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TOOT returns to Lewisburg October 9

By Sarah Richardson

Carnegie Hall officials announced this week that the popular Taste of Our Town (TOOT) fundraising event will return to the streets of downtown Lewisburg on Saturday, Oct. 9, after a 2020 hiatus.

"We are so excited to resume planning for this year's TOOT event which will be Saturday, Oct. 9," said Carnegie Hall Development Director Molly Arbogast. "Not only is it one of the largest fundraisers for us at Carnegie Hall, we know that it is a great event for our area restaurants and community organizations that participate as well. The first TOOT event was held in 1984, and we are thrilled to bring back this long-standing tradition."

After consulting with members of the Health Department and the City of Lewisburg, Carnegie has been given the go-ahead to begin organizing the festival.

TOOT runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second Saturday in October, and brings thousands of hungry visitors to the Greenbrier Valley region to sample all the goodies the area has to offer. While sampling foods from our local restaurants, civic clubs, and nonprofit organizations, TOOT also provides essential funding for Carnegie Hall.

Stay tuned for more information as planning continues.



After missing the fun last year, crowds will once again gather in downtown Lewisburg for Taste of Our Town on October 9



Greenbrier Valley Pride holds successful parade, block party

By Sarah Richardson

The newly-formed Greenbrier Valley Pride group held their first-ever annual parade and block party in downtown Lewisburg last weekend. After planning for roughly a month, nearly 500 attendees and participants came together in support

of equality, self acceptance, and visibility of the LGBTQIA+ community. Pride parades also honor the 1969 Stonewall riots, an uprising against police harassment and persecution. This event is known to be a major catalyst for the LGBTQIA+ rights movement.

Starting at Lee Street and convening in front of the Greenbrier County Courthouse on Court Street for the block party, marchers cheered, played upbeat music, and waved flags and banners for the duration of the parade. At the block party, community organizations came together to both celebrate and offer resources alongside food vendors and merchants.

Kelsie Tyson (front left), president of GVP, holds the Greenbrier Valley Pride banner at the front of the parade as it passes by Lewisburg City Hall.

Frankford woman wins truck as part of vaccine sweepstakes

By Sarah Richardson

On Wednesday, June 30, Governor Jim Justice made a trip around the state to personally deliver prizes to winners of the Do it for Babydog vaccine sweepstakes, and that included a stop at the local Lewisburg Hardee's.

Frankford resident Tracy Brownell was presented with an oversized key to her brand-new, custom-outfitted truck by Gov. Justice and his bulldog, Babydog. This was the second round of sweepstakes held as part of the vaccine initiative.

In addition to this truck giveaway, 47 more West Virginians were announced as "Do it for Babydog" winners earlier in the day for prizes including two full four-year scholarships to any public institution in the state, five lifetime hunting licenses, five lifetime fishing licenses, five custom hunting rifles, five custom hunting shotguns, and 25 weekend getaways to West Virginia State Parks.

Vaccinated West Virginians have five more chances to win in the "Do it for Babydog: Save a life, Change your life" Vaccination Sweepstakes.

All West Virginians who have had at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine can register at DoitforBabydog.wv.gov for an opportunity to join the list of winners.



Tracy Brownell (right) stands in front of her new truck with Governor Jim Justice (center).

Nature's Way

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WVDNR issues guidance for bird mortality event

In late May, wildlife managers in Washington, DC, Virginia, Maryland, and West Virginia began receiving reports of sick and dying birds with eye swelling and crusty discharge, neurological signs, and behavioral abnormalities. No definitive cause of death has been identified at this time.

Birds from Berkeley and Jefferson Counties in West Virginia have been submitted by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) to the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study (SCWDS), where diagnostics are pending. Most reports of sick and dying birds in West Virginia have come from the state's eastern panhandle counties.

The WVDNR, Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and National Park Service are continuing to work in partnership with diagnostic laboratories to investigate the cause of mortality. Those laboratories include the USGS National Wildlife Health Center, SCWDS, and the University of Pennsylvania Wildlife Futures Program.



Governor Justice surprises Brownell with an oversized key.

While the cause of this avian mortality event is yet to be determined, it is known that birds congregating at feeders and baths can transmit avian diseases to one another.

The WVDNR therefore recommends that West Virginia residents in the outbreak area:

- Cease feeding birds until this wildlife mortality event has concluded;
- Clean feeders and baths with hot, soapy water and disinfect with 10% bleach solution;
- Avoid handling birds, but wear disposable gloves if handling is necessary; and
- Keep pets away from sick or dead birds as a standard precaution.

Residents outside the outbreak area may continue to feed birds but are reminded that this would be a good opportunity to take down, repair, and disinfect their feeders.

Residents may continue feeding hummingbirds but should clean feeders with soap
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Capito makes stops in Greenbrier County, receives updates on recovery efforts, economic development

U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) made multiple stops in Greenbrier County on Friday focused on flood recovery efforts, economic development, and diversification.

Senator Capito first stopped at the WV Great Barrel Company where she met with owners and staff at the facility. She then paid tribute to the eight residents of White Sulphur Springs who passed away during the 2016 flood, and presented Mayor Bruce Bowling and City Manager Lloyd Haynes with an American Flag flown over the U.S. Capitol.



