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## 'High turbidity' to blame for boil water advisory

By Sarah Richardson

The City of Lewisburg announced early Tuesday morning that municipal water customers were placed under a boil water advisory. This affects the Lewisburg, Renick, and Ronceverte areas. White Sulphur Springs and Alderson were not affected.

The notice stated that the entire water system was affected, and instructed customers to boil water used for drinking, preparing food, beverages, ice cubes, washing fruits and vegetables, and brushing teeth. Another notice released later in the day provided more details as to what triggered the precaution.

"Severe flooding created conditions beyond the capabilities of the water plant's facilities, causing high turbidity to enter the system. Plant employees are working diligently to correct the problem and are striving to find solutions that will prevent this from reoccurring," reads the secondary notice.

Turbidity is measure of the clarity of a liquid, so a liquid with high turbidity means the fluid is cloudy or hazy, or in the case of our local river, muddy.

Lewisburg City Manager Misty Hill says that crews are working diligently to lift the advisory, but that can take some time.

"We have to be in compliance for a minimum of 12 hours before we can test out the water and potentially lift the boil water advisory," she said. Essentially, the levels of sediment in the water need to go down before the plant can pump water compliant enough to be tested for safety.

Councilmember Sarah Elkins adds that the State Health Department believes the advisory could be lifted by Sunday, but it could continue as late as next Wednesday.

"The City of Lewisburg has an extremely outdated water plant," said Elkins. "We desperately need a new one. We have had the funds to move forward with a new plant for as long as I've been on council (2 years) and longer. We are unable to move forward with this plant until we receive 80% of the property easements necessary. Simply put, people will not grant the easements. These are your neighbors. These are people we all know and like. The city will eventually have to proceed with eminent domain. No one wants that. The city cannot prosper or grow without water. Period."

The City of Lewisburg provided further details on Thursday morning with a post stating, "The City water system has been in compliance for several hours. Crews have started flushing the water system. The next step toward being able to lift the Boil Water Advisory is the requirement that ten

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## City Hall prepares to receive new look

By Sarah Richardson

One of Lewisburg's most prominent historical buildings, City Hall, will be receiving an updated appearance in the near future. Under direction from the Mills Architectural and Preservation Group, a new facade for the front of the massive building has been pitched to the Lewisburg Historical



The new look for Lewisburg City Hall will include a fresh coat of soft white paint, dark red entryways, and black and grey accents. New exterior lighting will highlight the building, and a prominent city seal will be added to an empty front wall. The seal will be three-dimensional, and the lantern will glow as if it's alight.

Society and City Council, and has passed both quorums unanimously.

These changes to the building are not just for appearances' sake, as vital brick repointing will be completed on nearly every wall. Repointing is the process of renewing the pointing, part of the exterior mortar joints, to undo weathering and decay. Such damage causes gaps in the joints, and can start to allow leaks and other exposure to the elements. With old bricks, it is vital to perform this maintenance to protect the longevity of the structure.

"There is a lot of much-needed attention to be done to the building," said City Manager Misty Hill. "We hope these updates will encourage further historical restoration in the city."

Since 1897, City Hall has undergone a variety of updates and restoration projects, including the addition of public restrooms against the outer wall toward the Green Space. As Lewisburg continues to grow, it's essential to update public facilities to keep with the times.

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1910 photo of City Hall shows just how different the building looks compared to today.

## City Council passes second reading of Crown Ordinance, first reading of Suddenlink renewal agreement

By Sarah Richardson

At the regularly scheduled Lewisburg City Council meeting on June 15, the second to be held in-person since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the city passed the second reading of the Crown Act, passed the first reading of the Suddenlink/Altice franchise renewal, and said farewell to several councilmembers who did not seek re-election.

Councilmembers Mark Etten, Joshua Edwards, and Heather Blake did not run for re-election, and City Recorder Shannon Beatty made the transition to City Clerk.

Mayor Beverly White read unique poems and presented each member with a plaque honoring their years of service. Etten served for 17 years, Edwards for two, and Blake for eight. Newly-elected councilmembers Valerie Pritt, Franklin Johnson, and John Little will join members Arron Seams and Sarah Elkins at the next meeting.

In other news:

The city voted to approve the first reading of the Suddenlink franchise renewal, which is an agreement that Suddenlink will continue to provide services to the Lewisburg area. The contract does allow for competitors to operate, with the city having the option to change providers if they so wish. The lack of other internet providers in the area was a driving decision behind many councilmember's votes on the subject. Due to the non-exclusivity of the contract, it does leave options open for the city if another service provider steps up.

"If another contractor comes in, the city can just jump ship," said Elkins. "We don't have to stay."

Councilmembers discussed breaks in service, fuzzy reception, dead zones, long phone wait times with customer service, and 3-5 day service call wait times as all

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## Rubber Ducky Race postponed

The Great Rubber Ducky Race has been tentatively rescheduled for Sunday, June 27, at 4 p.m. after high water levels and a swift current forced the postponement of the race during the Ronceverte River Festival. Festival planners state that rescheduling requires coordinating with the River Festival, the Fire Department, the City of Ronceverte, and the weather. It's recommended to follow their Facebook page at "Ronceverte River Festival" for the most up-to-date information.

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## West Virginia's Greenbrier River Trail added to National Trails System

Last week, the U.S. Department of the Interior announced that, in celebration of National Trails Day on June 5, it has designated the Greenbrier River Trail as a national recreation trail, adding more than 78 miles to the National Trails System. The newly designated trail joins a network of more than 1,300 existing national recreation trails, which can be found in every U.S. state.

"The addition of the Greenbrier River Trail to our National Trails System is fantastic news for our entire state. As home to the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve, 35 state parks, and a section of the Appalachian Trail, West Virginia truly offers some of the nation's best public lands suited for adventurers of every level of ambition and experience. These and all of the other magnificent parks and trails within our borders truly connect our

communities and create endless opportunities for both residents and visitors alike while also contributing to local economies. I thank Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland for her strong commitment to conserving our public lands, and I look forward to continuing to work closely together to ensure the wild and wonderful corners of West Virginia are protected for generations to come," said U.S. Senator Joe Manchin, Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

The Greenbrier River Trail is a 78-mile former railroad now used for hiking, biking, and horseback riding. It is the longest trail of its kind in West Virginia. The trail provides many breathtaking views as it passes through several small towns, crosses 35 bridges, goes through two tunnels, and cuts through some of West Virginia's most remote areas.

The national recreation trails program is jointly administered by the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service, in conjunction with multiple federal and nonprofit partners. The designation of a national recreation trail can be done by either the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture on an existing local or regional trail with the consent of the federal, state, local, nonprofit, or private entity that has jurisdiction over the trail. The trail's managing agency or organization must apply for the distinction.

"Trails connect neighborhoods, literally and figuratively," said Shawn Bengel, Deputy Director, National Park Service. "These newly designated national recreation trails recognize the incredible efforts of local trail stewards and enthusiasts to provide the public with close

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## New Charmco boat launch completed on Meadow River

The WV Department of Natural Resources recently completed a new boat launch along the Meadow River just outside Charmco. Located in the Meadow River Valley in the roadside park on Route 60, the brand new boat launch provides easy access to the beautiful Meadow River.

"This project was a real team effort," explains Senator Stephen Baldwin. "Matt Ford and the Meadow River Valley Association showed tremendous persistence for over three years to ensure this was completed. It was my pleasure to help get it done. There are some details yet to be completed such as new signage, but it's ready

to roll. This is an excellent access point on a beautiful river. Easy access, nice setup, and great scenery. Local citizens will love it, and it will be a great tourist attraction. Matt began this project with Delegate Ambler several years ago, and I pledged to see it through. Huge thanks to Matt, DNR, MRVA, Delegate Ambler, and everyone who made it possible!"

A second new access point in Hines is also in the works as part of this initiative. It remains in the design phase and details will be released as they become available.



The new boat launch is located in the Meadow River Valley roadside park on Route 60.

## Water

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samples of the water be submitted to the State Health Department."

Also on Thursday morning, a water tank was delivered to Fire Station 2, the firehouse located north of town on 219, to provide potable water to residents. Hill notes that the available water will be divvied out amongst customers. The tanker is self-serve, and it's required that you bring your own container.

To receive important notices through the text emergency alert system Nixle, simply text your zip code to 888777, or go to [www.greenbriercountyhsem.org/](http://www.greenbriercountyhsem.org/) and sign up via the Nixle Widget.

## New City Hall

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While not too many major changes will be installed, a notable and dramatic three-dimensional city seal will be affixed to the building, complete with a lighted lantern within the motif. Other lighting will be placed along the front, including in the archway at the top of the structure. A new informational board for city notices will be placed where the public can easily update themselves on city dealings, as the current board is exposed to the elements and is in a state of disrepair. A new community board will be placed near the piano, under the awning and out of the weather, with local information such as restroom locations, parking areas, and more.

The most noticeable and dramatic update, however, will surely be the new overall color of the entire structure, which will go from an off-yellow with gold entryways to a soft white with dark red entryways.

"I can't wait to see the finished product," said Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White. "I think this is a very important building to preserve."

