds, Bees, and Food

Dear Lover of Birds, Bees and Food,

Thanks for the very

timely information. Calling our attention to the value of native plants may inspire readers to use native plants in their gardens. To find native plants using your zip code, go to <https://www.nwf.org/NativePlantFinder/Plants>.

Dear Readers,

Don't forget Earth Hour, which is this Saturday, Mar. 27 from 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. Millions of people, landmarks, cities and businesses from around the world will turn off their non-essentials lights for one hour to show their commitment to protecting nature. The Empire State Building, the Space Needle, and Niagara Falls are among large locations that will be participating. More information at <https://www.earthremind.com/earth-hour-2021>.

Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to recyclelady@greenbrier-swa.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling

A Look Back



Photo by the author.

By William "Skip" Deegans

As part of President Franklin Roosevelt's effort to pull the United States out of the depression with the New Deal, the Works Progress Administration (WPA) was created and functioned from 1939 to 1943. Part of the WPA included the Federal Writers Project (FWP). FWP's objective was to provide jobs to unemployed writers, editors, archivists, and researchers. They were paid a subsistence wage of \$20-25 per week. Among the writers employed in the project were Conrad Aiken, Richard Wright, Ralph Ellison, Saul Bellow, Studs Terkel, John Cheever and Zora Neale Hurston.

One of FWP'S projects was to write and publish the Ameri-

can Guide Series for each state, Alaska, Puerto Rico, and some cities. They were remarkable travel guides that included essays on geography, architecture, and history. In each guide were driving routes, a removal map, photographs, and illustrations. The guides were well-written and extensively researched.

Coming out of the white supremacy and anti-immigration movements of the 1920s, the editors of the guides wanted to celebrate the diversity of our country. As a consequence, they were criticized by conservatives as being left-leaning and populated with communist sympathizers. Congressman Martin Dies, Jr., a Democrat from Texas and Chairman of the Un-American Ac-

tivities Committee, attacked the WPA and insisted it was a communist plot. During this witch hunt, the printing plates of some of the guides were destroyed.

While several of the guides have been reprinted, others are available only through used book dealers and at public libraries. Seasoned travelers find them great companions as they are full of forgotten and sometimes lost history. John Steinbeck described them as "...the most comprehensive account of the United States ever got together, and nothing since even approached it."

Sources: *Columbia Journalism Review*, *New York Times*, *The Library of Virginia*, *U. S. House of Representative History*, www.livingnewdeal.org.

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Carnegie Hall adds more spring classes and workshops

As part of its commitment to lifelong learning, Carnegie Hall offers a series of classes and workshops to enlighten and inspire learners of all ages. The list of Spring 2020 Classes and Workshops continues to grow as Carnegie Hall announces four new classes: Weaving an Antique Potato Masher; Jewelry Making with Semi-Precious Stones; Beginning Watercolor for Adults; and Wine Glass painting.

Teri Hartford teaches students how to make an Antique Potato Masher on Saturday, Apr. 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This fun basket class is great for beginners. The potato masher basket uses a provided antique wooden potato masher as a handle. Students learn how to weave a basket using an over and under technique to create either an oval or square basket shape. A natural walnut stain is available for those who want an aged antique look. No experience necessary. Registration is \$66 (\$60 for members) and all materials are included. Students must be 16-years-old or older.

Mimi DeOlloqui is teaching the other three classes. Jewelry Making with Semi-Precious Stones is on Wednesdays, Apr. 14 and Apr. 21 from 3 to 5 p.m. In this class, students learn how to create a beautiful necklace with their choice of pearls and semi-precious stones and finish it off with silver clasps. Students need to bring the following items to class: Beadalon Bead Board (8.75 x 12.25 inches), and a Jewelry Tool Kit (including needle nose pliers and side cutters). The instructor will provide beads, wire, and finishing pieces. Students must be 18-years-old or older and the maximum class size is 10. Registration is 60 (\$54 for members). Beginners are welcome.