U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito presents a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol to Mayor Bruce Bowling and City Manager Lloyd Haynes to honor the victims of the 2016 floods in White Sulphur Springs.

Senator Capito then met with the owners of Disability Opportunity Fund and visited businesses along Main Street before touring the newly opened White Sulphur Springs Pool and Wellness Center.

"Today's visits throughout Greenbrier County made clear that this community is as resilient as ever," Senator Capito said. "Whether it was the revitalized environ-

ment along Main Street, the people who make our small businesses thrive, or the services provided to our neighbors with disabilities, it was impactful to see firsthand how far the community has come since 2016. I appreciate Mayor Bowling and all those who are working each day to continue making White Sulphur Springs a great place to live and raise a family."



New playground opens at Williamsburg Community Center

A ribbon cutting ceremony for a new children's playground at the Williamsburg Community Center took place on Sunday at the community picnic. The Williamsburg Community Action would like to thank Greenbrier County Arts and Recreation Grant, Williamsburg Ruritan Club, and the Andrew Chapel Williamsburg Thrift Shop for their financial support for this project. We would also like to thank Lee Gallion, Rodger Hedrick, Danny and Ellen Driggers, Laurie Hedrick, Robin Blough, Jo Long, and Project Manager Bill Zumpfe. Without their hard work this project would have not been possible. In addition, we would like to thank WV Paving for their volunteer work in clearing the area of sod.

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U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito tours the WV Great Barrel Company in Caldwell.

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PICK OF THE LITTER

CJ
CJ is a three-year-old male Plott mix and weighs 65 pounds.



WRINBOA
Wrinboa is a one-and-a-half year old mixed breed and weighs 43 pounds. Visitors say she loves to sit on laps!



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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OPINION

Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

Never say Never

Back in the '90s, my husband and I travelled from our home state past Virginia and entered West Virginia. We were shown some properties by a local woman who knew about all the backroads and homes left vacant that might be available to live in.

The last property we hiked up to was half a mile uphill on a one lane unpaved lane in the woods covered in two feet of snow. At the end of that road was a one room cabin. I stood at the front door and declared "I will never live here."

Six months later, we were moving in our furnishings, welcoming a puppy, and introducing house cats to the world outside. So, I never say never anymore. At least, I don't really mean it if I do say it!!

It is never too late to start planting a seed or a bulb of some sorts during mostly anytime of the year. Right now, just a few weeks into summer, plenty of seeds can be put directly into the ground or started on windowsills in small pots to plant out when they get big and strong.

Broccoli, radishes, brussel sprouts, kale, mostly all greens including cabbages can go into the ground now. Though these don't care much for constant hot temperatures, the nights here in the mountains, cools off enough to give the new seeds a refreshing break. Watering is crucial to keep your seeds alive since the sun has been extremely strong and hot lately.

I pick off the dried-up seed heads on my current growing Marigolds and open them up and spread the seeds along any patch of ground to add a bright touch of color. Within a week or so, the flowers have sprung up green shoots and continue to grow into flowers. Again, water will coax your seeds so don't let them dry out for too long. With the heat wave we are having, watering new seeds every other day will keep them alive.

I said I would never grow brussel sprouts due to their slow growing time, usually 26-30 weeks. They hate heat and will do best, as many summer crops, to have some shade of maybe your nearby tomatoes or even a shade cloth to cool things off a bit. One successful plant can



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produce up to 100 sprouts! That's a lot to eat. Be stingy with your seed planting because you don't need many of these plants to keep you eating nutrient rich brussel sprouts. Guess what, I am growing these this year.

Keeping an open mind has afforded me more choices in life as well as less disagreements, so I try NEVER to say NEVER!

WV Drug Intervention Institute announces partnership with Healing Appalachia and Murphy Media to offer naloxone to concert-goers

The West Virginia Drug Intervention Institute, Inc. (WV DII) recently announced a partnership with Hope in the Hills and Murphy Media to promote naloxone training and distribution to those attending Healing Appalachia on Sept. 24 and 25 at the West Virginia State Fairgrounds. Individuals completing the WV DII's free online naloxone training will receive a VIP experience at the two-day music event this fall. The first 1,275 West Virginians completing the training will also receive a free dose of naloxone.

"In the last year, West Virginia experienced over a 45% increase in the number of overdose deaths," explained Dr. Susan Bissett, WV DII president. "One important way we can reduce these numbers is by training West Virginians on how to properly use naloxone and providing them with this lifesaving medication."

Headliners at Healing Appalachia will include host acts Tyler Childers and Arlo McKinley, with many more acts to be announced. The full lineup will be announced later this summer. A ticket link will be accessible at www.healingappalachia.org. Funds raised at Healing Appalachia are dispersed through the nonprofit Hope in the Hills, which gave more than \$50,000 in 2021 to such nonprofits as Recovery Point WV, Camp Mariposa, Mercer County Fellowship, and many more. Hope in the Hills also started a music therapy pilot project in 2020.

"In this past year, we lost a record 81,000 people in the United States due to opioid addiction - to put that into perspective, America lost 58,000 in the 21-year Vietnam War," said Dave Lavender, President of the Hope in the Hills board. "Many folks in our region - and around the US - have been battling an epidemic within a pandemic. It's easy to lose hope, but we can fuel recovery together,

and we can save lives together if we bond together as a community. We feel like sitting on the sidelines is not optional. We feel that teaming up with pro-active groups such as the West Virginia Drug Intervention Institute, Inc. and Murphy Media is an important and potentially game-changing way to energize and activate the large and caring base of music fans to step out and step up to take this rather easy and simple training that has been proven to save thousands of lives."

