

## Massive complications arise with extensive water infrastructure project

**By Bobby Bordelon**

Due to two multimillion dollar water infrastructure projects, many residents of Ronceverte have found themselves without water in the past week or two. Due to the ongoing nature of the project, requirements for testing, and some over 100-year-old, unmapped pipelines, the issues are expected to continue.

“We sure hope we’re not going to have another week like this past week,” said Mayor David Smith. “I’m afraid we may be looking forward to a number of occasions. We may be hollering.”

City employee Steve Williams explained, as best he could, why city crews needed to shut off the water system, often working in risky positions on the lines.

“The majority of the leaks we found, all but the hydrant down in Southern Estates, have not been fresh breaks,” explained Williams. “When we cut the water off, the rust and the calcium falls off [the inside of the pipe]. It’ll drop down into the pipe, then when you turn the water back on, she goes. ... The air is harder on the lines than anything else because it’s a water hammer. When that air hits, the pipes move. When the pipes move, it shakes everything in them, and if they’re weak, it’ll shake the rust out



Crew working to repair water line break

of them, then they pop up. We’ve done it the same way, I don’t know why this weekend was the way it was, I can’t answer that.”

Even newer lines can be an issue.

“Through the years, new lines have been put in some places and old lines have been connected to the new lines,” Williams said. “They did not necessarily abandon old lines. We know from the flood of 1996, the notes and sketches were lost. No one even knows where a

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## Up-and-coming biker group focuses on inclusivity, love of the ride



Nathan (seated on center bike) poses with members of GBC Two Wheels after seeing them at one of their meets at the Lewisburg Wal-Mart. Inclusivity and a non-judgmental attitude are fundamental values of the group, which consists of both new and experienced bikers, as well as all makes and models of motorcycles.

**By Sarah Richardson**

As the frosty days of West Virginia winter fade away and we settle into the warmer months, motorcyclists can be seen once again seen out and

about on our roads. The Mountain State is an ideal place for bikers with its mountainous views, fun curves and winding drives, and unique stops along Route 60 and 219. It’s no wonder Lewisburg also sees its fair share of bike traffic to local eateries and shops, as well as those just passing through on longer routes.

Several local bikers have banded together to invite the community out to join them as they take rides around the Greenbrier Valley area, and they are seeking to make new friends along the way.

“I created it, and my friends helped me get it all set up,” said Felicity Morgan, the main leader behind the new bike group GBC Two Wheels. “It started out with just our group of friends, but online we have grown to 85 members.”

Over the last two

months, she has been recruiting local motorcyclists via Facebook through the group, and says she wants to let everyone know they are welcoming of every person who has a love of getting out and experiencing southern West Virginia via motorcycle.

“No matter your age, race, what cc of bike you have - if you even have a bike - everyone is welcome. Heck, we don’t care if you have a moped or scooter, or a trike, literally anything. You don’t even have to know how to ride, it’s anybody that wants to be involved,” specified Jennifer Lathroum, also known as Jenni. Jenni is a close friend to Felicity, and was also one of the first members of the GBC Two Wheels group.

“We don’t set any sort of rules or regulations, if you have a bike and you

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Burst water pipe

## Seneca team hosts Narcan distributions throughout Greenbrier County

**By Bobby Bordelon**

The Seneca Health Services team is hitting the streets in cities across Greenbrier County in order to distribute an overdose preventing medicine and recovery literature. On Wednesday, May 5, the team came to Rupert.

Certified Peer Recovery Support Specialist Jo Chestnut and Quick Response Team (QRT) leader Richard Martin explained that despite the rain, the clinic is looking to distribute Narcan, a drug that can stop an opioid overdose as it happens, to as many people as possible.

“We’re just trying to distribute naloxone and Narcan in the community in Greenbrier County to help save lives from the opioid overdose epidemic,” Martin said. “Since the pandemic be-

gan, overdoses have risen dramatically, around 31, 36 percent. We got a surplus of the injectable stuff and now we’ve been going around to Alderson, Ronceverte, White Sulphur, here. We’re going around wherever we can and handing it out to as many people as we can. Just this, no harm reduction.”

“There have been several overdoses in the county and several overdose deaths,” said Chestnut. “We’ve got all of this and I thought it would be best to get as much out as possible at this point. We’re just losing so many people.”

Both reflected on the people they’ve known personally that Greenbrier County has lost. As part of the Quick Response Team, Martin follows up with

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# Local bus driver of 33 years reflects on her route before retirement

**By Bobby Bordelon**

In a few months, long time local Mountain Transit Authority Martha Elmore will be retiring after driving for public transit for 33 years. With compliments from her supervisor, Elmore sat down with the Mountain Messenger to reflect on her time with the public and the service.

“On May 8, I will have been working for the Mountain Transit Authority for 33 years. It’s a very educational job. Everyday. On the job training everyday. You never know what you’re going to learn. This week, it’s patience. You have to be alert. I’ve learned, starting as a snot-nosed little kid to a professional bus driver.

“I got started when a friend of mine that I went to church mentioned they were looking for bus drivers back in 1988. She said, ‘Would you like to drive a bus?’ and I thought, ‘I didn’t even know Greenbrier County had a bus.’ I walked everywhere when I moved down here. I said, ‘Sure, I’ll try,’ filled out the application, and I was a relief driver for a couple of years. Then I got the full time job.

“In the beginning the responsibility was nerve-wracking, but now there’s a lot of respect. You’re responsible for many people on the bus. I’m glad I finally figured that responsibility out, I needed it. I’m from the ‘60s so, we didn’t think responsibility was very good, but I’m thankful. I’ve learned through many years.

“The route, the purple line, starts in downtown Lewisburg, comes down to Ronceverte, goes to Fairlea and Walmart, Spruce Cove, occasionally the airport and a couple of doctor’s offices out that way on call. You call and we pick you up. It’s a huge loop, that’s what I do, seven or eight loops per day. This route is from seven in the morning to six in the evening.

“You get to meet a lot of people, interesting people, anyone from little babies to ninety-some year olds, even from out-of-the-country residents. I’ve met a lot of interesting people. You get to see all nationalities, it’s really awesome. It’s a rewarding job.

“The senior citizens are really cool because now I am one. When I first started, I thought I was going to rule them. This is my bus, I will drive them, but that didn’t work very well. That’s a memorable lesson for me, let me tell you, they clipped my wings big time and I’m thankful for each and every one of them. They taught me, on the job training, how to respect and honor people.

“A while back, My former pastor’s wife said ‘you know you’ve got a pretty good job there. You know you might be the only person they see all day long.’ I thought

“whoa.’ That helped me out a lot. Some of the people that ride, we may be the only person that talks to them. They may go to different places, stores and doctor’s offices, but we may be the only ones that talk to them. We’re they’re only means of transportation.

“There are also people that you talk to every day, then they’re not here anymore. You get used to them coming everyday, they go different places, then they’re not there anymore. They went on with the Lord.

“I would like to thank my Lord and Savior for letting me have this job for 33 years. I’m grateful for the beginning, I’m glad the MTA saw something in me to keep me this long. All my passengers became friends and acquaintances. I work with some neat people, really nice people, from the management to the drivers.

“I see the Greenbrier Valley growing and I think MTA can help that. If people would just give us a chance, it would be amazing what MTA could do.

“I challenge everyone to ride the bus one day. Park the car one day and ride the bus. See what we’re doing. It’s amazing - when you’re driving, you don’t see a whole lot. When my friends let me ride with them, I see all kinds of things. We need to get on the bus and just look around, you see a lot of things you forget we even have. You know they were there but you never paid attention to it.

With the upcoming spare time, I’ve got some projects to do at the house. I’ve got some things I’ve got to get done. I’m backing up a little bit, getting that done, then who knows where God will lead me. I’m so excited.

“It’s been a good ride. Just like any other ride, I’ve had some bumps, curves, hills, stops, but in the long run it’s been a good run. I’m grateful for that. I really do like this job and I like the people that I help. They’ve been an education, some more of an education than others, but you know how that goes.

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MTA General Manager Tim Thomas also thanked Elmore for her work, saying, “An employee like Martha can never be replaced. She loves her community and her passengers.”

Elmore encouraged anyone who would like to find work to apply to be a driver by calling 304-872-5872.

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lot of those lines are. The contractors are hitting them and we’re doing our best to local them, but we’re not going to get them all. We don’t know where they’re all at. We think we might know where some of them are, but then they might be over a foot or two or three feet.”

Line location was made worse when many of the city’s water line maps were destroyed during a flood in the 1990s. Since then, remapping the lines has only occurred as work and leaks have sprung up. Once this project is complete, all the new lines, and many old ones, will be mapped once again.

“The pipe they’re putting in the ground, we’ll know where they are at. As far as the pipes we haven’t dug up yet, it’s a guesstimation,” Williams said. “The project we’re working on, both of them, we’ll know where those lines are, but the rest of them are still a guess, until Bob Hazelwood finds us the rest of the \$30 million I asked him for when we started this five years ago.

“We got six and half!” Hazelwood joked.

“We’re getting there, Bob!” Williams said.

Bob Hazelwood, a representative of the main project contractor E.L. Robinson Engineering, explained the project was moving forward. The two water improvement projects, totaling over \$6 million, are funded by grants from several sources, such as HUD and IJDC totalling over \$2 million, and low interest loans provided to the city.

“The water system rehab project, which is the contract for downtown, we’re about 26 percent complete on the project and that was as of April 16,” said Hazelwood. “The sewer crew that is on hold at the bore has moved on to the water project so we have more crew here. ... Since April 16 they’ve made quite a bit more progress in getting the water lines installed.”

The two projects have different anticipated completion dates, although he noted the timeline could change based on issues arising during the project.

“They’ll probably get all the water mains done in the next two months,” Hazelwood said. “After that they have to go in and start putting in all the water service lines and reconnects following that. They could very well be finished in the next five months. The upgrade project, which is the large 4 and a half million project, they’ll probably be at least through October before it’s complete.”

Hazelwood also explained the pipes might have been built to last beyond 40 or 60 years, but not “for these to be in there for 120 years. Most of these lines are cast iron pipes, they were probably lead joints instead of a rubber jointed style. Some of the four inch pipes have, maybe, a two inch opening with all the [mineral] build up.”

However, help has been on the way thanks to numerous organizations. A water tank from American Water,

and pallets of water from both the local Walmart and Pepsi, have been provided to citizens as the process continues. Since the City Council meeting, crews with other local cities have come to provide assistance as they could. Williams noted that this could be difficult due to the nature of the leaks.

“The mayor of Alderson called and the water department from the city of Lewisburg’s folks called me numerous times and asked if they could help us in any way,” Williams said. “That was great, and if I needed them, I would’ve called and they would’ve come, but when we were fixing these leaks, it was a stair step ordeal. We had to fix one to get the water turned back on to see where the other one was. They did call me to say

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## Police Blotter

### Alderson native arrested on murder charge

**By Bobby Bordelon**

Alderson native Michael Wayne Smith was recently arrest on first degree murder charges in Kanawha County for allegedly confessing to the murder of Cheyenne Johnson.

According to the Kanawha County Sheriff’s Office, Cheyenne Johnson was reported missing in Jackson County, last seen on Thursday, Apr. 29, near Cottageville. The Jackson County Sheriff’s Office then “received a tip from someone who said they overheard others talking about her murder.”

Deputies from Kanawha County and Jackson County followed the tip to the 1200 block of Birtton Ridge Road, where Smith was located.

“He admitted to killing Cheyenne Johnson and dumping her body into a nearby deep water well,” reads the press release. “He was arrested for first degree murder.”

Initially, a body was located inside of the well allegedly described by Smith.

“Investigators from the Kanawha County Sheriff’s Office, Jackson County Sheriff’s Office, Kanawha County Emergency Management, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of West Virginia, and United Diving” then “recovered and identified” the body “through tattoos as belonging to Cheyenne Johnson. Additional confirmation will be conducted by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.”

According to the press release, Smith was released from jail on Apr. 15 on parole. The release also specifies “in criminal matters the charge against Mr. Smith is merely an accusation. He is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.”

## Ronceverte City Council addresses stalled sewer project, Make It Shine

**By Bobby Bordelon**

The Ronceverte City Council celebrated Make It Shine Day, looked to expand park access for nonverbal residents, addressed a stalled sewer project, and looked into a fire report during their Monday, May 3 meeting. This is in addition to the city’s ongoing water issues, which were covered by the Mountain Messenger this week in “Massive complications arise with massive water infrastructure project in Ronceverte.”

A successful Make it Shine day was held in Ronceverte on Saturday, May 1. “I wanted to thank everyone that showed up to Make It Shine,” said Councilmember Kathy King. “That was Saturday. Even with everything that was going on with the water leaks and the dust, the town looks good. I appreciate all the volunteers that showed up and the volunteers that showed up for the water.”

City Administrator Pam Mentz also added “I would also like to thank WVSOM. They contributed the supplies we had, they came from Terri Baker. She set it up and all the supplies we got came from her, the organization. We stored and saved them so we have more the next year. I’m very appreciative.”

Mayor David Smith also thanked everyone for assisting.

“The number of folks that showed up willing to help out was terrific,” Smith said. “It was really heartwarming to know that a number of folks, a lot of them that did not live in Ronceverte but had a heart for Ronceverte, did come. We really do appreciate that. Thank you to the RDC and Friends of Ronceverte for making that happen.”

Though Make It Shine might have helped get it in shape, Island Park will soon be receiving another upgrade. Previously, Ashley Guet approached Parks and Recreation with a request for a nonverbal communication board on behalf of Ronceverte’s autistic children.

