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## Commission receives bids for Courthouse upgrades

By Sarah Richardson

The Greenbrier County Commission met Tuesday, June 8, to open bids for the addition and renovation of the Greenbrier County Courthouse and sign an elder abuse awareness proclamation and WV Interactive Service Agreement.

The Commission received two bids for the courthouse project, one from Paramount Builders of Saint Albans with a base bid of \$15,114,000, and another from SQP Construction Group of Saint Albans with a bid of \$12,649,950. The extensive project includes the renova-

tion of the existing courthouse building, as well as the construction of an addition. The recent demolition of the old jailhouse and the move of the historic Sears house were both completed in recent months to accommodate the new expansion.

"These bids will be brought to our engineer and architect," said Commissioner Tammy Shifflett-Tincher. "All information will be reviewed by them. We intend to award bids at our next county commission meeting on June 22 to determine the award and make sure that everything is compliant."

In other news:

• The Commission signed a proclamation stating in part, "We are all responsible for building safer cities for Greenbrier County, West Virginia, whereas the well-being of Greenbrier County Seniors is in the interest of all, whereas the Greenbrier County Elder Abuse Awareness Committee will recognize June 15, 2021 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day."

The Commission made a motion to approve the proclamation, and "encourage all residents to recognize and See "Co Commission" Page 3

### Do it for Babydog: Save a life, Change a life sweepstakes now open

Gov. Jim Justice recently announced that West Virginians can now register for the Do it for Babydog: Save a life, Change a life vaccine sweepstakes.

West Virginians age 12 and older who have had at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine can register by visiting [doitforbabydog.wv.gov](http://doitforbabydog.wv.gov).

Rules, FAQ's, and prize information are available on the website. "This is a lifechanging opportunity in more ways than one," said Gov. Justice. "You have the power to not only safeguard your health as we continue to battle COVID-19, but you can also take home a number of wonderful prizes. It's a win-win situation that I hope all West Virginians will take advantage of."

The giveaway will include a \$1.588 million grand prize, a \$588,000 second prize, weekly drawings for \$1 million, full scholarships to any higher education institution in West Virginia, custom-outfitted trucks, weekend vacations at state parks, lifetime hunting and fishing licenses, custom hunting rifles and custom hunting shotguns.

### Flower baskets arrive in Alderson



Alderson Main Street President Judy Lohmeyer said, "The photo was taken just a week ago. The baskets seem small. Just wait until the end of the summer and you will see how big they get! Thanks to everyone who helps sponsor this project."

Flower baskets from Blue Ridge Farm now hang gracefully from the lamp posts in Alderson. A project of Alderson Main Street and the Town of Alderson, these flower baskets are lovingly cared for through out the summer by Ross Copenhaver. His conscientious care is evident as they grow and grow!

This flower basket project is sponsored by people who enjoy seeing them and sharing that joy with others. Those who contributed to the project this year include Rich and Judy Lohmeyer; Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church; Randy Burdette; Jim and Melinda Russell; Canterbury Construction Management Services, Bill Canterbury, Principal; Ernest Bryant, Sally Mueller, and Vivian Shepherd in memory of their mother, Mary E. Harnest; an anonymous donor in memory of Layla; the David and Kathy Keadle Family; Roy and Linda Loudermilk; Mike and Anita Tierney; the Old Victorian Inn; Margaret and David Hambrick; Doris Griffith; Jo Perez; and Roger and Susan Bowyer.

### Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen on page 4



### Grand Jury returns Indictments

The Greenbrier County Grand Jury met on June 1 and 2 and returned indictments to multiple individuals on charges ranging from drug distribution to murder.

- The list is as follows:
- Roger Adkins, 34, Alderson, delivery of a controlled substance - heroin (x2)
  - Bradlee Alderman, 25, White Sulphur Springs, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine
  - Bradlee Alderman, 25, White Sulphur Springs, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine; conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance - methamphetamine
  - James Starrett, 64, Farimont, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine; conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance - methamphetamine
  - Bradlee Alderman, 25, White Sulphur Springs, delivery of a controlled substance - buprenorphine; delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine; conspiracy to deliver a controlled substances
  - James Starrett, 64, Farimont, delivery of a controlled substance - buprenorphine; delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine; conspiracy to deliver a controlled substances
  - Arica Anderson, 36, Ronceverte, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine (x2)
  - Arica Anderson, 36, Ronceverte, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine; conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance - methamphetamine
  - Tabitha Trout, 32, Ronceverte, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine (x2); conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance - methamphetamine (x2)
  - Tabitha Trout, 32, Ronceverte, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine; conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance - methamphetamine
  - Ramona Neal, 43, Ronceverte, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine conspiracy
  - Gabriella Boggs, 21, Glace, delivery of a controlled substance - adderall; delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine (x3); conspiracy (x4)

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Members of the Greenbrier County Elder Abuse Awareness Committee hold wreaths as they make preparation for distributing the wreaths and proclamations. Shown are members Christi Hicks (top left), Shana Bennett, Kim Estep, Jamie Baker, Vicki Dove, Carma Korman, Gloria Martin and Daneen Fair. (Not pictured: Stephanie Moore)

### Elder Abuse Awareness Day June 15

Tuesday, June 15, is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The Greenbrier County Elder Abuse Awareness Committee is inviting the community to participate by becoming aware of the issue. Look for posters and ribbons throughout the community, as well as special wreaths and proclamations.

The purpose of this special day is to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older persons. Every year approximately 5 million older Americans are victims of abuse, neglect or financial exploitation. Experts believe that for every reported case, as many as 17 cases go unreported. Greenbrier County has a population approaching 20 percent of adults over 55 years of age, so many are at risk for abuse, neglect or exploitation in our area. During the Covid-19 pandemic older adults are at a special risk as they may be isolated and dependent on others for care. Oftentimes caregivers or family members may be the abusers.



May Yard of the Month named The Greenbrier Gardeners Garden Club congratulates Brenda and Linda Spencer on Church Street for being recognized as Lewisburg's May Yard of the Month.

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### Local Unofficial Election results:

#### City of Lewisburg:

Four-year council term: Valerie Pritt, Arron Seams, Franklin D. Johnson  
Two-year council term: John Little

#### Town of Rainelle:

Mayor: Robin Williams  
Recorder: Bill Bell  
Councilmembers: Ron Fleshman, David Spitzer, Jimmy Mathney, David Sweet, and Rick McCall

#### Town of Alderson:

Mayor: Travis Copenhaver  
Recorder: Betty Thomas  
Councilmembers: Ann Eskins, Tod Hanger, Ruthie Allen, Doris Kasley, Charlie Lobban

#### City of White Sulphur Springs

Mayor: Bruce Bowling  
Recorder: Kathy Glover  
Councilpersons: Mary Buskirk Collins, George "GP" Parker, Chris Hanna, Mark D. Gillespie, Audrey Burns Van Buren

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## WV soldier accounted for from World War II

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced recently that Army Pfc. John J. Sitarz, 19, of Weirton, killed during World War II, was accounted for May 27, 2020.

In November 1944, Sitarz was assigned to Company L, 3rd Battalion, 110th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division. His unit was engaged in battle with German forces near Germeter, Germany, in the Hürtgen Forest, when he was declared missing in action on Nov. 2. Sitarz could not be recovered because of the ongoing fighting, and his status was changed to killed in action on Nov. 3, 1945.

Following the end of the war, the American Graves Registration Command was tasked with investigating and recovering missing American personnel in Europe. They conducted several investigations in the Hürtgen area between 1946 and 1950, but were unable to recover



**Army Pfc. John J. Sitarz of Weirton, WV, was killed during WWII and was only identified recently and returned to the United States for burial at Arlington National Cemetery.**

or identify Sitarz's remains. He was declared non-recoverable in 1951.

While studying unresolved American losses in the Hürtgen area, a DPAA historian determined that one set of unidentified remains, designated X-2785 Neuville, recovered from a minefield west of Germeter in 1946 possibly belonged to Sitarz. The remains, which had been buried in Ardennes American Cemetery in 1949, were disinterred in 2018 and sent to the DPAA laboratory at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, for identification.

To identify Sitarz's remains, scientists from DPAA used dental and anthropological analysis, as well as circumstantial evidence. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), Y chromosome DNA (Y-STR), and autosomal DNA (auSTR) analysis.

