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River Festival ‘Back in the Sun’ for 2021

Running Friday, June 11, and Saturday, June 12, everyone’s favorite rubber ducky race will grace the Greenbrier once again after a 2020 hiatus

By Sarah Richardson

The Ronceverte River Festival has announced their 2021 schedule after being forced to cancel last year’s festivities due to the pandemic. In previous years, the festival has run for three days, but this year it will only run Friday, June 11, and Saturday, June 12. However, dialing back a day doesn’t mean that any fun will be missed.

“We will have lots of fireworks this year, we’ve really raised our budget,” said Ronceverte River Festival

Committee Chair Mark Mengel. “There will be more overhead fireworks than we’ve ever had before. It’s going to be a really good weekend here in Ronceverte.”

Along with the expanded fireworks show will be live music, food, a Father’s Day Pageant, contests, games, and more down by the river at Island Park. The Mud Bog, which has usually run on Sunday, will continue, just not as a part of the river festival.

“We have a lot of vendors this year,” Mengel said, “and we will have all of your favorite fair foods.”

With a 2021 theme of “Back in the Sun,” the festival promises to do just that with a duck “pond,” performances in the amphitheatre, a duck hunt, and more outside activities.

A Sensory-Friendly Sat-

urday morning is also scheduled so those who are easily overwhelmed by noise and lots of activity may still come and enjoy the festival. Starting at 10 a.m., there will be several games and activities open, as well as food stands.

One of the main attractions for the festival, other than the Great Rubber Ducky Race of course, is the Grand Parade. Set for June 11 at 7 p.m., judges this year will be West Virginia Governor Jim Justice, First Lady Cathy Justice, and Attorney General Patrick Morrisey. West Virginia University’s very own Mountaineer, Colson Glover, will be leading the parade.

“We are so pleased to have such a prominent slate of judges this year,” said Mengel.

The Ducky Race will follow on Saturday at 4 p.m., and the festival will finish with the fireworks show at 10 p.m.

Anyone wishing to buy a Ducky Race ticket can do so

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GVT reopens

Greenbrier Valley Theatre (GVT), the State Professional Theatre of West Virginia, is delighted to announce it is opening its doors for a 54th season that is packed with nostalgic favorites and imaginative storytelling. There’s something for everyone this season at GVT.

Along with this exciting new season is the opportunity to save 25% off the regular ticket price by purchasing a 2021 Mainstage Season Pass. To purchase season passes, or for more information, call GVT’s Box Office at 304-645-3838 or email jennab@gvtheatre.org.

The 2021 season line-up is as follows:

- Driving Miss Daisy, by Alfred Uhry, Comedy, July 9-24

- SHOUT! The Mod Musical, created by Phillip George & David Lowenstein, Musical, Aug. 20-Sept. 4

- Pride and Prejudice, by Kate Hamill adapted from the novel by Jane Austen, Romantic Comedy, Sept. 24-Oct. 9

- Capehart: Silencing the Mob, by Cathey Sawyer, WV Historical Drama, Oct. 29-Nov. 6

- This Wonderful Life, by Steve Murray based on It’s a Wonderful Life, Comedy, Nov. 12-14

- Elf the Musical, Book by Thomas Meehan and Bob Martin, Music by Matthew Sklar, Lyrics by Chad Beguelin based on the New Line Cinema film written by David Berenbaum, Musical Comedy, Dec. 3-18

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Volunteers with the 2019 Festival prepare to release the ducks at the start of the race (Photo courtesy of the Ronceverte River Festival FB)

Greenbrier County Broadband Council survey prepares county for federal, state funding

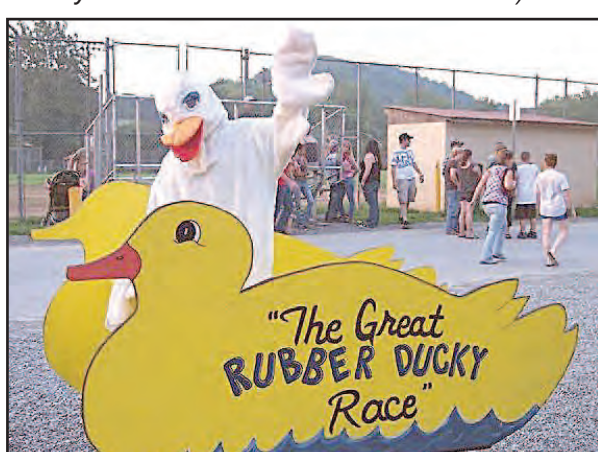
By Bobby Bordelon

A survey mapping internet connectivity in the county is the first big project of the Greenbrier County Broadband Council. The council is calling on all residents to fill out the upcoming survey twice, once for their home and once for their working space. If successful, the maps will be used to better position Greenbrier County for infrastructure and grant funding from the federal and state governments. In addition, one lucky survey taker will be drawn to win a brand-new kayak.

After the Greenbrier County Commission approved supporting the citizen broadband council, the next step for the organization is figuring out where and how Greenbrier County is underserved in internet connectivity. In order to do this, the survey will be used to map out internet speeds across the county.

“The point of the survey is for mapping,” explained councilmember and Senator Stephen Baldwin. “We’ve got to get more accurate maps of where people do and

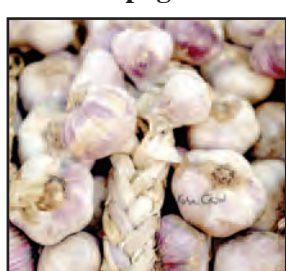
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The Ronceverte River Festival will run Friday, June 11, and Saturday, June 12 (Photo courtesy of the Ronceverte River Festival FB)

Nature’s Way

By Karen Cohen on page 4



RNCVRT Cafe to replace closing Edgerton Cafe

By Bobby Bordelon

After the recent announcement of the closing of Edgerton Cafe and Bakery in Ronceverte, rumors of a new business coming in emerged almost immediately. Thanks to a recent announcement, residents will no longer have to wonder; the Edgerton Cafe will soon reopen as a local cafe and coffee shop called RNCVRT.

Started by Chris and Jorge Rodriguez-Stanley, the same couple behind the restoration of the Rudy’s building, the new cafe and coffee spot plans “to serve breakfast and lunch and to have internet and coffee! We will open early and stay open later than most shops in the area.”

“The Edgerton Cafe that opened ten years ago announced that they were closing,” explained Chris Rodriguez-Stanley in a social media post. “They have a loyal following and their closing would leave Ronceverte with no food options. Jorge and I really didn’t want that to happen. We spoke with the landlord and with the owners of the cafe and none of us wanted to see the cafe close. We quickly went into talks and with their help and with the encouragement of Deena and many of our friends we decided to take over the lease, buy the equipment and open a coffee shop and cafe.”

RNCVRT is planned to open later this year, but catering commitments for the Edgerton Cafe will be kept up for the next little while.

“The Edgerton Cafe’s last day was Friday. They have catering commitments through the month of June and our lease starts on July 1. We will spend the next few months rebranding, creating a new menu and trying to perfect Belinda’s chicken salad. (She was gracious enough to tell us how it’s made.) We hope to open in August or September. ... There is still a lot that we don’t know but I know that Ronceverte is on the move. We are very excited for what is to come.”



Chief Deputy Josh Martin (left), Deputy Justin Deeds, Deputy Tyler Hyatt and Sheriff Bruce Sloan

Greenbrier County Sheriff’s Office welcomes graduates

The Greenbrier County Sheriff’s Office welcomes back two officers that graduated from the West Virginia State Police Academy in Institute on Friday, May 28.

Forty-five officers from multiple police departments across the state of West Virginia comprised the 185th Basic Class. Deputies Justin Deeds and Tyler Hyatt were members of that graduating class.

The Greenbrier County Sheriff’s Office is proud of these two young men and for all of their efforts and accomplishments. We look forward to their many years of professional service to the citizens of Greenbrier County.

Deputy Justin Deeds earned Valedictorian honors for the class.

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Gov. Justice announces big cash, trucks, and scholarships among top prizes in upcoming vaccination incentive lottery

Gov. Justice announced recently that the State of West Virginia will soon be giving away a million-dollar grand prize, additional cash prizes, college scholarships, pick-up trucks, and much more through a series of upcoming lottery drawings for West Virginians who have been vaccinated against COVID-19.

“There are going to be so many wonderful prizes that you can win, it will blow you away,” Gov. Justice said. “We are going to make a few West Virginians millionaires before this is over. Some people will win trucks and scholarships and on and on, but we’ve got to get you vaccinated first.”

Gov. Justice announced that the first lottery drawing will be held on West Virginia Day, June 20; the State’s 158th birthday.

The lottery will begin on June 20 and run through Aug. 4.

The giveaway will include a \$1.588 million grand prize, a \$588,000 second prize, full scholarships to any higher education institution in West Virginia, custom-outfitted trucks, weekend vacations at state parks, life-time hunting and fishing licenses, custom hunting rifles and custom hunting shotguns.