“It’s a board with pictures and words, it’s a way for nonverbal children or adults to communicate with their peers,” said Guet. “Austistic children want to play with everyone else just like all the other kids do. These are so important. When they can’t have their tablets or other speaking devices, this is a way for them to be able to communicate.”

Guet’s daughter, Winter, has autism, and Guet explained Island Park is one of Winter’s favorite places to be and play. However, her inability to communicate verbally can be a barrier when her typical communication tools aren’t available. The board would go a long way to remedy this.

“My ultimate goal is to be able to get one in all the elementary schools and all the parks in the area, starting with Ronceverte would be great,” Guet said. “Other kids like her will benefit from this, even adults. I see a lot of the adults playing at the different parks and Lewisburg Elementary, down here in

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## PICK OF THE LITTER

**MAPLE**

Maple is a five-year-old female mixed breed. She weighs 42 pounds and has definitely mastered the “puppy-dog eyes!”



Maple 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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## American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

Open to the public, all welcome, handicap accessible. Admission \$7 Tuesday nights, \$10 Saturday - Audience provides food. Door open 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte. Jam & Dance every Tuesday from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday Dance May 8 will feature Eade's Mountain Boys 7 to 10:30 p.m.; Saturday May 22 Dance will feature Lilly Mountaineers 7 to 10:30 p.m. For more information call the Music Hall at 304-645-4667; Bill Evans at 304-392-6079; Grace Poe at 304-992-5852.

## Pesticide Collection set May 15

Pesticides will be collected Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Greenbrier Recycling Center on Monroe Avenue in Ronceverte. They are accepting unused or left over pesticides in their original containers, as well as a ny empty pesticide containers, for proper disposal. The following will be accepted: all pesticides with “-cide” including Insecticides, Herbicides, Bactericides, Rodenticides, Larvicides, Algicides, Fungicides, and Neonicotinoids. The following will not be accepted: gas cylinders, gas, kerosene, propane, propane, motor oil, paints, solvents, and hazardous materials not classified as pesticides. For more information call the Recycle Center at 304-645-4232.

## WVSOM Board of Governors

The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) Board of Governors will meet May 7 via teleconference. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. To attend by phone, dial 844-621-3956 toll free and use access code 1206668087. 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](http://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](http://aawv.org).

## Addiction Screenings available

If you or a loved one is struggling with substance abuse, take the first step towards overcoming addiction. Call 1-800-431-1754 for free addiction screenings or referrals. For more information visit <https://www.narcononnewliferetreat.org/blog/strange-side-effects-of-covid-19.html>

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want to make new friends you are welcome to join,” Felicity added.

Even those who may not know how to operate a motorcycle themselves are welcome to come and join in the fun. Non-drivers, who they affectionately refer to as “backpacks,” can come and learn more about riding.

“We have plenty of backpackers,” Jenni said, “We also have some people that are new to riding.”

Felicity said, “I had just started riding, and when I met Jenni and we became friends-”

“Family, really,” Jenni interrupted.

“Yes, family,” Felicity laughed, “And Jenni’s boyfriend, Taylor, introduced me to their riding group. From there we thought about adding more people, so I started the Facebook group to invite more to join us.”

There are no membership fees or paperwork required, something which Jenni said is common in some circles of biker groups.

“When I was living in Florida there was a lot of technical stuff involved with being in a group, and this isn’t like that.”

Felicity added, “I feel like a lot of riders don’t want to go through all of that and spend money on that process, they just want to get out and ride.”

Taylor Mayo, Jenni’s boyfriend and fellow group member, explained, “Sometimes trips are more spur-of-the-moment, or we will schedule them ahead of time. We might schedule a ride at say, 4 p.m., but perhaps some of the people don’t get off work until 6, so we will work to schedule around them. Most of our meet days are on Sundays, since that’s when people tend to be free.”

The group tends to meet in easily accessible locations such as the Wal-Mart parking lot or the old K-Mart lot in Fairlea, and they have recently made a new fan that way.

“We were in the Wal-Mart parking lot at a meet, and this kid, Nathan, was so excited to see us all there on the bikes,” said Taylor. “He was freaking out. His mom asked if he could come over and look at them, and I said, ‘I’ll do you one better,’ and let him come and sit on the bike and rev it a few times. It really made his whole day, you could tell.”

Felicity said it’s important to them to make sure and include everyone when they travel, and they match routes with rider’s skill and comfort levels in mind.

As they gain more members, they have started reaching out to other bike clubs in the state, and plan to meet up and go on rides together.

“This Sunday we actually have some people from Charleston coming in to ride with us,” said Taylor.

Eventually, they plan to organize larger trips like going to Virginia Beach, Blackwater Falls, traveling the scenic highway, and more.

“Some of us have thought about maybe going to a bike week event,” said Taylor.

However, the plan is to always keep the technical aspect of the process to a bare minimum so everyone can simply enjoy the ride.

If you are interested in joining the group, you can do by searching for the GBC Two Wheels group on Facebook.

## Public Meetings

### Gbr. Co. Farmland Protection Board

meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at 804 Industrial Drive, Suite 5, in Maxwelton. The public is invited to attend. Call 304-520-3221 for more information.

### 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.

### White Sulphur Springs City Council

will meet Monday, May 10, at 7 p.m. following the Finance meeting at 6:45. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Apr. 12, 2021 & Apr. 20, 2021
- Financial Statements
- Citizens' comments (2 min. each)
- Standing Committee reports
  - Infrastructure
  - Finance & Budget
  - Planning & Zoning
  - Parks & Recreation
  - Recycle & Beautification
  - Emergency Services
  - Convention & visitors Bureau
- Officer Report
  - Police Chief
  - Fire Chief
  - Maintenance Supervisor
- Special Reports
  - Tri-Cities Power Authority
  - Main Street / Revitalization Committee
- Resolutions / Proclamations
  - Resolution #2 - Rt. 60 East Wastewater System Replacement Project
  - Resolution #2 - Big Draft road Waterline Extension Project
- New Business
  - Budget revisions
  - City Issues
- Miscellaneous remarks
  - Memorial Day, Monday, May 31 - City Hall closed
  - Monday, May 31 and Tuesday, June 1 garbage picked up on Tuesday, June 2
  - West Virginia Dandelion Festival - Memorial weekend, Friday, May 28, Saturday, May 29 and Sunday, May 30

## Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Tristan S. Hernandez, Hanover Park, IL, driving left of center, fine \$15

Dehaven S. Milan, Valdese, NC, driving suspended 1st, NCP, fine \$100

Kris L. Copenhaver, Rainelle, DUI, fine \$200, jail 90 days credit 89 days served on Home Incarceration, credit 12 hours SRJ

Gary L. Scitzs, Lewisburg, domestic battery, guilty verdict, fine 0, jail 5 days - suspended and placed on 10 months unsupervised probation, restitution \$348

James M. Lockhart, Frankford, no seatbelt, fine \$25

Ellis K. Johnson II, Lewisburg, driving suspended, fine \$100

Alexander J. Barrett, Frankford, passing in no passing zone, fine \$25

Ernest Lee Spencer, Lewisburg, 1) possession of a controlled substance, fine \$100; 2) obstructing an officer, fine \$50, jail 30 days suspended and placed on 1 year unsupervised probation; 3) domestic assault, fine \$50, jail 60 days suspended and placed on 1 year unsupervised probation (jail sentences consecutive)

Jason W. Hedrick, Ronceverte, 1) no MVI, NCP, fine \$10; 2) defective equipment, fine \$15

Ian M. McClary, Lewisburg, speeding, NCP, fine \$18

Kelsey M. Beasley, Ronceverte, improper registration, fine \$25

Donald A. Gogliano, San Antonio, TX, NCP, no seatbelt, fine \$25

Robert G. Rolan Jr., Bluefield, no seatbelt, NCP, fine \$25

Charles L. Dempsey, Alderson, no seatbelt, NCP, fine \$25

Hayden Blake Level, Greer, SC, 1) no MVI, NCP, fine \$10; 2) no insurance, fine \$200

Nathan Hubbard, Second Creek, 1) driving suspended, fine \$100; 2) expired MVI, fine \$10

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overdose calls received by 911, offering them resources and information. Many times, this interaction leads them to develop the needed relationships to get people into recovery.

“We see them weekly and sometimes we get the phone call. They didn’t make it through,” Martin said. “It bothers you. You develop a relationship with these people and you’re hoping to get them into treatment. Some people we’ve gotten into treatment, then they relapse, then we get that phone call. What I do is go out after overdoses to see people and try to give them supplies and try to get them into treatment.”

In a previous interview, Martin emphasized the role of chemical addiction, wishing the general public would read more about how addiction happens, and the current mystery around why some people can take a drug once or twice and never do it again, while others struggle with it for their entire lives. Although some studies have linked genetics and mental illness to the potential for developing addiction issues, it can strike nearly anyone and has affected nearly all families in the United States in some way.

Joined by Amanda Eltzroth and Scott McGee, the Rupert Clinic distributed over 180 boxes of Narcan to the Rupert area, looking to save lives.

“We did 118 in Alderson, we did 90-some in White Sulphur, we did 40 above Lewisburg,” Martin said. “Last Saturday we worked with the Fayette County Coalition and we did 500. That was for the whole county, not just for one area.”

Of the two people that passed in under ten minutes, one woman noted she her daughter uses and it scares her. As she signed up for a Narcan dose, she explained that her daughter previously got treatment, but then fell back to using.

“That happens to people,” Martin told her. “We can

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## For the Record

### Deeds

Charles Harmon and Ruth Harmon to Samuel Stinson and Morgan Stinson, Lots 1 and 2, Section 17, Rainelle Municipal

Haley Marie Smith to Kay E. Shirey, Unit 9, townhouse Cluster A, Lewisburg Municipality

Ronald and Heather Magliochetti to Billy and Tessa Mitchell, 1.263 acre, Fort Spring

James and Elizabeth Christie to Robert Rose and Rebecca Rose, 32.59 acres, Frankford

Diann Haynes to Danny Rood Jr.. and Leslie Rood, 25,074.98 sq ft, Frankford

## Sobriety Checkpoint scheduled in Fairlea

The West Virginia State Police will conduct a sobriety checkpoint on US 219 in the Fairlea area of Greenbrier County on Friday, May 7. The checkpoint will be in operation between 8 p.m. on Friday and 2 a.m. Saturday. The purpose of the checkpoint is to detect and deter impaired drivers, as well as to educate the public about the dangers of driving an automobile while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

## State Fair of WV’s Giant Spring Flea Market to return

The State Fair of West Virginia’s Giant Spring Flea Market is set to return May 15 and 16, to the State Fairgrounds in Lewisburg. Hours of operation are Saturday, May 15, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this spring’s event will include outdoor vendors only, no indoor vendors will be permitted. Interested vendors may visit [www.statefairfowv.com](http://www.statefairfowv.com), or call 304-645-1090 to register. All vendors must be pre-registered, no applications will be accepted the day of.

Masks must be worn inside any structures and we ask that social distancing be maintained.

“We are very excited to get back to business,” State Fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. “This spring’s event may look a little different, but it’s a step in the right direction as we explore our new normal.”

The WV Lottery’s Building will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 15 and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 16. Only a limited number of patrons will be allowed in the building and face masks must be worn at all times inside.

### Yard Sale Reminder

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# OPINION

## The Back Pew

By Stephen Baldwin



One “legislative session wrap-up” wasn’t enough to cover all the issues folks care about! If your calls, emails, and questions at the grocery store are any indication, you are interested in more information on bills I didn’t cover in the last column. Hopefully, this helps.

**BROADBAND FUNDING.** Most folks assume the legislature put money for broadband in the budget this year, but that’s not true. Zero funds were put into building broadband.

**BROADBAND COUNCILS.** Instead of relying on big companies or the state to solve our problems for us, I’m inviting counties and municipalities to establish local broadband councils with community leaders. Fayette, Greenbrier, Pocahontas, Raleigh, and Summers are all considering or operating local councils. If you’d like to be involved or to learn more, be in touch! The more organized we are locally, the better positioned we will be as federal funds come down.

**STATE PARK DISCOUNTS FOR VETS.** SB586 provided discounts for veterans and active duty military at our state parks. I proudly sponsored the bill, and it passed the Senate unanimously. Unfortunately, it died in the House of Delegates. They refused to put it up for a vote and gave no reason. Supporting our veterans and military ought to be nonpartisan and common sense. They give everything for us; we owe them our gratitude. I will introduce it again next year.

**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SERVICE.** SB610 provided scholarship funds for students who provide service to West Virginia. I sponsored this bill also with my friend Sen. Bill Hamilton (R-Upshur), and it also passed the Senate. It also died in the House, after they said it wasn’t necessary. If we want to retain young people who are trained and willing to help our state...and we don’t have to spend a dime to do it...then this bill is absolutely necessary. We will fight for it again next year.

**POLICE PAY RAISE.** A budget amendment to provide a \$2,000 across the board payraise for state police was defeated in floor vote by the supermajority in the final days of session. Police are underpaid in West Virginia. If we want top-level talent, we have to pay better. The supermajority argued that it cost too much. It cost \$1.2 million, which is a worthy investment in those who put their lives on the line each day to protect us.

**FIRST RESPONDER PTSD.** After a five-year battle, Del. Chad Lovejoy’s bill allowing first responders to collect worker’s compensation for PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder) passed and was signed by the governor. We live in a day and age where more first responders die of suicide than in the line of duty. They endure traumas on a regular basis. Very glad the legislature took this positive step forward this year!

**EDUCATION REFORM.** Several education reform bills passed the legislature in the first two weeks of the session. HB2012 expands charter schools, including the creation of multiple virtual charter schools. (I thought we all agreed virtual education didn’t work this year, yet the supermajority doubled down and expanded into the future.) HB2013 provides \$4,600 directly to parents who want to homeschool or send their kids to private school. In total, these bills could end up costing over



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\$300 million. Since these passed so long ago, a number of folks asked me if they became law? Yes, the governor signed both after the supermajorities passed the bills.