Sitarz's name is recorded on the Tablets of the Missing at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery, an American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) site in Hombourg, Belgium, along with the others still missing from World War II. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Sitarz will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA, at a date yet to be determined.

For family and funeral information, contact the Army Casualty Office at 1-800-892-2490.

DPAA is grateful to the ABMC and to the U.S. Army Regional Mortuary-Europe/Africa for their partnership in this mission.

## Governor announces new way to camp in style at WV State Parks



Typical Tentr campsite

Gov. Jim Justice announced recently a new way to camp in style this spring and summer through a public-private partnership with Tentr at four West Virginia State Parks. Online reservations are available for 37 new Tentr campsites at Hawks Nest, Lost River, Blackwater Falls, and Cacapon Resort State Parks. The new Tentr campsites at Hawks Nest and Cacapon Resort State Parks are available now for occupancy and the Tentr campsites at Lost River State Park and Blackwater Falls State Park will be available for occupancy starting June 14.

Tentr campsites offer cozy and comfortable stays for adventure enthusiasts and the outdoor-curious seeking an experience that is unique from traditional camping. These new campsites come fully equipped with a spacious canvas tent on a wooden deck and are furnished with a comfortable memory foam queen-size mattress, side tables, and a heater. The new sites also include a picnic table, fire pit with a grill, a solar shower, and portable camp toilet. Guests in these sites may also use the park's restroom facilities. An additional pop-up tent will be provided for extra guests, but campers will need to bring their own air mattresses or sleeping pads. Sites start at \$85 for a single site and \$139 for a double site. A two-night minimum is required when booking Tentr campsites on weekends.

"West Virginia has natural beauty and outdoor recreation unlike any other place in the world. This new camping experience is one of many ways West Virginians and visitors to our state can enjoy the incredible state parks and forests we have right in our backyard," Gov. Justice said. "Investing in our West Virginia State Parks is a high priority for my administration because they deserve to be the very best places they can be. I thank our Tourism and DNR teams for their hard work on this partnership."

The locations of each site will put campers in close proximity to some of West Virginia's most scenic areas.

Hawks Nest is best known for its bird's eye view of the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve and its proximity to Fayetteville's many attractions.

For a more secluded getaway, Lost Riv-

er is home to 3,934 acres of woods and a stunning view of five counties from the Cranny Crow overlook.

Cacapon Resort features an array of outdoor activities, including miles of hiking and a lakefront beach. Its close proximity to several of West Virginia's most historic destinations, such as Berkeley Springs, Shepherdstown, and Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, makes the resort park especially unique.

Blackwater Falls State Park Tentr camping sites will be available to book soon. Blackwater Falls State Park is known for the majestic falls as well as incredible hiking and scenery.

"We are thrilled to have this partnership with Tentr," said West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Director, Stephen McDaniel. "Tentr sites are renowned camping spots for outdoor experiences throughout the country and we're bringing them to West Virginia. There's no doubt it will generate more interest in our great state parks and forests."

"This partnership gives us another opportunity to proudly showcase the natural beauty of the State Parks in an inclusive way," said Todd King, VP of Marketing at Tentr. "West Virginia is known for its outdoor adventure and we are making the experience of sleeping under the stars and enjoying nature better and more accessible for all. Through Tentr, we hope West Virginia residents and out-of-state visitors alike will explore the incredible natural resources and parks the state has to offer. Tentr makes it easy to find an amazing site to enjoy the state's vast landscapes and inspiring scenery."

Guests can immediately begin booking and occupancy began June 2 at tentr.com/wvsp.

#### Yard Sale Reminder

The City of Lewisburg would like to remind city residents that the following rules govern yard sales or garage sales within the city. Each sale is restricted to be no more than 48 hours on the same lot and may be held no more than four times per year. A temporary ground sign advertising the sale is permitted on the lot where the sale is being held and can be displayed up to three days before sale event. If you have any questions please call Marsha Cunningham at 304-645-2080.

## WV Department of Tourism launches 2021 birthday celebration

The West Virginia Department of Tourism announced the launch of the official celebration for the state's birthday on June 20, 2021. This year offers something extra to celebrate, as the state marks the 50th anniversary of John Denver's "Take Me Home, Country Roads."

"There's never been a better time to visit the iconic country roads of West Virginia. After a long and difficult year, we're encouraging folks to plan their perfect summer road trip in the Mountain State," Tourism Secretary Chelsea Ruby said. "Help us tell our story by sharing your travel photos, and show the world why John Denver called us 'Almost Heaven.' To mark this anniversary, we're giving away amazing prizes to 50 lucky road trippers."

Mountain State fans who post their best West Virginia travel photos on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter using #AlmostHeaven will be entered automatically in a drawing to win one of 50 donated prizes, including overnight stays at Cacapon Resort State Park, Bridge Walk tours of the New River Gorge Bridge, off-roading adventures at Hatfield-McCoy Trails, a cabin stay from Hideaway Lost River, a \$500 American Airlines gift card from Yeager Airport, zip-lining passes from Pipestem Peaks, a weekend getaway package from Mountaineer County CVB, tubing passes from River Riders, scenic train rides with Potomac Eagle Scenic Railroad and accommodations at The Greenbrier Resort. The contest runs from now until noon on West Virginia Day, June 20, 2021. All posts

must be set to public and contain the hashtag #AlmostHeaven to be entered. Randomly selected winners will be announced each Tuesday on the Department of Tourism's Facebook page.

The contest is an easy way to share West Virginia's beauty and celebrate our state. The Department of Tourism will be adding featured road trip itineraries daily on social media for those looking for new routes. Best of all, the contest will allow West Virginia fans to build their own trips based on photos they find on social media.

"Research tells us that Americans now make their travel plans based in large part on what they see on social media. So this year, let's celebrate this extra special birthday by flooding the internet with photos that will leave folks longing for a trip to this spectacular place we call home."

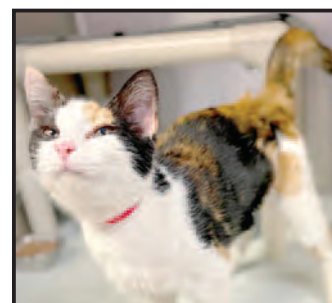
On June 20, the Department of Tourism will unveil a special Country Roads tribute sharing some of the best road trip spots around the Mountain State, using social media posts to help write and tell the story. Be sure to follow @wvtourism on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.

To find your country roads trip or to learn more about the contest, visit WVtourism.com/birthday.

## PICK OF THE LITTER

#### MANGO

Mango is a one-year-old female domestic short-hair. Visitors say she is sweet!



#### FRANK & MAX

Frank is a 6 month old male mastiff mix and Max is a 4 month old aussie/rottie mix.



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

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

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

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

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# Briefly

## West Virginians for Life to meet

West Virginians for Life/Greenbrier Co. Chapter will meet on June 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Community Church in Caldwell. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Paula McLaughlin at 304-661-9866.

## Juneteenth event set in Covington

The Allegheny Highlands (Covington/Clifton Forge) Chapter will host their 1st Annual Juneteenth Event on June 19 at the Jeterwatson Park at 524 East Pine Street Covington, VA, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend! Activities include learning the history of Juneteenth, guest speakers, drumline, spiritual music, children's activities, and food.

## MountainHeart hosts virtual training

Join MountainHeart for our second Virtual Child Care Provider Training and learn the steps to becoming a quality family child care home provider! The virtual event will be held Wednesday, June 30, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. For registration information contact Kaitlyn Broyles, Provider Support Specialist, at 304-425-3669 or 1-800-738-8531.