Justice added that all West Virginians who have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine will be eligible to enter to win one of the many prizes that will be made available.

“Not only are a bunch of people going to win all kinds of great stuff, but, by getting vaccinated, it’ll protect your life and it’ll protect your family and friends all around you,” Gov. Justice said, adding that the slogan for the program will be “Save a life; change your life.”

West Virginians who have been fully vaccinated will

need to register to be entered to win the prizes. A registration website will soon be available and will be announced by the Governor at a press briefing.

Gov. Justice offered a reminder of his recent announcement that online registration is now open for his “Beat 588...Bad” West Virginia Strong Vaccine Incentive Program.

All West Virginians ages 16-35 who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are now able to register online to receive either a \$100 savings bond or a \$100 gift card.

The \$100 incentive is retroactive, meaning all West Virginians ages 16-35 who have received the COVID-19 vaccine at any point are eligible.

Since registration first opened a grand total of 20,527 registrations have been submitted.

DMV announces launch of new Eastern Box Turtle license plate

Latest collaboration with DNR benefits wildlife conservation and outreach programs

The West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles is pleased to announce the availability of a new wildlife license plate featuring the Eastern Box Turtle. Following in the footsteps of other wildlife plates, including the most popular whitetail deer, elk, and brook trout plates, the box turtle plate will help to raise funds for important conservation projects, as well as support education and outreach efforts for the Division of Natural Resources. The choice to feature the Eastern Box Turtle was due in large part to the extreme success of the DNR’s “citizen science project” focusing on the box turtle in 2020. Over 6,000 recorded

sightings were received statewide!

According to Scott Warner, assistant chief of Wildlife Diversity for DNR, “In 1996, West Virginia voters approved a constitutional amendment that added an additional \$15 per plate revenue source, with all proceeds going to the DNR’s Diversity Fund.” Due to the eager

interest of outdoor enthusiasts statewide, approximately \$300,000 is raised annually for conservation efforts and outreach and education. “People are willing to pay that additional fee because they love the artwork and want to support the wildlife programs at the same time,” Warner said.

For over 25 years now, the DMV and DNR have been collaborating on wildlife license plates to raise awareness and funding. DMV Commissioner Everett Frazier is excited to offer citizens another option when considering a license plate. “We produce over 100 different specialty/organization license plates. Many customers use these plates as an opportunity to showcase something meaningful to them. For wildlife plates, it also presents an opportunity to financially support a worthy cause,” said Frazier.

Box turtle enthusiasts across the state can now get their hands on one of these plates by filling out the online form under License Plate section of the Vehicles tab at dmv.wv.gov, or by visiting any of DMV’s regional offices across the state.

For more information, please visit the DMV website.

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at the following retailers:

Johnny’s Gas Station, Corner Market, FooFurs, So-leil, Greenbrier Valley Outdoors, IGA, Ronceverte Flea Market (see Bertha), Cowboy Jim’s Flea Market (see Karen), Flower Paradise, Greenbrier Cut Flowers, Her-shmans, Tattered & Worn, Martin & Jones, Tri County Produce, Ronceverte City Hall, Sportsman, Ronceverte Library, Cherry Lane, Greenbrier Medical Arts Pharmacy, The Loft, Fairlea Sunoco, Spirits & Wine, the Greenbrier County Courthouse (see Joe Darnell), Picka-way Gas Station, Barn Store, or purchase online at roncevertewv.org.

Mengel added, “If you don’t buy a Rubber Ducky Race ticket before the festival, you can purchase one on Saturday at the park until 3 p.m. That is the only place to get a ticket the day of the race.”

The list of prizes is impressive, and includes a \$5,000 first place prize, \$2,500 second place prize, and \$1,000 third place prize. With 50 prizes being awarded overall, make sure to get your ticket to participate!

“I’d like to credit the entire River Festival Committee for all of their hard work and efforts,” Mengel added, stating that without the work of the committee, the festival simply wouldn’t be possible.

Make sure not to miss out on the fun in Ronceverte June 11 and 12, and may the best ducky win!

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Mittens is a female domes-tic shorthair and weighs 8.5 pounds. This young lady is around a year old.

These and other animals are available at the Greenbrier Humane Society, located at 151 Hol-iday 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/neu-ter 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 over-population! Call 304-645-4775 for more in-formation.

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GVT Reopens

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All dates and productions are subject to change.

For season tickets or more information, call GVT’s Box Office at 304-645-3838 or visit www.gvttheatre.org.

This program is presented with financial assistance from the WV Department of Arts, Culture & History and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the WV Commission on the Arts.

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A multi kitchen featuring custom kitchen with commercial appliances and large granite island opens to an expansive back deck overlooking the Greenbrier Valley. The owner's suite features a large master bedroom, double closets and glass shower.

The upper level includes three large bedrooms, each having their own bathroom. The lower level features a large recreational room and artist's studio that opens onto the front lawn of the home as well as a utility area and full bathroom. The two-car garage offers an additional bonus room. There's still lots to see at this beautiful country estate.

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Briefly

American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

Open to the public, all welcome, handicap accessible. Admission \$7 Tuesday nights, \$10 Saturday - Audience provides food. Doors open 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte. Jam & Dance every Tuesday from 7 to 10:30 p.m. No dance June 12. Saturday, June 26 Dance features Thomas Taylor Band. For more information call the Music Hall at 304-645-4667; Bill Evans at 304-392-6079; Grace Poe at 304-992-5852.

Spots available for WVAAU Basketball Tournaments

Spots are still available for the WVAAU Girls & Boys Basketball Tournaments in June for third graders through eleventh graders. Girls’ tournaments run from June 11 to 13, and boys’ tournaments from June 25 to 27. For more information go to wvaau.com or contact 304 421-6318.

AA meetings

are held Saturdays at 10 a.m. via Zoom meeting. (Contact 304-647-0677 for Zoom details.) Also, meetings are held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at noon at St. James Episcopal Church in Lewisburg. Find listings for other meetings in West Virginia at 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.narcononewliferetreat.org/blog/strange-side-effects-of-covid-19.html>

Broadband

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do not have broadband. The survey is the key to doing that because it allows us to get information - your 911 address, your speed, your coverage, who your provider is, and we can put all that data together into a local, accurate map.”

The survey takes approximately 10 minutes, asking for a Greenbrier County resident’s name, contact information, address, internet reliability, provider, cell service, and an optional but important speed test.

The speed test will check the internet connections upload and download speeds, allowing the overall mapping to show exactly where in the county more lines would improve service for the most people, where they need the most help. However, Baldwin also notes that the speed test is affected by cellular data, and asks that the survey be done on a nonmobile device, such as a desktop or laptop.

“We don’t want people using their phones because mobile devices mess with the speed test. It shows something better than it really is,” Baldwin emphasized. “If you can hardwire it, that would be great, but if you just use wifi that’s okay.”

Residents also have a special incentive to provide the data - each person in the survey will be entered into a raffle for a brand-new kayak. But the mapping is also key to getting federal and state funding for internet expansions.

“More accurate maps will allow us to have better access to funding ... from the federal government, grants, all sources. If you can prove that you are underserved, which is less than [25 megabytes download and 3 megabytes upload], then you have a foot in the door for funding. Almost everywhere here, people would love 25/3.”

With Congress debating action or obstruction for President Joe Biden’s infrastructure plan, Baldwin is hopeful the mapping would position Greenbrier County on top of the pack if a package gets passed.

“The American Rescue Plan money is already here, but it’s a matter of how that’s going to be spent, but even that is not going to solve the problem,” Baldwin said. “I’m really hopeful that federal infrastructure dollars will be coming and this will prove that we need to be at the top of the list for those, instead of just saying ‘hey,

Pack, King, Sills, Hazelwood win Mayorship, City Council seats in Ronceverte election

By Bobby Bordelon

The residents of Ronceverte made their voices heard and selected Deena Pack as the city’s next mayor and Kathy King, Leah Sills, and Tonya Hazelwood as City Councilmembers.

In a stark contrast with the approximately 70 voters that turned out in the previous Ronceverte election, 211 voters turned out to vote on Monday, May 31.

According to the tally posted to the city’s social media, Pack won the vote for the mayorship by a wide margin. Of the 211 residents who voted for mayor:

- Eric Mercer - 37
- Barbara Morgan - 18
- Deena Pack - 149
- Mark Mengel - 7

“I am so honored that the citizens of Ronceverte have selected me to be the next Mayor of Ronceverte,” wrote Pack. “Thank you so much!”

Three council seats were also up for grabs, with Leah Sills (137) beating Richard Beasley (63) for the four-year council term.

“Thanks, Ronceverte,” wrote Sills on social media. “I love you, too.”