The beloved city hall clock will remain, as will the two businesses that currently occupy one end of the building, J.L. Massie Insurance and Cybele Boutique.

The project is currently preparing to go out to bid. More updates will be available as work progresses.

## Gbr. River Trail

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to home outdoor access for strolling, pedaling or paddling."

The National Trails System, which includes national scenic, national historic and national recreation trails, offers an abundance of opportunities to experience the majestic landscapes of the country and build awareness of historic events that have shaped the nation.

A database of recreation trails across the United States is maintained through American Trails, a national, non-profit organization working on behalf of all trail interests, including hiking, bicycling, mountain biking, horseback riding, water trails, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, trail motorcycling, ATVs, snowmobiling, and four-wheeling.

"American Trails applauds this new slate of Secretarial designations from the Department of the Interior and is excited to continue to promote our country's national recreation trails," said Mike Passo, Executive Director, American Trails. "These trails connect the gems of our National Trails System to the places where Americans live, work, and play. The national recreation trail program uniquely highlights trails that are accessible, reliable, and serve a wide diversity of our nation's public."

### 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.

## Severe blood shortage: Donors needed to address delays in patient care

*New effects of pandemic leading to significant drop in nation's blood supply*

The American Red Cross is experiencing a severe blood shortage as the number of trauma cases, organ transplants and elective surgeries rise - and deplete the nation's blood inventory. Donors of all blood types - especially type O - are urged to make an appointment to give as soon as possible to prevent further impact to patients.

Right now, hospitals are responding to an atypically high number of traumas and emergency room visits, as well as overdoses and resulting transplants. In comparison to 2019, the Red Cross has seen demand from trauma centers climb by 10% in 2021 - more than five times the growth of other facilities that provide blood transfusions.

Patients need the help of the American people. Schedule an appointment to give blood now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

### Upcoming blood donation opportunities include:

- Lewisburg: June 28, 12 noon to 6 p.m., Lewisburg United Methodist Church, 214 E. Washington Street
- Union: June 19, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monroe County Public Library, 303 South Main Street

Donors are urged to make an appointment to give blood now. As a thank-you, those who come to give now through June 30 will receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email, courtesy of Amazon. (Restrictions apply. Additional information and details are available

at [RedCrossBlood.org/Together](http://RedCrossBlood.org/Together).)

In most cases, those who have received a COVID-19 vaccine can donate. However, knowing the name of the manufacturer of the vaccine they received is important in determining donation eligibility.

### Final weeks for COVID-19 antibody testing

As more than a third of Americans have become fully vaccinated against COVID-19, the Red Cross is winding down COVID-19 antibody testing for blood, platelet and plasma donations.

Through June 25, the Red Cross is testing all donations for COVID-19 antibodies. Testing may show possible exposure to the virus or whether a donor has developed an immune response to vaccination. The conclusion of Red Cross antibody testing represents a new, hopeful phase as the nation continues to journey out of this pandemic.

### Blood drive safety

The Red Cross has updated its pandemic safety protocols in alignment with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Fully vaccinated individuals, including staff and donors, no longer need to wear masks or socially distance. Unvaccinated individuals continue to be required to wear masks and socially distance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

## Passenger and private aviation traffic come roaring back at LWB

*Passenger counts jump to near pre-COVID numbers*

The Greenbrier Valley Airport has released passenger enplanement numbers for May 2021, as reported by Skywest Airlines, operating for United Airlines at LWB. A total of 1,092 passengers boarded commercial aircraft at Greenbrier Valley Airport in May, compared to 54 in May 2020 during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are so happy to see passenger traffic rebounding at this pace. We know there is a strong market in this region, and a strong market of travelers coming to visit area resorts," stated Brian Belcher, airport director. "We continue to see a strong leisure market and now we see the business traveler returning to the sky."

Greenbrier Valley Airport continues to see heavy private aviation flights flying to and from the airport. This attributed to strong fuel sales for the airport during May. Fuel sales were the best since 2005 and were 161.3% higher than May of 2020, and were 16% higher than 2019 fuel sales volume, the year before the pandemic.

"We continue to see impressive private aviation traffic at LWB," said Belcher. "For many years this airport has always been a leader in general aviation traffic flying into West Virginia. After being under pandemic guidelines for more than a year, people seem to want to travel and this region is the perfect place to get away for a vacation. This area has everything you want for outdoor vacations, from amazing golf courses, rivers, trails, world-class resorts and America's Coolest Small Town, we have it all."

"The two Virginias offer a unique vacation opportunities including multiple resorts, national parks and vistas. Extreme adventures and fresh mountain air are waiting for our visitors," added Greenbrier County Airport Authority Board Chair Deborah Phillips.

LWB is served by United Airlines, flying to Chicago's O'Hare Airport and Washington's Dulles Airport, allowing you to connect to almost anywhere in the world.

## PICK OF THE LITTER

### DOC

Doc is a 10+ year old male Chihuahua and weighs 12 pounds.



### ARTIMUS & ARIES

Artimus and Aries are two handsome boys that are only a few months old.



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

## WVSOM Board of Governors

will meet Friday, June 18, via teleconference. The Finance and Audit Committee will meet at 9 a.m. To attend, dial 844-621-3956 toll free and use access code 1207 77 2229. The Board of Governors' regular meeting will begin at 10 a.m. To attend by phone, dial 844-621-3956 toll free and use access code 1205 98 1980. A copy of the agendas for all meetings are posted on the WVSOM website at <https://www.wvsom.edu/about/bog-2020-2021-meetings> prior to the meetings and are available in the president's office. WVSOM board meetings are open to all who are interested, including the general public.

## Juneteenth event set in Covington

The Alleghany 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.

## Democratic Women's Club to meet

The next meeting of the Greenbrier County Democratic Women's Club will be held next Tuesday, June 22, at 5:30 p.m. at Dorie Miller Park. We have a full agenda which includes our participation in the Alderson Fourth of July festivities, plans for the State Fair booth, our annual August picnic at Ron Miller's farm, updates on activities relating to the For the People Act, and the newly formed Greenbrier Valley Pride event taking place June 26.

## Rupert Country Fling and Raffle

RAIC and the Rupert Community Center are hosting the Rupert Country Fling to celebrate West Virginia's Birthday. The event will be held Friday, June 25, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Free hotdogs, cake, and bags of groceries are to be given away. A raffle for a Mossberg 308 rifle with scope or a beautiful handmade quilt will be held. Raffle tickets are available for \$10. Please call Sandy at 304-392-5502, or purchase tickets the day of the event.

## Williamsburg Community Picnic

You're invited to a Williamsburg Community picnic on Sunday, June 27 at the Williamsburg Community Building from 4 to 7 p.m. Bring a food dish or dishes to share while visiting your neighbors. Bring your lawn chair in hopes that the weather will cooperate (or otherwise we will be inside). Eating utensils, tea, and lemonade will be furnished. There will be a ribbon cutting of our new playground at 5 p.m. Those will questions may call 304-645-3690.

## 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](http://aawv.org).

## Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

James R. Baglin, Rainelle, furnishing alcohol to person under 21 years of age, NCP, fine \$50, jail 10 days - suspended and placed on 9 months unsupervised probation, 3 months Day Reporting Center

Adam M. Scholl, Florence, KY, speeding, fine \$20

Daniel James Kirby, III, Rainelle, possession of a controlled substance, NCP, fine \$200

Blake E. Judy, Williamsburg, 1) defective equipment, fine \$15; 2) no proof of insurance, Fine \$200

Shirley C. Bryans, Charmco, no seatbelt, fine \$25

James Arthur Whitt, Ronceverte, assault on government employee and/or medical personnel, NCP, jail 60 days with credit for 32 days served - remainder suspended and placed on 6 months unsupervised probation with condition of participating in Gbr. Co. Day Report Program

Margaret J. Schmitke, Willow City, ND, overtaking school bus, NCP, fine \$100

Jonas D. Mendes, Norwich, CT, speeding, fine \$5

Jeffrey A. Cline, Lewisburg, expired MVI, fine \$10; 2) expired registration, fine \$50

Kevin E. Simmons, Lewisburg, engaging in business without a business franchise registration certificate, NCP, fine \$1,000

Austin Keith Fultz, Cass, 1) driving suspended, fine \$100; 2) obstructing an officer, jail 30 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Jerry Lee Loudermilk, Frankford, no operators, NCP, fine \$25

Jonathan M. Simms, Clintonville, expired operators, NCP, fine \$25

Lori Ann McClung, Rupert, no child restraint, fine \$10

John Glen Wood, Jr., Williamsburg, 1) driving suspended, NCP, fine \$100; 2) expired motor vehicle inspection, fine \$20; 3) driving suspended, fine \$100

Tyler L. Terry, Ronceverte, fishing without license, NCP, fine \$20

Victoria Michelle Luke, Smoot, no seatbelt, fine \$25

## For the Record

### Deeds

Robbie Bostic to George Dean Bostic, Jeanne Michelle Clemons, and James Edward Bostic, 2.25 Acres, Lots 40-43 and Part of Lot 10, Ronceverte Corp

Melanie L Berry to Keith D Klahold, 22,509 Sq Ft M/L P/O Block 1- Garner Detch Addition, Lewisburg Corp