## 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.

## 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.narcononnewliferetreat.org/blog/strange-side-effects-of-covid-19.html>

## Indictments

Jarrett Webb, 23, Sweet Springs, adderall; delivery of a controlled substance -methamphetamine (x3); conspiracy (x4)

Tara Boggs, 43, Glace, adderall; delivery of a controlled substance -methamphetamine (x3); conspiracy (x4)

Shannon Boswell, 53, Ronceverte, delivery of a controlled substance - heroin (x2); delivery of a controlled substance - buprenorphine; delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine

Lyndsey Breesawitz, 30, White Sulphur Springs, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine; conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance - methamphetamine

Andrew Hudson, 30, Keyser, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine; conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance - methamphetamine

Derrick Couch, 35, White Sulphur Springs, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine

Eric Eary, 36, White Sulphur Springs, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine

Joshua Maddy, 30, Alderson, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine within 1000 ft of a school (x3)

Jacob Morgan, 20, Lewisburg, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine; conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance - methamphetamine

Ethan Quinn, Ronceverte, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine; conspiracy

Ethan Quinn, Ronceverte, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine; delivery of a controlled substance - heroin within 1000 ft of a school; delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine within 1000 ft of a school

Carrie Palmer, 44, White Sulphur Springs, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine (x5)

Carrie Palmer, 44, White Sulphur Springs, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine; conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance - methamphetamine

Bruce Plumley, 43, Pickaway, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine; conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance - methamphetamine

John Pulliam, 30, Rupert, delivery of a controlled substance - heroin (x2); delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine (3); delivery of a controlled substance - fentanyl

Raymond Ramos, 40, White Sulphur Springs, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine

Charles Walls, Jr., 41, Hillsboro, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine

Roy Warning, 28, Lewisburg, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine within 1000 ft of a school (x5)

Charl-Lynne Berry, 51, Charmco, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine

Ryan Flanagan, 26, Wayside, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine; conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance - methamphetamine

Denise Flanagan, 53, Wayside, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine; conspiracy

Diane Stone, 56, Rupert, delivery of a controlled substance - buprenorphine (x2)

Rebecca Snyder, 40, Lewisburg, delivery of a controlled substance - fentanyl; conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance - fentanyl

Joseph Forren, 23, Williamsburg, delivery of a controlled substance - heroin; conspiracy

Rebecca Snyder, 40, Lewisburg, delivery of a con-

## 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.

### Notice of Board of Canvass

The Council of the City of Lewisburg will conduct a board of canvass for the June 8 Municipal election in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers at 942 Washington Street West on Monday, June 14 at 8 a.m. On the agenda:

- Set bond amount (\$300)
- Review and certify ballot materials

### White Sulphur Springs Council

will meet Monday, June 14, at 7 p.m. following a Finance meeting at 6:45. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - May 10, 2021
- Financial Statements
- Citizens' Comments (2 minutes 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
- New Business
  - Budget revisions
  - Approval of Church Street storm drain bid
  - Renewal of CPA contract
  - Water billing
  - CDBG-MIT application stormwater project
- Miscellaneous Remarks
  - West Virginia Day Sunday, June 20
    - City Hall closed Monday, June 21
    - Monday, June 21 and Tuesday, June 22 garbage picked up on Tuesday, June 22
  - July 4th Holiday Sunday, July 4
    - City Hall closed Monday, July 5
    - Monday, July 5 and Tuesday, July 6 garbage picked up on Tuesday, July 6

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trolled substance - methamphetamine; delivery a controlled substance - heroin; delivery a controlled substance - fentanyl

Ryan Flanagan, 26, Wayside, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine (x2); delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine within 1000 ft of a school

Tiffani Jenkins Wiley, 28, Lewisburg, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine; delivery of a controlled substance - heroin (x2)

Avery Lewis, 47, Union, Lewisburg, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine

Jarrett Webb, 23, Sweet Springs Valley, Lewisburg, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine; conspiracy

Tara Boggs, 43, Glace, Lewisburg, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine; conspiracy

Ryan Pence, 41, Ronceverte, Lewisburg, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine (x2)

Bruce McClung, 62, Quinwood, Lewisburg, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance - methamphetamine

Jonathan McClung, 50, Rupert, murder

Robert Ferguson, 59, Smoot, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance - marijuana

## MRVA creates Critical Development Partnership

The Meadow River Valley Association took a big step forward in the groundbreaking of the Rupert School Project at the former Elementary/High School property. In May, MRVA partnered with Woodlands Development Group to rehabilitate the former school site into low-income senior housing units with a public health clinic on the first floor.

The Woodlands Group is headed up by Dave Clark of Elkins, West Virginia, with Dustin Smith acting as the project manager. The Woodlands Group has more than 25 years of experience revitalizing and building community projects, including low-income housing, senior housing and community centers. Typically, Woodlands focuses its efforts in the Elkins/Randolph County area but could not resist the opportunity to provide community development for the Meadow River Valley.

Dustin Smith notes, "We really want to expand our impact to other areas of the state. MRVA is a perfect partner for reaching areas that need support."

Woodlands and MRVA established the Rupert School LP and are in the process of applying for state and federal funding. Once complete the former school will house 10 one-bedroom units, four two-bedroom units, a health clinic, elevator and landscaped grounds. The project is part of the Meadow River Valley Community Center, which houses the Rupert Volunteer Fire Department, The West End Youth Sports League, and The Meadow River Valley Early Learning Center which includes a garden and cafeteria.

The target ground-breaking for the Rupert School project is early 2022.

## For the Record

### Deeds

Donna Gilkeson By Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent And Nonentered Lands of Greenbrier County to Elemental Resources LLC, Cert. #132103 0.88 AC, Meadow Bluff District

J. David Rapp to JRE Lewisburg LLC, 13.45 Acres, Lewisburg District

Christi Sloan to Jason Sloan, Lots 1310, 1311, 1312, 1352, Rainelle Corp

Gene E Sizemore Family Irrevocable Living Trust By Trustees, and Shirley L Sizemore Family Irrevocable Living Trust By Trustees to Garten Development LLC, Lot 4, White Sulphur Corp

Dawn S Robbins to Harold G Robbins, 2 Parcels, Meadow Bluff District

Kaniye Living Trust Under The Provisions of The Trust Agreement Dated Nov. 16, 1998 by Trustee to Wendwhite Sulphur Realty LLC, 1.077 Acres M/L Excepted White Sulphur District

William Dean Stone Executor Under The Last Will and Testament of Sonja Lorene Stone, to Adkins Jeanette L Huffman, 4.54 Acres M/L, Ronceverte Corp

Clyde Johnson to Betty D Crookshanks and Donald E Crookshanks, Lot, Meadow Bluff District

Barry L Bruce Special Commissioner to Leanna Agee, Mark Agee, and Davina Agee Life Estate, Lot No 3 Mill Creek Subdivision, Meadow Bluff District

Cynthia J Bostic aka Jane Pitsenbarger Bostic to James Garrett Bostic, 35 Acres and 19 Poles M/L, Meadow Bluff District

Wallace W Loudermilk Estate By Sole Devisee to Brianna L Dixon, 2 Tracts, Frankford District

Trudy A Lucas and Elby J Lephew to Margaret A Wilson, 1.3 AC M/L, Irish Corner District

Grantor tony Michael, Chieffo to Rachel M Bittinger, 7.34 Acres, White Sulphur District

Sheila D Robinette and Jonathan M Crum to Sheila D Robinette, Lot, Lewisburg Corp

Mary E Hendrix and Charles R Hendrix to Edwin L Childers and Elizabeth A Childers, 7.545 AC M/L, Blue Sulphur District

## Co Commission

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celebrate the accomplishments of West Virginia seniors on this day."

The Commission approved a CDBG Mitigation Application for Rainelle to Charmco, which will help fund the water line expansion project that is ongoing in that region.

"This section of water line is part of the water line extension project, the next phase from Charmco to Sam Black and Alta and Asbury project," explained Commissioner Lowell Rose. "This particular funding is for the Charmco to Rainelle section of that project. It's an extra grant that we were able to apply to that."

A Community Corrections Grant acceptance and resolution in the amount of \$260,000 was approved by the commission. "This is the Community Corrections Grant that the Day Report Center applies for to be able to fund the program, and they have been awarded that \$260,000," said Commissioner Tinchler.

"The County Commission is basically the pass-through for the grant," added Commissioner Rose.

A WV Interactive Service Agreement was approved by the commission, which is needed for the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Tax Office to sell vehicle registrations. This interactive service through the state is needed in order for them to do so.

The Commission approved the new hire of a 911 telecommunicator to fill a vacancy.

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# OPINION

## Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

### Being Direct

Have you ever sown seeds directly into the soil or do you prefer to buy seedlings already started? It all depends on how much produce you desire, how much money you want to spend, and how quickly things can grow.