The remaining two, two-year council seats were won by Kathy King (144) and Tanya Hazelwood (108) over Aaron Randsom (67).

“Now, let’s go to work, girls,” posted Hazelwood.

The next council meeting is expected on Monday, June 7.

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.

Renick Town Council
will meet Monday, June 7, at 7 p.m. at Renick Town Hall. Agenda items include:

- Community comments
- Approval of Minutes and Financial Reports
- Ordinance updates
- Committee reports
- Other business

Historic Landmarks Commission
will meet Monday, June 14 at 5 p.m. by Zoom Teleconference and in person in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers, 942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg. For information on how to participate on the Zoom conference please call City Hall at 304-645-2080 no later than 4 p.m. on June 14. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - May 10, 2021
- Comments from the public
- Trey Bryan; 857 Court Street - 12 x 14 oval sign on existing hanger
- J L Massie Insurance; 938 Washington Street - install a sign on existing hanger
- Better Homes and Garden Real Estate; 1018 Washington Street East, 4 x 3 sign
- WVSOM; 980 Jefferson St N, Clingman Center - 45” x 27” sign, 48” x 30” sign and 48” x 20” sign
- Christii Hughart; 2122 Washington Street East - paint and build brick wall around front porch
- Elizabeth Isaac; 1168 Washington Street East - exterior door for sun porch
- Tom Campbell; 104 Greenbrier Avenue - replace patio with deck
- Andrew Edwards; 324 Lafayette Street - build a deck and fireplace
- Bill Martin; 246 Chestnut Street - new shingles
- Appalachian Headwaters; 122 Courtney Drive - replace roof, construct retaining wall, replace windows, remove chimney, remove & replace rear deck
- Katie & Travis Eads; 721 Jefferson Street South - extend width of kitchen and upstairs laundry by extending upper and lower bathrooms on rear left corner. Enclose covered breezeway to make mudroom. Raise height of flat room.
- Lewisburg City Hall; 942 Washington Street West - repair/repainting of mortar joints: painting entire building, including main body, trim and exterior details: removal of exterior elements on Washington Street façade and replace with composite materials. Installation of custom transoms over retail entrances, installation of new bulletin board.
- Comments from the Commissioners
- Comments from the Planning and Zoning Officer

The next scheduled Lewisburg Historic Landmarks Commission will be held Monday, July 12 with a deadline of Thursday, June 24.

over here.’ We need to prove it.”

The Greenbrier County Broadband Council is looking to have the survey up for everyone to take soon.

“We do it ourselves, we don’t rely on the federal government or the state government,” Baldwin said. “If you look at their maps, things are fine in Greenbrier County. Things are not fine in Greenbrier County. They are better in Greenbrier County than most of southern West Virginia, but they’re still not exactly there.”

The broadband council is planning a rally in the Greenspace of downtown Lewisburg for First Friday, June 4, at 5:30 p.m. Several speakers describing how important internet access is to life in the modern day are currently expected, including Ashley Vickers, Greater Greenbrier Chamber of Commerce; Scot Mitchell of the RCB Clinic; Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White and City Administrator Misty Hill; County Commissioner Tammy Tinchler, Greenbrier County Commission; Superintendent of Schools Jeff Bryant; and more.

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Justin W Weikle and Lora Weikle to Gregory Edward Allen and Shavonna T Allen, Whisper Estates, Lots 5 and 6, Fort Spring District

Lishia Ann Williams, Douglas Clayton Wickline, and Jennifer Regina Barb Williams to Jesse Hinkle and Kathryn Baisden, 2 Acres M/L, Frankford District

Adam Allen Skaggs Donna S and Johnson, Terri Walton, and Austin Trout, Lots 14, 15, 16, 17 and 48 of Block B, Quinwood Corp

Brenda L Howard and Robert M Howard to Delinda K Woody, 13,296 Sq Ft M/L Blackbird Way, Lewisburg Corp

Emberland LLC to Larry K Counts and Chris R Counts, Lot 8 Valley Green Addition, White Sulphur Corp

Timothy L Hofmann to Alexander Durand and Nadine Celina Sonnevillle, 0.955 Acre M/L, Falling Springs Corp

Gene T Hilton III and Erica A Hilton to Douglas R Lilly and Jessica Lilly, 0.437 Acres M/L, Lewisburg Corp

Herbret G Barthlow Sr., to Erin L tomaino and Timothy J tomaino, 2.296 Acres, Williamsburg District

Jeanie Anderson to Alexander R Gillespie, 12.398 Acres, Lewisburg District

Thomas L Dean II and Thomas L Dean to Thomas J Paska, 72 Acres and 155 Acres/ Excepted and Reserved, Falling Spring District

Bruner Land Company to Julie L Gillespie, 53.60 Acres M/L, Meadow Bluff District

Donnie Ray Yates to Donnie Ray Yates and Melissa Carter Yates, 2.33 AC M/L, White Sulphur District

Grantor Joseph A, Landfried and Elizabeth Landfried Geary to Gregory V Biggiani, Lot 2A, Lewisburg Corp

Brian E Hall to Wallace K Corhn, 2.006 Acre, Lewisburg District

Michael M Quick and Valorie L Quick to Eric S Mcmanamay and Amy J Mcmananmay, 7.16 Acre, Fort Spring District

Jan Ernest Beckedorff By Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of Gbr. County, to James D Barber and Adele M Horne, Cert. # 131971-Lot 45 Main St, Ronceverte

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Casey Andrew Bennett, Lewisburg, trespassing on property other than structure, NC, fine \$100

Douglas K. Hedrick, Williamsburg, shoplifting, NCP, fine \$50 - mandatory civil penalty to be paid directly to victim \$50

Lewis Henry Schwartz, White Sulphur Springs, failure to stop at sign, NCP, fine \$10

Gary Alan Brooks, Rainelle, falsely reporting an emergency incident, NCP, jail 20 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

William Harold Herndon, Rainelle, possessing a controlled substance - meth, fine \$100, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Michael A. Moore, Rainelle, seatbelt violation, fine \$25

Gabrielle Mackenzie Kelly, Ronceverte, shoplifting, NCP, fine \$100

Justin A. O'Dell, Rupert, battery, NCP, fine \$50, jail 45 days credit time served - remainder suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Stephanie R. Osborne, Rainelle, trespassing, NCP, fine \$50

Erica M. Midkiff, Meadow Bridge, trespassing, NCP, fine \$100

Vicky L. Pauley, Lewisburg, speeding, fine \$30

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OPINION

Nature’s Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

Outside the Box

Constantly experimenting with different varieties of both edible and non-edible plants, 2021 brought me a new and very exciting discovery. I could grow many items outside our fenced-in garden boxes.

Deer are our main culprit for nighttime garden raiders. Did you know that they don’t eat very bitter or pungent plants? I have a multitude of iris and daffodils which all grow unencumbered. Could I grow food outside the normal garden area, too, which deer would ignore thus freeing up more growing space inside my garden plot?

Experiment: In October 2020, we planted a slew of garlic outside our normal garden area near the sunny side of our potting shed by the walking path. We had composted on that ground years before and the soil was loamy and going unused. Taking all the garlic bulbs we had left over from cooking; we broke them up and planted the individual cloves about 6 inches apart. They easily pushed down a thumb’s length into the ground, topped off with fertile soil, a layer of straw for insulation, and a cool drink of water maybe twice a month during dry months. Snow cover during the winter is a great cover for bulbs and melts into fresh water eventually.

Now in June, we have a plot of fresh garlic, all of which poked through the straw and is standing two feet tall, just starting to send out scapes. Curly garlic scapes are prized by gourmet chefs and you can just cut them off with a scissor and add them to any sautéed dish, meats, vegetables, even soups to add a touch of garlic! This won’t hurt the growing plant and it gives the remaining plant more energy to put into the bulb below the ground.

Garlicy Terms: Didn’t know that garlic had a neck? Ever see braided garlic? That’s softneck garlic and just means that the stalk that shoots out of the bulb is pliable. Braiding harvested garlic, adding colored ribbons and dried flowers, is a fun pastime and a great gift. Hang it to dry and use for later. Hardneck garlic has a hard stalk and though the taste may be stronger, they don’t store as long as softnecks. It easier to peel and has larger cloves. We grow both.

We repeated this experiment early spring and planted mustard greens outside our fenced garden. Again, no critters disturbed the spicy leaves! Each month from now till fall, I broadcast more seeds to keep a successive crop for harvest. I love the Purple Osaka or Giant Red mustard greens. Cooked up with some garlic scapes, these make a plate of greens chock full of antioxidants and B vitamins. Add cooked black beans, bits of bacon, onions, and just a spoon of vinegar for zippy side dish.