Brenton D Poage to Nonette Marie Cosgrove, Lot 38B, 0.23 Acres, Lewisburg

Delmas Vaden Beavers and Rita Epperson Beavers to Drennen Lola Y, Lots 16 & 17/ Mill Creek Sbdv, Meadow Bluff District

James H Skaggs Jr. and Jeanette Callis to Thomas L Brooks and Bambi F Brooks, Lot No 4 (House No 4) of The Bellburn Subdivision, Meadow Bluff District

Patrick L Sumpter and Christus H Sumpter to Joseph Flack, Lot No 4 1.073 AC M/L, Lewisburg District

Michael T Migliore to Linda J Burnham, Lot 9 Block 1 Garner-Detch Addition, Lewisburg Corp

John B Tudor to Gayle-Danielle Properties LLC, Lot No. 115 Greenbrier Vistas Subdivision, White Sulphur District

Lawrence J Ickes Special Limited Power of Attorney For James F. Kurtz, Trustee of The James F. Kurtz Revocable Trust, to Robert A Hamilton, Lot 16 Crowfields, Lewisburg Corp

Carl Natrass and Janice E Natrass to Joshua Harford, 4.01 Acres (Tract 2), Williamsburg District

T.W. Gladwell to Dylan Christopher Gunter, Lot 5 Clearview Acres Subdivision, Lewisburg District

Jennifer L Comer-Willis and Brian Lipscomb to Bradley Walls, 1.00 Acre M/L, Lewisburg District

Phyllis A Miller to Gregory Lynn Miller, 0.302 Acres M/L, Frankford

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Sara M Nickell and David A Cummings to Gregory A Hale and Lisa C Hale, Lot 16 Sunset Ridge Subdivision, Blue Sulphur District

Jennifer H Jones to Maplewood Avenue LLC, Property, Fort Spring District

Joshua Adamo to Joshua Adamo, 0.783 Acres M/L, Lewisburg Corp

Joshua Adamo to Klk Real Estate #3 LLC, 0.958 Acres M/L, Lewisburg Corp

James A Pierce to Brandon W Blevins, 7,630 Sq Ft M/L, Fort Spring District

Brenda Mcmillion to Robert Wayne Richmond Jr., 3 Tracts, Meadow Bluff District

Amy T Brown and Gregory Alan Pence to Jean Ryan Patton and Laken Tayler Hatfield, Lot 6 and 7 Shaw-Mi-Del-Eca Village, White Sulphur District

David W Masters to Brent Baldwin and Brandy Baldwin, 3 Properties, Falling Spring District

Susanna R King to Carl R Holmes and April Polzin-Holmes, 356.16 Acres M/L, Fort Spring District

Carl R Holmes and April Polzin-Holmes to Susanna R King, 32.784 Acres M/L, Fort Spring District

Susanna R King, to Carl R Holmes and April Polzin-Holmes, 1.681 Acres M/L, Fort Spring District

Phyllis N Daniel Estate By Devises, to Jacob Glasser and Mary Katherine Bowling, Lot No. 18 Fairfield Addition, Lewisburg Corp

Boathouse, LLC, to Melashenko Living Trust By Trustees, Lots 39 & 40 Description Part of Lots 41 and 42, Ronceverte Corp

Nancy A Dunn to Amanda G Fithian and Joseph Fithian, Lots 14, 15, 16, 17 and 33, Meadow Bluff District

Hilma Fury I to Hilma Fury I and Cody Groves, Lot 6 Block 1 Boggs Sbdv, Rainelle Corp

Professional Housing & Land LLC, to Muhammad R Ajmal, Parcel, Rainelle Corp

Willis R Dorsey Jr., to Muhammad Raheel Ajmal, Lots 40 & 41- Middletown Addition, Meadow Bluff District

Robert L Hall to Thomas E Puffenbarger and Gloria M Puffenbarger, 0.61 Acres M/L, Rupert Corp

Laurie Lane and Hilton Graham Geisler to Jonathan R Geisler, Laurie Lane Geisler, and Hilton Graham Geisler, Lot No 1 And 2 Block 2, Rainelle Corp

Kristen Dodrill and Nellie Tuckwiller to Evan Dodrill, 7.034 AC M/L, Blue Sulphur District

Lafountain Azeal By Devises, to Charles Anthony Hazard III and Angela Sue Hazard, 1.153 Acre, Blue Sulphur District

Drema K Hedrick and Barry Alan Hedrick to Nancy Jones, 5.006 Acres M/L, Frankford District

Cleveland K Benedict Family Limited Partnership to Bainum Living Trust, 18.012 Acres M/L, Lewisburg Dist.

Estil E Loudermilk and Janet K Loudermilk to James Kent Hern, 200 Acres - Excepted and Reserved, Frankford District

Clifford A Preece, Tammy Cook, and Timothy Preece to Michael F Martin, 12.291 AC M/L, Blue Sulphur Dist.

Laurie M Biller to Vincent A Parks and Emily Sarah Parks, 43/100 AC M/L, Rainelle Corp

Christopher M Sills to Leah M Sills, 2 Properties, Ronceverte Corp

Beatrice A Burns and Ronald L Burns to Ronald L Burns, Beatrice Burns, Matthew L Burns, and Samantha L Burns, 10.53 Acres M/L, Blue Sulphur District

Gregory S Hardin, Sara B. Klein, Teresa L Deppner-Hardin, and Thomas L Klein to Gregory S Hardin and Teresa L Deppner-Hardin, Lot No 27 2.01 AC, Falling Spring District

## City Council

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negative factors with the current Suddenlink coverage.

While the city isn't completely pleased with the level of service in the area, they negotiated the previously 10-year contract down to 5-years to allow for even more flexibility.

"We owe it to the city of Lewisburg to make sure they do at least have Suddenlink as an option," said councilmember Edwards.

They discussed their concerns with a Suddenlink representative at the meeting, and plan to address Suddenlink's response before the second reading is held.

- The city passed the second reading of the Crown Act, which prohibits discrimination based on certain hair texture and styles such as braids, five locks, and twists, as well as discrimination based on hair textures and protective hairstyles historically associated with a particular race.

## 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.

### Greenbrier Co. Building Commission

will meet Tuesday, June 22 at 9 a.m. in special meeting at the County Commission Meeting Chambers, located in the Greenbrier County Courthouse, 912 Court Street North, Lewisburg. The proposed agenda for the meeting is set forth below:

- Old Business
  - Approval of Minutes - prior Building Commission meeting
- New Business
  - To consider the adoption of a Supplemental Resolution of the Greenbrier County Building Commission relating to the proposed issuance of its Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 A (Courthouse Improvements) (the "Series 2021 A Bonds"), in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$15,000,000, including the approval of the final forms, terms and provisions of the Bond Indenture and Security Agreement, the Lease Agreement, the Credit Line Deed of Trust, Fixture Filing and Security Agreement with respect to the Greenbrier County courthouse property, the Bond Purchase Agreement, the Official Statement, and the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, all relating to the Series 2021 A Bonds.
  - To consider and act upon any measures related to the foregoing.
  - Election of Officers (If needed)

### Greenbrier County Commission

will meet Tuesday, June 22, at 10 a.m. in Room 132. Live Stream from <https://www.facebook.com/gbrcourthouse/> On the agenda:

- Approve Minutes - June 8, 2021 regular meeting
- Settlements of Estates
- Exonerations/County Splits/Consolidations
- Financial Approvals
  - Arts & Recreation Transfer
  - Budget Revisions
  - Line Item Transfer
  - Pay Bills
- New Business
  - To consider for adoption a Supplemental Resolution for the financing of the design, acquisition, construction, and equipping of the Greenbrier County courthouse through the issuance of lease revenue bonds by the Greenbrier County Building Commission and to determine whether to pursue financing of the improvements through the Greenbrier County Building Commission Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 A (Courthouse Improvements).
  - Approval of Direct Purchase of structural steel and other steel for Courthouse Annex Project.
  - Act on any matters related to the above.
  - Possible approval of the Greenbrier County Asset Mapping CDBG-Mit Application.
  - Consider signing a contract with Sillings Architects for the Health Dept building designs
  - Consider signing an agreement with Greenbrier Environmental Group, Inc for the Project management of the Meadow River Trail
- Board appointments/reappointments

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# OPINION

## Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

### Gardening 101

Whether you have a balcony, patio, large pots on your front steps or backyard garden space, you can grow herbs, flowers and veggies.

I learned how to grow food when I managed a small, organic produce farm for three years called Farmer John's in New Jersey, my home state. Farmer John was a hippie schoolteacher and knew how to grow everything from mesclun salad greens to okra. I grew and ate vegetables I never heard of before and loved them! Patty pan squash, delicata squash, German stripe tomatoes and purple Osaka mustard greens for instance!

My husband and I went on to start a community garden and were the first organic producers at our local farmers' market. I also enrolled in the Master Gardener Program.

Nowadays we like to grow mostly heirloom vegetables. We compost our food scraps to create natural fertilizer for our gardens. Weeding is done the time consuming way—pulling by hand.