Terms for growers:

Direct seeding vs. direct plants

Succession planting vs one-time planting

“Direct seed” fast growing lettuces, peas, radishes, mustard greens, corn, basil, cucumbers - all of which sprout out of the ground fairly quickly with help from rain and sunshine. Following the instructions on the seed packets, pay attention to spacing each seed to use the minimum amount of space for maximum results. Sow as directed with a few extra seeds here and there in case they don't all germinate. Once they do show some green above ground, you can gently pull out some if there are too many and be sure to leave the recommended growing space between each plant. This is called “thinning.” It hurts to toss some out but the rest will grow big and healthy.

Corn seeds, for example, are sown about 4-6 inches apart in rows about 24-36” apart. Corn will emerge from the ground in warm temps in about 5-8 days and grows quickly. It pollinates when the wind carries its pollen from corn tassel to tassel, (the silky top part). Depending on all the conditions, corn can be ready for your family corn boil in 2 months during the summer. This year I am trying blue dwarf corn, said to be sweet with an average of two ears per stalk.

Lettuce is another fast grower. You can start to clip off the outer leaves for salads in a month-two months. This is why succession planting will give you another crop to look forward to after the first one stops growing or dies down. If you grow too many radishes right at the start of the growing season, they will all come to maturity at once. You might only need a handful of radishes for your salad, so plant just a row of seeds each week starting in spring and these little red veggies will grow right into fall.

I am partial to French breakfast radishes after eating them (in France) with butter and salt. Maisoui! Who ever thought you would find a dish of radishes at a bar but that's where they are served in France as a snack before cocktails. Try it, please. Radishes are a cinch to grow. The small little balls need some elbow room to grow. Space the seeds 4-6 inches apart and thin out sprouted seeds to keep 1-2 per every 4 inches for maximum size. Plant too close together will result in plenty of radish green tops with nothing under the soil but a skinny root. Yuk.

Veggies to put into the ground as “starts” or trans-



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plants are tomatoes, eggplants, peppers, broccoli, and onions. These all take a longer time to grow from seeds. Planting a two inch or more, healthy plant gives you a head start. Some folks begin in early spring and start these veggies indoors by seed and keep them under growing lights. This is fine if you plan to babysit your seedlings and keep them alive day to day. I leave that chore to the nurseries.

New (for me), this year is cheddar cauliflower plants I picked up locally as a six pack. Planted mid-spring, I already cut off the first orange head of cauliflower. Broken into pieces, we ate it raw in a salad. It has no cheesy taste but contains beta carotene due to the color orange. The heads grow large and mature in 60 days or so, another quick to harvest crop.

Please let me know how you prefer to grow your garden; all tips are welcomed. If you have any new veggies you are trying out, drop me an email: NaturesWayKaren@gmail.com.

## Commentary

### Local agriculture vital to WV's economic future

By Kent A. Leonhardt

#### West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture

As the national food system came to a screeching halt in the early days of the pandemic, the demand for food increased, providing a unique opportunity for local agriculture. This opportunity was only possible due to the hoarding of supplies, the closure of restaurants and outbreaks in large scale processing causing an inability to garner normal goods from large chain grocers. To find the necessary nutrition, consumers were forced to turn towards local producers or processors to fill gaps. Luckily, our local farmers took this challenge head on forging a better relationship with consumers and showing the importance of home-grown agriculture to our wellbeing. With the pandemic in our rear-view mirror, this next growing season will determine if we learned our lessons of the past or will consumers revert to large scale agriculture.

There are plenty of signs that local agriculture is thriving in the Mountain State. Since the West Virginia Department of Agriculture took over the regulation of farmers' markets, we have seen those markets double in number. This has been accomplished by reducing burdensome regulations to open new avenues for producers to sell their products. The other half of the equation is more and more consumers want to know their farmer. These customers value knowing how someone raises or grows their product and where exactly it comes from. It's this commitment that can really help our communities experience economic growth, as well as create resiliency in case of future pandemics.

Another indicator of growth is the boom within local meat production. Over the last year, meat processing is up 200% and livestock slaughter up 41%. Most processors are telling their customers they are booked solid for the next year. This increased demand is a direct result of the lack of product we saw within our chain grocery stores. For this trend to continue, habits must change, but we also must scale up production by either expanding existing facilities or allowing new facilities to enter market gaps. What it will take is lifting some federal regulations, as well as local investments. The new Buzz Foods facility, located in Kanawha County, is a perfect example of an opportunity to grow our livestock industry and create greater access to local meats. We need to replicate their model throughout the state.

Unfortunately, not all agriculture industries saw a bump during the pandemic, and with June being National Dairy Month, it's a perfect time to highlight and support West Virginia's operations. A lack of increased demand is nothing new to U.S dairy, as consumption has plateaued in recent decades. At the same time, technology has brought efficiencies to the industry requiring less cows to maintain production levels. The solution is innovation by either creating micro-distilleries or adding value to the fluid milk with products such as cheese. Either avenue takes a commitment from us, the consumers, to support these innovations, as well as state's lifting regulations to foster innovation. By allowing these businesses to adapt, they can move into new demand gaps allowing these home-grown businesses to survive.

If you haven't caught on to the message I am trying to get across, it's simply that local agricultural systems are not only vital to our economy but to the health of our citizens and the state's ability to navigate a pandemic. How we support those farmers is by reducing regulations, opening new market opportunities, helping them embrace innovation and, most importantly, supporting them with consumer demand. Therefore, this summer I am calling on all West Virginians to show gratitude to those who kept us fed when national food systems crumbled last year. During Dairy Month, get to know your local dairy farmer and visit your communities' farmers' market. Understand why these hard-working folks chose this career path, how they make their product and why it matters to our communities. Get out and support a local producer because home-grown agriculture is vital to West Virginia's future.

## Commentary

### What if college was free for all West Virginians?

By Don Smith, Executive Director

West Virginia Press Association

What is “the future of West Virginia”?

Each year government leadership offers a new economic plan in hopes of improving the future of West Virginia.

New ideas are good. West Virginians should hope everyone running for elected office thinks they have the answer, or at least a new idea. After all, when your state has been at the bottom of most national economic and social rankings for generations, the status quo isn't the answer. We've spent decades proving bad can get worse.

In recent years, “the future of West Virginia” has been natural gas, tourism, free community college and elimination of state income tax.

Natural gas and tourism are definitely growing industries in West Virginia, though perhaps not as fast as expected in the case of natural gas or as revenue intensive as hoped in the case of tourism, which has been slowed by COVID. As for eliminating the state income tax to attract new residents, well, that one is still up for debate.

The best answer? The smart money is on education.

When it comes to the future of West Virginia, education offers a life-long payoff. Education is never about the immediate benefit, but it may solve the most problems.

In fact, West Virginia's leadership might want to increase its support of education.

What if we make all college education free for West Virginia residents?

Education turns our current negatives into positives. The benefits would be immediate and measurable if the state provided the “last-dollar-in funding” for all grade-eligible students:

- Each child in the state would immediately be able to afford a college education - a positive change.
- In a few years, West Virginia would have the most educated workforce in the nation - a positive change.
- Our universities and colleges would see increased and stable enrollment - a positive change.
- State funds spent on higher education would directly benefit residents of all 55 counties as well as the institutions - a positive change.
- Every college saving plan would become disposable income - a positive change.
- West Virginia college graduates would not have massive student loan debt - a positive change.
- Our young people would have another good reason to consider staying and raising their families in West Virginia - a positive change.
- Families who value education would have a new reason to move to West Virginia - a positive change.
- Businesses and industries needing an educated

workforce would have a new reason to consider West Virginia - a positive change.

- West Virginia becomes the education state - a positive change.

If West Virginia's goals are to improve the quality of life for our current residents, attract new people, improve our workforce and change our image, education is a win-win.

With free college, we attract new families who value education while offering the same benefit to our current residents. West Virginia parents who are struggling economically would know if their children get the grades, they can go to college and have more opportunities.

West Virginia would be more attractive to families across this nation. If we reduce in-state college costs for new residents by 25 percent each year, parents know that college is free for their children after four years of living in West Virginia. Families - with their related household spending, home and auto needs, and community involvement - are economic drivers.

Potential new businesses and industries would find a better workforce, and their current employees would also have a reason to move here.

Can we eliminate the state income tax and provide free college education?