Planting time for garlic here is late fall/early winter and it grows for about six months. Harvest the bulbs with a shovel when the leaves start to turn brown and



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Commentary

Commissioner Leonhardt calls on WV to celebrate Dairy Month

Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt and the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) are calling on residents of the Mountain State to support local dairies and connected industries during National Dairy Month. Originally established in 1937, National Dairy Month is held annually in June to highlight the impact of the dairy industry in the United States. West Virginia currently has 39 dairy farms and one dairy processor.

“During the pandemic, we saw the importance of local food systems. It is vital we continue to support local farmers as they create resiliency, as well as help foster economic growth in our communities. This Dairy Month, I encourage you to get to know your local dairy farmer,” said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt.

Commissioner Leonhardt, the WVDA and the American Dairy Association Mideast on behalf of West Virginia dairy farmers will be hosting a Dairy Day at West Virginia Power Park on Friday, June 18. There will be a live cow milking and various dairy products available. The Department is also asking the public to support West Virginia dairy by purchasing local ice cream, cheese or other byproducts.

“Since the Department took over the full regulation of milk and dairy products in West Virginia, we have worked with our producers to reduce regulations or foster innovation. As dairy consumption has plateaued in the United States, producers must look towards niche markets to connect with consumers. Our goal is to help micro-distilleries valued-added industries, such as cheese production, and traditional dairy processing flourish in West Virginia,” Leonhardt said.

For a full list of dairy producers in West Virginia, visit <https://agriculture.wv.gov/dairy-farm-list/>.

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River Festival Schedule

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2021 Ronceverte River Festival Schedule

Friday, June 11

5:45 PM-	Parade Lineup begins
7:00 PM-	The Grand Parade! Vendors open The Duck Pond opens The Best Dressed Duck Coloring Contest begins
7:30 PM-	Buddy Allen & the Cheat River Band in the Amphitheater
8:30 PM-	The Kent Family Circus

Saturday, June 12

10:00 AM-	Rock Painting begins The Duck Pond opens The Best Dressed Duck Coloring Contest continues Vendors open
11:00 AM-	Strawberry Shortcake Sale begins Children's Games sponsored by Ronceverte River Festival The Kent Family Circus
11:30 AM-	Music from DJ David Kidd in the Amphitheater 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament sponsored by Ronceverte Lions Club
3:00 PM-	Rubber Ducky Race ticket sales end. No exceptions! Cat Head Biscuit in the Amphitheater The Great Rubber Ducky Race!
4:00 PM-	Father's Day Pageant
4:30 PM-	More music from Cat Head Biscuit
5:00 PM-	Duck Hunt!
6:00 PM-	The Coloring Contest ends and voting begins Punt Pass & Kick competition sponsored by Ronceverte Raiders The Kent Family Circus The Thomas Taylor Band in the Amphitheater
7:30 PM-	Voting for the Best Dressed Duck Coloring Contest ends. The Kent Family Circus
9:00 PM-	Fireworks!
10:00 PM-	Please Note: Schedule is subject to change. Circus times are approximate. Check our website to keep up-to-date.

Contest and Tournament Details:

- **Basketball Tournament:** Sponsored by Ronceverte Lions Club. 3 on 3 basketball at the courts starting at noon. Registration starts at the courts at 11:30 AM.

- **Best Dressed Duck Coloring Contest:** Children will be able to choose a duck coloring page from the selection provided and will create their own idea of what a duck should look like. At 6 PM Saturday, all entries will be displayed in Shelter 1. At this time, anyone can vote for their favorite picture by dropping a penny or more in the correct cup. The entry with the most votes at 9 PM is the winner and will receive all the money collected as votes and a trophy. Depending on how many entries we have, there may be more than one age group.
 - **The Duck Hunt:** Open to all children 12 and under. Hundreds of rubber ducks will be scattered and when the Hunt starts, it’s a mad scramble to collect as many ducks as you can. Every duck is a winner.
 - **The Duck Pond:** 100 ducks will float in our “pond.” Contestants will choose a duck and win a prize selected by the number of the duck. Candy! Toys! Money! Everyone is a winner!
 - **The Grand Parade:** All entries will be judged in one of 14 categories. The winner of each will receive a trophy. The Festival Committee Favorite will be awarded to the entry that best expresses our theme for this year: Back in the Sun in 2021.
- For more detailed descriptions and updates go to our website at roncevertewv.org.

Duck Race Prizes

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| 1st | The Ronceverte River Festival: \$5,000 Cash |
| 2nd | The Ronceverte River Festival: \$2,500 Cash |
| 3rd | The Ronceverte River Festival: \$1,000 Cash |
| 4th | The Ronceverte River Festival: \$500 Cash |
| 5th | The Ronceverte River Festival: \$500 Cash |
| 6th | Walton Brothers Plumbing, Ronceverte WV: \$500 Cash |
| 7th | The Greenbrier: Dinner for Four at Drapers |
| 8th | The Ronceverte River Festival: \$250 Cash |
| 9th | The Ronceverte River Festival: \$250 Cash |
| 10th | Ronceverte Ice & Produce: Yeti “Roadie 24” Cooler |
| 11th | Martin & Jones: 4 Gallons Benjamin Moore Paint |
| 12th | Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home Inc.: \$150 Cash |
| 13th | Premier Bank Inc.: \$150 Cash Prize |
| 14th | Morgan Funeral Home LLC: \$150 Cash |
| 15th | Soleil Glamour Bar: 1 Month Unlimited Tanning (1 person) |
| 16th | The Corner Market: \$125 Gift Certificate |

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| 17th | Ronceverte Service Station: \$125 Gift Certificate |
| 18th | Lowell Rose - Greenbrier County Commission: \$125 Cash |
| 19th | West Virginia Daily News: 1 Year Subscription |
| 20th | West Virginia Daily News: 1 Year Subscription |
| 21st | Mountain State Computers: \$100 Cash |
| 22nd | Barry Bruce - WV House (Dist. 42): \$100 Cash |
| 23rd | Jack David Woodrum - WV State Senate (Dist. 10):\$100 Cash |
| 24th | Joe Darnell - Greenbrier County Assessor: \$100 Cash |
| 25th | Todd Longanacre - WV House (Dist. 42): \$100 Cash |
| 26th | Gary Canterbury, G.C. Sales: \$100 Cash |
| 27th | Tom Johnson: \$100 Cash Prize |
| 28th | The State Fair of West Virginia: 4 Adult Gate Tickets & 4 Carnival Sheets |
| 29th | Greenbrier Cut Flowers: \$100 Gift Certificate |
| 30th | Blaine Phillips: \$100 Cash |
| 31st | Flower Paradise: \$100 Gift Certificate |
| 32nd | Tammy Shifflett-Tincher - Greenbrier County Commissioner: \$100 Cash |
| 33rd | Sheriff Bruce Sloan: \$100 Cash |
| 34th | Robin Loudermilk - Greenbrier County Clerk: \$100 Cash |
| 35th | Vincent Deeds: \$100 Cash |
| 36th | The Potting Shed: \$100 Gift Certificate |
| 37th | Justice for Daisy & Danny Foster: \$100 Cash |
| 38th | Stephen Baldwin - WV State Senate (Dist. 10): \$100 Cash |
| 39th | Greenbrier River Campground: \$50 Lowe’s Gift Card |
| 40th | FooFurs: \$50 Cash |
| 41st | Johnny’s: 1 Oil Change (8 qt. limit) |
| 42nd | Walnut Hollow Construction: \$50 Lowe’s Gift Card |
| 43rd | In Memory of Diane F. Soto: \$25 Cash |
| 44th | Wired! Computer Services: \$25 Cash |
| 45th | Just Kidding: \$25 Cash |
| 46th | Ben Anderson: \$25 Cash |
| 47th | The Ronceverte River Festival: \$25 Cash |
| 48th | The Ronceverte River Festival: \$25 Cash |
| 49th | The Ronceverte River Festival: \$25 Cash |
| 50th | The Ronceverte River Festival - Last Place Award: \$100 Cash |

CLUB

English Country Dance alive and revived

English Country Dance (ECD) is starting up again on Friday, June 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church on Court Street in Lewisburg. ECD is similar to contra dance and shares some figures with square dancing. There are no fancy steps. Couples dance

various figures with a brisk walking step set to beautiful music. It's a great way to get some mental and physical exercise.

ECD has a long tradition dating back to the 1600s. Dances from these early years are still danced today although many modern dances

and music have also been choreographed and composed.

Beginners are welcome. We will be starting with simple dances. Come single or together. Wear comfortable shoes. The cost is a donation of \$5 to the church for using the space and utilities.

Tails and Tales Summer Reading Program set at WSS Public Library



Kiah, the library dog, can't wait to record her summer reading in the library's Beanstack site.

Join the White Sulphur Springs Public Library this summer as we celebrate our Summer Reading Program, Tails and Tales. There will be in-person programs for preschool and elementary-aged children featuring crafts such as animal track imprints and pet jellyfish. The preschoolers will even go on a lion

hunt! In addition, the library has also partnered with the White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery to host a StoryWalk featuring the book Goldfish on Vacation by Sally Lloyd-Jones. This activity will be located around their nature trail and will run from June 14 through July 24.