**“OUT OF TOUCH”?** Folks often ask me how legislators in Charleston can be “so out of touch” with the concerns of people back home. They say something like, “Why do they pass these bills nobody wants and kill bills we the people do want?” I think a few things are at play. One, legislators are representing their people back home. It may be a small slice of those they represent, as we only seem to talk to people we agree with these days, but they are generally doing what they think is right. Two, a small slice of the population elects our legislators. Those who shout the loudest are controlling the conversation. Three, lobbyists are extremely powerful. They find ways to get what they want.

How can we turn things around and ensure legislators are “in touch” with those they represent? Elect good human beings. Regardless of which party they’re in. Elect people who will read bills and think about consequences and ask you what you think.

In that spirit, please be in touch. We’ve got a lot of work to do in the “offseason.” 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](mailto:stephen.baldwin@wvsenate.gov). Follow him on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram @BaldwinForWV)*

## Commentary Gov. Justice signs 2021 alcohol legislation

The West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration (WVABCA) is pleased to announce that Governor Jim Justice has signed House Bill 2025, a bill introduced at the request of the Governor.

HB 2025 provides liquor, wine and beer licensees with some new concepts developed during the State of Emergency utilizing new technology to provide greater freedom to operate in a safe and responsible manner.

Some new concepts included in HB 2025 are:

- Curbside in-person or in-vehicle pickup, or third party delivery of sealed beer and beer growlers, sealed wine and wine growlers, and sealed craft cocktail growlers when a licensee is appropriately licensed;
- Sealed liquor drinks in craft cocktail growlers for food or meal orders to go (no person who has consumed alcohol can purchase a to-go order with a craft cocktail growler);

## Letter to the Editor Open Letter to Delegate Todd Longanacre

**Dear Delegate Longanacre:**

We are taking the opportunity to respond to your statements which were published in the Apr. 18 edition of the *West Virginia Daily News*, which took place during the recent town hall/Greenbrier County Republican Club meeting. We are concerned with your remark that there were some bills you voted on based on opposing the vote of Delegate Danielle Walker from Monongalia County. We understand that there are truly hundreds of bills offered at each session, but surely there is a better way to learn about them than choosing to merely oppose a fellow delegate. The needs of the 42 District aren’t red needs or blue needs or even green needs, but the those of all of our citizens. We would hope that all of your votes are based on what is best for all people in your district.

We are further concerned that you singled out Delegate Walker. Why reference delegates from another county in the first place? There are three other Democratic delegates from the 51 District. Why single out Ms. Walker? Is it because she is an African American woman? Was it your intention to disparage a fellow delegate to gain the approval of your constituents?

We believe that all people, including elected officials, need to be treated with respect. We hope that you will

- 6 a.m. sales for certain Class A on-premises and Class B off-premises licensees;
- Covid-19 fee reduction for Private Clubs;
- Additional outdoor dining and street dining options for beer, wine and liquor, the emphasis is on “dining”;
- Limited beer direct shipping for brewers;
- Limited direct shipping for distilleries;
- Hard Cider Tax Reduction and growlers;
- New private club licenses types for private club bars, private club restaurants, private caterers, private farmers’ markets, private wedding venues or barns, private tennis clubs, private professional sport stadiums, private multi-sport complexes, one day charitable auctions, multi-vendor fairs and festivals and etc.

Please go to the WVABCA website for more detailed information and applications at [www.abca.wv.gov](http://www.abca.wv.gov).

apologize to our friend and your fellow delegate, Delegate Danielle Walker. Moreover, we would like to have a dialog with you so we can better understand your positions on various issues going forward.

We invite you to attend one of our upcoming meetings in the next couple of months so that we can exchange views and information important to West Virginia legislation. Please let us know when you are available.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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## Commentary Gov. Justice announces WV ready to offer vaccines to children age 12-15 at schools upon federal approval

During Wednesday’s briefing, Gov. Justice announced that, with the U.S. FDA and CDC expected to authorize use of the COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 12-15 within the next week, officials in charge of West Virginia’s vaccine distribution efforts are ready to hold vaccination clinics at schools in all 55 counties across the state as soon as this approval takes place.

“They’ll have to have the permission of their guardians,” Gov. Justice said. “At these clinics, we will also offer vaccines to all eligible West Virginians, including any other students, parents, and educators.”

The West Virginia Department of Education estimates that there are 78,000 students ages 12-15 who are eligible for the vaccine in the state’s K-12 schools.

“In the last month, we’ve held focus groups with teachers, parents, and students,” West Virginia State Superintendent of Schools Clayton Burch said. “The interesting thing we’ve been able to talk about in these student roundtables is: ‘What does the future look like?’ And it all came back to vaccinations. Each one of the students talked about the role that vaccinations will play in the future of school.

“There’s one young man out there that I think had one of the best taglines for all of his underclassmen friends,” Superintendent Burch continued. “This young man was a senior this year and he said, ‘Listen, Superintendent Burch, I’ll make it very, very simple. I would tell all of my friends and peers in high school, if you don’t want your senior year next year to suck, get a vaccination. Just do it.’ He sent a very poignant message that even our young people are talking about the power of what these vaccinations can do for them. It didn’t matter whether they were AP students, career technical education students, or students that might be in the JROTC; they all have the same message. The vaccines are the only way they see forward to get back to some normalcy and to protect themselves and their families”

Gov. Justice also announced that all individuals registered in the West Virginia COVID-19 Vaccine Registration System were sent a message encouraging them to call the COVID-19 Vaccine Info Line (1-833-734-0965) to schedule a vaccination if they or a family member have not already done so.

As a result of this outreach effort, 973 West Virginians have called the info line to request a vaccine.

“Think about it, we went back to all those folks that had registered and asked if they had family members, or maybe if even they themselves had not scheduled their appointment, and we had 973 people call in to request the vaccine,” Gov. Justice said. “So that was very successful and that’ll help us a bunch.”

Gov. Justice also announced Wednesday that the State of West Virginia has now administered 1,294,506 vaccine doses out of a total allotment of 1,531,420 doses from the federal government; an overall administration rate of 84.5%.

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# OBITUARIES

## Jesse Webster Morgan



**Ronceverte**-Jesse Webster Morgan, 77, went Home to be with his Savior, Jesus Christ, on May 1, 2021, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

Jesse was born June 3, 1943, in Ronceverte and was the son of the late Webster Mason and Erma Morgan Morgan.

Jesse graduated from Greenbrier High School in 1962. He worked for Mountaineer Gas Company for 30 years and with the WV Department Natural Resources for 20 years. His true hobbies were cattle farming and bear hunting. Jesse was a member of Bethel Pentecostal Holiness Church, deacon of the church, overseer of the church cemetery, Sunday School teacher and superintendent of the Sunday School classes.

Other than his parents he was preceded in death by siblings, Paul (Joey) Morgan, Glemma (Austin) Bradley, Thelma (John) McQuade, Theda (Dave) Campbell, Linda Shope, and sister-in-law, Bonnie Morgan.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Lottie Reed Morgan; his children, Edgar Mason Morgan (Judy) of Ronceverte and Nathan Morgan (Michelle) of Frankford; grandchildren, Andy Morgan, Macie Morgan; step-grandchildren, Aimee and Anthony Richmond; great-grandchildren, Joscelynn and Aubrey Morgan; special brother, Dave Morgan of Organ Cave, Andrew (Mary) Morgan of Organ Cave; sisters, Martha (Harold) Harrison of Lewisburg, Marcia (Wayne) Wickline of White Sulphur Springs and JoAnn (Tommy) Honaker of Ronceverte; brother-in-law, Robert Shope of Organ Cave; along with a host of nieces,

es, nephews, great-nieces and nephews as well as several close friends.

Funeral services for Jesse were held on Thursday, May 6, at Bethel Pentecostal Holiness Church at Organ Cave where Pastor Wes Comer and Pastor Jesse Hunt officiated. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

The family received family and friends before the services at the church.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte are in charge of arrangements.

Please send online condolences by visiting [www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com](http://www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com)

## Lewis W. Forren



**Ronceverte**-Lewis W. "Bubby" Forren, 45, passed away Thursday, Apr. 29, 2021, at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Born Oct. 6, 1975, at Union, he was a son of Roger Lewis Forren and Elizabeth Bell "Liz" Hall Davis.

"Bubby" drove a trash truck for Greenbrier Solid Waste, attended Ronceverte Baptist Church as a child, and was a Christian.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Tom and Annie Forren and maternal grandparents, Henry and Ruby Hall.

He is survived by his mother, Elizabeth Bell "Liz" Hall Davis of Lewisburg; father, Roger Lewis Forren of Ronceverte; six wonderful children, Adriel, Camron, Trinity, Dupree, Skyler and Hayden; two brothers, Donnie Forren of Ronceverte and Kevin Davis of Lewisburg; three sisters, Lisa Swann and husband George of Barboursville, Tammy Baker of Ronceverte and Kathy Hanson and husband Thomas of Ronceverte; 15 nieces and nephews; one great-niece

and one great-nephew.

Funeral service was held on Tuesday, Apr. 4 at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg, where Pastor Joey Morgan officiated. Burial followed in Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Fort Spring.

The family received friends before the service on Tuesday.

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

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## Mary Lee McIntire



**White Sulphur Springs**-Mary Lee McIntire, 83, of passed away peacefully Monday, Dec. 7, 2020, with family by her side.

She was born Aug. 20, 1937, at Rainelle, a daughter of the late Ernest "Hard Rock" and Kathlyn "Nootsie" Vance Sanders.

Other family members preceding her in passing are daughter, Michelle "Shelly" McIntire and husband George "Sonny" McIntire; two sisters, Linda Ruth Sanders and Peggy Viars; and brother, Ernest "Ernie" Sanders.

Mary was a retired dietitian, most recently a cashier for G.W. Lewis. Mary was a member and past president of Eastern Star and was also a member of the White Sulphur Springs Women's Club. She was a member of ANI - Appalachian Nation of Indians. Mary was an accomplished pianist - playing in churches and giving piano lessons to many in Greenbrier County.

Mary attended Bethesda Church in White Sulphur Springs. Her many interests included gardening, playing the piano, decorating, and spending time with her family.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, son,

Mike McIntire and wife Alicia; daughter, Sandy McIntire-Peters and husband Robert; sister, Beverly Dawn Jones and husband John; grandson, Aaron Brandon Wright; two great-grandsons, Roman and Paxton Wright; three step-great-granddaughters. Also surviving are numerous cousins, nephews, and nieces.

A celebration of life to honor her memory will be held Saturday, May 8 at 2 p.m. at Rosewood Cemetery Mausoleum in Lewisburg with Pastor Chad Dingess officiating.

The family suggests making a donation to the Shelly McIntire Scholarship at the Bank of Monroe at 790 North Jefferson Street in Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs are in charge of arrangements.

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## Robert Otis Bradley

**Ronceverte**-Robert Otis Bradley, 87, passed away Saturday, May 1, 2021, at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born Nov. 18, 1933, at Sweet Springs, a son of the late Otie Clarence and Mamie Carper Bradley.

He was a farmer, a former carpenter with Bill Huff and retired from Brown Construction. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Army and National Guard.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Luther, Eugene, Charlie, Cleveland and Austin Bradley; and sisters, Christine Johnson, Catherine Sams, and Mary Bradley.

He is survived by his

wife, Charlotte Morgan Bradley; daughter, Angela McMann (Billy) of Ronceverte; sons, Dale Robert Bradley (Debby) of Fairmont, Brian Bradley (Brenda Boone) of Fairlea, and Kevin Bradley (Melanie) of Ronceverte; grandchildren, Robert Bradley of Fairlea, Scott Bradley (Maggie) of Cleveland, TN, Bradley McMann of Ronceverte, Jason Rose of Little Hocking, OH, Ashley Stemple of Fairmont, Holly Keller of Fairmont, Ashley Bradley of Morgantown, Lindsey Bradley of Greenville, NC and Miranda Bradley of Morgantown; great-grandchildren, Casey Rose, Madison Glasser, Noah Keller, Lincoln Keller, Able Keller, Bridgett Bradley and Scarlett Bradley; sister, Marie Erskine of Caldwell; two brothers, Marion Bradley of Pickaway, and Carl "Joe" Bradley of Alderson; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Graveside service was held on Tuesday, May 4, at the Bradley Family Cemetery on Charles Boothe Road, Pickaway, where Pastor Gary Baker officiated.

There was no evening visitation.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte are in charge of arrangements.

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## Martha Belle (Hanson) Canterbury

**Worcester, MA**-Martha Belle (Hanson) Canterbury, 73, of Hillside Avenue, died on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at UMass Memorial Medical Center - University Campus in Worcester.

She was predeceased by her husband, Mont Richardson Canterbury, Sr. who died in 1975; and her brothers, Alfred Moody, and Clark Hanson.

She is survived by her daughter, Corinda A. Robinson; her son, Mont Richardson Canterbury, Jr. and his wife Dawn of Webster; two grandchildren, Mikaela Elizabeth Canterbury of Webster and Shane Robinson of Southbridge; her great-grandson, Julien Michael Jones of Webster; several nieces and nephews, including but not limited to Ruth Anne Hanson and her partner Andrew Brooks of Lewisburg, Clark "Luther" Hanson and wife Laurie of New Market, TN, and Teresa Adkins and husband Anthony and their children of Hinton; beloved family and friends including special family members Jean and John Moody of Webster with whom she lived, and Wade and Miss Betty Robinson of Worcester.