Probably not, but would residents - current and potential - be willing to pay income taxes to give their children and grandchildren a free college education? For decades, we have accepted and supported public funding of 12 years of education for our children. What if a better future for our citizens and state now requires four years of public-funded college?

People work to afford a better life, a better house, a better community and a better state. They know being cheaper isn't the same as being better.

If the question is how to make West Virginia better, education is the answer.

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# CLUB

## Maxwelton Ruritans clean up 219



Lee Godbey (left), Eugene Christie, Gary Wallace, Brenda Wallace, Bill Zink, Bob Hefner, and Kenny Vance (Not pictured: Debbie Bowman and Mike Williams)

On Apr. 26, the Maxwelton Ruritan Club participated in the Adopt A Highway program and picked up trash along 219 North of Lewisburg. Along with 20 bags of trash, the members were disappointed to find many discarded face masks along the side of the highway. The club was happy to get the opportunity to help make the area more beautiful, since they were unable to participate

last year due to COVID.

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 [ldboman84@hotmail.com](mailto:ldboman84@hotmail.com). We would love to meet you and tell you about Ruritan. You can also follow us on Facebook.

## 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](http://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](mailto:RCC@therhemalife.com).

### Frankford churches set Vacation Bible School for 2021

Frankford Presbyterian and United Methodist Churches invite all children age 3 through 5th grade completed to a castle adventure - the Quest for the King's Armor at Knights of North Castle Vacation Bible School! This noble adventure includes memorable Bible stories, creative crafts, fun recreation, exciting music that will help children experience God's amazing strength. No pre-registration is required. The adventure runs through Monday, June 21, through Friday, June 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Frankford United Methodist Church. For more information, contact Debbie Fogus at 304-497-2465 or Susan Sharp Campbell at 304-645-4568. Masks will be required.

## Batman visit postponed

The White Sulphur Springs Library will be hosting John Buckland as Batman on a new date! Originally scheduled for June 9, Batman will now be at the library on Friday, June 11, at 2 p.m.

Join us as the caped crusader shares his youth empowerment book, Broken Toy Hero, and explains the four hero principles.

There will be an opportunity to take photos of Batman with his Batmobile. This is a free program.

In accordance with library policy, please wear a mask.

Please call the library at 304-536-1171 with any questions. The library is located at 344 W Main Street in White Sulphur Springs.

## Richlands Ruritans learn about Meadow River Valley

The Richlands Ruritans club met on May 12 at the Calvary Methodist Church in the Richlands community. The featured speaker for the dinner meeting was David M. Lumsden of the Meadow River Community Association.

The Meadow River Community Association was formed after the floods of 2016 that devastated the local communities along the Meadow River. The association covers the areas of Eastern Fayette County and Western Greenbrier County. Working with the Long-Term Disaster Recovery Committee, which is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the

association seeks to rebuild the local community services and expand these services to encompass a greater part of the Meadow River Valley citizens.

The association has re-purposed the old Rupert Elementary School to provide services such as senior living facilities, early childhood development and medical services. Other projects underway are expanded recreation trails, and assistance in rebuilding local businesses.

Other Ruritan business conducted at the meeting was to promote the Pesticide Recycling project on May 15; and approve the proposal to fund a scholarship at the Greenbrier 4-H

Camp.

The Richlands Ruritans club meets on the second Wednesday of each month for a dinner meeting at the Calvary Methodist Church on Route 60W. The Ruritan Civic organization is a national network of clubs working together for a stronger America. The Ruritans' focus is to support community services in small towns and rural communities across America. The Ruritans were founded in 1928 in Holland, Virginia and celebrated their 92nd year last May. The Richlands Ruritans Club provides scholarships to local college students and 4-H campers and maintains Tuckwiller Park.



David Lumsden (left) of the Meadow River Valley Association and Steve Harris, president of the Richlands Ruritans

## Old White Garden Club holds May meeting



Pictured (seated, left to right) are Addi Goodrich, Sue King, Agnes Surbaugh, Jean Childers, Joan Gunnoe, Shelva Burr, Mary Collins; (standing, left to right) Elizabeth McGruder, Suzanne Cronquist, Penny Fioravante, Susan Stentz and Donna Sams-Council; and not pictured are Nancy Marshall and Cindy Bennett.

Members of the Old White Garden Club in White Sulphur Springs gathered at the home of Louise Doggett on Tuesday, May 25, for a spring social. Twelve members and guest Elizabeth McGruder enjoyed light refreshments and conversation in a lovely outdoor setting.

The evening program gave members the opportunity to hear about the positive repurposing of old nostalgic structures in White Sulphur Springs. Cindy Bennett gave a brief update on the exciting development of the Schoolhouse Hotel (formerly

the WSS High School). Cindy is the Operations Manager for the new 30-room hotel scheduled to open by the end of 2021 and shared that incorporating the history of the old school and some of its memorabilia are part of the design plans.

Penny Fioravante is renovating the old Gum General Store on Dry Creek Road into Gum Store Studios, a retreat and studio space for artists, yoga and much more. A first goal for Penny was to have Studios' resident artists work with third and fourth grade students at the WSS Elementary School to create an "under the sea" mural. The mural

featuring unique sea creatures has been painted on the resurfaced creek side of the Studios building. Additionally, Penny plans to document each student's artwork and write a book with emphasis on diversity and friendship.

Lastly, Mary Collins encouraged members to attend the dedication of the new municipal swimming pool and Fitness Center on Friday of the Memorial Day weekend. The impressive facilities located at the Dick Gunnoe Memorial Park complex were a long time coming and are now open.

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# OBITUARIES

## Rebecca Rosalie Eli



Pickaway-Rebecca Rosalie Eli, 80, passed away Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at Greenbrier Health Care Center, Lewisburg.

She was born Dec. 21, 1940 in Parkersburg, the daughter of the late William Elijah and Juanita Rockhold Epler.

Rosalie was a devoted Christian and enjoyed studying and sharing His word. She was a talented soprano and loved sharing her gift with those around her. Rosalie had been a member of Sweet Adelines in Los Angeles, CA and of the Greenbrier Valley Chorale.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her son, H. Brian Bilbo.

She is survived by her daughter, Rebecca (Johnathon) Parks, of Bethany, WV; seven grandchildren, Zachary, Beau, and Sebastian Bilbo, Felicity Eli, Kirsten, Mallory, and Allison Parks; brothers, David (Christine), Paul (Billie), Bruce (Kay), and Richard Epler; nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later time.

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## Clint Andrew Nichols



Clint Andrew Nichols, 38, passed away suddenly on Monday, May 31, 2021. He was born in Virginia Beach on Nov. 2, 1982 to Gary and Dale Nichols.

Clint grew up in Winchester, VA, and was a proud graduate of John Handley High School. He attended Roanoke College where he was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, from which he formed many enduring friendships.

He was a special assistant to the late Senator John Warner, a formative political experience which led to his service as an Advance Man in the McCain, Romney, and Rubio presidential campaigns.

Clint graduated from the University of Richmond Law School in 2013, where he served on the Executive Board of the Law Review and as a member of the John Marshall American Inn of Court. Upon graduation, he clerked for the Honorable Henry E. Hudson in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. He subsequently entered private practice where he specialized in healthcare law, most recently with Hancock, Daniel & Johnson, P.C. where he had recently been admitted to the partnership.

His greatest accomplishment was marrying his wife Anny Irons and feeling the joy and pride of fatherhood. His life was grounded in his Faith, his abiding love for his family, and the strong relationships he developed with a large network of friends. He had a magnetic presence, never met a stranger, and radiated joy. A natural connector, he loved to have a full social calendar and a trip on the horizon. He also enjoyed life's simple pleasures - an afternoon on the beach, a play date

with his nieces, or working in the yard with his wife and dog (Butter).

He was active in the Richmond community, serving on the Alliance Board of the Massey Cancer Center where he was fortunate to meet his future bride, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and several Bar Associations. He also served on the Steering Committee of the Roanoke College Alumni Association.

He is survived by his loving wife, Anny and newborn son, Willis; his parents, Gary and Dale; brother, Jeremy (Cassey); nieces, Lucy and Avery; his paternal grandmother, Betty Nichols; and a large web of devoted friends and family whose lives were enriched by his unwavering loyalty, sharp wit, and warm smile.