Each in-person program will be limited to 10 children and their caretaker to avoid overcrowding. Please register weekly for each program by calling 304-536-1171.

The preschool program (age 2-5) will take place on Fridays from June 18 through July 23 at 10:30 a.m.

The children's program (age 6-12) will take place on Wednesdays from June 16 through July 21 at 2 p.m.

The Teen Summer Reading Challenge (age 13-19) will run June 16 through July 24 using the Beanstack app. Read books and write brief reviews to be placed into a weekly drawing to win prizes from local business. Register at www.whitesulphursprings.beanstack.org.

We are encouraging our readers to keep track of their books through Beanstack, which can be accessed at www.whitesulphursprings.beanstack.org. Each age group has a book goal and can receive rewards for the number of books they complete. Rewards are available while supplies last. Readerscan chart their books using this app and complete their age appropriate reading goal. Please contact the library at 304-536-1171 if you need help getting into Beanstack. For the preschool and child readers who do reach their goal, there will be a pizza party with fun activities like animal yoga and gift certificates from local businesses at the Brad Paisley Park in July.

House and Garden Club does fence work at Erskine Plot



William Martin (left) and Skip Deegans



Preparation to pour cement foundation

The Lewisburg House and Garden Club is pleased to announce the work on the Erskine plot at Old Stone Cemetery is close to completion. It has been the goal of Morgan Bunn of Raleigh, North Carolina, to restore and beautify the cemetery. She is the author of numerous books on the cemetery and those buried there. Her books are for sale at the North House Museum.

Cemetery Trustee Lynn Brody found a fence in Alderson where it originally surrounded a turn-of-the-century home. Bunn bought the fence to replace the one that once enclosed the Erskine family grave-stones. Skip Deegans, a volunteer, scraped, sanded and undercoated the old fence sections.

With financial assistance from the Bunn family, the fence was taken to Glen Bryant, a Clifton Forge blacksmith. Bryant made posts and a gate to complement the fence. He adjusted the length of the fence to fit the Erskine plot.

In April, with the financial assistance of the Lewisburg House and Garden Club, Skip Deegans engaged the services of mason William Martin and work commenced to install it around the Erskine plot. The cement foundation for the original fence had sunk significantly, and a cement cap had to be poured over it. Deegans and Martin in-



The completed fence

stalled the fence, and Deegans completed it by applying two coats of black paint. Deegans removed the

sod, and it is now awaiting planting by the Lewisburg House and Garden Club.

Church Bulletin

Rhema Christian Center to host Vacation Bible School June 21-25

Rhema Christian Center will host their regular VBS on-campus from June 21 to June 25 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. If you are interested in signing up your child for this year's Press Play VBS please go to therhemalife.com and click on the Press Play logo to fill out a registration form. Please call the church office at 304-645-6999 if you have any questions about Vacation Bible School or email at RCC@therhemalife.com.

OBITUARIES

Lisa Jo Ervin

Feb. 16, 1962 - June 1, 2021

Lewisburg-Lisa Jo Ervin went to be with her beloved parents, Bill and Emma Lee Morgan, on June 1, 2021.

Lisa fought a long battle, but continued to live each day of her life to the fullest and with the utmost grace. Lisa never let anything stand in her way of doing what she loved. Lisa was a beautician at the Upper Cut for 17 years. Even though being a beautician and riding horses were her passion her most treasured role was being a mother to her two beautiful children, Gretchen Emily and Katie Ann.

On this earth Lisa leaves behind her sister, Teresa Clower (Terry); brother, Barry Morgan (Donna); her husband, Julius Ervin; eldest daughter, Gretchen, youngest, Katie; and her best friend and furry companion, Fifi the Yorkie Marie.

Lisa could lighten up any room she was in, and would always leave you laughing. Please join the family in remembering the life of Lisa. The viewing will be held at the McGraw funeral home on Friday, June 4, at 12 noon and the services will begin at 2 p.m. with a dinner to follow for anyone who would like to join.

Paul Todd Rankin

Mechanicsville, VA-Paul Todd Rankin, 72, died Saturday, May 15, 2021.

Born in Clifton Forge, VA, Paul is the son of John "Jack" Wilson Rankin, Jr. and Mary Jane Strickler Rankin Brown.

After graduating from Clifton Forge High School, Paul served in the U.S. Army stationed in Germany. He earned his Associates Degree in 1971 from College of the Redwoods in Eureka, CA, and his B.A. from San Francisco State University in 1974.

For almost 40 years, Paul worked in Project Controls as a scheduler and planner across North America in the energy and construction fields. His work took him to Alaska, Canada and the Midwest. Throughout his work travels, he made many friendships that have lasted his lifetime. Paul mentored many people during his management years and was always so pleased to celebrate the growth and success of those with whom he worked.

A devoted, loving husband and father, Paul was the life of the party during family adventures to Alaska and Europe. Best described as a modern day Renaissance man, he was a gifted craftsman and artist in chair making, woodcarving, jewelry and glass. Paul also enjoyed the "thrill of the hunt" for unique antiques, artwork and books.

Paul was preceded in death by his father, Jack, mother, Mary Jane and sister, Margaret Brinkley.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Leigh Ann (Loving) Rankin; his children, Andrew Todd Rankin of Mechanicsville, VA, Kathryn Rankin O'Donnel and husband Kealan of Philadelphia, PA, and Margaret "Molly" Costa of Wellfleet, MA; and his grandchildren, Isabella Boden and Corbin Rankin O'Donnel. He is also survived by his brother, Jack Rankin of New Castle, VA; sister, Nancy Hall of Richmond, VA; brother-in-law, Lewis Brinkley of Clifton Forge, VA; mother-in-law, Jacqueline Loving, and family of White Sulphur Springs; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be Friday, June 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Wallace & Wallace Chapel in White Sulphur Springs. Services will be Saturday, June 5 at 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in White Sulphur Springs. Burial will immediately follow in Little Creek Cemetery. Reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Little Creek Cemetery or the White Sulphur Springs Public Library.

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

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Kanawha County cook Ashley Young, left, Director of Child Nutrition Diane Miller, center and Kanawha County cook Shelia Murdock load food boxes at Clendenin Elementary on September 15, 2020. Photo by F. Brian Ferguson.

MOUNTAIN STATE SPOTLIGHT

Facing another pandemic summer, WV schools are better prepared to feed kids. Yet, gaps will likely persist

By Amelia Ferrell Knisely
for Mountain State Spotlight

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Kayla Boerboom says she knew kids fell through the cracks and went without food last summer in McDowell County. It's West Virginia's poorest county, where 43% of children live in poverty.

"A lot of families didn't have a way to get the food," Boerboom, a McDowell native, who works in the county for West Virginia University Extension

Services, said.

Her summer camps for kids typically served two hot meals a day, but last summer COVID-19 restrictions meant she had to switch to what she called "camp in a bag," where she gave kids different educational activities to do at home during the day.

McDowell County schools, which provided food when they could to Boerboom's camp pick-up sites, struggled to reach the students most in need. McDowell County Schools Nutrition Director Perry Blankenship said that last summer he couldn't afford to hire bus drivers to deliver food to students. He relied solely on volunteers to cook five days worth of food, box it and, when possible, deliver it in the mostly rural county without public transportation.

Those struggles were mirrored across West Virginia, as COVID-19 restrictions kept most summer camps, tutoring programs and free meal programs

from opening. Some counties could afford to pay bus drivers or had school personnel to deliver meals, while other counties relied on parents to drive to limited school feeding sites to pick up five days worth of meals. Volunteers tried to fill in the gaps when they could.

Gov. Jim Justice touted the state's summer feeding plan aimed at connecting kids with food, but Mountain State Spotlight reported on ongoing gaps in the programs that left students, especially those without transportation, without food. Despite the growing need in hunger — state food bank leaders reported a 30% increase in need in the last year — and impending summer feeding needs, West Virginia lawmakers earlier this year failed to take up a bill aimed at improving summer feeding programs for kids.

This summer, though the pandemic continues, a statewide summer feeding plan and reduced COVID-19 restric-

tions could help close student feeding gaps around the state.

Transportation issues

In McDowell County, Blankenship says transportation issues are the largest contributor to childhood hunger in his area.

"I'm sure there were still kids that we missed [last summer]," he said.

This year, the West Virginia Department of Education said transportation will be offered statewide to some school-based summer feeding programs. Summer academic programs receiving federal stimulus money from the WVDE must provide transportation and meals, according to Amanda Harrison, director for the West Virginia Department of Education Office of Child Nutrition.

"All 55 county boards of education have incorporated transportation into their summer 2021 plans due to special federal stimulus money," Harrison said.