The organizations have the goal of educating 1,275 concert goers by Sept. 25 - representing the number of lives lost in West Virginia to drug overdose in 2020. Persons completing the training by July 31 will be pre-registered for the VIP experience and will all be entered into a raffle for two free event tickets. The first 1,275 persons (West Virginia residents) to complete the training will also receive a free dose of naloxone. During the event in September, Murphy Media will organize an interactive tent sponsored by the WV DII for purposes of naloxone training and featuring artists in recovery.

"You've heard it said that someone in active addiction has to want to get help in order for healing to start. Carrying lifesaving naloxone is one of the things you can actively do that increases your chance of helping someone you love make it into recovery," said Joe Murphy, CEO of Murphy Media.

Naloxone training is available now by visiting: www.wvdii.org/healingappalachia.

For information and updates on the event, visit www.healingappalachia.org or follow Healing Appalachia and the West Virginia Drug Intervention Institute on Social Media.

Hollowell Dawkins Foundation announces 2021 grant awards

The Board of Directors of Hollowell Dawkins Foundation, Inc. awarded grants totaling \$777,881.00 to 54 local organizations in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Grants awarded by the Hollowell Dawkins Foundation to date total \$10,936,986.57.

Recipients of this year's grant awards are as follows: Town of Alderson, Bethlehem Farm, Carnegie Hall, Central Greenbrier Little League, Children's Home Society, Communities in Schools of Greenbrier County, Davis-Stuart, Family Refuge Center, Frankford Volunteer Fire Department, Lewisburg Volunteer Fire Company, Ronceverte Volunteer Fire Department, Frankford Elementary Autumnfest, Friends of Feral and Homeless Cats and Kittens, Gateway Industries, Greenbrier Community School, Greenbrier County Energy Express, Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department, Greenbrier County Youth Camp, Greenbrier East Football Program, Greenbrier East Project Graduation, Greenbrier East Soccer, Greenbrier Girls Softball League, Greenbrier Humane Society, Greenbrier River Fly Fishing Classic, Greenbrier River Trail Association, Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Greenbrier West Baseball and Football, High Rocks Educational Corporation, Joyful Noise After School Program, Lewisburg Fairlea Food Locker, Lewisburg Farmers Market, Lewisburg Foundation, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Marvel Center, Mountaineer Clay Crushers, New River Community & Technical College Foundation, Northern Greenbrier Latchkey Kids, Pack a Snack, City of Ronceverte, Rosewood Cemetery, Seed Sower, Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley, Trillium Performing Arts, Wellspring of Greenbrier, Western

Greenbrier Middle School Volleyball, White Sulphur Springs EMS, Williamsburg Community Action, Young Life Greenbrier County and the following Public Libraries: Alderson, Greenbrier County, Rainelle, Ronceverte, Rupert and White Sulphur Springs.

Current Hollowell Dawkins Foundation Board members are Allen Carson, Kelly Collins, Alyson Dotson, Katie Eads, Greg Glover, Dr. H. Richard Marshall, Dr. Michael Meadows, Daniel Ream and Tommy Vance.

If you would like to apply for a grant from the Hollowell Dawkins Foundation, please request an application form by writing to the Foundation at 1022 Washington Street E., Lewisburg, WV 24901 or by email, hollowellfoundation@gmail.com. When returning your completed grant application form, please include a copy of your Internal Revenue Service tax exemption letter; your budget for at least the two most recent years and your income statement and balance sheet for the current year. Applications are accepted any time delivered to 1022 Washington Street East or by mail; no electronic submissions are accepted. Grant awards are made in June each year. Applications must be received by Apr. 1, 2022 to be considered at the June, 2022 Board meeting.

Awards are made in memory of Otto Hollowell, Margaret Ford Hollowell and John R. Dawkins and as a tribute to their philanthropic efforts throughout the Greenbrier Valley. It is the primary mission of the Foundation to promote and enhance the quality of life of the citizens of the Greenbrier Valley by supporting projects that sustain and advance educational, scientific, literary, recreational and cultural endeavors.

Commentary WVDOT reminds drivers to stay safe during busy holiday weekend

By Kent A. Leonhardt
 WV Commissioner of Agriculture

Recently, I assumed the role of President of the Southern Association

WVDOT reminds drivers to stay safe during busy holiday weekend

The West Virginia Department of Transportation expects heavier-than-usual traffic on the West Virginia Turnpike this Fourth of July weekend.

"With more and more people vaccinated against COVID-19, and the Fourth of July weekend historically being one of the busiest times on the Turnpike, we anticipate a huge volume of traffic out there," said Jeff Miller, executive director of the West Virginia Parkways Authority. "We ask everyone to plan accordingly to help avoid delays at the toll booths."

During the last two weeks of June 2021, more than 875,000 vehicles have passed through Turnpike toll booths, some of the highest traffic counts on the Turnpike in the past three years. As states ease COVID restrictions, more people are traveling, Miller said.

If possible, Miller is asking travelers to plan their trips on the Turnpike to avoid peak travel times of 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Traveling earlier or later than peak times can help avoid congestion.