Things all garden growers should learn important ways to create a successful garden:

1. When to plant seeds
2. Tools you might need
3. Organic vs chemical treatments
4. Weed Identification.

Herb gardens are easy and freshly picked herbs are the best for bright flavors added to your meals. You can make your own herb pot to set outside in the sunny warm months and bring it indoors for the cold seasons. Basil, parsley, and sage for example will do well in a sunlit window box.

Growing your own food is a pleasure for many reasons and also, sadly, a dying craft. If you know about gardening, get the kids out there to help and learn. Pass on your knowledge and even if they balk at first, when they get into adulthood, they may have their own backyard gardens to brag about.

Karen Cohen is an organic grower, Master Gardener, photojournalist, artist and DJ. Please email your questions/comments/tips to: NaturesWayKaren@gmail.com.

## Commentary

### FEMA's COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Program

The COVID-19 pandemic has been incredibly difficult for all Americans, but even more so for those who lost a loved one to the virus. The unexpected and sometimes sudden loss of a loved one has placed a heavy burden on many thousands of Americans.

FEMA is offering help through the establishment of the COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Program. This new program allows eligible funeral expenses to be reimbursed directly to the loved ones who incurred those expenses. Individuals who apply may receive up to \$9,000 per funeral and a maximum of \$35,500 for multiple funerals that occurred within the same state or territory. The sooner people with eligible expenses begin their application, the sooner they can receive their reimbursement.

“When people think of FEMA's role in the COVID-19 response, they often think of the work we have done to get shots in arms. That is an important and ongoing mission, but there are other ways we offer support,” said FEMA Region 3 Acting Regional Administrator Janice Barlow. “Our hearts go out to those grieving the loss of a loved one to COVID-19. We hope that, through our Funeral Assistance Program, FEMA can help ease some of that burden.”

One of the most important steps for individuals interested in applying is to first understand the program's eligibility and documentation requirements.

To be eligible for funeral assistance, you must meet these conditions:

- The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.
- The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19.
- The person applying on behalf of the deceased individual must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020.

If you had COVID-19 funeral expenses, we encourage you to gather the following documentation and have it ready when you start your application:

- An official death certificate that attributes the death directly or indirectly to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.
- Funeral expenses documents (receipts, funeral home contract, etc.) that includes the applicant's name, the deceased person's name, the amount of funeral expenses, and the dates the funeral expenses happened.
- Proof of funds received from other sources specifically for use toward funeral costs. We are not able to duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, government agencies, or other sources

The program does reimburse eligible expenses; however, patience is encouraged upon submitting your application. It can take several weeks from the time all the necessary documentation has been collected for the funds to be disbursed. The best way to reduce the wait and speed up the process is to be prepared with all of the required paperwork when you start the process. After you apply, stay tuned for any communications from FEMA as there may be follow-up questions needed to continue processing the application.



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## Commentary

### Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center Update

By Tag Galyean, Founder and President

Health, Safety, Sport and Play: All Ages Every Day  
 All is progressing for a GVAC opening this fall. It is a startup business, so expect surprises and rough spots. Moving from construction completion to operations will be complex and busy.

Construction:

There are five prime contractors, and all have made the GVAC a priority with their best crews. (Radford & Radford, Sons of Seibert, National Pools of Roanoke Greenbrier Technologies & Electric, Lynch Construction A/E: Terradon Corp, Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates Architects.) We are paying all approved invoices within 24 hours. Top quality is being maintained and substantial completion is scheduled for September 2021.

Operations:

A state of the art membership and operations management system is being developed for the GVAC and will be ready in September. We had arranged for our chosen Director of Operations to begin in early July, but last week learned they are no longer available. With that we have officially posted the position online and Jamie Hamilton is already receiving applications from interested candidates. Other positions to be filled are Operations Manager, Office Manager, Maintenance Manager, Head Lifeguard, and a team of front-line staff to serve our members and guests. These positions will be posted throughout the summer months

Membership:

GVAC will begin offering memberships for FOUNDERS, CLOSERS, Naming Partners and ENHANCERS in early September with no initiation fees. Swimming for these donor members could start in October. Registration for non-donor members is planned to begin in October. Registration and payment arrangements can be processed online. Membership categories will be 1) Family, 2) Single Parent Family, 3) No Children Family, 4) Individual. There will be discounts in each category for seniors and students. More details on fees will be available this summer, and no fees will be collected until swimming is available.

Scholarships:

Greenbrier Sporting Club members have created an annual Golf Tournament & Gala to raise money in support of the GVAC Scholarship Fund. The inaugural event was held on June 7 and was very successful. These scholarship funds will ensure that the GVAC is accessible to children, families and seniors regardless of their financial circumstances. Scholarship applications and requirements will be developed and made available when membership enrollment is active.

Finances:

Most pledges have been paid on time or early. The support and trust of GVAC donors has been amazing and is unprecedented. We will not ask more of these individuals. However, there are Naming Opportunities and ENHANCER options available. If you know folks that haven't heard of the GVAC and would like to participate please invite them to support and join. The ENHANCER program is still open. COVID-related delays, cost increases and uncertainties have created an additional projected expense of \$800K, or 13% of our development costs. Of that \$310K has been contributed by more than 20 ENHANCER donations, but the balance of \$490K is still needed. If new donors do not participate we will delay paving, landscaping, furniture, fixtures, and non-essential equipment and perhaps operate with limited hours of operation. We will not compromise the quality of the GVAC and we will pay all bills promptly. We have a bridge loan agreement that we can use to cover any gaps this fall between pledges and receipt of payments.

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# OBITUARIES

## Dorothy Jean Williams

**Caldwell**-Dorothy Jean Williams, 79, passed away Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg following a long illness.

She was born Aug. 18, 1941, to the late Grover and Goldie Hoke Lucas of Second Creek.

She loved looking through the scope at the cattle in the fields and spending time with her furry companion, "Peanut."

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Marshall "Peachy" Williams, Sr.

Surviving Dorothy are her remaining siblings, Phyllis Elmore of Union, Charlie (June) Lucas of Ronceverte and Nancy Erskine of Elkins; her three children Vonda (Troy) Honaker of Caldwell, Tammy (Jimmy) White of Organ Cave and Marshall (Stephanie) Williams, Jr. of Organ Cave; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; along with a host of nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Peyton Hospice House, 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

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

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

## Allen Lynn Clendenin



**Rustburg, VA**-Allen Lynn "Bimbo" Clendenin, 69, passed away Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at Appomattox Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Born Mar. 23, 1952, at Elkins, WV, he was a son of the late Floyd Leo and Winona Mae Heckert Clendenin.

Allen was of the Baptist faith and was a 1971 graduate of Greenbrier East High School. He was a power plant operator at N.C.E.M.C. and was in the Army National Guard from 1971-1977.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a sister, Eloise Clendenin and two brothers, Gary and Bobby Jean Clendenin.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Windon Clendenin; daughters, Allisha Grimm (Matt) of Concord, VA and Sherina Baber (Brad) of Gladys, VA; son, Michael Clendenin and fiancé (Lindsey Forbes) of Lynchburg, VA; grandchildren, Ethan

Cary, Isaac Baber, Russell Baber, Bobby Baber and Emerson Grimm; sisters, Joyce "Sissy" Conner (Hunter) of Clifton Forge, VA, Jenny Perry of Fairlea, and Sue Garner of Tega Cay, SC; and brothers, Charles "Chuck" Clendenin of White Sulphur Springs, Roger Clendenin (Joyce) of Caldwell, and Billy Clendenin of Alvon.

Funeral service was held on Saturday, June 12, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Chapel in White Sulphur Springs where Pastor Roger McDaniel officiated. Interment followed in the Little Creek Cemetery.

The family received friends at the funeral home prior to the service Saturday.

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

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## Anthony Edward Livesay



Anthony Edward "Tony" Livesay passed away at Peyton Hospice House surrounded by his loving family on Friday, June 11, 2021.

Born July 16, 1944, in Huntington, WV, he was the son of the late William Grey and Margaret Peggy Stiltner Livesay.

Tony was preceded in death by his first wife, Penny Ford Livesay; brother, B.J. Livesay (Pat); and sister, Nadine Smith (Edgar Lewis).

Survivors include his loving wife of 15 years, Betty Martini Livesay;

daughter, Kelly Livesay Haynes (Warren) of Williamsburg, WV; two stepsons, Bryan Seldomridge (Lisa) of Lewisburg, and Michael Seldomridge (Catrinia) of Covington, VA. He loved and was so proud of his six grandchildren, David, Owen, and Devin Haynes of Williamsburg, WV, Nathan, and Nicholas Seldomridge of Lewisburg, and Ashlee Seldomridge, MD, of Boston, MA; brother, James Grey Livesay (Renee); sister, Carolyn Livesay both of Ronceverte; and one special aunt, Vivian Osburn of Canton, GA.

Tony was a graduate of Marshall University and taught school for 34 years. He taught at Ronceverte Elementary, Greenbrier Junior High, and retired from Eastern Greenbrier Middle School in 2006. Tony coached basketball, football, track, cross country, and baseball; He loved making a difference in the lives of each and every student that he coached and taught throughout his career.