She was born in Asbury, WV, daughter of the late Harve Luther and Nellie Gray (Moody) Hanson and lived in Asbury before moving to Webster in 1978.

Mrs. Canterbury worked at Stevens Linen in Dudley for over 10 years. She loved gardening, flowers, coffee, cigarettes, and especially spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandson.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, May 8, at 1 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church Cemetery with Ron Miller officiating.

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## Progressive CEOS hold April meeting

Seven members of The Progressive CEOS met at the Rhema Church for their April meeting.

President Patty Gray opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Social distancing was recognized, and masks were worn by all. There were no committee reports.

Faye Honaker gave the motivator's report. The emphasis for this month is Calcium. Calcium is found in dairy products, sardines and salmon, dark green leafy vegetables, and tofu.

April Homes will give the May report.

Patty urged everyone to keep reading and keep account of books read. She reminded us of the short story and poetry contest which is due Aug. 15. We have plenty of time to think about entering.

Lynn Humphreys brought the traveling basket and Colleen Walton took it home with her and she will bring it back next month.

Patty brought the friendship quilt and passed it along to Lynn who will keep it a year. The quilt was made by the club and each square has a member's name on it.

We will meet at Patty's on Apr. 27 at 1 p.m. to stuff heart pillows.

WV- "We Volunteer" is the theme for Achievement Day. This is scheduled for May 6 at the WVU Building in the fairgrounds.

The lunch is catered for \$11. Each club is to bring two door prizes and a breakfast item. Mary Jirka and Faye Honaker will furnish the door prizes and April Holmes will furnish the

breakfast item.

The next meeting will be at the Extension Office. Our June meeting will be a bag lunch at Hart's Run. Mary Jirka won the door prize.

The Program was "Becoming Active in your Community's Historic Preservation." Historic preservation is protecting and preserving items from the past for those in the future. Historic preservation emphasizes using what exists in a place rather than new development. The first step in historic preservation is to identify the place that needs to be protected. The next step is the most important and that involves taking official action to save the structure or site. The next step is to make sure that the places are protected. Once a historic place of structure is lost, that asset is lost to the community forever. Commemorative replicated or relocated buildings may be nice, but they are not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, the nation's official list of important cultural and historical places worthy of preservation. By being proactive in your community and by working to identify, repair and protect worthy places and structures, you can prevent this unfortunate loss of history - and create a situation where the lessons learned in the past are available for those in the future.

Patty provided a basket of healthy snack foods for her refreshments which were enjoyed by Faye Honaker, Jean Foley, Lynn Humphreys, Colleen Walton, Mary Jirka, April Holmes, and Patty Gray.

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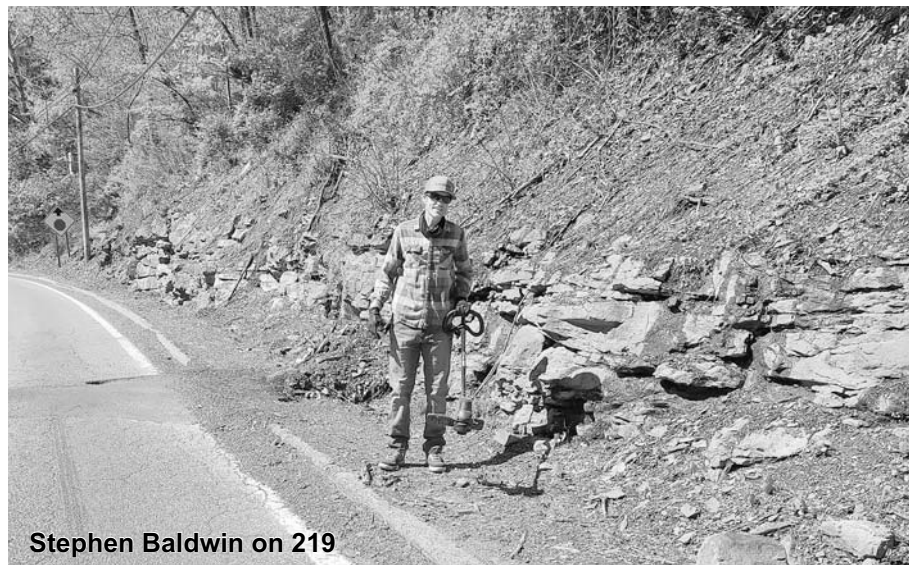
In tribute to Ronceverte resident, Senator Stephen Baldwin, the Greenbrier County Democratic Women's Club partnered with Friends of Ronceverte (FOR) to raise money for their many initiatives. The Club also participated in Ronceverte's Make it Shine day on May 1. We joined Senator Baldwin and others to beautify downtown Ronceverte, working alongside other community members and organizations to Make Ronceverte Shine.

Our club wanted to find a fitting way to thank and honor Senator Baldwin for his hard work during the legislative session. "Partnering with the Friends of Ronceverte was a positive way to show our appreciation" stated Diane Browning, Women's Club Vice President.

According to Heather Masters, FOR President, over \$1,700 has been donated in Senator Baldwin's honor, which will be used for future projects including painting

and beautifying Island Park and adding benches and flower planters in various areas. The Friends of Ronceverte will also be providing scholarships to resident students.

Senator Baldwin stated, "Thanks to the Friends of Ronceverte for their leadership and to the Democratic Women's Club for raising money. It's so exciting to see all the positive energy in our town. When communities work together nothing is impossible."



Stephen Baldwin on 219



Richie Holliday, Morgan Funeral Home

## Ruritans plan highway cleanup April 26, hear from Morgan Funeral Home

The Maxwelton Ruritan Club welcomed Richie Holliday from Morgan Funeral Home as the guest speaker for the April meeting. Holliday spoke to the members about the importance of pre-planning and avoiding conflict with family members when the need arises. The members also scheduled Adopt A Highway road cleanup for Monday, Apr. 26, at 5:15 p.m. Members will be picking up trash along Route 219 north of Lewisburg.

The Maxwelton Ruritan Club is civic organization that has been serving the local area since 1953. The members operate an ice cream concession stand at the State Fair of WV and all proceeds benefit the local community including donations to local organizations and provide two scholarships to area high school seniors. We strive to make our area a better place to live, work and raise a family. The club meets the fourth Thursday of each month at the Henning Church of God on Vago Road.

If you would like to attend an upcoming meeting, please email [ldbowman84@hotmail.com](mailto:ldbowman84@hotmail.com). We would love to meet you and tell you about Ruritan. You can also follow us on Facebook.

## Ronceverte Woman's Club holds April meeting

The Ronceverte Woman's Club (RWC) met at Edgerton Café on Monday, Apr. 26 for a dinner meeting.

The meeting began by members giving a warm welcome and a small gift to two new members, Jeanne Holley and Karen Hoylman. Then Karen spoke to the club about her interests in gardening, her greenhouses on her farm on Ketron Church Road (just off Rockland Road) and her latest endeavor, The Potting Shed in Ronceverte. Karen donated the beautiful pansies that the RWC planted in the Main Street flower barrels earlier this spring. Her greenhouses are open and she will be selling flowers and vegetable plants at her greenhouse and The Potting Shed. Visit her Facebook Page at The Potting Shed WV for more information.

During the business session, the RWC discussed fundraising. The club made plans to have a Yard Sale on the Ronceverte Baptist Church parking lot on Saturday, May 22, and a silent auction under Shelter #1 on Island Park during the Ronceverte River Festival on June 12.

The club will also hold a Meet the Candidates Night at the Ronceverte Firehouse on Tuesday, May 18, at 7 p.m. There are several people running for

the offices of mayor and city council. The club wants to give the community an opportunity to hear the candidates before voting in the upcoming election on Tuesday, June 1. The WV Daily News will assist with this event.

A signup sheet was passed around so that members could volunteer to help with the Spring Salad Luncheon by making salads and/or desserts and volunteering to work the day of the luncheon. The Spring Salad Luncheon is an annual fundraiser for the Ronceverte Public Library and it was held on Thursday, May 6, at the Trinity Methodist Church in Ronceverte.

The Ronceverte Woman's Club welcomes new members who want to be informed about civic



New members of RWC: Jeanne Holley (left) and Karen Hoylman

issues and involved in community improvement as well as enjoying the fellowship of a great group of women. If interested, please come to our next meeting which will be on Monday, May 24 at 7 p.m. at the Ronceverte Baptist Church on Main Street. For more information, call 304-647-4890.

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# John Burnham: Featured artist at Greenbrier Public Library

The Greenbrier Artists Group continues to display the works of member artists in the Greenbrier County Public Library in Burnham is a member of the Greenbrier Artists, the Hampton (VA) Arts League, the Suffolk (VA) Arts League and the Isle of Wight (VA) Arts League. He has studios in Alderson and in Smithfield, VA.

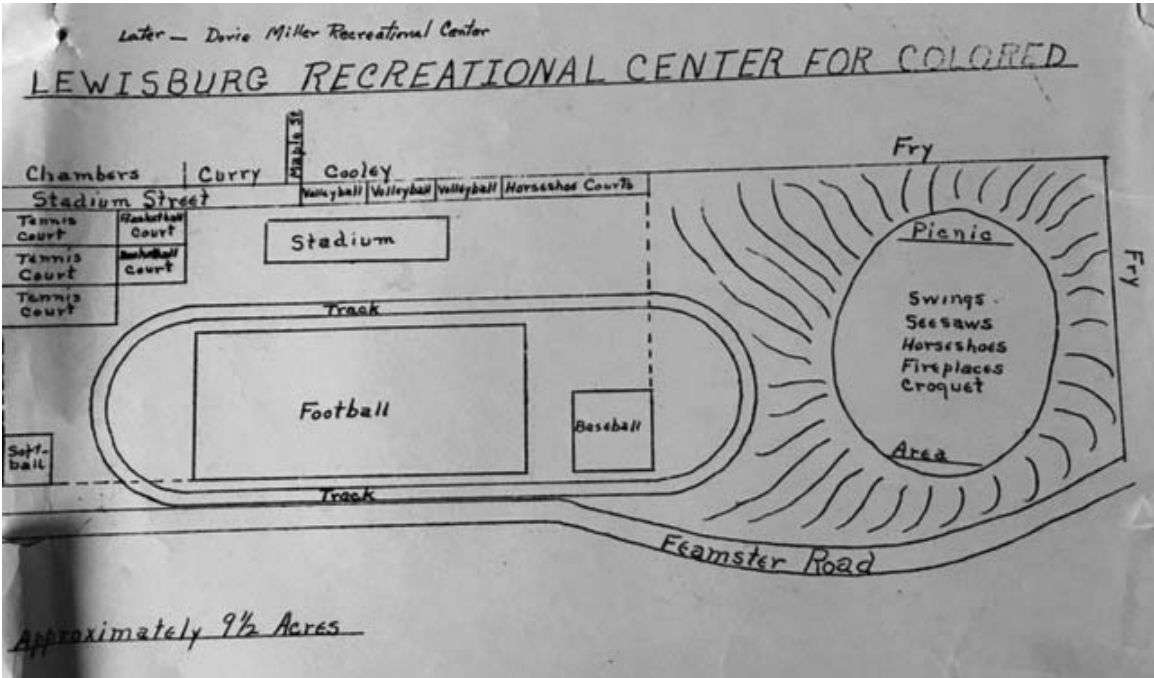
Please pay a visit and enjoy the revolving art exhibits at the library. If you are interested in art, you are welcome to join the Greenbrier Artists. Currently, outdoor meetings are planned through the summer. When Carnegie Hall reopens post-pandemic, the group looks forward to returning to its regular 9 a.m. meetings on Thursdays in the Kellar Art Studio to paint together and to learn new techniques. Membership is open to all at a very reasonable rate.

For further information please contact Jeanne Brenneman at 304-645-3050.

His preferred medium is watercolor. He also works in pastel, mixed media, crayon and pen and ink. In addition to traditional landscape and still life painting he has delved into various design experiments -

works seeking to reveal design concepts in nature inspired to bring into focus the beauty of its abstract design elements.

## A Look Back



The plan for the park from the Dr. John F. Montgomery papers courtesy of Mary Montgomery Lindquist.

**By William “Skip” Deegans**

Shown in this week’s photo is the original 1941 plan for Lewisburg’s Colored Recreational Center that was later renamed the Dorie Miller Recreational Center and now called Dorie Miller Park. The genesis for the recreational center came from the Greenbrier County Council, an “organizational found and existing for the purpose of promoting the welfare and interest of colored youth in Greenbrier County.” In 1941, the council purchased 4-1/8 acres for \$600 from the Preston family. The property lay behind the African American Bolling School. When the Town of Lewisburg committed itself to developing separate recreational centers for colored and white children and purchased an additional 7.14 acres from the Preston family to add to what the

Council had bought, the Council’s trustees conveyed the property it purchased to the Town.

Lewisburg’s Park Commission, under the leadership of its chair Dr. John F. Montgomery, kicked off a joint fund-raising drive for both recreational centers. Some initial grading of the property for the center was accomplished by the Works Progress Administration (WPA), part of President Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deal. To complete the grading, Dr. Montgomery had to rent a bulldozer, jackhammer, and grader from the State Road Commission. Since gasoline was in short supply because of World War II, Dr. Montgomery obtained fuel through the rationing program.

On April 21, 1945, Earl Clay, principal of the Bolling High and Elementary School, requested the

name of the Lewisburg Colored Recreational Center be changed to the Dorie Miller Recreational Center to honor Miller, an African American sailor who was cited for unusual bravery on the battleship West Virginia during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1943. While Miller had no connection to Lewisburg, he was honored throughout the country with memorials. Lewisburg’s Park Commission voted to change the name to the Dorie Miller Recreational Center and at the same time changed the name of the Recreational Center for Whites to the Lewisburg Recreational Center - now Hollowell Park.