WV Department of Arts, Culture and History seeks entries for 2021 Juried Exhibition

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) is announcing a call for entries for its 22nd biennial West Virginia Juried Exhibition. The show will be on display at the Culture Center in Charleston. Since 1979, the exhibition has celebrated the exceptional talents and creativity of Mountain State artists.

Submissions for the exhibit in the form of digital images on CD or USB flash drive will be accepted from Monday, May 31 through Monday, Aug. 2. Artists may submit two pieces for the exhibition with a limit of three digital images per entry. Entry forms and properly identified images must be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of \$20 per piece. Make check payable to West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History. Digital images can be mailed to WVDACH, West Virginia Juried Exhibition (WVJE) 2021, The Culture Center,

1900 Kanawha Blvd., E., Charleston, W.Va. 25305-0300, or hand-delivered to the Culture Center at the State Capitol Complex. An option to email images will be available this year by first contacting Cailin Howe, exhibit coordinator, to ensure your images are submitted properly. Image file sizes must be small enough to be received through email, an entry form must be included, and entry fee will still need to be mailed to the department.

Eligible entries include works created in the past two years in the areas of painting, sculpture, printmaking, drawing, photography, digital art, mixed media and crafts.

Entrants must be over the age of 18 and must be residents of or maintain a permanent residence in West Virginia. Entrants also must complete a WVDACH Artists' Register form at <http://www.wvculture.org/museum/artsreg.html> and submit six slides or digital im-

ages representative of current work for the file at the department. The images submitted for the Artists' Register are not used in jurying entries into the exhibition.

A prospectus for the exhibit is available online at <http://www.wvculture.org/museum/juried/2021/juriedexspectous2021.pdf>.

The department will present up to \$33,000 in awards for the exhibition. The awards are made available through the West Virginia Commission on the Arts and the WVDACH through funds appropriated by the West Virginia Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts. Awards may include three \$5,000 Governor's Awards (purchase awards), seven \$2,000 Awards of Excellence (purchase awards) and eight \$500 Merit Awards (non-purchase awards). Works receiving Purchase Awards become part of the West Virginia State Museum's permanent art collection.

The exhibit will open at the Culture Center with an awards ceremony and reception at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 14, and remain on display through Feb. 14, 2022. The exhibit showcases the work of state artists and craftspeople and provides the public with a comprehensive view of art and craft activities in the state.

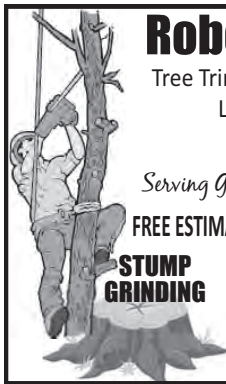
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The Company Stores and Steel Pterodactyl June 5 at Cross Creek on Main in White Sulphur Springs.



Live music comes to WSS at Cross Creek on Main

Live music is back! Cross Creek on Main, White Sulphur Springs' newest music venue, is pleased to present The Company Stores with Steel Pterodactyl on Saturday, June 5, at 7 p.m. Cross Creek on Main is located at 697 Main Street East, in the former historic Bowling Hardware building.

The Company Stores are a modern rock band from

Charleston, WV. Since their inception in 2012, they have performed all over the U.S. and Canada, blending elements of rock, folk, and soul. Lead by the fiery Casey Litz on vocals, "the Company Stores features soulful, sultry vocals, a funky horn section, and a gritty backbeat," according to Skope Magazine. They blend elements of many genres of southern music,

taking inspiration from styles such as Delta blues, Appalachian folk, gospel, jazz, and other Americana music, then layer in their own modern styles and rhythms.

Formed in 1992, Steel Pterodactyl has performed at venues and festivals across West Virginia, Virginia, and Maryland with such groups as JGB, Ekoostic Hooka, Rasta Rafiki, and The Recipe. But, don't let the band's name and elusivity in recent years fool you; they are anything but extinct. This re-

incarnation will bring Chris Baker (guitar, vocals), Casey Cantrell (drums), Chris Clemons (bass), Jeff Eisenbeiss (acoustic guitar, percussion), Ben Hunt (percussion), Rick Leatherman (saxophone), Philip McLaughlin (guitar, keyboard, vocals), Steve Metzler (trombone), and Brennan Wood (trumpet) to the stage.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at bit.ly/CompanyPterodactyl or at the door. For more information email sarah@crosscreekonmain.com.

Batman coming to WSS Library



Batman will be at the White Sulphur Springs Public Library on June 9 to read the book Broken Toy Hero and take pictures with the children.

The White Sulphur Springs Public Library is excited to announce a free program given by John Buckland as "Batman," on Wednesday, June 9, starting at 2 p.m. His bold and inspiring presentation will include an opportunity to take a photograph with the Caped Crusader and his Batmobile.

As Batman, Buckland

speaks to young and old alike about the importance of overcoming the challenges life will give you. The talk will include a reading of his youth empowerment book, Broken Toy Hero. Signed copies of the book will be available for ten dollars. Buckland is part of the Heroes for Hire Foundation.

Batman's visit to the library is in conjunction with the annual summer reading program which will include in-person weekly programs and rewards for reading.

Please contact the library at 304-536-1171 for additional information about either program.

White Sulphur Springs Welcome Center seeks volunteers to provide Safety Breaks

The West Virginia Department of Transportation (District Nine) is accepting applications for nonprofit organizations to provide Safety Breaks at our I-64 Welcome Center near White Sulphur Springs. Qualifying groups will provide small pre-wrapped baked goods and coffee to promote safety during the following high-traffic holidays: Father's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Opening Day of Buck (Deer) Gun Season, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Day, and New Year's Eve and Day.

To qualify, groups must be nonprofit with identifiable safety programs targeting bicycle, automotive, pedestrian, ATV, or other transportation, or participate in the Adopt-A-Highway Program. The activity must be conducted for the express promotion of safety and not as an advertisement or solicitation for funds for the organization.

For official rules and applications, please contact Matt Curry, I-64 supervisor, via email at Matthew.R.Curry@wv.gov or by telephone at 304-536-1472. The deadline for calendar year 2021 applications is Monday, June 14.

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Flee GIRMATE

It's a bid for attention. Just _____ him.

TODAY'S WORD

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

INITIAL RATING

ACROSS

1 Ukraine's capital

5 Tehrani, e.g.

10 Iowa city

14 Hay bundle

19 Black-and-white bite

20 First Hebrew month

21 Fine rain

22 "You can't beat me!"

23 Chess or charades

25 Hibachi, often

27 Grind, as grinders

28 Dorm VIPs

30 Otherwise

31 Six, in Roma

32 Tell the judge you did it

36 Financial aid option

38 Ordinance

39 Verizon Fios, e.g.

40 Reply to "You're a stinker!"

42 Hugs, in a love note

43 Wet expanse

45 Bygone flight inits.

46 Stack messily

49 It, in Italy

53 Air rifle

56 Waters off Qatar

59 Word div.

60 Refined find

61 Long-nosed swimmer

62 Year, to Livy

63 Taint

64 Research into a political foe's weaknesses, in slang

66 Silky casing

68 2015 Bryan Cranston film

70 She's a symbol for a cause

74 Window material

76 1974 hit subtitled "Touch the Wind"

77 Signaled "yes"

79 Cambodian currency

80 Slugging stat

81 Stats, e.g.

83 Hi- — (some stereos)

84 Roget's entry: Abbr.

85 Aunt's sis, maybe

89 Dry white wine of Italy

92 Small, loose stones for a walkway

94 Bit of a climb

95 Adversities

96 Chop down

97 Singer Baker

98 U.K. mil. fliers

101 Yet to come

103 Dudes

105 Novelist

106 Deighton

106 Acted omnipotent

111 Jail official

114 Stable grain

115 Big brawl

116 Suffix with planet

117 The planets, e.g.

118 Societal welfare

121 Film rating that's apt for this puzzle's theme

126 Babble on

127 Designer

128 Saarinen

128 Prayer place

129 Jazz singer

130 Fitzgerald

130 NFL gains

131 Romanov royal

132 Snaring loop

133 Result of a falling-out

DOWN

1 Keystone —

2 Novelist

3 Always, to a bard

4 Long Russian river

5 Wearing tattered duds

6 Throws together

7 Japanese beer

8 '60s conflict site

9 Resistance to change

10 Gig gear

11 Actress

12 Cosmetics

13 Quiet

14 Narcissist's quality

15 Pt. of ETA

16 Verdi's "— Miller"

17 Page of films

18 Sparked anew

24 2009 Colin Farrell film

26 Capital in Scandinavia

29 Novelist

32 Sinks heavily

33 "Cagney & —"

34 Actor Tom of "The Seven Year Itch"

35 Croquet site

36 Landing site

37 Film director

41 Things to show a trainee

44 Divvies up

45 Certain day of the wk.

47 Yoga pose

48 Golf marker

50 — cum laude

51 Thick cuts

52 '60s hairdos

54 Highest ladder part

55 Limey's drink

56 Lobbying gp.

57 Ponying up, in poker

58 26-Down's country, to its natives

61 Aquarium favorite

65 — four (small cake)