Tony loved spending time with his golf buddies playing golf. Special friends, Charles Callison (Sheila) and John Curry (Kim), and a whole crew who were all very special to him. Tony also had many friends from the class of 1962, at Lewisburg High School. They all stayed in contact with each other, especially his high school buddy, Tommy Pendleton, of Chantilly, VA.

Memorial services will be held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in White Sulphur Springs, on Saturday, June 26, with Rev. Elizabeth "Betsy" Walker officiating. The family will be receiving friends at 10 a.m. at the church. Services will begin at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in his memory be made to: Cross Country Team East-

ern Greenbrier Middle School, 403 Knight Drive, Ronceverte, WV 24970 or the Greenbrier County Humane Society, 151 Holiday Lane, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family by mailing cards to 531 Foster Street Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Lastly, those attending the service are asked to follow Covid-19 guidelines by practicing social distancing when possible and wearing a mask inside the church.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg, is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences to the family by visiting [www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com](http://www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com)

## Patrick Edward Sullivan



A "gentle giant" aged 85 and the last living sibling of a generation of Greenbrier county Sullivans, all children of Charles and Virginia Sullivan, Patrick Edward Sullivan died peacefully at Peyton Hospice House, Frida, June 11, after a short illness.

In addition to his parents Patrick was preceded in death by his sisters, Doris Sullivan and Ann Johnson and his brothers, Charles Curtis and James "Silky" Sullivan.

Patrick excelled at high school basketball and played his senior year for Greenbrier Military School. Patrick, an Army veteran, also served his country proudly during tours of Korea and Japan. His early vocation, a meat

cutter for Krogers, was later replaced as a State employee as an ABC store manager in Fairlea then as a guard at Anthony Correctional Center.

Patrick is survived by his longtime companion and love of his life, Nancy Higgins of Ronceverte; his daughter, Patricia Sullivan Hunt of Erwin, TN; and his godson/nephew, Roger Sullivan of Lewisburg.

In lieu of flowers and because Patrick was a lover of animals, please make any expressions of sympathy as a donation to the Greenbrier County Humane Society.

Graveside services with military honors was held on Wednesday, June 16, at Riverview Cemetery in Ronceverte where his final resting place will be with members of the Sullivan family.

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

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

## Johnie D. Lucas

**Ronceverte**-Johnie D. Lucas, 71, passed away Monday, June 14, 2021, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center following a long illness.

He was born Mar. 18, 1950, at Second Creek, the son of the late Grover and Goldie Hoke Lucas.

Johnie was of the Protestant faith, a truck driver, logger and mechanic.

Surviving are his wife, Tamara "Tammy" Wright Lucas; sons, Abie Lucas and companion Kontessa Bostic of Ronceverte and Seth Lucas and wife Rachel of Sinks Grove and their daughter, Harlow; and his puppy dog, "Jake."

Graveside services were held on Wednesday June 16, at the Elizabeth Chapel Cemetery in Organ Cave where Pastor Ralph Hubbard officiated.

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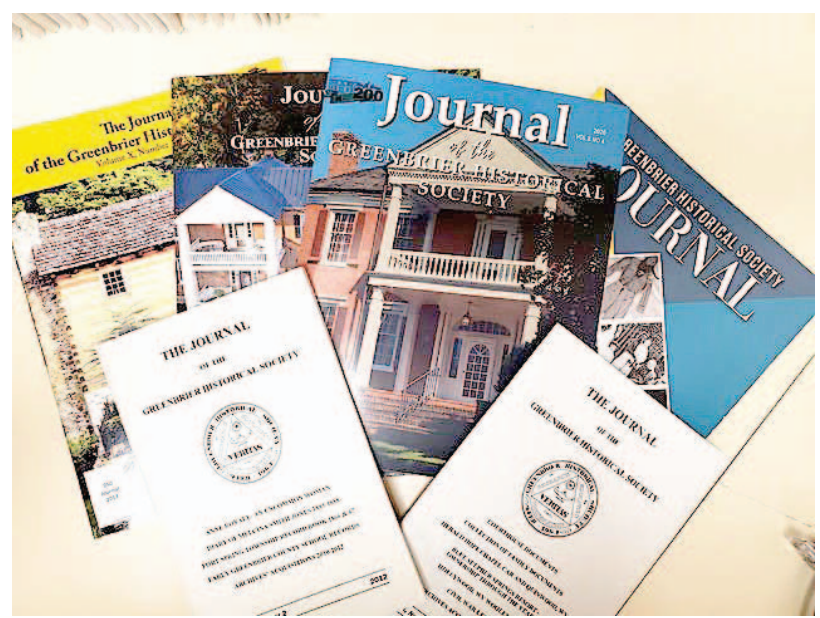
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members, and community members. The deadline for submissions is July 31, 2021.

GHS is particularly interested in submissions related to Greenbrier Valley businesses, agriculture, and turkey farming history, but as long as the article relates to Greenbrier Valley (Pocahontas, Greenbrier, Monroe, or Summers County) history it will be considered. A selection committee will choose which articles will be published in the journal that will be released by December 2021. For further guidelines and sample articles please go to the website [www.greenbrierhistorical.org/journal](http://www.greenbrierhistorical.org/journal).

The mission of the Greenbrier Historical Society is to share the diverse history and culture of the Greenbrier Valley. For more information visit [www.greenbrierhistorical.org](http://www.greenbrierhistorical.org) or call 304-645-3398.

## Bank of Monroe offers tips to help prevent elder financial abuse

The Bank of Monroe and the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA) are providing tips for preventing the disturbing trend of elder financial abuse in recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15.

Older Americans lose roughly \$3 billion to a growing number of scams each year, according to the United States Senate Special Committee on Aging. But only one in 44 cases get reported, according to the National Adult Protective Services Association putting the true cost as high as \$35.5 billion annually.

“As financial stewards of the community and trusted lenders, The Bank of Monroe takes a number of preventative steps to identify, prevent and report suspicious activity for the protection of our customers,” said Jim King, President and CEO of The Bank of Monroe. “But we want to ensure all Monroe and Greenbrier residents are equipped to recognize the warning signs and take steps to protect themselves or their loved ones so together we can stop bad actors from robbing millions of Americans of their financial nest egg.”

We offer the following suggestions to help curb the rising tide of elder financial abuse:

- Secure private information (Social Security card, passport, bank account numbers, financial statements, medical records, and other legal documents), in a bank safety deposit box.
- Check your bank accounts and bill statements carefully. If you notice unauthorized charges or unusual activity, alert your bank immediately.
- Do not disclose personal information, such as bank account numbers or PINs, to anyone in a phone call, letter, email, fax or text message claiming to be from an established organization, especially if they ask you to wire funds or send private information.
- Ask your local community bank about available resources to help protect you or your loved ones from scams and exploitation.
- Plan ahead by giving a trusted person the legal authority to make financial decisions for you if you are unable. Make sure your bank has a record of who can manage your money on your behalf.
- Contact your local adult protective services agency and law enforcement if you have information about a fraud or suspect you may have encountered financial abuse.

“Community bankers are often relied upon as the front line of defense in the protection of their customers and as providers of prevention education and information for elderly customers and their adult children,” ICBA President and CEO Rebeca Romero Rainey said. “Call on your local community banker, to help identify prevalent scams and safeguard your hard-earned financial future.”

## Democratic Executive Committee holds monthly meeting

The Greenbrier County Democratic Executive Committee conducted their monthly meeting in person on June 9. All attendees had been vaccinated and proudly displayed vaccination cards.

Committee members expressed dismay for the apparent failure of the People Act to pass in Congress and endorsement for that failure by West Virginia's election officials, who are elected and expected to be supportive of voting by all eligible citizens. Members also planned for the Democratic booth at The State Fair of West Virginia, an October 9th dinner and rally at Dutch Haus Restaurant, with two high profile guest speakers expected, and participation in the upcoming 4th of July events in Alderson.

Following discussion regarding the lack of Democratic leadership in our state, the committee, without dissent, endorsed a

resolution of no confidence in the West Virginia State Democratic Party Chairwoman, Belinda Biafore. This follows years of decline of the Democratic Party under her leadership, taking us from a legislative super majority to a super minority. Support for our county Democrats has been non-existent, resulting in the disastrous loss of numerous state and local offices in the 2020 election. Statewide assistance for promoting candidates, voter registration, and get out the vote projects has been left entirely to local clubs, candidates, and organizations, with no strategy or planning from our state office. These losses have stalled and lead to the reversal of legislation meant to help the people of West Virginia.

The West Virginia State Democratic Executive Committee held a meeting on June 3 to discuss a new Affirmative Action plan.



**Damie Spencer (left), Vicki Dove, Sarah Umberger, Kathy Martin, Paul Detch, Brad Tuckwiller, and Susie Rock**

Drafted at the last minute, and without feedback from the Affirmative Action Committee, a vote was taken, excluding and silencing the very people this plan should have lifted up. The actions shown by the chair in this meeting exemplifies

her inability to lead.

Given the facts and issues stated above, the Greenbrier County Democratic Executive Committee has, with no dissent, expressed a vote of no confidence in state chair Belinda Biafore.