Sources: Minutes of the Lewisburg Park Commission, Beckley Post-Herald, Greenbrier Independent.

## Ronceverte

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they were willing to send a crew.”

Smith said White Sulphur Springs and Union also offered help.

“It’s nice to know that the towns around us realize we’ve been in a predicament the last couple of days,” Smith said. “A lot of folks thought the entire town was without water, but it was only the folks that were on the main water tank that lost water. There was a great effort by city employees to take water to those folks who could not come and get water. ... I didn’t have water at my house. You can’t take a shower or flush the commode, but other than that, it’s work-

able. Those are the two big inconveniences. You can’t wash clothes either. Think back to the derecho folks.”

Council, Senator Stephen Baldwin, and everyone in the room thanked city crews and employees for helping get the water back online.

“I want to thank Pam and the City Hall employees, the city workers out working on the leaks, Mayor David Smith,” said Recorder Deena Pack. “Everybody’s been putting in a lot of time to make sure the inconvenience is as slight as possible. We need to thank our citizens for their patience. Yes, this part of it is not fun, but it

will be worth it so we’re dealing with pipes that are not over 100 years old. We need to keep looking to the future and know that it’s going to get better.”

Anyone looking to keep up with the ongoing water situation should follow the City of Ronceverte Facebook page, where the most up to date information is posted. City Council, Smith, Williams, and the crew working the leaks also thanked Mentz for keeping the page up to date, keeping people informed about what was next, and allowing them to work. Going to nixle.com and signing up for text notifications is also recommended.

## Make-It-Shine

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Island Park, I think they would benefit from it too.”

Each sign board costs approximately \$350, and also needs two sign posts, a bag of cement, lights, and more. Kathy King, councilmember and director of the Ronceverte Development Corporation, also noted the organization might also be able to help get multiple boards in the park.

“RDC has grants for signage and if there are still funds there, we can contribute,” said King. “I know it would be great to have a couple of them in Island Park. Going from one end of the playground area all the way [to the other], I think it would be great to have a couple of them.”

Recorder and mayoral candidate Deena Pack also thanked a local business for getting involved with the project.

“Tim Doolan at River City Tees has agreed to make these for both Island Park and Ronceverte Elementary School,” said Pack. “Ashley is planning to put Tim in contact with the speech teachers at Ronceverte Elementary so they can work with him.”

Pack also complimented Guet’s efforts

to expand access to parks and recreation for individuals with autism.

“I would like to commend Ashely,” Pack said. “April was autism awareness month and Ashley worked very hard to be an activist for Winter and other children who have autism.”

“You guys are going to make me cry,” Ashley said, after talk of getting more than one board installed.

In other business:

- The stalled sewer project is waiting for a new machine part necessary to complete the work. Once the part arrives, the work is expected to take about a month and is financially covered by leftover funds from the sewer plant upgrade project. The project looks to replace a 12 inch pipe running under the railroad tracks with 18 inch lines on either side, backlogging the system.
- The Ronceverte Fire Department issued an April report to the council. King thanked them for the report, but wanted them more often, noting one report, “one month, once a year, doesn’t really let the community know how much you guys are out there working, unless you’re going by their house like mine.”

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## Dear Recycle Lady,

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
How about paper towels? Do they compost? Can they be recycled? If so, how clean must they be? Thank you.

**Nature Enthusiast**  
**Dear Nature Enthusiast,**  
Yes, most paper towels can be composted. They are rich in carbon and nitrogen and will add beneficial bacteria. Unused or wet, white, or brown paper towels that have been used for dusting, drying dishes or hands are good choices. Paper towels that have been used with strong chemicals or cleaning products or have been used to clean up greasy items such as butter or oil should not be added to the compost. They can cause breeding of bacteria that you do not want in your compost. For best and quickest results, tear wet paper towels into small pieces before adding them to the bin. This will help speed up decomposition.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
Are scented perfume advertisements that come in the mail recyclable? What about address labels?

**Junk Mail Detective**  
**Dear Junk Mail Detective,**  
Yes, scented perfume advertisements can be recycled. They are considered “stinky” slicks and recycled with magazines. Address labels are a different story. They can’t be recycled because of the adhesive on the back. This adhesive is strong enough for the labels to get stuck to the equipment and cause problems. Fortunately, the adhesive on address labels is different from the adhesive on post-it notes. Post-it notes are 100% recyclable. Pastel colored Post-its go with office paper. Bright Post-its go with magazines.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
I’m confused. A few months ago, in one of your columns, you said that cereal boxes, TP rolls, Kleenex boxes, etc. may LOOK like cardboard, but were made of paperboard and should be recycled with junk mail and office paper. Only if the 3-layer construction of cardboard were clearly visible should material be recycled as cardboard. But in a much more recent column you said that if cereal boxes and other containers look like cardboard on the inside, they should be bundled with cardboard. Please help.

**Dispel My Confusion**  
**Dear Dispel My Confusion,**  
I had no idea how confused recyclers were about what is cardboard! Hopefully, this can dispel your confusion and everyone else’s. From now on, without exception, ALL boxes go into the cardboard bin. This includes big boxes, small boxes, Mac & Cheese boxes, Kleenex boxes, toilet paper and paper towel rolls, cereal boxes, packing boxes, and any other configuration of boxes.

Don’t forget the Pesticide Collection event on Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Greenbrier Recycling Center on Monroe Avenue in Ronceverte. Gather up all your pesticides, bring them for proper disposal and help protect birds, bees, butterflies, and insects by eliminating toxic chemicals. 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.



# SCHOOL

## NRCTC launches year scheduling for classes

New River Community and Technical College students now have the option to register for classes for a year at a time. Students can register for summer 2021, fall 2021, spring 2022 and summer 2022 courses at the college.

“At New River CTC, we’re focused on our student’s needs. Many of our students work and have family obligations. By offering students the opportunity to register for classes for a year, they can plan their work schedule and child care in advance,” explained Executive Director for Institutional Advancement and the New River CTC Foundation Michael Green.

New River CTC students may

choose to take web enhanced face-to-face classes using Zoom video conferencing, online classes and on-campus classes for the summer 2021, fall 2021, spring 2022 and summer 2022 semesters.

“We are excited to be able expand our in-person class offerings as we plan for upcoming semesters,” added Dean for Transfer and Pre-Professional Programs Dr. Wendy Patriquin.

More than 40 of New River CTC’s degree and certificate programs qualify for free tuition through West Virginia Invests. The college is currently accepting new students. Cosmetology, barbering and electric distribution engineering technology

(line service) will have new classes starting in May.

Registration is underway at New River CTC. Current students can contact their faculty advisor or the Student Success Center for advising to assist with registering for classes. New and re-admitted students who have completed admissions requirements can schedule an appointment to register for classes with the Office of Admissions. Information on admissions requirements and student types can be found online at <https://www.newriver.edu/ready-to-apply/>.

Visit [www.newriver.edu](http://www.newriver.edu), email [admissions@newriver.edu](mailto:admissions@newriver.edu) or call 1-866-349-3739 for more information about New River CTC

## Positive messages for Greenbrier Co. students, parents and teachers

Travel through Greenbrier County schools and one will notice recent placement of “Positive Verbiage Posters” on campus.

The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine’s Community Relations Committee in cooperation with Greenbrier County Community in Schools have partnered up on a county wide project and created positive posters for each school (Elementary, Middle Schools and High Schools) in Greenbrier County.

When weather permits, the posters are outside around the campus (in addition to being inside). Posters are dropped off to the schools on a monthly basis and placed on walls, doors and windows throughout the school by staff members.

“The language that we use and see in print has a huge impact on stu-

dents, parents’ and adult’s emotional wellbeing in our schools, especially this year,” explained Deborah Johnson, second grade teacher at Ronceverte Elementary School. “Our words, whether written or spoken (tone of voice) have a profound effect on people in general. We can empower our students, parents and teachers, by tuning in to the language we use with children and adults helping them to learn new skills and to become their best selves.”

To choose positive behaviors, children need to see themselves as capable individuals and responsible community members. Adults can use language both verbal and written to help children build that self-perception.

The positive verbiage posters convey the belief that children want to

cooperate, listen, and do good work, while also giving them information about how they can follow through with improving their character and becoming the best version of themselves.

By using language to convey beliefs in our children / parents / teachers’ abilities and intentions, we help them internalize a confident identity and develop more awareness and self-control in order to promote positive behaviors. These powerful tools can nurture self-control, build a sense of belonging, and help to gain academic and social skills.

Ronceverte Elementary would like to thank WVSOM (also a Partner in Education) and our Community in Schools for providing this opportunity for our schools in Greenbrier County.

### Narcan

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see her again, she’s not barred. A lot of people relapse and we meet up with them and get them started again.”

“If they could see the shape they’re in when they’re like that,” the woman said. “But I appreciate this. Thank you so much.”

Those looking for help can reach out to Seneca Health Services online at [shsinc.org](http://shsinc.org), or by calling 304-872-6503.

“We can help them with that [not having financial resources],” Chestnut said, “We can help them get Medicaid if they don’t have insurance, we can help get them into sober living homes where they can work. That’s what a lot of them want to do, go somewhere and work and build their life back up. ... There’s a lot of resources out there but people don’t know they’re available, so they never use them. I’m sure there’s a lot

we don’t know, but there are a lot we do know. We can help them get in touch with the right people.”

Despite the grim outlook exasperated by a pandemic, the team refuses to give up.

“You can’t save everybody and we know that, but you try to save as many as we can,” Martin said. “We will not stop, no matter what the cities tell us or what the politicians say. We’re going to try to save lives. We’re not going to give up.”

“We’re all in recovery too as well,” Chestnut said. “Not only are we handing out naloxone, we’re handing out recovery resources to let them know there are people out here that care about them. Not everybody knows that there’s recovery out there to help them.

“We’re also examples,” Martin said. “We show recovery does work. It takes a little work, but recovery is possible.”

## Wingo inducted into Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Gregory Wingo of Lewisburg was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Wingo was initiated at University of Maryland, Baltimore Campuses.

Wingo is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is “To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.”

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# Local WVU student one of eight honored with 2021 Order of Augusta

An international student who has immersed himself in the “cultural heartbeat” of his new community, a first-generation student graduating with a cumulative 4.0 grade-point average who had no access to high school college-prep courses and a Black woman who aspires to bridge the gap between research and clinical care to improve health disparities are among the graduating seniors to receive West Virginia University’s highest student honor, the Order of Augusta.

These eight students are among 50 named WVU Foundation Outstanding Seniors.

“Each spring, WVU recognizes its top graduates with the Outstanding Senior award and the Order of Augusta,” said Maryanne Reed, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. “These students have already become leaders, innovators and change-makers in their communities and beyond. I have no doubt that they will continue to ‘go first’ in everything they do.”

This cohort comes from a variety of backgrounds but shares impressive aca-

demie achievements, a passion for discovery and a desire to serve.

“The students chosen for the Order of Augusta and as WVU Foundation Outstanding Seniors are truly exceptional and embody the Mountaineer spirit, bringing our Mountaineer values to life,” Dean of Students Corey Farris said.

“As the top 1% of their graduating class, their academic achievements and their leadership and service to the WVU community and beyond is unparalleled. We look forward to their future successes, knowing they will represent West Virginia University well no matter where their path leads them.”

Shannon Brunzo-Hager, a member of the Honor’s College from Rupert, was selected to receive the Order of Augusta. He will graduate with a degree in biochemistry and a minor in mathematics. He is the founder and serves as president HOSA- Future Health Professionals at WVU and president of the National Society of Leadership.

He has maintained a 4.0 grade point

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# West Virginia’s Early Learning Programs rank among top in nation

West Virginia’s Universal Pre-K Program once again ranks among the top in the nation, according to the 2020 Yearbook released today by the National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER). NIEER recognizes West Virginia as a leader in pre-k access for 4-year-olds and quality standards.

The State of Preschool Yearbook is the only national report on state-funded preschool programs with detailed information on enrollment, funding, teacher qualifications and other policies related to quality. West Virginia continues to rank among the top in the nation, ranking sixth in the nation for 4-year-old access and meeting nine of ten benchmarks.

State Superintendent of Schools W. Clayton Burch served as a panelist for the NIEER 2020 State of Preschool Yearbook release event on April 15, 2021, and shared information about West Virginia’s demonstrated excellence in pre-k education.

“We know the pandemic has resulted in setbacks for our youngest learners, but despite this, we have remained a leader in Universal Pre-K education in the U.S.,” said Superintendent Burch. “We understand the importance of improving enrollment, quality standards and funding to support our high-quali-

ty preschool education, and we are committed to maintaining our reputation as a state that works tirelessly to support the success of all West Virginia students.”

West Virginia has focused on improving program quality. As of July 2013, all new lead teachers in non-public school settings are required to have at least a bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood or a related field and, as of July 2014, all assistant teachers are required to hold the Early Childhood Classroom Assistant Teacher Authorization. West Virginia also increased instructional days per year and hours per week to at least 1,500 minutes of instruction per week and 48,000 minutes (800 hours) of instruction per year. Programs must operate no fewer than four days per week to meet annual and weekly operational requirements.

West Virginia has been recognized nationally for a progressive state law that required universal preschool to all of the state’s 4-year-olds. The West Virginia Universal Pre-K System provides pre-k programs in all 55 counties in the state. Public schools receive West Virginia Universal Pre-K funding directly, and a majority of programs partner with childcare centers, private programs or Head Start agencies in order to meet demand. During the

International Cultural Exchange Services (ICES) has named Ivona Vanekova, 17, as the ICES Student of the Month for April. Ivona is from Prievidza, Slovakia and is living with the Ritter family in Alderson and attending Greenbrier East High School.