On Wednesdays, Apr. 14 and Apr. 21 from 3 to 5 p.m., DeOlloqui teaches Beginning Watercolor for Adults. Students learn how to create different



An antique potato masher; a necklace with semi-precious stones; a Mimi DeOlloqui watercolor painting

colors using the three primary colors and several different methods of painting using watercolors. The classes start with still life in the first studio and then landscape in the second. Students need to bring the following items to class: a watercolor paint set (preferably a Winsor & Newton Cotman dry block set), a #12 synthetic round brush that comes to a nice sharp tip when wet, and Arches #140 pound or above cold-pressed watercolor paper that measures 8" x 10." The Arches paper, paintbrush, and Winsor & Newton paints are available for purchase online. Please order early given the current lag time with shipping. Students must be 18-years-old or older and the maximum class size is 10. Registration is 60 (\$54 for members). Beginners welcome.

Wine Glass Painting will be on Friday, Apr. 16 from 3 to 5 p.m. Sign up with a friend for a fun Friday afternoon of learning how to decorate a wine glasses by painting with glossy enamel paint. Students create a unique gift or signature piece. All materials, including the wine glass and the paint, are provided. Students must be 18-years-old or older and the

maximum class size is 10. Registration is 60 (\$54 for members). No experience is necessary.

All of these classes are small and in-person. Participants are socially distanced and required to wear masks in the Hall.

Ongoing Classes & Workshops are as follows:

- » Harp for Beginners - Section 1: Thursdays, Apr. 1, 8, 15, or 22 and Section 2: Thursdays, May 6, 13, 20, and 27
- » Clay for Kids - Saturdays, Apr. 3, 10, and 17
- » Clay for Teens - Saturdays, Apr. 3, 10, and 17
- » Open Studio Stained Glass - Section 1: Mondays, Apr. 5, 12, 19, and 26 and Section 2: Mondays, May 3, 10, 17, and 24
- » Come Out of Hibernation and Paint - Friday, Apr. 9
- » Weave an Antique Potato Masher Basket - Saturday, Apr. 10
- » Beginning Watercolor for Adults -

- Wednesdays, Apr. 14 and Apr. 21
- » Weave a Stadium Basket - Thursday, Apr. 15
- » Wine Glass Painting - Friday, Apr. 16
- » Fashion Illustration - Saturday, Apr. 17
- » Collage is for the Birds - Monday, Apr. 19 and Tuesday, Apr. 20
- » Jewelry Making with Semi-precious Stones - Thursday, Apr. 22
- » Weave a Bicycle Tote Basket - Saturday, Apr. 24
- » Woolly Lambs - Saturday, April 24
- » Wheel Throwing Clay for Adults - Thursdays, May 6, 13, and 20
- » Reed Rabbits and Grass Mats - Saturday, May 8
- » Rotating Galleries: Closed until further notice
- » Old Stone Room Gallery - Closed until further notice
- » Board Room Gallery - Online! "Wild" by Misty Walkup
- » Lobby Gallery- Closed until further notice
- » Permanent Exhibits: Closed until further notice

Cooper announces departure from RCBC



Lori Cooper, FNP-BC

Lori Cooper, FNP-BC, has announced she will be departing Robert C. Byrd Clinic effective Apr. 16, 2021. While she will be missed at the clinic, we are excited for her as she pursues a new career opportunity.

When asked about the relationship with her patients, Cooper added, "I would like to personally thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your healthcare provider. It was sincerely an honor to assist in meeting your health care needs."

Cooper served as a provider at RCBC for the last four and a half years and has many patients that will now need assistance in finding a new provider.

To aid in the selection of a new provider Cooper offered, "You may choose to schedule your next appointment with one of

my colleagues within the Family Medicine Clinical Group. Chelsea Feger, D.O., Christopher Kennedy, D.O., Angela Pendleton, D.O., Jennifer Rose, D.O. and Nurse Practitioners Pamela Edens, Jeanette Heal, Meghan Pankey, and Sabrina Walker are accepting new patients and would be happy to serve your health care needs."

To transfer care to another RCBC provider, please call either 304-645-3220 extension 2489 or 800-870-5822 extension 2489 for assistance in scheduling an appointment.

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