## Williamsburg CEOS Club meets

Let's play Ketchup! Well, let's "catch up" with the Williamsburg Community Educational Outreach Service (CEOS) Club. And we did play Ketchup while learning about "How to Eat Healthy When Eating Out!"

Club member Laura Rose led the lesson at the May Club meeting where everyone learned what to look for on the menu (like foods described as steamed or grilled) and what to ask (like for a to-go box before you eat so you can divide the meal into a healthier portion).

Club members also brought backpacks, duffel bags, slippers, socks, and personal hygiene items that were donated to the Greenbrier Valley Children's Home for children

experiencing out-of-home placement.

The June meeting featured the Traditional West Virginia Foods lesson led by club member Patty Post. Members shared stories of meals they had as children, showed old cookbooks, and discovered that there are many ways to make salt rising bread. Members enjoyed pepperoni rolls, which are the official state food, and homemade snow ice cream as well as other favorite home cooked foods. The topic was also shared the next day at the Renick Senior Citizens meeting.

Another community service was done by donating craft items and funds for the WVU's award-winning Energy Express summer reading, art and nutrition

program for children. Contact the WVU Greenbrier County Extension Office for more information on that program.

A donation was also made to the Williamsburg Flying Falcons 4-H Club to help fund summer learning activities.

The club's next meeting will be held July 13 at the Williamsburg Historical Foundation Museum beginning at noon. The lesson will be on West Virginia Covered Bridges led by Barbara Deeds.

The lessons are provided by the West Virginia University Extension Service.

So, if you're interested in getting involved in the community, come to a meeting. It's a place to belong, learn, grow and have a good time with wonder-

ful people who know how to make you feel welcome.



Williamsburg CEOS members brought items to be donated to the Greenbrier Valley Children's Home.

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# A Look Back



Photo from The Portico courtesy of the Greenbrier Historic Society.

By William "Skip" Deegans

In the 1930s, The Greenbrier sported a polo club. The club played teams from Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Cleveland, Columbus, Winston-Salem, Middleburg, Virginia, and the War Department. Shown in this 1933 photo are Leslie Combs 2nd, L. L. McClure, Andrew Winters, and Captain Tom Harris.

Combs was one of the mainstays of the club. Born in Kentucky in 1901, he attended Greenbrier Military School. He founded the Combs & Ritter Insurance Company in Huntington and married the very wealthy Dorothy Enslow

of Huntington. In 1937, with money from an inheritance and proceeds of the sale of his insurance agency, he bought a 127-acre farm in Lexington, Kentucky, and named it Spendthrift Farm. He became one of the leading owners and breeders of thoroughbred horses. He perfected the art of syndicating stallions, and Spendthrift was once the home to Seattle Slew and Affirmed, two Triple Crown winners. Spendthrift Farm eventually fell into bankruptcy, the Combs family lost ownership, and Combs died in 1990.

Sources: *Hinton Daily News, New York Times, Lexington Herald-Leader.*

# Dear Recycle Lady,

Dear Recycle Lady,  
Are 12-volt batteries recyclable?  
*Hopeful Recycler*

Dear Hopeful Recycler,  
Yes, the Greenbrier Recycling Center does recycle 12-volt batteries, as does the S.S. Belcher Co. in Caldwell. Both places recycle any lead-acid batteries. This includes car, truck, and lawn mower batteries, but not small non-rechargeable batteries.

Dear Recycle Lady,  
I just took a big bag of shredded paper to the Recycling Center. What happens to all the shredded paper that is brought to the Recycling Center? Is it recycled? Are the bags and boxes that the shredded paper is brought in also recycled?  
*Shredder*

Dear Shredder,  
Yes, all shredded paper that comes to the Recycle Center is recycled. Before it is baled and sent to the processor, shredded paper in the bin is combined with shredded confidential materials. Mixing both sources together makes it impossible for documents to be pieced together. To answer your second question, if shredded paper is brought in boxes, they are recycled. If it is brought in a bag that is recyclable, it is recycled. If it is brought in black plastic bags, there is no recourse but to put them in the trash.

Dear Recycle Lady,  
Inadvertently, I have ruined my best pizza pan. I put some slightly damp Miracle Grow in the pan and set it outside to dry in the sun. As has happen lately, the rains came and

got the Miracle Grow really wet. Then it dried and the Miracle Grow caused deep pockmarks in the pan. Can my pan be recycled?  
*Sadder, But Wiser*

Dear Sadder, But Wiser,  
Yes, your pockmarked pan can be recycled. Just bring it to the Recycle Center and it will be recycled with metal. All metal pans, regardless of shape, size, or condition, are acceptable.

Great news for bees. According to Environment America, Maine just passed the strongest safeguards against bee-killing pesticides, especially the neonicotinoid or "neonic" pesticides. Massachusetts, Maryland, Vermont, and Connecticut have already enacted strong neonic restrictions. Other state legislators are addressing the issue and introducing legislation to protect bees. Hopefully, West Virginia's legislature is also addressing the issue.

**NOTE:** The Recycling Center will be closed for West Virginia's Birthday on Monday, June 20.

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

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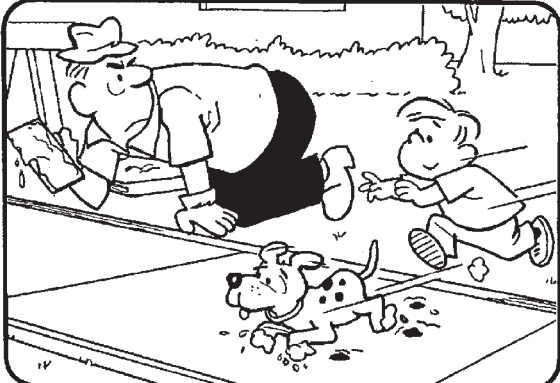
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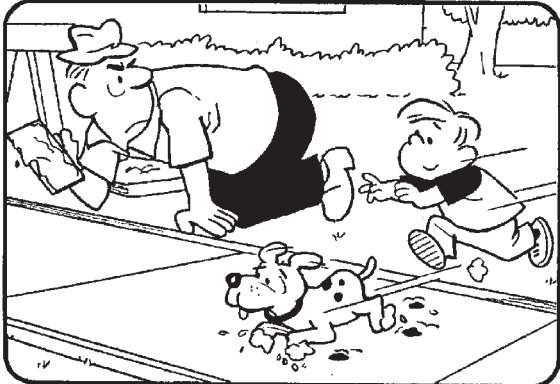
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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Collar is different. 2. Spot is missing. 3. Tail is shorter. 4. Glove is removed. 5. Drip is missing. 6. Shirt is different.

## Super Crossword

TINKERING WITH THE ELEMENTS

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by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate    ◆◆ Challenging  
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# SCHOOL

## WV BOE policies open for public comment

The West Virginia Board of Education has placed three policies on public comment.

Policy 2520.3C, West Virginia College - and Career-Readiness Standards for Science, defines the science skills, knowledge and dispositions students need to prepare for post-secondary options from college attendance, to military enlistment or career placement. Policy revisions include increased clarity of learning targets, increased ability to personalize

instruction for students and the increased ability to honor educators' autonomy in the selection of curriculum.

Policy 3300, Charter Public Schools, has been revised to comply with updated requirements passed during the 2021 legislative session to the existing charter school law. The majority of the proposed modifications to the policy relate to special education, school finance and virtual charter schools.

Policy 5309, County Superintendent Performance Evaluations, is being revised to clearly set forth requirements of the W.Va. Code §§18-2-5 and 18-4-6.

All three policies will remain on comment until 4 p.m. on July 12, 2021 and can be found at <http://wvde.state.wv.us/policies/>.

For media inquiries, contact Christy Day, West Virginia Department of Education Office of Communications, at 304-558-2699 or [Christy.Day@k12.wv.us](mailto:Christy.Day@k12.wv.us).

## Bartenslager earns Dean's List at Davis & Elkins College

Davis & Elkins College student Abbie Bartenslager of Lewisburg has achieved the Dean's List for the spring 2021 semester. To earn the honor, full-time students must achieve a semester GPA of 3.6 or less than 4.0.

Related to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Davis & Elkins College is located in Elkins, 2 hours east of Charleston, 3 hours south of Pittsburgh and 4 hours west of Washington, DC. For more information, please visit the College website at [www.dewv.edu](http://www.dewv.edu) or call 304-637-1243.

### LEGAL

#### ADVERTISEMENT (MR-34-BM)

Notice is hereby given that PRINCESS POLLY ANNA & JCT ENTERPRISES, LLC, PO BOX 886, 160 Ruffner Dr., LEWISBURG, WV 24901 has submitted an application for the **modification** of Article 11/WVNPDES Permit No. WV1026623 to the Department of Environmental Protection, 1159 Nick Rahall Greenway, Fayetteville, WV 25840 in order to remove Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) testing/monitoring from selected outlets at the existing No. 1 Surface Mine (S300212).