Ivona was selected from over 600 high school exchange students who came to the U.S. through ICES this school year. Students come to promote cultural understanding and learn American culture by living with an American host family and attending a local high school. Each month, ICES selects one student who is excelling on program and embodies the spirit of youth exchange.

Ivona was nominated by her Local Coordinator, Teresa Kelly, who states: “Ivona is an exceptional young lady. She is very re-

spectful, follows the rules and asks questions if she is unsure of something. When [I’m] checking in with her, Ivona always asks me how I am doing. She has a really big heart and loves to smile. She has excellent grades and loves to try new things. She loves her host family as her own, and I know in my heart they will always be a part of each other’s lives.”

Ivona agrees and says her host family is amazing. She’s thrilled that they have taken her so many places - Las Vegas, Arizona, Ohio, and Kentucky to name a few - and more fun trips are planned in her remaining months on program. Other family adventures together include roller skating, visiting a trampoline park, having a bonfire, and going bowling. Ivona simply loves spending time with them, and among her favorite memories are simple things such as playing cards at home in the evening, walking the dogs, and having her host dad take her for a ride on his 4-wheeler.

Apparently, the feeling is mutual. Host mom, Megan, says, “To say that we hit the lotto with this girl is an understatement! Ivona has been such an integral part of our life since we brought her home last November. She is always willing to try something new even if she’s scared or nervous. She is dedicated to school and gets her work done and is always willing to help her host sister and brother if needed. She jumps in and helps with chores without asking and helps with the animals. Her desire to be a part of the family has her doing things above and beyond anything that is expected of her.”

Ivona has integrated well into school life too. She finds the academics easier than in Slovakia, and she gets A’s in most of her classes. Her classmates are friendly and welcoming, and she’s been pleasantly surprised by how helpful the teachers are. “They are going to help you, they are going to ask if you need help, and help you with assignments. In my country, teachers would never do that.”

Extra-curricular activities have been a fun way for Ivona to get involved in school life and make friends. She had a blast being on the volleyball team in the fall and is still friends with many of her teammates. More recently, she has joined the track team at the urging of host



Ivona Vanekova

sister, Gabby, who is also on the team.

Being an exchange student is all about cultural differences, and Ivona has enjoyed experiencing many of the things the United States is known for. She was delighted to celebrate Thanksgiving for the first time ever. She said, “It was amazing - a lot of food, and everything was so good!”

While Ivona does celebrate Christmas in Slovakia, the traditions are very different here. Opening presents on Christmas morning - instead of Christmas Eve - was a brandnew experience. “It was pretty cool. Everybody wakes up and opens presents and stuff... it was fun!”


Coming from a big city, Ivona finds life in her small West Virginia town to be different, but nice. She enjoys the quietness, the beauty, and the people - and the fact that it’s much more open than her hometown, which is still mostly shut down.

Ivona has learned much during her exchange year. In addition to improving her English, she’s also become more independent and learned to communicate effectively. She explains, “If I have a problem, I have to talk about it.”

Another surprising change is that Ivona says she’s become more appreciative. She didn’t expect to miss her family as much as she does, and she feels the distance has actually strengthened her relationship with them. “I’ve learned to appreciate more things, like what my mom does for me.”

When asked what advice she would give to a family who’s considering hosting an exchange student, Ivona says, “Don’t be afraid to take somebody. It’s a good experience, not only for the student, but also for the host family.”

As the student of the month, Ivona will receive an ICES T-shirt, a \$100 Visa gift card, and a letter of commendation from ICES President, John Crist.



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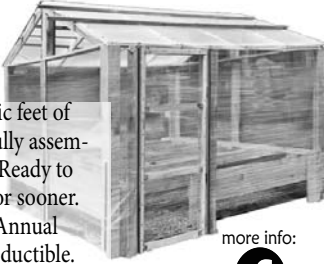
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# Happy Mother's Day!

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### The 411 on Mother's Day flowers

*Mother's Day is an annual holiday that honors motherhood and provides an opportunity for men, women and children to show their mothers how much they appreciate them.*

The tradition of Mother's Day in the United States dates back more than a century to 1908, when West Virginia native Anna Jarvis held a memorial service to honor her mother, who had passed away three years earlier, and all mothers in Grafton, West Virginia. Mother's Day would ultimately become a national holiday in the United States in 1914, thanks in large part to Jarvis' campaigning. As Jarvis, who never married and never had children of her own, grew old, she criticized Mother's Day as

overly commercial, even trying to have it removed from the calendar. Those efforts failed, and Mother's Day remains popular now, more than 100 years after the idea for it was conceived.

While Mother's Day traditions have changed since Jarvis first proposed the holiday, many people feel it's customary to give mothers gifts on Mother's Day, when moms take the day off from chores and relax with their families. Flowers make for popular Mother's Day gifts, and well-wishers who want to

give the special women in their lives flowers this year can consider a host of varieties.

#### Carnations

Carnations are popular Mother's Day flowers, perhaps because they are available in a number of colors. That means it's highly likely sons, daughters, husbands and others gifting moms this Mother's Day can find some carnations in Mom's favorite color. Ask your florist about what each carnation color symbolizes, as each has its own unique meaning. Pink carnations, for example, are believed to symbolize a mother's love.



#### Roses

Few mothers can resist roses, making them one of the more popular flowers come Mother's Day. Roses are symbolic of love and make the per-

fect floral gift for mothers who like traditional flowers. If you want to spice things up, order a bouquet made up of roses of various colors.

giving moms more than just a few days to enjoy their bouquets.

#### Freesia

Like daffodils, freesia are long-lasting, meaning mothers will still be enjoying them long after Mother's Day has come and gone. The inviting fragrance of freesia makes bouquets of these flowers popular choices for Mother's Day gifts. Freesia also come in many colors, proving Mother's Day gift gives a greater chance of finding flowers their mothers will love.

#### Daffodils

Yellow is synonymous with spring, and daffodils can highlight the season in which Mother's Day takes place while also providing a cheerful look that's perfect for Mother's Day floral bouquets. Daffodils can be given on their own or added to mixed bouquets. Daffodils also last quite a while when cared for correctly,

### Creative Mother's Day celebration and gift ideas

*On Sunday, May 9, 2021, millions of people will celebrate the special women in their lives, particularly the mothers, grandmothers and stepmothers who often tirelessly care for those they love.*

Created by Anna Jarvis in the early 20th century and designated an official United States holiday in 1914, Mother's Day is a special day in many families. Apart from birthdays, primary female caregivers may not always get the recognition they deserve, nor be entitled to a day to kick back and relax and let others take the helm. Mother's Day entitles them to something special.

Even though the way people have been living has changed during the COVID-19 pandemic, Mother's Day may be the first holiday on the calendar when the world can finally regain some sense of normalcy. But caution should still prevail during Mother's Day celebrations. Thankfully, there are plenty of creative ways to celebrate mothers and mother figures this year.

· Dine truly "al fresco." Outdoor dining has become commonplace, and even before it was a safety measure, enjoying a meal on a sun-soaked patio or overlooking a body of water was popular. If you're worried about limited restaurant space

or crowds, plan a picnic at a scenic location, such as a botanical garden or county park. Include Mom's favorite foods and enjoy the fresh air and delicious foods together.

· Create a photo slideshow. Digital photos have eclipsed prints in many people's hearts. But too often digital photos never get seen after they're initially taken. That can change when you compile a slideshow of favorite photos from childhood and even present-day photos that Mom is sure to appreciate. Use sentimental music or Mom's favorite songs as the soundtrack, and include some inspirational quotations or personal voiceovers. This is one gift that can be shared in person or over group meeting apps.

· Get involved together. An especially meaningful way to honor a mother who is always giving her time and love is to become involved in a difference-making organization. Joint volunteerism is a great way to spend more time together working toward a worthy goal.

· Enjoy her hobbies and inter-



Mother's Day celebrations can be unique, heartfelt and customized based on family needs.

ests. Devote a day or more to trying Mom's interests and hobbies, whether they include hitting the links, knitting, singing in the church choir, or digging in her garden.

· Send an edible gift. If you can't be there to celebrate with Mom in person, have a special meal delivered to her door. Then enjoy the same foods with her via Google Meet, Facetime or Zoom. Don't forget a tasty cocktail so you can toast the special woman in your life.

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# Moms need timeouts, too



Timeouts can be utilized by women who feel they need opportunities to unwind and put themselves first for a short time.

*While time-outs may be torturous for young children eager to get up and go, alone time may sound like paradise to busy mothers.*

It can be helpful for parents to schedule daily timeouts, though breaks a few times per week can do the trick as well. Timeouts can benefit moms who need a break during or after a long day.

Such breaks can be restful and reenergizing. Any woman can benefit from a time-out, but working mothers juggling careers and home life may be especially in need of scheduled breaks.

Women who want to incorporate more breaks into their daily routines should know that it's possible to do so, even on the most hectic days. You don't need much time. A break doesn't need to be extensive to be effective. Schedule around 30 minutes for the timeout. That's just enough time to watch a sitcom, read a chapter in a book or enjoy

a nice, steamy bath. Choose a kid-free time of day. If possible, select a timeout period when the kids are away from home or you can be guaranteed some alone time. If this is not possible, make an arrangement with your spouse to look after the kids while you get some alone time. Find an enjoyable activity. Select an activity for the timeout that you may not have the opportunity to enjoy when other people or tasks require your attention. Listening to music, taking an exercise class, writing in a journal, engaging in artwork or other crafts, or reading a book make for great timeout activities. A timeout is not the time to catch up on chores. Treat yourself on occasion. Build an extra treat into the time-out, such as a bite of a favorite dessert or purchasing a clothing accessory or a luxurious body butter. This can make the timeout even more enjoyable.

# Bridging the distance on Mother's Day

Many modern families are spread out across the country if not the globe. Some people move away from family to further their careers, while others are called upon to care for others. Children may separate from their parents to witness new travel experiences. Military service may call individuals away from home as well. Distance can make it challenging to spend time together for major holidays and other special occasions - like Mother's Day. But Mother's Day can still be special even if Mom lives hundreds or thousands of miles away.

## Embrace technology

Technology helps break down some of the barriers created by distance. While phone calls were once the way to keep in touch, many people now utilize various forms of digital communication. Someone who lives across different time zones can talk through texting or the various social media avenues available on computers, phones and tablets. Video apps like Skype and FaceTime enable you to video chat with others in real time. Come Mother's Day, connect with mom via such apps so you can watch her open up her gifts.

## Reconnect with home

If Mom is the one who ventured from home, help her to reconnect with her hometown or another place she feels attached to. Ship her some favorite regional foods that



Explore the many ways to reconnect with Mom even if you live far apart.

can only be bought in town. Make a photo or video montage of places of interest in town. These little touches of home can mean the world to her.

## Create a special day

Even if you do not live near your

mother, you can still plan a fun day for her in her town. Make reservations for a spa, hair salon or other sources of pampering and surprise her with all the details. With a little creativity, even families separated by geography can share the magic of Mother's Day together.

## Treat her to the ultimate surprise

If possible, make a surprise visit this Mother's Day. Coordinate the plan with your father or another relative and then enjoy seeing her eyes light up when you arrive.

# Unique gifts ideas for Mother's Day

Whether she's still hard at work raising children or her kids have grown up and now have children of their own, Mom deserves our best efforts come Mother's Day. And while traditional gifts like flowers and chocolate might make for thoughtful Mother's Day gifts, those who want to go the extra mile for Mom this year can consider the following unique gift ideas.

**Concert tickets:** Many adults recall the days of their youth when Mom would relax while listening to some of her favorite music on a lazy summer afternoon. Why not take a stroll down Memory Lane and take Mom to see one of her favorite acts in concert? Even if you have outgrown Mom's musical tastes, she will still appreciate the chance to spend an evening out on the town with her kids and some good music.

**Theater tickets:** If Mom is a fan of live theater then nothing will elicit a bigger smile than tickets to a Broadway show she has had her eyes on. If Broadway is a bit too far for you to travel, do your homework and find a traveling production of a former Broadway show. Such productions often feature many of the same actors who made the play famous on Broadway so you're still bound to see an unforgettable show Mom will love.

**Parts unknown:** Moms who love to travel and experience other cultures would certainly appreciate a trip abroad or a domestic getaway to a region of the country they have yet to explore. Before booking any such trips, speak to your Mom and ask if there's anywhere in particular she'd like to go. Such trips can be expensive, so adults might want to speak to their siblings and finance such an excursion together.

**Spa treatment:** If Mom is still as active as ever, then a day of pampering at a nearby spa is sure to please. Many luxury spas offer packages, especially around Mother's Day, that make a full-on spa treatment a more affordable gift. Men and women can even accompany Mom on her trip and reap the rewards of being such a thoughtful son or daughter.

# Make Mother's Day special

*Each and every day a new woman becomes a mother for the first time or all over again. Being a mother changes a person's life in dramatic ways.*

Mother's Day is a great time of year to honor mothers and attempt to give back just a portion of the tireless love and devotion moms offer their children. Some children provide large gestures, while others feel it's the little things that can help a mom to feel appreciated. For those needing a little inspiration on treating their mothers in special ways, consider these ideas.

- » Make mom a breakfast in bed with her favorite morning treats.
- » Enjoy a movie at home with mom. Let her pick the flick and share her favorite film with you.
- » Agree to not bicker for the entire day, especially if you are prone to getting into arguments with siblings.
- » Put together a collage of photos from moments you have shared with mom or your family.
- » Cook a meal together and learn about everyone's favorite recipes or the family history.
- » Give her a locket with your photo inside and have a duplicate you can wear containing her photo.
- » Customize a coffee mug, tote bag or a blanket with a meaningful sentiment or photo.
- » Treat mom to a day off from her chores. Tackle all of the jobs she normally does for the family.
- » Bake a delicious dessert that mom will absolutely devour.
- » Pamper mom with a gift card for her favorite nail salon or massage therapy location.
- » Prepare a jar of mom's favorite candies wrapped in pieces of paper that have loving sentiments written on them.