A memorial service was held on Monday, June 7, at Winchester Church of God (2080 North Frederick Pike, Winchester, VA 22603). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the VCU Massey Cancer Center, Box 980214, Richmond, VA 23284. At the request of family and friends, an educational fund is being established to benefit Willis.

## Mary Frances Dillon



Lewisburg-Mary Frances Dillon, 85, passed away Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg.

Mary was born Apr. 14, 1936, in Creamery, WV, the daughter of the late George Dewey and Althea Spade Lawrence.

She was of the Baptist Faith and worked as a aide and cook at the White Sulphur Springs Family Care Center.

Preceding her in death other than her parents was her husband, Loyd Dillon; and her brothers, George Lawrence, Jr. and John Edward Lawrence.

Surviving Mary are her daughter, Dawn Thomas of Lewisburg; grandson, Josh Long; great-grandsons, Logan Long and Bradley Linton; and sister, Grace Lawrence Reynolds of Fairlea.

There will be no service scheduled for Mary, her remains will be buried in her plot next to her husband in Riverview Cemetery, Ronceverte, WV.

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## Ruby Jean McClung

Fincastle, VA-Ruby Jean McClung, 73, formerly of White Sulphur Springs, passed away Saturday, June 5, 2021.

Ruby was born July 7, 1947, at Asbury to the late Russel Scott and Lula Keaton Hayes.

Ruby was a homemaker and former member of the Lewisburg Baptist Church.

Other than her parents, Ruby was preceded in death by a sister, Lilly Baxter.

Survivors include her husband, Carl William Summers McClung of Fincastle, VA; son, Scott McClung and wife Debbie of White Sulphur Springs; and sister, Emma Lou Morgan of Ronceverte.

Funeral service was held on Tuesday, June 8, at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs where Pastor Elmer Clemons officiated. Burial followed in the Little Creek Cemetery.

Friends called Tuesday at the funeral home before the service.

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## Greater Greenbrier Chamber of Commerce announces Job Fair

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Bring your resumes and be prepared for onsite interviews. Your dream job awaits.

If your business or organization would like to participate - there is no cost for chamber members to participate as a vendor. There will be a \$40 booth fee for non-chamber members. To register for a booth please call 304-645-2818 or [director@greenbrierwvchamber.org](mailto:director@greenbrierwvchamber.org). Or register online at [www.greenbrierwvchamber.org](http://www.greenbrierwvchamber.org).

## Wildlife crossings reduce collisions, impact of roads in natural areas



By Nadia Ramlagan for WVNS

Wildlife crossings such as green bridges or other structures that allow animals to cross roadways safely have been shown to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions.

Lawmakers, including Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), have allocated \$350 million toward a pilot wildlife-crossings program as part of the recently unveiled Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act.

Mike Leahy, director of wildlife hunting and fishing policy with the National Wildlife Federation, said West Virginia consistently ranks as one of the top states for collisions between wildlife and vehicles.

He said most of the funding will be used to support projects in rural areas.

"Wildlife crossings and other strategies like underpasses and fencing," said Leahy, "proven really good for keeping wildlife populations moving."

According to the Federal Highway Ad-

ministration, the total cost of damages from wildlife-vehicle collisions is estimated to be more than \$8 billion dollars each year.

The bill, which also authorizes more than \$300 billion for upgrades to highways, roads and bridges nationwide, currently sits with the Senate Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Transportation Infrastructure.

Leahy said West Virginia's rich outdoor heritage and hunting and fishing economy depend on habitat connections that wildlife crossings ensure aren't lost to road development.

"The infrastructure bill includes funding for research, on how to reduce those collisions and what the best methods and tools are," said Leahy. "It includes training for workers on how to build the projects that reduce those collisions."

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# A Look Back



## The Men of Greenbrier

Photo Courtesy of Greenbrier Historical Society.

By William "Skip" Deegans

The week's 1985 photo shows The Men of Greenbrier prior to their second annual show at the WVSOM auditorium. Founded about 1984, they were a chapter of the Society for the Preser-

vation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America. Barbershop harmony is a style of unaccompanied vocal music that was rooted in the African-American traditions of the late 1800s in the south. It became wide-

ly popular in the 1930s as part of minstrel shows.

The Men of Greenbrier chorus entertained in the Greenbrier Valley into the 1990s. In 1985, Dave Nalker was President, Tom Holbrook was music

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Sources: Greenbrier Historical Society, www.barbershop.org.

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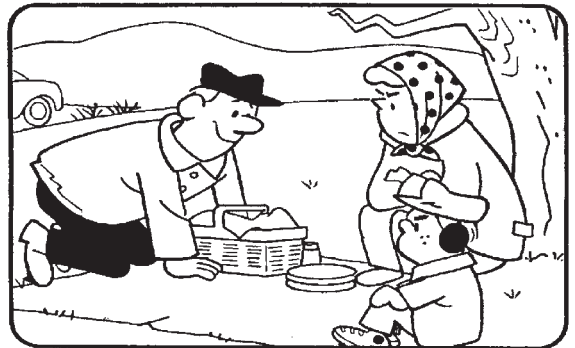
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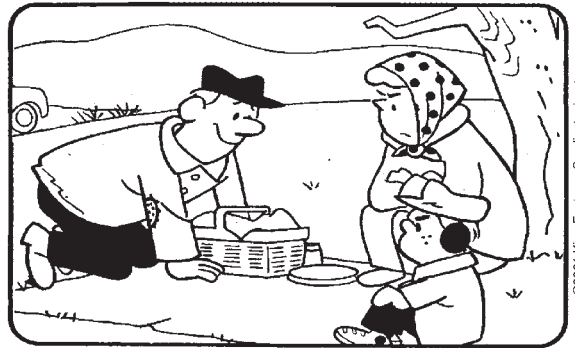
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Cause  
**UNICED**   

Notice  
**GRADER**   

Lift  
**AIRES**   

Soften  
**ANEW**   

**TODAY'S WORD**   

### Super Crossword

CITY HITS

**ACROSS**

1 Shoe statistic  
 6 ExxonMobil, BP, Chevron and such  
 12 "Lemme think about that ..."  
 15 "This looks bad"  
 19 New Olds in 1999  
 20 Get excited  
 21 Lead-in to classical  
 22 Cuban money  
 23 1964 Elvis Presley hit  
 25 Native of France's capital  
 27 Retired NBA star Ming  
 28 Ellipsis part  
 29 Article in many rap song titles  
 30 Printer insert  
 31 1974 Paper Lace hit  
 35 Copy and Paste setting  
 37 Demand (of)  
 38 '60s prez  
 39 Horn blast  
 40 Stocking-holding band  
 44 "It's my turn now"  
 45 Throw softly

48 Rear target in bowling  
 51 1985 Jan Hammer hit  
 55 Equine animal  
 56 — Moines  
 58 World Series org.  
 59 Cry of epiphany  
 60 Pie's place  
 61 Zest and Coast  
 63 Dangling bit of jewelry  
 65 Tip over  
 66 1959 Freddy Cannon hit  
 69 Battle reminders  
 71 Missionary "Mother"  
 72 "Sands of Iwo Jima" director  
 73 Raines of old films  
 74 Riverbed sand  
 75 Suffix with duct or project  
 77 Big klutz  
 78 Pig's place  
 81 1969 Glen Campbell hit  
 85 Rich Italian ice cream  
 87 Rescue request

88 Note after fa pieces?  
 91 Noted times  
 92 Move to and —  
 93 Droop down  
 95 Carrier to Milan  
 98 1975 Elton John hit  
 105 Atlas feature showing altitude  
 106 Former big record gp.  
 107 Ultrasecret gov. org.  
 108 Big klutz  
 111 Quick web ordering option  
 112 1986 John Cougar Mellencamp hit that summarizes this puzzle?  
 115 Friendly bat of the eye  
 116 Mr. —! (Clue-like board game)  
 117 Cry of epiphany  
 118 Some upscale hotels  
 119 Some jeans  
 120 G.P.'s field  
 121 Looks hard

122 Occupy, as a desk  
**DOWN**  
 1 Like tildes  
 2 Figure skater  
 3 Private prayers  
 4 "—la-la"  
 5 Poker variety  
 6 Moistening while cooking  
 7 Hip-hop mogul Gotti  
 8 "Pride — before destruction"  
 9 Need (to)  
 10 Son of Abraham  
 11 Guitar maker Paul  
 12 Empty a suitcase  
 13 Comic Anne  
 14 Home loan offerer  
 15 Good aspect  
 16 Klum on many covers  
 17 Inedible type of orange  
 18 Fine-tuned  
 24 Top-caliber  
 26 Asimov classic  
 30 Lead-in to gender  
 32 URL lead-in locale  
 33 Apra Harbor  
 34 Mata —  
 35 Bluesy James  
 36 Performs  
 41 Cup part  
 42 Writer Gay or editor Nan  
 43 Diplomats' residences  
 44 Winter fight projectile  
 45 Flood barrier  
 46 Ill sign, say  
 47 Be flexible  
 49 Huge heroes cry  
 50 Sci-fi writer Stephenson  
 52 Sensed feeling  
 53 Land in the water, in Livorno  
 54 Cabbie's cry  
 57 Of positional relations  
 61 Wife of Abraham  
 62 Turtle topper  
 64 Purviews  
 65 Consumption  
 66 Shower powders  
 67 Intro drawing class, maybe  
 68 Wallop  
 69 Embroiders, e.g.