66 — -Magnon

67 Antique

69 Funnywoman

70 Criminals, to cops

71 Go around

72 Tuna net

73 How tuna may be packed

75 — little harder

78 The Divine, in Genoa

82 Three days after 45-Down: Abbr.

84 Dam, e.g.

86 Teresa of —

87 39.37 inches

88 — flowing with milk and honey

90 "Grand Ole" venue

91 Happy

92 Mani- —

93 Forest figure

96 Under-soil layer of clay

99 Eagle nests

100 Bank door abbr.

102 Lead-in to Pen

103 Starbucks selections

104 Total

106 Red flower

107 Dern of films

108 Being tried in court

109 Fetch

110 Siouan tribespeople

112 — voice

113 Total

116 Bad smell

119 U.K. "Inc."

120 Man-mouse link

122 Mop & —

123 Yalie

124 Fairy

125 Rebel Turner

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Questions about the program or information about sensitive areas near the power lines listed below, such as springs, wells, streams, lakes, ponds, orchards, crop areas, gardens, pastures, meadows, year-round dwellings, public recreation areas, and Christmas tree farms, may be directed to the company by calling toll-free **1-800-642-3622**.

Right-of-way maintenance agreements between the company and landowners are available to those preferring to accept responsibility for clearing the right of way crossing their property in lieu of aerial herbicide applications. Such agreements provide for compensation equivalent to the cost of aerial herbicide maintenance, provided the work meets the company's specifications.

Landowners desiring to enter into right-of-way maintenance agreements with Appalachian Power should call the toll-free number above, or contact the nearest office as listed below. Maps showing the location of rights of way to be maintained in their areas also are available for inspection at these offices.

Herbicides to be used have been extensively tested and are registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the West Virginia Department of Agriculture. They are glyphosate, imazapyr, metsulfuron methyl, fosamine, triclopyr, aminocyclopyrachlor and aminopyralid. All applications are performed by certified applicators.

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Complaints about possible damage resulting from herbicides may be made by contacting the company at the above toll-free number or the local office listed below. Complaints may also be directed to the Department of Agriculture, Pesticide Regulatory Programs Unit, which may be contacted in Charleston at 304-558-2209.



SCHOOL

Greenbrier Co. Schools provides meals to children during summer

Greenbrier County Schools announces their sponsorship of the federally funded Summer Food Service Program. Meals are open to all children, age 18 years and under, who would like to participate.

Meals will be served at the following sites:

- Alderson Elementary: June 22 - July 30, Breakfast, 8 - 8:30 a.m. and Lunch, 11:30 a.m.-12 noon M-F
- Frankford Elementary: June 22 - July 30, Breakfast, 8 - 8:30 a.m. and Lunch, 11:30

a.m. - 12 noon M-F

- Rainelle Elementary: June 22 - July 30, Breakfast, 8 - 8:30 a.m. and Lunch, 11:30 a.m. - 12 noon M-F

- White Sulphur Elementary: June 22 - July 30, Breakfast, 8 - 8:30 a.m. and Lunch, 11:30 a.m. - 12 noon M-F

- Lewisburg Elementary: July 12 - July 30, Breakfast, 8 - 8:30 a.m. and Lunch, 11:30 - 12 noon, M-F

- Ronceverte Elementary: June 22 - July 30, Breakfast, 8 - 8:30 a.m. and Lunch, 11:30

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- Rupert Elementary/ WGMS: June 22-July 9, Breakfast, 8 - 8:30 a.m. and Lunch, 11:30 - 12 noon M-TH (No Fridays), July 12 - July 30, M-F

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- Greenbrier West HS: June 22 - July 30, Breakfast, 8 - 8:30 a.m. and Lunch, 11:30 a.m. - 12 noon Wednesday
- Alderson Farmers Market: June 22, 29 and July 6, 13, 20, 27, Lunch, 3 - 5 p.m. Tuesday
- Greenbrier State Forest: July 12-15, 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 2 - 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday
- Carnegie Kids College: July 12-16, July 19-23, and July 26-30, 11:15 - 11:30 a.m. and 2:20 - 2:40 p.m. M-F

All sites will be closed for the July 4th holiday on Mon-

day, July 5.

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For more information about the Greenbrier County Schools Summer Food Program, please call Jenny Curry, Child Nutrition Coordinator, Greenbrier County Schools, 304-647-6462.

A nutritious meal is important for children to learn, play and remain active during the summer months. Remember Hunger Doesn't Take a Summer Vacation!

Jacob Coleman named to SNHU Dean's List

Jacob Coleman of White Sulphur Springs has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's winter 2021 Dean's List. The winter term runs from January to May.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester,

and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, non-profit institution with an 88-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 150,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate

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Claire Campbell named to University of Utah Spring Dean's List

Claire Campbell of White Sulphur Springs was named to the University of Utah's Spring 2021 Dean's List. Campbell's major is listed as Ballet BFA.

Campbell was among more than 8,700 students named to the fall 2020 Dean's List at the U. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher in at least 12 graded credit hours during any one term.

Concord University announces Spring 2021 Dean's List

The following students are on the Spring 2021 Dean's List at Concord University. The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who were registered for a minimum of 12 Concord credit hours and have attained a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the end of the semester.

Alderson: Matthew Harvey, Skyler McCallister, Samantha

Modley

Crawley: Elizabeth Carey, Abigail Feamster, Cassidy Hicks

Gap Mills: Marcus Breckenridge

Hinton: Savannah Conner, Brandi Reel, Dawson Tolbert, Kendall Trainum, Charity Utterback

Lewisburg: Seth Brown, Tyler Deskins, Christina Frazer, Kelly Hanson, Emily McElwain, Sum-

mer McElwain

Maxwelton: Dakota Baker

Rainelle: Asher Keeling, Emma Osborne

Ronceverte: William Honaker, John Lucas, Alexandria Mizia, Owen Vogel song,

Sinks Grove: Lisa Coburn

Union: Stacy Shires

White Sulphur Springs: Ella Goodwin, Colin Wiley

Williamsburg: Kimberly Eagle

Talya Whyte of Lewisburg awarded degree from UA

Talya Whyte of Lewisburg has received a Bachelor of Science degree from The University of Alabama. UA awarded some 5,860 degrees during its spring commencement ceremonies Apr. 30 - May 2.

With a beautiful campus, dozens of challenging academic programs, expert faculty and numerous opportunities for service and growth, The University of Alabama is a place where legends are made. UA offers its students a premier educational, cultural and social experience with more than 200 undergraduate, graduate and professional programs.

Kirstin Cole receives baccalaureate degree for Shepherd University

Five-hundred-fifty-two students received baccalaureate degrees during Shepherd University's 148th Commencement, which took place on May 8. Former Shepherd University Rams football coach Monte Cater delivered the undergraduate commencement address and was awarded an honorary doctorate.

Kirstin L. Cole of Lewisburg was one of those who received their baccalaureate degree on May 8.

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

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Cosmetology, esthetics, and massage therapy graduates recognized



Massage therapy 2021: Front Row: Tarisa Whitt (left) and Courtney Sexton; Middle Row: Instructor of Massage Therapy Drema Morgan (left), Rebecca Brown, Lora Feury, Mariesa Hatfield, Tiffanie James, Cheyenne Holliday, and Instructor of Massage Therapy Debbie Rogers; Back Row: Assistant Professor of Biology Tim Hofmann



Esthetics 2021: Instructional Specialist of Cosmetology Allie Callison (left), Latrice Lyons, Bryanna Bragg, Brittany Spencer, Rhiannon Privett and Assistant Professor of Cosmetology Lisa Carter



Cosmetology 2021: Instructional Specialist of Cosmetology Allie Callison (left), Assistant Professor of Cosmetology Lisa Carter, Kimberly Graham, Emily Fox, Instructional Specialist of Cosmetology Sheila Decker, and Instructional Specialist of Cosmetology Nikki Thomas

New River Community and Technical College held a pinning ceremony on May 13 for students graduating from the college's cosmetology, esthetics and massage therapy programs in the Kyle and Ann Fort Arts and Sciences Building at the Greenbrier Valley Campus in Lewisburg.

Thirteen 2021 graduates participated in the ceremony. Cosmetology program graduates Emily Marie Fox, Peterstown, Kimberly Graham, Covington, Virginia; esthetics program graduates Bryanna Bragg, Hinton; Latrice Lyons, Beck-

ley; Rhiannon Privett, Itmann; Brittany Spencer, Mount Nebo; and massage therapy program graduates Rebecca Brown, Frankford; Lora Feury, Union; Mariesa Hatfield, Daniels; Cheyenne Holliday, Hinton; Tiffanie James, Alderson; Tarisa Whitt, Lewisburg; and Courtney Sexton, Ronceverte.