- » Compile a playlist of songs and artists mom prefers and download them to her phone.
- » Begin a charm bracelet tradition by purchasing a charm bracelet and a new charm each year that represents a meaningful memory you both shared.
- » Write a new email each day with an inspirational quote or special words of love for mom.
- » Tackle a task that she may not want to do herself, such as washing the exterior of her car and vacuuming the interior.
- » Mother's Day gift ideas should come from the heart and can show mothers near and far how much they are appreciated and loved.

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Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time, a public hearing will be held at the County Commission Meeting Chambers, 912 Court Street, N., Lewisburg, West Virginia 24901, West Virginia, at which time and place all interested parties may appear before The County Commission of Greenbrier County (the "County Commission") and may be heard as to whether the following described Ordinance shall be put into effect.

Notice is further hereby given that on April 13, 2021, the County Commission adopted an Ordinance on first reading authorizing and directing the issuance of not more than \$15,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 A (Courthouse Improvements) (the "Bonds") by the Greenbrier County Building Commission (the "Building Commission") to finance costs of the acquisition, construction, improvement, furnishing and equipping of improvements and additions to the existing Greenbrier County Courthouse on the real estate located at 912 Court Street, N., Lewisburg, West Virginia (the "Property"). The Ordinance provides for the leasing of the Property by the Building Commission to the County Commission (the "Lease").

The Bonds will be special limited obligations of the Building Commission payable solely from the revenues, rentals, and other monies payable by the County Commission pursuant to the Lease and any other permitted lease of the Property and other security held pursuant to a bond indenture and security agreement to be entered into between the Building Commission and the trustee named therein, as the Trustee for the Bonds (the "Trustee") and will not constitute a debt or liability of Greenbrier County, West Virginia (except as provided in the Lease) or the State of West Virginia.

The County Commission contemplates the approval of the issuance of the Bonds by the Building Commission and the approval of the Lease. A certified copy of the Ordinance is on file for review by interested persons during regular office hours in the office of the Clerk of The County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, 912 Court Street, N., Lewisburg, West Virginia 24901, West Virginia.

County Clerk, The County Commission of Greenbrier County

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Secretary, Greenbrier County Building Commission

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**Division of Highways**  
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## WV Governor's Highway Safety Program reminds drivers: *Share the Road with Motorcycles*

Starting in spring as temperatures begin to warm, motorcyclists are traveling West Virginia's winding country roads and scenic highways. May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and traffic safety officials with the West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) are partnering with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to remind motorists to Share the Road with Motorcycles.

Unfortunately, motorcyclists are significantly overrepresented in traffic crashes and fatalities. Per vehicle mile traveled, motorcyclists are about 29 times more likely than passenger vehicle occupants to die in a motor vehicle crash and are 4 times more likely to be injured. It is essential that vehicle drivers pay complete attention on the roads. Even the smallest momentary lapse in a vehicle driver's awareness can result in the death of an unseen motorcyclist.

In 2019, there were 5,014 motorcyclists killed in traffic crashes in the U.S., a decrease from 2018 (5,038). Motorcyclist deaths accounted for 14% of the total highway fatalities nationwide that year. In West Virginia, motorcyclist deaths accounted for 11% of the total roadway fatalities in 2019.

A key way we can reduce traffic fatalities and keep our roads safe is for drivers to understand motorcycle safety challenges such as size and visibility, and riding practices like downshifting and weaving to be able to anticipate and respond to motorcyclists' behavior. Motorcycles are among the most vulnerable vehicles on the road, putting riders at greater risk of death and serious injury in a crash.

"Motorcycles have smaller profiles, so it's easy to misjudge their speed and distance from a vehicle," said Bob Tipton, GHSP

director. "Intersections are danger zones for motorcycles. Watch for turning motorcycles before you turn."

Safety on the roadways requires that everyone do their part. While driving, please follow these tips to keep motorcyclists safe:

- Always check your blind spots
- Be cautious when passing
- Remember that motorcycles react more quickly than cars
- Allow adequate following distance
- Motorcycles cannot stop as quickly as a car
- Do not tailgate a motorcycle
- Weather warning - bad weather can reduce your visibility
- Help keep riders safe in the dark by increasing your following distance and refrain from passing
- Do not high beam motorcycles at night
- Stay in your lane
- Inform motorcyclists of your intention to turn
- Take a second look at left turns and intersections

Motorcyclists need to take precautions as well, so they are as safe as possible.

"Riding a motorcycle is more complicated than people think. Some people think that if they rode a dirt bike or bicycle as a kid, they could ride a motorcycle. The truth

is, operating a motorcycle requires a great deal of knowledge, skill, and practice," said Mary Jarrell, GHSP Motorcycle Safety Training Coordinator.

"The best advice I can give motorcyclists, whether new or seasoned, would be to take a safety course," Jarrell said.

Jarrell shared the following tips to help motorcyclists be safe on our roads:

- Take a safety course - <https://wv-mssp.org/>
- Ride sober
- Get to know your motorcycle
- Wear proper motorcycle gear - a DOT-approved helmet is a must
- Inspect your motorcycle before each ride
- Obey traffic laws, use signals, and obey the speed limit
- Check the weather before leaving
- Be visible
- Be observant and watch for road hazards
- Stay a safe distance behind other vehicles

To learn more about motorcycle safety, visit <https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/motorcycle-safety>.

For more information about the West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program, including Motorcycle Safety Training, visit [www.dmv.wv.gov/ghsp](http://www.dmv.wv.gov/ghsp) or call 304-926-2509.



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#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

State Water Quality Certification, as required by Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, has been requested of the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) for:

#### Mountain Valley Pipeline Project

(Name of Project)

Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC, 2200 Energy Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317

(Name and address of Applicant)

**SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION:** Pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act, the State may, either certify, certify with conditions, deny or waive certification that the proposed activity will comply with Sections 301, 302, 303, 306 and 307 of the Federal Clean Water Act and other appropriate requirements of State law. When issuing certification, the WVDEP may consider the proposed activity's impact on water resources, fish and wildlife, recreation, critical habitats, wetlands and other natural resources under its jurisdiction. Procedural and interpretive regulations governing the scope of the Department's certification, public comment, hearings and appeals are in Title 47, Series SA. **DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY:** Provide a description which details the activity proposed for the wetland, river or stream to be affected.

Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC (Mountain Valley) has proposed to construct the Mountain Valley Pipeline Project (Project), a natural gas pipeline that is approximately 304 miles in length and is 42-inches in diameter - traversing 11 counties in West Virginia and six counties in Virginia. The design objective of the project is to provide timely, cost-effective access to the growing demand for natural gas for use by local distribution companies, industrial users, and power generation facilities in the mid-Atlantic, southeastern, and Appalachian regions. The proposed project route would begin at the existing Equitrans, LP transmission system near the Mobley processing facility in Wetzel County, West Virginia and extend to the Transco Zone 5 Compressor Station 165 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. In addition to the pipeline itself, the project would include three compressor stations facilities, which have been completed along the route in West Virginia, as well as other ancillary facilities that are required for the safe and reliable operation of the pipeline. While significant efforts were made to avoid wetlands and streams along the entire route, in select circumstances there are environmental effects that are deemed unavoidable. In West Virginia, the proposed project route would consist of approximately 197 miles of pipeline, which is roughly 65% of the total pipeline route, and three compressor stations. The Mountain Valley project team has proposed to utilize a 125-foot-wide temporary right-of-way to safely construct the pipeline and a 50-foot-wide permanent right-of-way in order to properly maintain and safely operate the pipeline once in-service. Due to the various constraints of siting and constructing, Mountain Valley anticipates that the project will have temporary impacts to approximately 21,107 linear feet of streams and 10.2 acres of wetlands in West Virginia during the construction phase. Given the size and scope of the project throughout the state, it is estimated that approximately 1,116 linear feet of streams and 2.2 acres of wetlands would be permanently impacted, in West Virginia. Mountain Valley proposes to mitigate all proposed permanent stream and wetland impacts (lost or conveyed) through the use of mitigation bank credits, including 691 stream mitigation credits and 2.2 wetland mitigation credits in West Virginia.

It is anticipated that the Project will have the following:

The designated use of all streams proposed for crossing are:

- Category A - Water Supply
- Category B - Propagation and Maintenance of Fish/Other Aquatic Life
- Category C - Water Contact Recreation

The designated use for wetlands proposed for crossings (this includes resources that are crossed more than once) are:

- Category B-4 - Wetlands: 260 crossings

Any other State issued permit numbers, if applicable and available:

Construction Stormwater General Permit for Construction Activities (WVR310667); Clean Air Permits (R13-3277A; R13-3278A; and R13-3279A) Licenses and Right of Entry (multiple approvals); Road Bonds and Crossing Permits (multiple approvals); NPDES Hydrostatic Test Discharge General Permit (multiple approvals).

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Provide a general highway map showing location of project and include mile point for rivers and streams.

Coordinates for the northern terminus of the project in West Virginia are: 39.562409° N, -80.543079° W

Coordinates for the project crossing from West Virginia to Virginia are: 37.402653° N, -80.690013° W

Coordinates for the southern terminus of the project in Virginia are: 36.833466° N, -79.337119° W

**INFORMATION AVAILABLE:** The Water Quality Certification application is available for inspection between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following location:

WV Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Water and Waste Management  
401 Certification Program  
601 57th Street SE  
Charleston, West Virginia 25304

Upon request a digital copy of the application and applicable information can be provided.

**COMMENTS:** Comments and information relating to Section 401 Water Quality Certification for this activity are hereby solicited. Such information on the activity's impact will be considered if post-marked prior to the expiration date of this notice.

This Public Notice also includes notice for the Public Hearing that will be held as a virtual Zoom meeting on June 22, 2021 at 6:00 PM EDT at the following virtual location:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89841876081?pwd=dTBQV3FHdlh4VU9UZW3lRk1HLzI2Zz09>.

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#### "NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING"

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has scheduled a public hearing on June 10, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the Draft Fiscal Year 2022 Intended Use Plan for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program (CWSRF). A part of the Intended Use Plan is the Fiscal Year 2022 Priority List. The hearing will take place as a Zoom meeting, at login information below. A copy of the draft Fiscal Year 2022 Intended Use Plan is available, and may be requested by calling, writing or sending an email request to the address below. The plan can also be viewed on DEP's web site.

#### Contact

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Division of Water & Waste Management  
Clean Water State Revolving Fund  
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Katheryn.D.Emery@wv.gov  
**Zoom Meeting information**

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# April 12 kick-off empowers businesses to create Communities of Healing



Fruits of Labor attended the Communities of Healing Gathering virtually Apr. 12.

Approximately 50 community leaders and advocates attended the Communities of Healing Gathering virtually Apr. 12 to learn about and support the newly launched recovery to workforce program.

Moore said the Communities of Healing is an Appalachian Regional Commission funded recovery-to-work ecosystem program “designed to spur small business development and employ West Virginians healing from addiction through the growth of social entrepreneurship.” It is built on the success of Fruits of Labor, a culinary program based in Rainelle that has years of experience working with those in recovery.

Tammy Jordan, president of Fruits of Labor said her organization believes “change happens in ourselves, our families, and our communities as we understand better how to become part of that change. When we are growing and investing, we have space to create a place of healing, a community of healing, and to hold the space needed

for those in recovery to invest in their own healing journey. We hope more businesses will join us on this journey to create their own unique path of growing, investing, and healing as a leader, as a business, and as a community.”

The ARC grant was awarded in 2020 to the Region 4 Planning and Development Council in Summersville. The “Creating Communities of Healing by Cultivating Businesses to Address the Opioid Crisis” project is also supported by Seed Sower, Inc., Wright Venture Services, and Region 1 Workforce Development Board. The grant partners are seeking to deliver a program that strengthens the recovery-to-work system in southern West Virginia through the growth of social entrepreneurship, primarily in the food, hospitality, tourism, and agriculture sectors.

Moore said the cultivation of local businesses and entrepreneurs is a key

component to addressing the opioid crisis in Appalachia and in improving the response to substance use disorder. “If we are successful, over the next three years, we will have engaged 60 businesses, 30 workers/trainees, and 150 participants, and leveraged \$500,000 in private investment,” she said.

The WV Hive is the entrepreneurship program of the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority and the administrator of the Country Roads Angel Network. More information about the WV Hive can be found at <https://wvhive.com/>.

More about Communities of Healing is available at <https://www.fruitsoflaborinc.com/communities-of-healing>.

## Carnegie Hall Calendar of Events

**Ongoing Classes and Workshops:** All classes are small and in-person. Participants are sociallydistanced and required to wear masks in the Hall. Visit [carnegiehallwv.org](http://carnegiehallwv.org) to enroll.