The operation will discharge treated storm water into unnamed tributaries of Mill Creek and Mill Creek and unnamed tributaries of Big Clear Creek and Big Clear Creek of Meadow River of Gauley River and is located 2.7 miles, southeast of Quinwood in Meadow Bluff District of Greenbrier County, Longitude 80° 40' 46" and Latitude 38° 1' 36" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

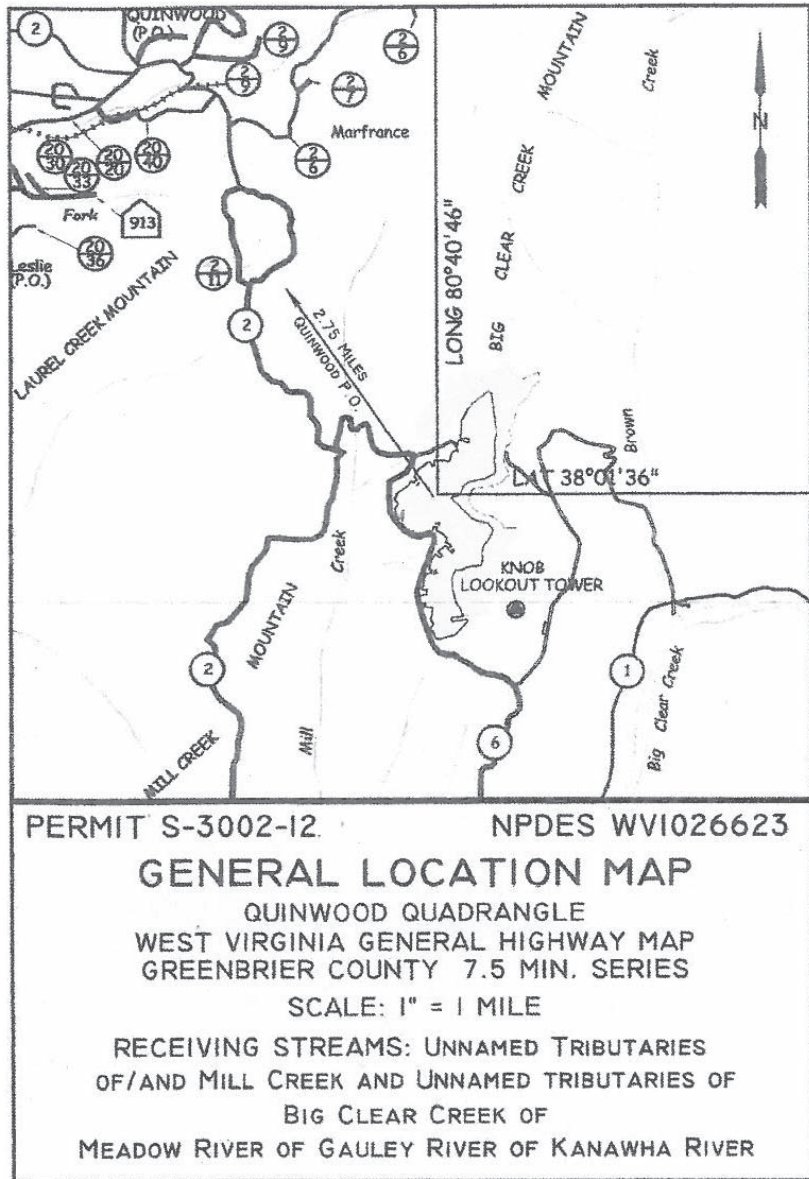
The Department of Environmental Protection is seeking information on private surface water intakes for human consumption located in the above listed receiving streams and located down stream of this operation. Please provide your name, phone number, mailing address, the name of the stream being with the intake, and the physical location of the intake. This information needs to be submitted to the address above.

An anti-degradation review has been conducted. Tier 1 protection is afforded because effluent limitations ensure compliance with water quality criteria for all designated uses. Where applicable, Tier 2 protection is also afforded because the agency has made a determination that the discharge(s) will not cause significant degradation to the receiving stream(s) for any parameters of concern.

Comments on the Article 11 WV/NPDES application or requests for a public hearing regarding the Article 11 NPDES application shall be in writing and if a public hearing is requested shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Such written comments or requests should be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above, and **must** also reference the Article 11/NPDES permit number shown above. Comments received by July 19, 2021, or thirty (30) days from date of publication, will be considered. A copy of the Article 11/WVNPDES application, draft permit, rationale page, and fact sheet (if required) will be available for inspection and obtaining copies during normal business hours at the DEP Regional Office located at the address above.

DEP Telephone No. 304-574-4465

Article 11/NPDES Permit No. WV1026623



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## WV University Potomac State College announces President's and Dean's List

West Virginia University's Potomac State College President Jennifer Orlikoff announces 182 students who earned a place on the President's list for spring 2021. To be eligible for the President's List, a student must earn a 3.7 to 4.0 grade point average while maintaining a full-time student status. Those students who earned a place on the President's List include Erica Merril of Alderson and Katlyn Johnson of White Sulphur Springs.

The Dean of Academic Affairs, Greg Ochoa, announces 221 students who earned a place on the Dean's list for spring 2021. In order to be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours of graded courses, earn a 3.0-3.699 grade point average and may have no D, F, or I grades. The following students have met the criteria: Dustin Simmons of Frankford, Madison Jackson of Maxwelton, and Andrew Davis of Rainelle.

### LEGAL

#### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 21-0339-E-ENEC  
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and WHEELING POWER COMPANY, public utilities.  
Petition to initiate the annual review and update to the ENEC rates currently in effect.

#### NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On April 16, 2021, Appalachian Power Company (APCo) and Wheeling Power Company (WPCo), (jointly the Companies) filed their 2021 petition to initiate the annual review and update of Expanded Net Energy Cost (ENEC) rates. The Companies propose to increase ENEC rates to produce an additional \$73 million in annual ENEC revenues, an increase of 4.9%. The Companies are also proposing a modification in cost allocation and rate design for large industrial class and special contract customers.

	(\$)	(%)
Residential	\$ 9.09	5.6 %
Commercial	\$ 12.24	3.4 %
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If approved, the average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

The Commission set a procedural schedule, including an evidentiary hearing to be held on July 30, 2021. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

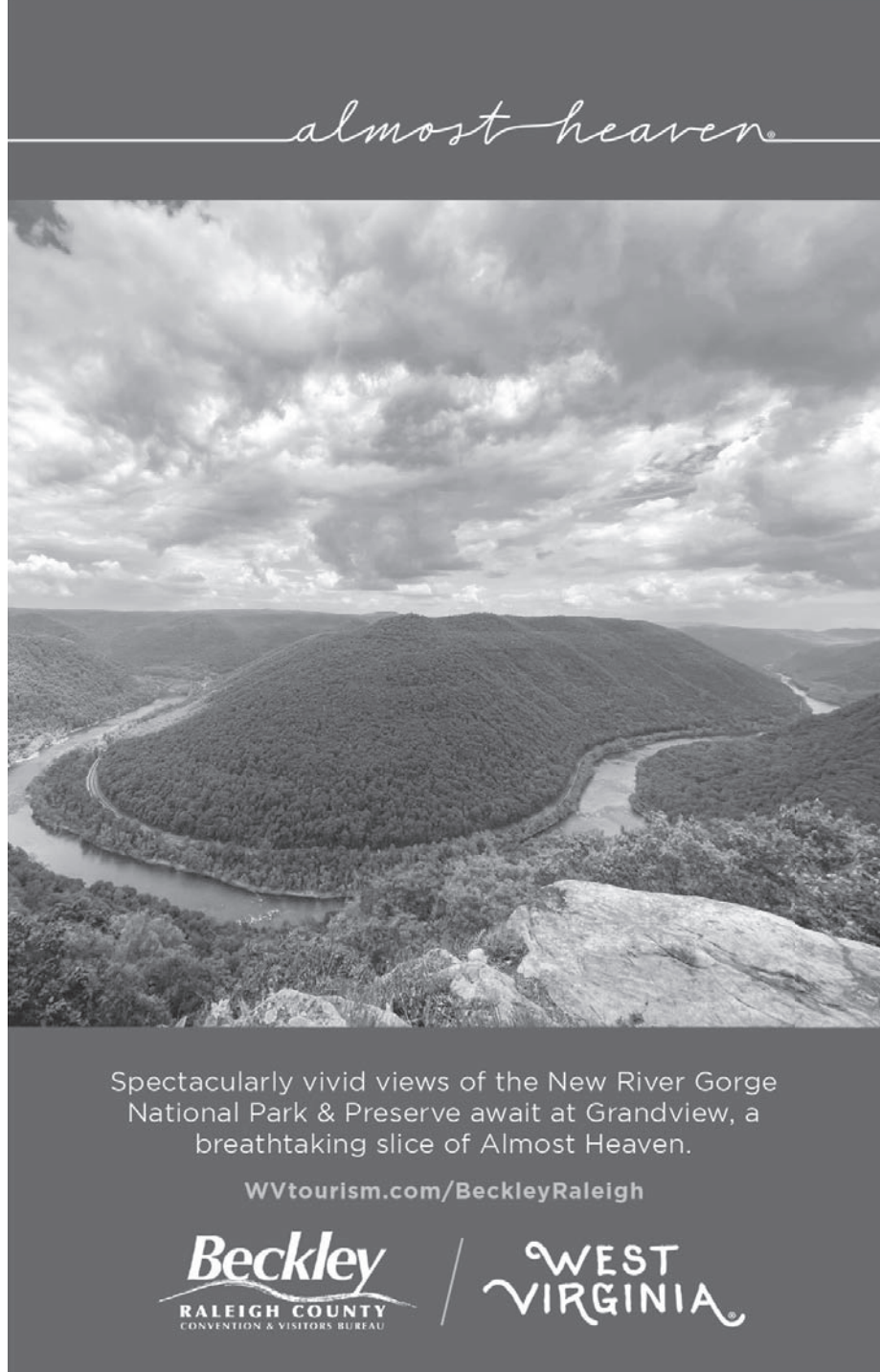
Anyone desiring to intervene and act as a party in either of these cases should file a Petition to Intervene within ten days following the date of this publication, complying with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written protest as soon as possible although protests will be accepted throughout the pendency of this proceeding. All written protests should briefly state the reason for the protest. All protests and Petitions to Intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Connie Graley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and WHEELING POWER COMPANY