Miller said flaggers will be posted at toll plazas over the holiday weekend to assist with the flow of traffic.

All toll lanes are set up to accept EZ-Pass transponders, which speed up the process of negotiating toll booths because drivers don't have to stop to pay tolls. EZ-Pass is available to drivers for a \$25 annual fee plus a one-time transponder fee of \$13.

To find out more, visit wvturnpike.com or call 1-800-206-6222.

Humanities Council seeks emergency relief grant applications

The West Virginia Humanities Council is seeking applications for an Emergency Relief Grant to assist humanities-centered institutions and organizations in West Virginia by providing general operating and/or programming support during this period of financial hardship caused by the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Funding for this grant has been provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities as part of the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act economic stabilization plan appropriated by the U.S. Congress.

Eligibility is limited to West Virginia nonprofit organizations (as reported to the IRS and with an existing EIN), accredited public and 501(c)(3) institutions of higher education (as defined in 20 U.S.C. 1001), state and local governmental agencies, and federally recognized Native American tribal governments. The total amount to be awarded is \$545,000.

Guidelines for this special grant category, an application template, and a link to the application is available on the Humanities Council website at wvhumanities.org. Applicants may request up to \$20,000. The deadline to apply is July 26, 2021.

For more information about the West Virginia Humanities Council grants program contact grants administrator Erin Riebe at 304-346-8500 or via email at riebe@wvhumanities.org. Grant guidelines and applications are available on the Humanities Council website, wvhumanities.org.

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The Star Hotel Tavern Room to open at Greenbrier Historical Society

Join the Greenbrier Historical Society on Friday, July 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. as they open the doors of their latest exhibit, Frazer's Star Hotel Tavern Room. The event will have live music by the local folk band MA'AM and several refreshments, including cider from Hawk Knob Cidery and beer from the Greenbrier Val-

ley Brewing Company.

James Frazer purchased the North House in 1836, an ideal location for Frazer's Star Hotel. Mr. Frazer had already purchased the adjacent lot and built the Greenbrier County Library there in 1834. The Star Hotel was popular among traveling judges and lawyers who could do their research next door at

the library. To create the Star Hotel, Frazer more than doubled the size of the North House by adding on two additional wings of rooms for guests and various outbuildings. An 1854 description of the property stated there were two good cellars, an orchard, a vegetable garden, a 50-horse stable, outhouses comprising of servants' (enslaved) cabins, kitchens, a meat house, and a dairy. The hotel operated until James Frazer's death in 1854.

This July, the Greenbrier Historical Society

is recreating that tavern room from Frazer's Star Hotel at the North House Museum. The Tavern Room will serve as both an educational period room and an event space. Visitors will learn about the history of the Frazer family, the enslaved presence at the Star Hotel, and the role of hotels and resorts in the mid-1800s.

For more information on the exhibit opening or the history of the Frazer family visit the Greenbrier Historical Society's website: www.greenbrier-historical.org.

GCS School Open House and enrollment dates announced

The principals and staff of Greenbrier County Schools (GCS) look forward to welcoming students and families back to school at open house events that are unique to each site. Activities may include facility tours, classroom assignments, and presentation of important school information for students on the following dates:

Alderson Elementary, Wednesday, Aug. 25/ 5 to 7 p.m.

Crichton Elementary, Thursday, Sept. 2 / 5 to 7 p.m.

Frankford Elementary, Tuesday, Aug. 24/ 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Lewisburg Elementary, Wednesday, Aug. 25

- Kindergarten, 9 a.m.
- PreK, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Grades 3 & 5, 3:30 p.m.
- Grades 1, 2 & 4, 4:30 p.m.

Rainelle Elementary, Thursday, Aug. 26 / 3 to 5 p.m.

Ronceverte Elementary, Wednesday, Aug. 25

- Grades 4 & 5, 3:30 p.m.
- Grades 2 & 3, 4:10 p.m.
- Grades K & 1, 4:50 p.m.

Rupert Elementary, Tuesday, Aug. 24 / 5 to 7 p.m.

Smoot Elementary, Tuesday, Aug. 24 / 4 to 6 p.m.

White Sulphur Springs Elementary, Tuesday, Aug. 24 / 4 to 6 p.m.

Eastern Greenbrier Middle School, Wednesday, Aug. 25

- Grades 7 & 8, 4 to 5 p.m.
- Grade 6, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Western Greenbrier Middle School, Wednesday, Aug. 25

- Grade 7 & 8, 5 to 6 p.m.
- Grade 6, 6 to 7 p.m.

Greenbrier East High School 9th Grade Orientation, Thursday, Aug. 26, 6 p.m.

Greenbrier West High School 9th Grade Orientation, Thursday, Aug. 26, 6 to 7 p.m.

(Senior Meeting at 6:45 p.m.)

The new school year will begin on Monday, Aug. 30, for students in grades 1 - 12. Pre-K and Kindergarten students begin on Thursday, Sept. 9. To enroll your child in GCS, please call Nancy Hanna at 304-647-6470. To learn more about GCS, visit greenbriercountyschools.org.