New River CTC is now registering students for the summer 2021, fall 2021, spring 2022 and summer 2022 semesters. For more information, visit www.newriver.edu, email admissions@newriver.edu or call 1-866-349-3739.

Area residents graduate from WVSOM

Three area residents graduated from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine during their May 29 graduation

ceremony. Kelsey Clark, Natan Harel, and Zackery Johnson all earned their Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degrees.

Kelsey Clark, D.O., earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from West Liberty University in West Liberty, WV, in 2017. She is a 2013 graduate of Shady Spring High School in Shady Spring, WV. Clark is the daughter of Angela and Joseph Robertson of Crawley. She is married to Connor Clark. She plans to enter an emergency medicine residency at Morristown Medical Center in Morristown, NJ.

Natan Harel, D.O., earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C., in 2009. He is a 2002 graduate of the Mercersburg Academy in Mercersburg, PA. While at WVSOM, Dr. Harel received the Legacy Scholarship Endowment, the Health Resources and Services Administration New Opportunities Scholarship, the West Virginia Emulation Endowment Trust/Dr. Olen E. Jones Jr. Scholarship, the WVSOM Family Practice Scholarship and the WVSOM Fredric W. Smith Memorial Scholarship. Harel is the son of Sassi and Barry Harel of Alderson. He is married to Kimberly Lynn Forte. He plans to enter a family medicine residency at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo, MI.

Zackery Johnson, D.O., earned a Bachelor of Science degree in exercise physiology from West Virginia University in Morgantown, W.Va., in



Dr. Kelsey Clark



Dr. Natan Harel



Dr. Zackery Johnson

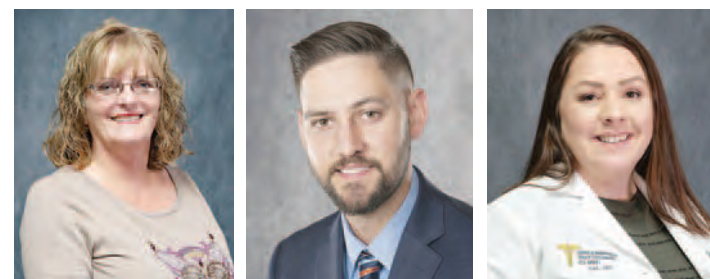
2017. He is a 2013 graduate of Greenbrier West High School in Charmco. Johnson is the son of Shawn and Susie Johnson of Crawley. He is married to Jaclyn Johnson. He plans to enter an emergency medicine residency at Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center in Johnstown, PA.

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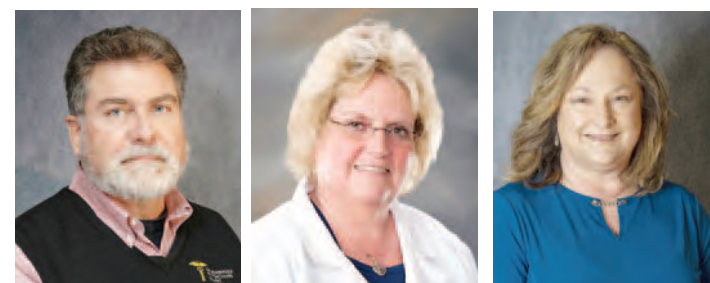
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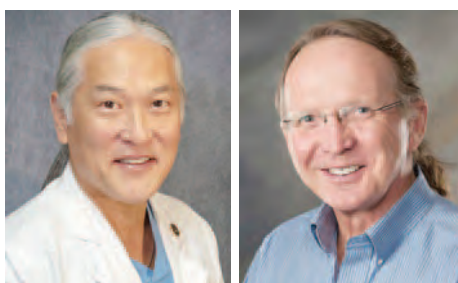


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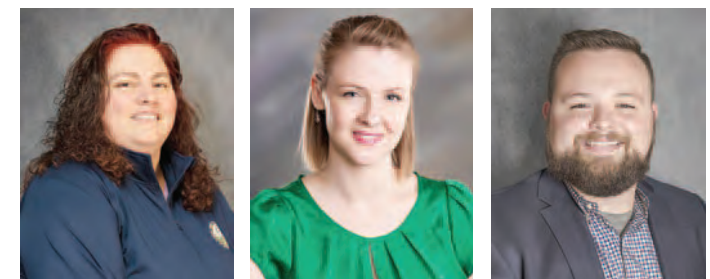
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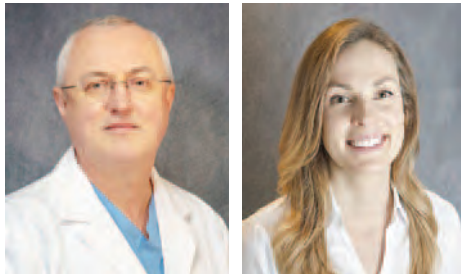


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Congratulations CLASS OF 2021!

Productive ways to spend the summer after graduation

Graduation is a momentous day in the lives of college students. After years of schooling that dates all the way back to preschool or kindergarten, newly minted college graduates are finally ready to begin their professional lives.

That can be a scary prospect for some students, especially those who graduate without jobs lined up. The summer after graduating from college can be a time like no other in the lives of new graduates. It can be easy to grow dejected as weeks or months go by without receiving a job offer. But spending the summer after graduation as productively as possible can help graduates overcome any dejection they might feel and increase their chances of landing a job.

Contact career services offices at your alma mater

Career services offices can help recent graduates as they look for their first jobs out of college. Such offices may have access to job and internship opportunities that grads do not. In addition, they may coach grads on interviewing techniques and on ways to stand out in crowded job markets.

Seek internships

If part- or full-time employment is proving elusive, don't be afraid to seek and ultimately accept internships, which can provide a way for grads to get their foot in the doors in certain industries.

Summer internships may already be filled, so scour job boards for fall or winter internships.

Start networking

Students who interned can get in touch with their past supervisors or mentors and find out if the company is hiring. Such people may be more inclined to bring someone with direct experience on-board — even if that experience was brief and unpaid. In addition, grads can connect with adjunct professors who work in their desired fields.

When job hunting, don't get pigeonholed by your major. Just because a student graduates with a particular degree does not mean he or she needs to look for work in that field. In fact, many companies may prefer entry-level applicants with degrees that are not specific to their industries so their new hires are blank slates who can be easily trained.

Attend job fairs

While other graduates may be taking the summer off, enterprising grads looking for work should attend as many job fairs as possible. Graduates likely won't leave job fairs with employment offers in hand, but job fairs are a great way for grads to meet hiring managers and submit their résumé to potential employers.

Customize a résumé for every job

Be sure the curriculum vitae is not static. Write and refine résumés for each job you apply for, mildly tweaking the wording or accomplishments to address the key phrases used in the job listing.



It can be tempting for recent college grads to spend the summers after graduation relaxing, but those who spend that time productively may land jobs more quickly than those who do not.

Why do grads don caps and gowns?

Graduation ceremonies are steeped in tradition, the most noticeable of which may be the caps and gowns worn by students on hand to receive their degrees. This attire likely dates back to 12th century Europe, when students would wear hoods and gowns that resembled those worn by their teachers, who were members of the clergy. According to Colorado State University, in 1321 a statute of the University of Coimbra in Portugal declared that all "Doctors, Licentiates, and Bachelors" wear gowns. That means that the mandatory graduation gown is on the cusp of celebrating its 700th anniversary. Hoods, caps and gowns not only signified a certain status

of the students wearing them, but they also served a more practical purpose, helping to keep students warm in the unheated buildings where they were being taught. Ironically, many modern graduates, particularly those whose graduation ceremonies are held outdoors, may lament that their caps and gowns make them feel hot.

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There is little success where there is little laughter.
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A Word to the Wise:
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To the hardworking graduates of 2021, we salute your perseverance through a uniquely challenging senior year. Best of luck as you take the next step!

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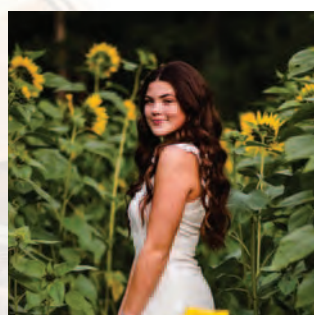
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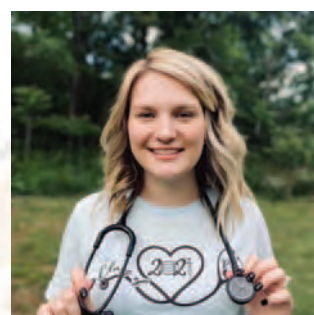
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Congrats to our Grads!

The RCBC family is happy to acknowledge these graduates and their peers for their achievement. We are proud of you and look forward to your future development.



Khloe Wagner
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