**Open Studio Stained Glass** –Section 2: Mondays, May 3, 10, 17, and 24

**Harp for Beginners** –Section 2: Thursdays, May 6, 13, 20, and 27

**Wheel Throwing Clay for Adults** – Thursdays, May 6, 13, and 20

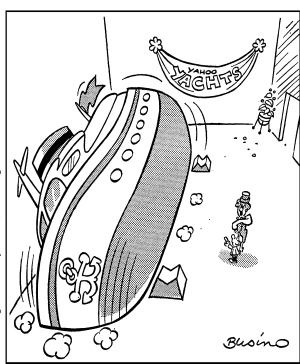
**Reed Rabbits and Grass Mats** – Saturday, May 8

**July 12-16 (week one), July 19-23 (week two), July 26-30 (week three):** 2021 Carnegie Hall Kids’ College - Kids’ College is an opportunity to expand learning in and through the arts in a safe, nurturing environment. A primary objective of Kids’ College is to instill a lifelong love of learning through the arts for its participants. This year’s Kids’ College is open for rising 2<sup>nd</sup> - through rising 8<sup>th</sup>.

grade students. Registration runs through July 2. For more information visit [carnegiehallwv.org](http://carnegiehallwv.org), call 304-645-7917, or stop by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

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  
**Arts from the Ashes: The History of Carnegie Hall**– The exhibit features memorabilia, photographs, artifacts and more of Carnegie Hall since its construction in 1901. Located on the second floor. Free admission. For more information visit [carnegiehallwv.org](http://carnegiehallwv.org), call 304-645-7917, or stop by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.



**SCRAMBLERS**  
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Insult  
**RESCU**   

Fashion  
**LYTES**   

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**PINTO**   

Accuse  
**CHEGAR**   

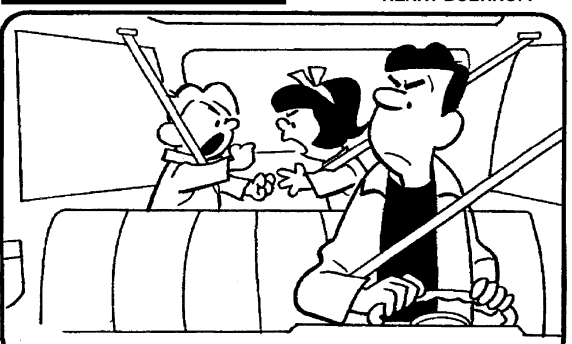
**TODAY'S WORD**

"How many times have I told you not to \_\_\_\_\_ things?"




**NEWSPAPER**  
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**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bow is missing. 2. Shirt is different. 3. Arm is lowered. 4. Steering wheel is different. 5. Window is open. 6. Seat is lowered.

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

		9		1				4
5			9			1		
	7				5		3	
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		3		5			1	
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		8		6				5
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**Super Crossword** MANAGING FRUIT

**ACROSS**

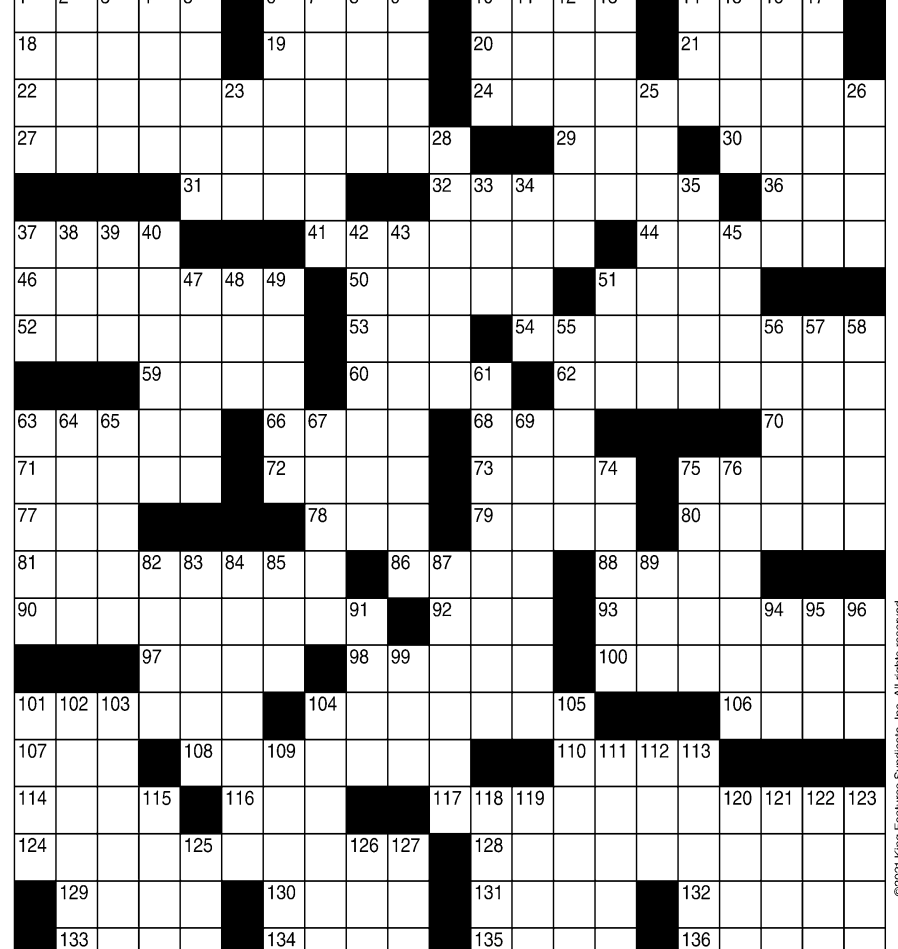
1 Muscat dweller  
6 Imitate Daffy Duck  
10 Chest muscles, informally  
14 Coalition  
18 Billiards shot  
19 Not duped by  
20 Folk legend Guthrie  
21 Not-yet-final software  
22 Involving three parties  
24 One of the Clue suspects  
27 1971 Stanley Kubrick film  
29 "Shop — you drop!"  
30 Sully  
31 Midding  
32 Old Italian painter  
36 Singer Rawls  
37 Honcho  
41 Gruesome  
44 Louvre, e.g.  
46 False names  
50 Explorer — de León  
51 Shakers or Quakers  
52 Most malicious  
53 Tiny fraction of a joule

54 Heroine in Nintendo's Mario games  
59 State boldly  
60 Lisa of pop  
62 More than friendly  
63 Rock  
66 Dictator Idi  
68 Have control over  
70 Hawaii's Mauna —  
71 Lindsay of "Mean Girls"  
72 Come to  
73 New York City is said to be one  
75 "Beetle Bailey," e.g.  
77 Stuck — rut  
78 Attain  
79 "Quit it!"  
80 Home pest  
81 Mexican folk musician  
86 WWII-era British gun  
88 Collins of rock and pop  
90 Fluorescent green  
92 Period  
93 Slaved away  
97 Some Korean cars  
98 The Antilles, e.g.  
100 Tangle up

101 Some shiny plastics  
104 Private college in the Bay State  
106 Chew like a rodent  
107 Ending for acetyl  
108 Legendary hero of Athens  
110 Regatta gear  
114 "In case it's true ..."  
116 Hotel phone abbr.  
117 It may follow "Use by" on a label  
124 Of no value  
128 Irvine locale  
129 Swamp grass  
130 Prefix with present  
131 Contends  
132 Singer Bonnie  
133 Concocted  
134 "Auld — Syne"  
135 Apropos of  
136 Lauder of perfume

**DOWN**

1 Nona- minus one  
2 Painter Chagall  
3 Edible pomegranate part  
4 Court plea, in brief  
5 Desktops since 1998  
6 Bygone theater chain  
7 Like some hotel dining  
8 Antares, e.g.  
9 Tyler's successor  
10 Infant food  
11 Transgress  
12 Attire  
13 Capital of Bulgaria  
14 Small pellets of shot  
15 Not including  
16 Peter of "Masada"  
17 Len of stage and screen  
23 Ref's ring decision  
25 Krypton, e.g.  
26 See  
27 24-Across  
28 See  
29 27-Across  
33 "Speechless" ailer  
34 Set up, for short  
35 Actress Susan  
37 Scot's cap  
38 Bullring shout  
39 Zadora of "Hairspray"  
40 See  
42 Resembling a gorilla  
43 Crowns for nobles  
45 Spring (from)  
47 Fourth prime  
48 Suffix of languages  
49 Sipping aid  
51 Transgress  
55 Fab Four drummer  
56 Actress Hayek  
57 Impassive  
58 See  
59 54-Across  
61 "Against the Wind" singer  
63 Gunky stuff  
64 Pitch-related  
65 United Airlines hub  
67 Houdini's skill  
69 Looker-on  
74 See  
75 73-Across  
76 Tots' beds  
77 Dark Chinese tea  
82 Gunky  
83 Slanted  
84 Uninvited partygoer  
85 That fellow's  
87 "Thy Neighbor's Wife" author  
89 Solo of "Solo"  
91 See  
90-Across  
94 Flew on foot  
95 Period  
96 Glistening grass stuff  
99 Mu — chicken  
101 Blood carrier  
102 Give knowledge  
103 Lipton rival  
104 Respiratory woe  
105 One slaving away  
109 Laud  
111 Spring (from)  
112 U.K. mil. branch  
113 Grocery, e.g.  
115 Due, as money  
118 96, in old Rome  
119 Ache  
120 Nest eggs for srs.  
121 Doing the job  
122 Evening, in adspeak  
123 See  
124 117-Across  
125 Praiseful poem  
126 "Raggedy" plaything  
127 See  
128 124-Across





# Yew Mountain Center and Carnegie Hall partner to offer STEAM workshops

In collaboration with Carnegie Hall, the Yew Mountain Center is offering workshops that teach science, technology, engineering, and math through the arts. This unique educational approach, STEAM, uses science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking. The workshops include Feather and Flocks; Bugs, Bees, and Butterflies; and Nature Mandala T-shirts. All ages are welcome, but children seven and under must be accompanied by an adult. All classes are \$5.

Feather and Flocks takes place Saturday, May 15, from 2 to 5 p.m. This interactive program explores the life cycle of a migratory songbird from migration to territory formation and mate attraction, through nest building and raising of young. Students will play active games, make detailed observations, create sound maps, design and construct

nests, and maybe even meet a special bird up close. The class size is limited to 25.

Explore, catch and observe the many types of pollinators that live in our backyards during the Bugs, Bees, and Butterflies workshop on Wednesday, May 19, from 2 to 5 p.m. Learn how they interact with flowers and the important role they play in

our ecosystem. Students will invent their own bug with recycled materials to take home. The class size is limited to 20.

Nature Mandala T-shirts will be on Wednesday, May 26, from 2 to 5 p.m. Participants will learn the art and symmetry of mandala making with natural objects and make a permanent print on t-shirts with fabric paint.

T-shirts are provided. The class size is limited to 15.

All classes take place at the Yew Mountain Center located at 9494 Lobelia Road, Hillsboro. The Center provides programs that explore Appalachian ecology, culture, and arts while promoting community and personal wellness. To register or for more information please visit [www.yewmountain.org](http://www.yewmountain.org) or [www.carnegiehallwv.org](http://www.carnegiehallwv.org).

Grant support for this educational STEAM program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) is provided by the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, & History and the Benedum Foundation. These programs are offered in partnership with Carnegie Hall Inc.

## Visual Perception topic of virtual lecture May 6

The Greenbrier Valley Chapter of Sigma Xi and Jackson River Governor's School are co-hosting a virtual lecture featuring Dr. Oge Marques of Florida Atlantic University, on Thursday, May 6, beginning at 9 a.m. The topic of Dr. Marques' talk is "Can You Trust What You See? The Magic of Virtual Perception."

This talk will explore the many visual phenomena that challenge our common knowledge of how well we detect, compare and recognize everyday scenes.

Sigma Xi, a Scientific Research Honor Society, is the international honor society of science and engineering.

JRGS, open to area high school juniors and seniors with an interest in math, science or technology is located on the Clifton Forge campus of Dabney S. Lancaster Community College.

The Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecturer virtual presentation is open to the public via Zoom. To obtain the link to the Zoom lecture, please email JRGS Director Ed-die Graham at [egraham@dslcc.edu](mailto:egraham@dslcc.edu).

## Learn sign language at New River CTC

New River Community and Technical College is offering a six-week beginner's sign language class on Monday evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m. starting June 7. The class will be offered online through Zoom video conferencing.

Students in the class will learn sign language vocabulary, phrases and sentences, including grammatical features, and students will have interactive practice during the class. Students will

Tuition is \$100 for the six-week class, and preregistration is required by June 1. Participants will be emailed the Zoom link and log-in information after registering for the class.

Visit [www.newriver.edu/community](http://www.newriver.edu/community) for information on upcoming classes or register for the course or contact Gloria Kincaid (304-793-6101, [gkincaid@newriver.edu](mailto:gkincaid@newriver.edu)).

New River CTC's Workforce Education Division provides community education classes and employable educational opportunities including non-credit courses, workforce development programs and customized training.

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### Student

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average while serving as a tutor for student-athletes, a resident assistant for the Brooke Tower Health Professions Living-Learning Community and conducting undergraduate research.

Brunzo-Hager successfully launched HOSA, an inclusive organization that unites aspiring health professionals, amid the COVID-19 pandemic. He built an executive board and recruited more than 40 active student members to provide students with various scholarship and internship opportunities in health care.

Since his freshman year, his goal has been to help others develop professionally and personally and reports that his approach as a teaching assistant in the Department of Biology has elicited a renewed enthusiasm for learning in his students, making this one of the most rewarding experience during his undergraduate studies.

He also worked with high school students from rural areas of West Virginia to help them enter and succeed in STEM-based education programs as a summer mentor with the Health Science Technology Academy and men-



Shannon Brunzo-Hager

tored incoming freshmen at WVU, who previously participated in HSTA Program, in the Health Careers Opportunity Program.

He has also conducted graduate research in the Department of Neuroscience where he helped imagine brain tissue to analyze nanoparticle drug efficacy in alleviating brain damage caused by stroke.

After graduation, he will pursue a master's degree in health informatics and information management and doctorate of pharmacy from the University of Tennessee.

Ultimately, he would like to teach math and chemistry at the high school level and develop a college-preparatory STEM program.







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