In July, GCS will host two enrollment sessions for new students. Enrollment events will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on July 27 at Eastern Greenbrier Middle School and on July 28 at Western Greenbrier Middle School. New enrollees should bring the following information:

- Official State issued birth certificate (not a copy)
- immunization record
- copy of health check exam
- copy of most recent dental exam
- two proofs of residency
- Social Security card of child
- relevant custody order, if applicable

To learn more about enrolling your child in Greenbrier County Schools, please call Nancy Hanna at 304-647-6470.

Energy Express looks for Greenbrier County volunteers

The Energy Express summer reading and nutrition program returns to Greenbrier County! Through a combination of healthy breakfasts, lunches and learning activities, the Energy Express program continues to improve the lives of children in Greenbrier County.

This year's program began on June 22. More than 100 children from Greenbrier County will participate in the summer program which is brought to counties by West Virginia University Extension Service and AmeriCorps.

This program is designed to provide learning opportunities and nutrition during the summer months, when children from low-income areas are most at risk for falling into the "summer slide." The summer slide occurs when children fall behind academically because they do not

build or maintain their reading skills throughout the summer months.

Available at 80 sites statewide, the Energy Express program helps approximately 3,400 children who are entering first through sixth grades. In addition to these state partners, county programs rely on a tremendous amount of local support. Local partners include Greenbrier County Schools Summer SOLE Program, Greenbrier County's WVU Extension Office, local school business partners and other volunteers throughout the community.

Volunteers are needed from Greenbrier County to help read to children, serve meals and donate supplies. Organizers say that children benefit from having familiar community faces at the program sites. Children spend their days in a print-rich environment where they read, write and

create artwork. The benefits of Energy Express extend beyond the six weeks of summer. Each week every child receives a book to take home and keep.

Major funding for Energy Express comes from the WVU Extension Service, Volunteer WV - The State's Commission for National and Community Service, the Summer Food Service Program through the West Virginia Department of Education. Entering its 26th year, Energy Express is one of WVU Extension Service's premier programs, uniting children and community members to make summer a time for food, fun and learning in areas and for people in need. For more information, to volunteer, or to donate supplies or money for the program, call Brandy Taylor at 304-536-3087 or e-mail at brandy.johnson@k12.wv.us.

OBITUARIES

Deane Barbara Shaver



White Sulphur Springs—Deane Barbara Shaver, 74, passed away Monday, June 28, 2021, at Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg.

She was born in Covington, VA, on Dec. 2, 1946, a daughter of the late Alfred H. "A.H." Bennett, Jr. and the late, Armeda Mae Harless Bennett.

Deane was a member of White Sulphur Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church and was a retired bank teller from Greenbrier Valley Bank with over 20 years of service.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James R. "Jim" Shaver.

She is survived by son, Brian Zicafoose (Michelle) of Concord, NC; stepson, James R. "Jamie" Shaver, Jr. of White Sulphur Springs; her mother-in-law, Ada "Sue" Shaver of White Sulphur Springs; two grandchildren, Destiny Dawn Green and Nicole Renee Zicafoose; two brothers, Wade Bennett (Rosa) and Glenn Bennett (Janie), all of White Sulphur Springs; two nieces, Julie and Telena; and nephew, Chad.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, July 5, at the White Sulphur Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church, with Pastor Gene

Sizemore officiating. Burial will follow in Mapledale Cemetery.

Friends and family will be received one hour prior to the service on Monday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations of sympathy may be made to Peyton Hospice House, 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg WV 24901.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs are in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

George Edward Piercy



Fairlea—George Edward Piercy passed away at his home in Fairlea on Monday, June 28, 2021, at the age of 94.

George is survived by his wife, Leila "Lee" Camp Piercy; his two daughters, Donna Piercy and Leann Piercy-McMillion; his son-in-law, Bill McMillion; his two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Camp Gill and Adrienne Camp Landrum; his grandchildren, Ben McMillion, Kelby Seanor, Kylie McMillion, and Kris McMillion; and his many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by brother, Lourie Piercy; brothers-in-law, Charlie Wise, Lacy Conrad Gill,

Church Bulletin

Annual Ketron Church and Community Homecoming 1902-2011 Sunday, Aug. 1 at 11 a.m.

The annual Ketron Church Homecoming is resuming this year! Please join us once again to celebrate the legacy of the Ketron Church, worship, and reunite with old friends. Masks will be available. The speaker this year will be Mayford Witt of Charleston. Following the worship service we will gather at the Frank Whanger Picnic Shelter for a Carry-in lunch and a brief business meeting. Everyone is invited to attend. Paper products and utensils will be provided. Please notify Karen West of any persons you would like added to the memorial list. Because the Homecoming was cancelled last year, very few donations were received. Your donations for the upkeep of the church located on Rockland Road, Ronceverte, and the cemetery are more important now than ever before. If you have loved ones buried in the Ketron cemetery and cannot attend, please consider mailing a generous donation to Ketron Church in care of the Ketron Treasurer, Karen West, P.O. Box 251, Ronceverte, WV 24970. We look forward to seeing you!

and Fred Landrum; and sister-in-law, Betty Camp Wise.

George was born in Fairlea on June 17, 1927, to A.K. Piercy and Ola (Hughart) Piercy.

He attended Greenbrier High School until his senior year, when he enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II and was stationed in Bermuda. After the war, he attended Greenbrier Military School, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Davis and Elkins College, and received a master's degree from West Virginia University. Upon graduation from D & E, George met the love of his life Leila "Lee" Camp, and they married in 1952 for 69 years. George was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, but he was known by most as Coach Piercy or Mr. Piercy.