70 Ad biz award  
 74 Didn't waver  
 76 Water, to Henri  
 78 Of utmost importance  
 79 And the like: Abbr.  
 80 Prone to pry  
 82 Haifa's home  
 83 Close to  
 84 Close to  
 86 Jared of "Mr. Nobody"  
 90 "Burnt" hues  
 92 Movies, informally  
 93 Quenched, as thirst  
 94 Instagram, for one  
 96 Breather  
 97 Baking potatoes  
 98 Be on the hunt  
 99 Skating legend Sonja  
 100 Graff of "Ladybugs"  
 101 Pageant VIP  
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by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦♦  
 ♦ Moderate    ♦♦ Challenging  
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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PUZZLE ANSWERS PAGE 12B



# SCHOOL

## Telano awarded A.A. McLaughlin Scholarship



Caroline Telano is shown accepting the award from Ann Bowling Tuckwiller, executive director of the Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation, along with Christy Obermeyer, Greenbrier East Counselor for the Class of 2021, Linda Loudermilk, Mary (McLaughlin) Carr, Abigail Carr, and Alex McLaughlin.

Caroline Telano is this year's winner of the A.A. McLaughlin Scholarship that is awarded each year to Greenbrier East Seniors who reside in the original Alderson High

School district.

Caroline was awarded a \$3,000 scholarship from the fund. She will attend Concord University this fall where she will major in

sociology with a minor in criminal justice. She is an outstanding student who is motivated and focused.

The A.A. McLaughlin Scholarship was started in 2001 and the fund is invested and managed by the Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation. Since the start, the program has awarded 37 scholarships to Greenbrier East students based on accomplishment and need. \$33,000 has been awarded over that time period. In the beginning, a single \$500 scholarship was awarded each year. The fund has grown to the point that in most years three \$1,000 scholarships are awarded annually.

The grant committee is very appreciative of those who have supported the fund and welcome new supporters. Please contact Alex McLaughlin at alexarmac@gmail.com for more information.

## FOR names two scholarship winners



Heather Masters (left), Tanya Hazelwood, Nate Baker, and Jess Tincher

On Saturday, May 22, Friends of Ronceverte (FOR) presented scholarships to two Greenbrier East High School graduates.

Nate Baker of Ronceverte, son of Aaron and Allison Baker of Ronceverte, and Azjah Woods, daughter of Larry and Heather Woods, both received \$1,000 scholarships each after originally applying for one five hundred dollar scholarship.

Friends of Ronceverte asked for applications for deserving Ronceverte seniors on their social media and after receiving submissions from Baker and Woods, they unanimously decided to give both students the monies. With assistance from Kayla McCoy, FOR raised the additional five hundred dollars for each applicant.

Friends of Ronceverte looks forward to making this an annual tradition.

## High school seniors receive Presidential Scholarships from NRCTC

New River Community and Technical College awarded six graduating high school seniors with Presidential Scholarships to the college.

Selbie Benton, Nicholas County; Veronnica Pope, Nicholas County; Ian Gardner, Summers County; Eric Gwinn, Greenbrier County; and Chelsea Ozell Brown, Greenbrier County received the scholarships to New River CTC.

"We are excited for these students to start at New River CTC this fall and glad to be able to help them financially as they work toward their educational goal," said New River CTC Executive Director of Institutional Advancement and College Foundation Michael Green.

The Presidential Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship for current high school graduating seniors providing full in-state tuition for four consecutive semesters, excluding summer terms and special sessions.



Heather Masters (left), Tanya Hazelwood, Azjah Woods, and Jess Tincher

## Dear Recycle Lady,



Hi Recycle Lady,

My biggest conundrum with recycling is the apparent absence of options for utilizing green &/or brown glass bottles. Although they cannot be "recycled" into new containers is there not some way they can be utilized? I'm not talking about putting them in walls or gardens, but on a large scale. Can they not be crushed and returned to a "sand" state and used as fill? I am probably not giving up wine or beer in the near future and being able to "do something" with the empties would make it so much tastier. I buy cans when available, but...

What To Do

Dear What To Do,

Have you considered calling Greenworks Recycling at 304-661-7793? They are proud to be one of the last glass recyclers in West Virginia. Greenworks is unable to provide glass collection for free as processing glass is very expensive. Two plans are available for collection. One of the plans is a monthly fee of \$14 for the biweekly collection of recyclables in the Lewisburg area. The other plan is payment of a flat fee of \$25 to come pick up glass at your location, as well as all other recyclables. Greenworks must charge for this service as they must pay their buyer to come pick up the glass and take it to the processor. The processed glass is then sold to several buyers, the largest of which is Pink Panther insulation.

According to science.howstuffworks.com, glass recycling in the U.S. is broken. There seems to be several reasons for this. One of the biggest reasons is that 80% of U.S. communities use single-stream recycling where all recyclables are put in the same bin. This method doesn't work very well when glass is included as glass containers often break, causing shards of glass to be mixed with other recyclables. Hopefully, manufacturers are looking for ways to improve recycling of glass as glass is 100% recyclable and can be recycled endlessly with no loss in quality. Deposit laws have improved glass recycling and states with deposit laws collect glass three times what states without deposit laws do. However, this rate doesn't begin to match the 90% rate of glass recycling by European Countries. Perhaps our legislature should consider a deposit law for glass bottles and containers.

Dear Recycle Lady,

I use a sponge to wash dishes every day, but now they say that this is not a good thing to do. What are sponges made of that make them a poor choice?

Dishwasher

Dear Dishwasher,

Sponges were first used some 2.5 billion years ago, according to www.shapeoflife.org and were made from sea sponges. They came in many shapes and sizes and were the very first animal. Ancient Greece competitors in the Olympic Games bathed themselves with sea sponges soaked in olive oil. Today, most all kitchen sponges are made with plastic. They hold water, which breeds bacteria and can spread germs. There are plastic-free, planet-friendly, sponge alternatives - made of coconut. They're perfect for pet dish scrubbers too. Over 400 million sponges that are made of plastic are thrown away every year and take centuries to break down.

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



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## Girl Scouts hold bridging ceremony

Lewisburg Girl Scout Troop 31919 celebrated their end of year bridging and bronze awards at Blue Bend Recreational Park last week. The Girl Scout Bronze award is the third highest award in Girl Scouts.



Bronze awards were presented to (pictured left to right) Gracie Campbell, Micah Lane, Emmie McMillion, and Julia Olson. Not pictured but also earning their bronze awards were Katelyn Barb, Jacie Eggleston, Tristan Hughes, Becca Lee, Ava Lilly, Anna Raine Preston, and Maddie Shaver.



Members of Girl Scout Troop 31919 held their Bridging Ceremony, moving from one girl scout level to another level, at Blue Bend on the bridge by Shelter #1.

## Down on the Farm Festival to bring family fun June 19



The “Down on the Farm” Festival returns Saturday, June 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rainelle City Park. Sponsored by the town of Rainelle, it’s a fun day for the whole family to enjoy!

Little Critters Petting Zoo will have creatures great and small, including \$5 pony rides. Children can also play on the inflatable maze and slides. LZ Rainelle, WV Veterans Reunion is sponsoring a kids’ Murbles contest — think giant marbles!