### LEGAL

#### PUBLIC ONLINE AUCTION

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## Carnegie Hall announces Ivy Terrace Concert Series schedule



**The Carpenter Ants**

Carnegie Hall is excited to announce the return of the Ivy Terrace Concert Series this summer after the cancellation of the 2020 series due to the pandemic. Ivy Terrace concerts are a community favorite and a big reason why Lewisburg is considered one of the “coolest small towns in America.” The groups perform outside on Carnegie Hall’s Ivy Terrace as attendees watch from the expansive lawn in front of New River Community and Technical College. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and pack a picnic to enjoy the live, outdoor concerts. All Ivy Terrace concerts are free, open to the public, and alcohol free.

The 2021 Ivy Terrace Concert Series begins Thursday, June 24, and continues throughout the summer, ending on Oct. 7.

“Typically, our Mainstage Performance Series would begin in September, so the Ivy Terrace concerts would run through August,” explains Artistic Director Allan Sizemore. “This year, with the Mainstage on hold, we decided to extend the Ivy Terrace through September.” Concerts begin at 7 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. Concerts will be canceled due to inclement weather. Follow and like Carnegie Hall’s Facebook page for changes or updates.

The 2021 Ivy Terrace Concert Series line-up features an eclectic mix of music performed by groups from West Virginia, North Carolina, and as far away as New York. Kicking off the 2021 Ivy Terrace is The Carpenter Ants on Thursday, June 24. The Carpenter

Ants describe themselves as “chicken-fried gospel soul.” Together for nearly 35 years, the band combines feel-good harmonies with a solid groove and has played throughout the South Atlantic region, twice toured Moscow, and even joined the Reverend Jesse Jackson for a 10-city tour. Members include guitarist Michael Lipton, drummer Jupiter Little, bassist Ted Harrison and vocalist/saxophonist Charlie Tee.

The remaining schedule is Richard Heffner (bluegrass) on July 8, Kevin Smith (singer/songwriter) on July 22, Andrew Adkins (singer/songwriter) on Aug. 12, Steel Pterodactyl (original eclectic/dance) on Aug. 26, Seldom Free (original groove/rock) on Sept. 9, and Jack Grace Band (original alt-country) on Sept. 23. The final outdoor concert will be Oct. 7 - artist to be announced.

In conjunction with the first Ivy Terrace, the Carnegie Hall Board of Trustees invites the community to extend their appreciation to former Carnegie Hall President/CEO Sara Crickenberger for her years of service, and to meet the new President/CEO Cathy Rennard.

So mark your calendars and get excited about this summer in Lewisburg. The 2021 Carnegie Hall Ivy Terrace Concert Series is a “must do” for visitors and locals alike and is sponsored by City National Bank. For more information, please visit [www.carnegiehallwv.org](http://www.carnegiehallwv.org) or call 304-645-7917.

## StoryWalk at WSS

### Fish Hatchery

The White Sulphur Spring Public Library is partnering with the White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery to host a StoryWalk featuring the book: Goldfish on Vacation by Sally Lloyd-Jones. This activity is located around the hatchery’s nature trail and will run from June 14 through July 24.

The StoryWalk Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

The hatchery offers a park-like setting for locals and visitors to enjoy a picnic, walk the trails on the mountainside, or use the ADA accessible trails on the grounds. It is located at 1087 E. Main Street in White Sulphur Springs. Visit the WSS National Fish Hatchery, view this great book and who knows what else you will see. You can also stop by the White Sulphur Springs Public Library at 344 Main Street West to find out about our summer reading programs and sign up for our in-house programs. Call us at 304-5361171 for information.

## Auditions at Historic Fayette Theater

We are coming back to the stage!

Auditions will be held on June 26 and 27 at the theater for ‘Beyond the Mountains’ - the heart-warming story of frontier heroine Mary Draper Ingles who escapes from Shawnee captivity and completes an arduous journey home along the New River.

A large cast is needed

consisting of men, women and children. Auditions are open to all interested and requires no advance preparations.

Production dates are in October and there is a little something special planned. We’ll tell you more about that at a later date!

For more information call the theater at 304-574-4655 or email [hft@historicfayettetheater.com](mailto:hft@historicfayettetheater.com)

## Carnegie Hall Kids’ College Scholarships still available



**2019 Kids’ College Basket Weaving**

Carnegie Hall’s 28th Annual Kids’ College will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 12-16 (Week One), July 19-23 (Week Two), and July 26-30 (Week Three). This year’s program is open to rising second through eighth-grade students and there are still spots and scholarships available. To register and apply, visit [carnegiehallwv.com/education/kids-college](http://carnegiehallwv.com/education/kids-college). Children register for one-week session only.

Kids’ College is a unique opportunity for children to expand their

artistic and scientific horizons in a safe and nurturing environment. Class sizes are limited. All classes, taught by trained teaching artists, are held in Carnegie Hall. Children can take classes in pottery, origami, baking, basket weaving, cooking, fashion, rockets, music, archeology, journalism, tie-dye, sign language, and more.

Cost of Kids’ College is \$135 per session. There are two sessions each day, morning and afternoon. Children can choose to take up to five different arts and science classes per day. Scholarships are available thanks to United Way of Greenbrier Valley and generous individual donors.

For more information, contact Education Director Leah Trent at 304-645-7917.

## Renick Freedom Celebration

*On Saturday, June 26, a day of fun and festivities is scheduled in Renick for the Renick Freedom Celebration. All activities are free and events will be held at the Renick Park. This event is sponsored by the Town of Renick. Please note that times and activities are subject to change.*

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- » 8 to 10 a.m.: Pancake Breakfast at Fire House - Sponsored by the RVFD
- » 9 a.m.: Horseshoe Tournament Sign-ups (Pitching begins immediately following sign-ups)
- » 10:30 a.m.: Parade Line-Up (Field across from Post Office)
- » 11:30 a.m.: Parade Judging begins
- » 12 noon: Grand Parade
- » 1 p.m.: Welcoming and Special Recognition
- » 1:30 p.m.: Music by The Renick Church of God
- » 2 p.m.: Live Music by Ben Hershman and Sons of The Mountains
- » 12 noon: “Lucky Duck.” Pick a duck for your chance to win a gift card. 1st place - \$100, 2nd place - \$75, 3rd place - \$50, 4th place - \$25, and 5th place - \$10 - Prizes sponsored by Sarah Bostic
- » 1:30 to 5 p.m.: Hands-on activities for all ages
- » 2 p.m.: Teddy Bear Parade
- » 2 p.m.: Corn Hole Tournament Sign-Ups (Play begins immediately following sign-ups)
- » 1 p.m.: Cake, Candy, Cookie, Pie and Bread Check In
- » 2 p.m.: Cake, Candy, Cookie, Pie, and Bread contest. Judging begins at 2:30. 1st Place - \$50, 2nd Place - \$30, and 3rd Place - \$20
- » 3:30 p.m.: Cupcake Eating Contest (Open to the first 24 contestants)
- » 4 p.m.: Live Music by New Horizon
- » 3:30 p.m.: Cupcake Eating Contest (Open to the first 24 contestants to sign-up)
- » 6 p.m.: Live Music by Eade’s Mountain Boys
- » 6 p.m.: Free Watermelon
- » 8 p.m.: Live Music by The Goodson Boys

**P**ull out your favorite cake, cookie, pie or yeast bread recipe and enter our Baking Contest: Monetary prizes will be awarded in each of the four categories for first, second, and third place. Entries need to be checked in by 2 p.m.

- The Best Baked Cake: Bring your favorite prepared cake, and judges will judge on overall appearance and taste.
- Best Baked Pie: Prepare your favorite pie (if you are entering a dairy pie, you must bring the pie on ice and in

cooler). Pies will be judged on taste and overall appearance.

- The Best Baked Cookie: The rules are simple, bring six of your favorite cookie and judges will judge on overall appearance and taste.
- The Best Baked Yeast Bread: Bring your best yeast bread, judges will judge on overall appearance and taste.

For more information on the baking contest or the festival call 304-497-2703 or email [renicktownhall@gmail.com](mailto:renicktownhall@gmail.com).

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