He began his career working as a high school teacher and coach at Smoot, Frankford, and White Sulphur Springs. Mr. Piercy was well-known for his passion for coaching high school baseball, football, and basketball, which resulted in many teams advancing to the state playoffs and many of his athletes receiving collegiate scholarships.

George was a man of many talents and took pride in his work as he served many roles throughout his life: a WV Rehabilitation Counselor; the first Assistant Principal at the newly consolidated Greenbrier East High School; the Personnel Director and Associate Superintendent for Greenbrier County Schools; he taught classes at the Greenbrier Commu-

nity College (New River Community College); and he was the first educator to teach at the Federal Prison for Women in Alderson. Postretirement, Coach Piercy continued to mentor and coach young athletes, worked as a starter at the Greenbrier Resort Golf Courses, directed his WV State Fair parking and camping lot, and enjoyed playing golf.

The family will receive friends Friday, July 2, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg. A graveside military funeral service will be held Saturday, July 3, at 11 a.m. at the Wallace Memorial Cemetery in Clintonville. In addition, family and friends are invited to celebrate George Piercy's life at his home in Fairlea, at 5 p.m. on July 3.

The pallbearers for the graveside funeral service are Leann Piercy-McMillion, Bill McMillion, Ben McMillion, Kelby Seanor, Kylie McMillion, Kris McMillion, and Ralph McMillion. The honorary pallbearers are Bill Huff, C.C. Parker, Jackie Joe Robinson, and Tom Sweeney.

The posthumous pallbearers are Dixie Ayers, Tom Bill Dudley, Kelly Ford, Dick Gunnoe, Jim Hayes, Coach Toddy Luddin, Jimmy McMillion, Coach Abe McLaughlin, Skinny Minnieweather, Alvin Porterfield, and many friends and students.

The family would like to thank Dr. Belinda Smith, the staff of Home Care Plus and Palliativecare of Lewisburg for all of their love and support. And, thank you to Kenny Baker and Robert McClintic for officiating.

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A Look Back



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By William "Skip" Deegans

This week's photo shows Mildred Gillars when she was released from the women's federal prison in Alderson on July 10, 1961. From left to right are Roger Mudd (CBS), Don Marsh (The Charleston Gazette), Gillars, Dick Toren (UPI), and Jack Davis (AP).

Nearly long forgotten, Gillars has popped back in the news recently as a movie and book about her were released. Most disturbing, however, is her resurrection by white supremacist hate groups. Gillars was born in 1900 in Portland, Maine. She had aspirations of becoming an actress and studied drama and acting at Ohio Wesleyan University. She left the university without a degree to pursue acting in New York City. While a

struggling unsuccessful actress in Greenwich Village, she had a love affair with Max Otto Koischwitz, a married Hunter College professor of German. Later, she left for Algiers with a British man. The relationship did not last, and she found her way to Berlin, Germany, where she worked teaching English and writing for Vanity Fair.

Koischwitz, still married, had moved to Berlin, where he and Gillars rekindled their relationship. In 1940, Gillars took a job with the German State Radio Corporation. Koischwitz was put in charge of the Nazi radio propaganda broadcasts that targeted U.S. troops during World War II. Koischwitz encouraged Gillars to broadcast programs undermining the morale of American soldiers. Known by

the troops as "Axis Sally," she blamed the war on Britain, Franklin Roosevelt, and the Jews and encouraged the troops to stop fighting. Underlying her broadcasts were corrosive anti-semitic propaganda. She suggested U. S. soldiers were risking their lives while men of deferred status back home were taking their jobs and women. Her programs were immensely popular because she played big-band American jazz.

After the war, Gillars was captured in 1946 and brought back to the United States to face trial in 1948 for treason. With scarlet lips and nails, long flowing silver hair, a deep tan, tight-fitting long black dresses, and spiked high heels, the public and press found Gillars fascinating. On March 25, 1949, she was sentenced to 10-30 years in prison. While in prison, she converted to Catholicism and was released after 12 years. The warden at the Alderson prison said Gillars was a cooperative and helpful inmate. She returned to Ohio to teach in a convent and graduated from Ohio Wesleyan with, ironically, a degree in speech. She died in 1988.

Sources: *The Charleston Gazette, New York Times, Smithsonian Magazine, New England Historic Society, The Last Archive podcast.*

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Super Crossword

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5 Mark for omission
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15 Feudal drudge
19 Like — out of hell
20 Special periods
21 Tesla vehicle
22 Court claim
23 THREE OF A KIND
26 Himalayan hoax subject
27 — Lodge (motel chain)
28 British title
29 Yoko who appeared in "Let It Be"
31 Op. — (footnote abbr.)
32 THREE OF A FIND
39 — awkward position
40 Broadcast
41 Severe spasm
42 Chicken, e.g.
45 Destruction
48 Opposite of always
50 Merits, as an income

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66 Blue-skinned race in
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75 Wry comic
76 Bitter
77 Troll's cousin
78 Famed coach
81 Edmonton's prov.
83 Like boys
84 Certain
85 THREE OF A WIND
91 Pink star
92 "Silas Marner" novelist
93 On the cutting edge of art, informally