And if you’re feeling lucky, get in on the cake-walk for your chance to

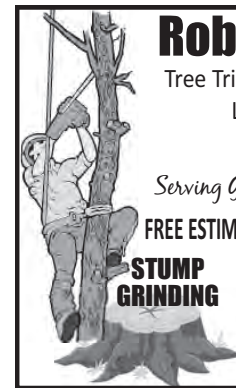
win a tasty treat. Hobby by Heart Carving is giving a demonstration. And don’t forget your lounge chair! Harmony Junction has the stage throughout the morning with the Thomas Taylor Band playing that afternoon. Vendors will be selling food and drinks.

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## Festival Queen receives scholarship



Ronceverte River Festival Queen Bridgette Altizer (center) received a \$500 scholarship to attend New River Community and Technical College. Lanie Taylor (left) was named Jr. Teen Queen and Baylee Jarrett (right) was Festival Teen Queen.

Bridgette Altizer, a senior at Seneca Trail Christian Academy, was crowned Ronceverte River Festival Queen on Apr. 25 and received a \$500 scholarship to attend New River Community and Technical College.

Ronceverte River Festival Pageant Director and Assistant Professor of Cosmetology at New River CTC, Lisa Carter awarded Altizer the scholarship on behalf of New River CTC Foundation.

“It’s a great way for the college to show support for our local community,” Carter said.

Altizer will compete in Charleston for the Miss West Virginia Association of Fairs and Festivals title in January 2022.

Carter manages and instructs students at the New River CTC Cosmetology Program Salon in Lewisburg. The salon is now open to the public for services provided by students in the cosmetology, esthetics, massage therapy, nail care technician, and barbering certificate programs.

New River CTC Foundation awards \$125,000 in student scholarships each year to increase access to higher education and career skills in West Virginia.

New River CTC is registering students for the fall 2021, spring 2022 and summer 2022 semesters. For more information, visit [www.newriver.edu](http://www.newriver.edu), email [admissions@newriver.edu](mailto:admissions@newriver.edu) or call 1-866-349-3739.

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## WV health experts worry new law will ignite 'powder kegs' amid HIV outbreak

By Lauren Peace for Mountain State Spotlight  
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A nurse conducts HIV testing during a harm reduction event. In a typical year, historically, Kanawha County records 5 new positives linked to injection drug use. 39 new cases were diagnosed in 2020. Photo by Lauren Peace.

West Virginia is facing its second large HIV outbreak in two years, and the federal government is in Charleston to help. But there's a key difference between the tools that are available now, and the ones the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention could use during Cabell County's 2019 outbreak: new restrictions from both the capital city and the state on programs that distribute sterile syringes.

for the Ryan White HIV prevention program at Charleston Area Medical Center.

While Charleston grapples with the current outbreak, health leaders around the state fear that the syringe access services (sometimes called needle exchanges) in their own communities will be forced to shut down because of the new laws. If that happens, they say, they're worried that what's playing out in Charleston will happen in their communities, too.

Experts, including those at the CDC, agree that these sort of harm reduction programs are one of the most effective ways to prevent the rapid transmission of disease among people who inject drugs.

But the recent changes are making it difficult to most effectively respond to the outbreak in Charleston.

"We've kind of got our hands tied behind our back because of the new laws," said Christine Teague, program director

More than half of the state's 55 counties are among the 220 most vulnerable counties in the United States for the spread of infectious disease, according to the CDC.

"There are powder kegs out there waiting for the fuse to be lit," Teague said, when asked if she was concerned about the possible emergence of HIV clusters around West Virginia. "It just takes one

case."

### 'I can't risk the fines'

Although the new state law doesn't explicitly outlaw syringe distribution, it imposes strict limits on how many needles can be distributed, who has the authority to distribute them, and who is eligible to receive them.

It also forces programs to enforce policies that contradict CDC best practices, such as labeling syringes, requiring

a valid state ID and requiring participants to return a needle to get a clean one. The changes were opposed by public health experts and leave the health officials currently responding to the outbreak with fewer resources to prevent further spread.

Mountain State Spotlight reached out to the 16 harm reduction programs the West Virginia Department of Health and

Human Resources lists as providing syringe access services in the state. We heard back from nine of them.

Of those, only one — West Virginia Health Right in Charleston — said that it was confident it would be able to continue operating next year given the new legislation.

In contrast, Lloyd White, who heads the Marion County Health Department, said his pro-

gram would be permanently closing because of the new laws.

"We're still in the middle of a pandemic. I can't risk the fines. I just can't take a chance on a hit from our general health revenue," White said. "I think we're going to see an explosion of downstream effects. HIV, Hep C... all the things that these programs prevent."

## WVSOM dean Craig Boisvert, D.O., recognized in Health Care Hall of Fame

Just months before he will retire this summer, Craig Boisvert, D.O., FACOFP, was named a West Virginia hall of fame inductee.

The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) vice president for academic affairs and dean, along with 10 other health care professionals, were inducted into *West Virginia Executive* magazine's annual Health Care Hall of Fame.

Publication staff honor professionals who have an impact on health care in West Virginia. That may mean starting a unique business to meet a high-demand need, developing medical devices to improve treatment, acting as a trailblazer in the industry, leading efforts to treat underserved populations or finding unique ways to address the state's health issues.

"I graduated from medical school 39 years ago. I was in practice for 29 years, 25 in Lewisburg, and have been associated with WVSOM for 33 years. It certainly is nice to

have received this honor as I step down from my position as dean," said Boisvert, who is set to retire in June.

Boisvert began his career at WVSOM as a faculty member and was a family physician for 25 years at the Robert C. Byrd Clinic. After five years as faculty, he was selected to serve as chair of the school's family practice section, where he served for a decade. He then became chair of the Department of Clinical Sciences for seven years, a position he thought would be the culmination of his career. He was selected to become WVSOM's dean about seven years ago.

The Vermont native, who now considers West Virginia his home, said there are many rewarding aspects to being a health care professional in West Virginia.

"Being able to participate in people's lives and help them with their health care needs is extremely rewarding. Watching students move through their years of medical school and

graduate as physicians is extremely rewarding. Having the opportunity to participate on state and national committees and in state and national organizations to improve health care at the state and national level is also extremely rewarding. I can honestly say it does not seem like I have been doing this for almost 40 years, and that it has been a rewarding experience," he said.

Boisvert said being a medical school dean is similar to a school principal. His job includes supervising faculty, maintaining responsibility for the curriculum, counseling and, when necessary, disciplining students and managing the budget.

Throughout his more than three decades in the medical field, he has received many awards, including the West Virginia Immunization Network Immunization Advocate Award, WVSOM's President's Award for Excellence for Outstanding Clinical Sciences faculty and WVSOM's yearly Outstanding

Employee Award. He has also been inducted into the American Osteopathic Association's Mentor Hall of Fame.

The osteopathic physician said that he is grateful to have been recognized with awards for his work during the course of his career, but is more grateful each year to see students who will join him as colleagues in the field.

"Obviously, we all appreciate recognition that our work is important and our efforts have been noticed," he said. "Those of us at WVSOM are reminded yearly of our efforts when, at graduation, 200 new physicians cross the stage, receive their diplomas and join the health care ranks."

Boisvert said he is pleased *West Virginia Executive* is recognizing the work of health care professionals in West Virginia.

"Health care is so important to a state. Often start-up choices made by businesses or choices by individuals of where to retire are dependent upon health care availability. Health care makes

a huge economic impact and is a leading employer in this state. I think it is perfectly appropriate for the magazine to acknowledge the contribution of the industry through its yearly Health Care Hall of Fame edition," he said.

Each award recipient's story can be found in the Winter 2021 edition of *West Virginia Executive*. An in-person awards banquet will take place June 24 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Charleston, WV.

WVSOM President James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., said it was fitting for Boisvert to be recognized in the Hall of Fame.

"I could not be happier for my longtime colleague for being inducted into the Health Care Hall of Fame after a long, distinguished career as a physician and medical school educator and administrator. Dr. Boisvert is an outstanding example of a person who has truly made a difference in the lives of others. I wish the best for him and his family as he begins the next phase of his life."

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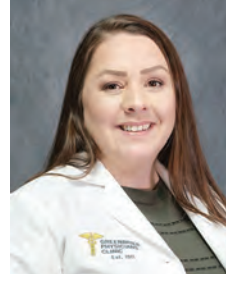
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