94 Fluids in blood
95 Car part on a wheel, to Brits
96 Airport town on Long Island's South Shore
98 Bite gently
101 Giddy delight
103 THREE OF A MIND
110 In the past
111 Really strain
112 — Ball (arcade favorite)
113 Slight ridge on a surface
114 Tiny particle
116 THREE OF A RIND
122 Calf's father
123 More
125 Under sail
126 Apple discard
127 Jeb the reb
128 Desiccated
129 Gen — (millennials)

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2 Crude
3 Cats, in Spanish
4 Letter-printing aid
5 "Gloria in Excelsis —" (hymn)
6 Act human, so they say
7 Crust, mantle or core
8 Expository piece
9 Dry red wine
10 Fall mo.
11 In no way
12 Super-cold
13 Dinner chicken
14 "The Human Condition" author
15 CIA figure
16 Concerned with voting
17 Inclination to keep silent
18 Islam, e.g.
24 Hired tough
25 Structured gps.
30 Orangy shade
33 Knightly virtue
34 Slaughterer in an outfield
35 Ian Fleming novel
36 Forecaster
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by Linda Thistle

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Donors urgently needed: Red Cross still facing severe blood shortage

The American Red Cross continues to experience a severe blood shortage that is negatively affecting blood product availability across the country. Donors of all blood types - especially type O - are urged to make an appointment to give now and help ensure hospital shelves are stocked with blood products over the Fourth of July holiday and beyond.

Right now, the Red Cross is working around the clock to provide blood products to hospitals responding to an unusually high number of traumas and emergency room visits, as well as overdoses and resulting transplants. As a result of the blood shortage, some hospitals are being forced to slow the pace of elective surgeries until the blood supply stabilizes, delaying crucial patient care.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities include a Lewisburg Blood Drive on Tuesday, July 6, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at the Greenbrier Valley Church of the Nazarene, the Skylar Drive Entrance to the Fellowship Hall.

In addition, while summer is traditionally a time when blood donations decline, this year is particularly challenging as many Americans receive their vaccinations and resume summer activities after more than a year of limited interactions and travel, leading to lower donor turnout. The need for blood doesn't take a holiday break - patients still depend on lifesaving transfusions.

Donors are needed now to prevent further delays to patient care. Schedule an appointment to give blood now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

As a thank-you, all those who come to give July 1-6 will receive a Red Cross embroidered hat, while supplies last. And, donors who come to give July 7-31 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email, plus a chance to win gas for a year (a \$5,000 value). (Terms and conditions apply; visit rcblood.org/fuel).

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.

To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification that are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

Donors can also save up to 15 minutes

at the blood drive by completing a RapidPass. With RapidPass, donors complete the pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of donation, from a mobile device or computer. To complete a RapidPass, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Health insights for donors

At a time when health information has never been more important, the Red Cross is also screening all blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide Black donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly to help patients with sickle cell disease. Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell

disease.

Donors can expect to receive sickle cell trait screening results, if applicable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

Dear Recycle Lady,



Dear Recycle Lady,

I know that only bottles and jugs can be recycled and to be a bottle or jug, the cap on top must be smaller than the bottom. What do I do with a bottle whose top appears to be very close to the same size as the bottom? Will it recycle?

Puzzled Recycler

Dear Puzzled Recycler,

You are correct in saying that the only plastics that recycle are bottles and jugs. Accepting other plastics, such as clam shells or black plastics, could cause the buyer to reject an entire batch. When considering what to do with a bottle that appears to have the same size top and bottom, remove the top. Now the upper part of the bottle is probably smaller than the bottom part and will recycle. It's always good to remove the tops from plastic bottles and jugs as the tops and bottoms of a bottle are made from different types of plastics.

Dear Recycle Lady,
Are masks recyclable?

Not Wearing Them Now

Dear Not Wearing Them Now,

It depends on whether your masks are disposable or cloth. Disposable masks are not recyclable and are a problem for disposal. The United Kingdom estimated that one disposable mask used each day by their citizens would create 72,763 tons of contaminated waste and 62,832 tons of plastic packaging waste. According to earth911.com, an eco-entrepreneur in India is working to convert disposable masks into construction bricks. Abaca, a biodegradable fiber from banana plants, is a possible replacement for the polyester and plastics used in making biodegradable medical masks.

If your masks are made of cloth, are machine-washable, and you live in a community that offers textile recycling, your cloth masks may be recyclable. However, because of the health risk, many communities that accept textiles do not accept masks. Currently, there is no textile recycling in this area.

Never dispose of masks, disposable, or cloth, in open trash cans or outdoors where they could become litter. Masks that find their way into the environment release microplastics and if they have been exposed to a virus, they are a potential health risk to anyone who may pick them up. Before disposing of a mask,

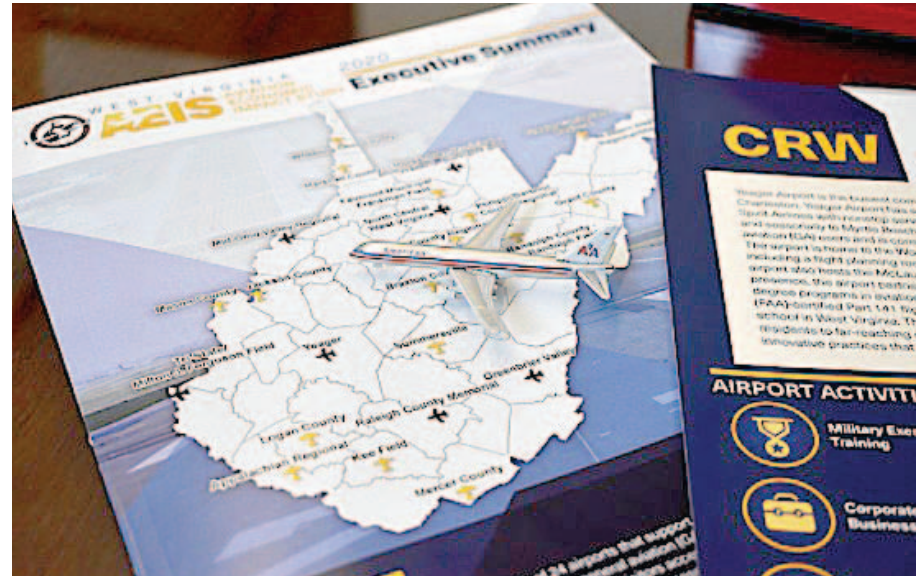
be sure to cut the strings. Wildlife and marine life can get tangled up in them. It is recommended that used masks, disposable or cloth, be sealed in a small bag before putting them in a trash bag.

Dear Readers,

Have you taken the Plastic Free July challenge? Earthday.org is working to reduce the millions of tons of plastics being used. The plastics of today will outlive not only us, but our children's children. Please consider joining 326 million participants worldwide who have taken the challenge. Make just one change, such as refusing single-use plastic utensils for take-out or taking a reusable bag when shopping. It all adds up over time!

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

Airports contribute \$1.63 billion in revenue to WV economy



West Virginia's commercial and general aviation airports contribute about \$1.63 billion in revenue and create more than 10,000 jobs, according to a study commissioned by the West Virginia Aeronautics Commission.

According to the just-released West Virginia Aviation Economic Impact Study, visitors to the state's seven commercial and 17 general aviation airports also spend more than \$69 million a year.

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Robert C. Byrd Clinic gains new CFO

Robert C. Byrd Clinic (RCBC) is proud to announce the addition of Jason McDaniel, MBA. He will be joining our team, serving as our Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

Originally from the area, McDaniel graduated from Concord University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He then went on to earn his MBA from Wake Forest University Schools of Business. McDaniel joins us after most recently serving as CFO at Fritz's Pharmacy since 2014. Prior to his time at Fritz's Pharmacy, McDaniel worked in the financial industry in Charlotte, NC for companies including Fox Sports Media Group.

McDaniel resides in Lewisburg with his family. Having been born and raised locally, he understands the landscape and challenges of providing rural healthcare to a deserving population. He has seen the changes in the world of healthcare and is excited to bring his expertise to our team.

Please join us in welcoming Jason McDaniel and his family to the RCBC team.



New owner, Katie Piner is with Alderson Main Street President Judy Lohmeyer and former owner Donna Sims as they cut the ribbon at Sassy Scissors.

Business transition at Sassy Scissors

A nice group gathered to watch the ribbon cutting at Sassy Scissors on Monday, June 28, to mark the formal transition of the full-service cosmetology business from former owner Donna Sims to current owner Katie Piner.

Sims, who has been serving her clients for 40 years, is retiring. She opened her business in 1981 in this building which she had constructed for the purpose. She is a graduate of the Little French Beauty Academy in Princeton.

Piner, a 2019 graduate of the cos-

metology training program at New River Community and Technical College, has purchased the business at 101 Clay Street, Alderson, and will continue to offer hair dressing services as well as manicures, pedicures, facials, waxing, and spray tans. Plans include the addition of massage at a later date.

Piner said, "I am really excited to start this business in my hometown; Donna used to cut my hair when I was little and now I am the owner. It is hard to believe!"

Sims added, "It is bitter-sweet

to be leaving. I want to thank all those who used my services over the years. But, you could not be in better hands. I hope you will support Katie like you have supported me."

Alderson Main Street President Judy Lohmeyer said, "We are so happy to have this business transition to a new owner. We wish Katie every success!"

Piner can be reached at Sassy Scissors at 304-445-2667, and business hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Airports

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"The purpose of the study is to take the first look in over 30 years at the economic impact of our airports," said Aeronautics Commission Director Sean Hill. "The idea is to get a baseline to understand what the airports mean to our economy."

The \$400,000 study was paid for with funding from the Federal Aviation Administration, with a 10 percent match from the Aeronautics Commission. Results were based on 2019 data.

The study, conducted by planning and design engineering consultants Kimley-Horn, looks at both quantitative data - how much money goes into and out of the state's airports - and qualitative data - how important airports are to local business, military and medical needs.

But Hill said the Aeronautics Commission wasn't interested in a study that painted the Mountain State's airport system in the rosiest light possible. "We didn't want any fluff," he said. "I didn't want to see numbers that seemed crazy to me. I'm pretty confident in what we came up with."

"We wanted to make sure we took the most conservative approach possible," Hill said.

The study found that West Virginia's airport industry employs 10,729

people.

The figure does not include just employees who work directly for the airport, but jobs directly associated with the airport or those from businesses who lease space at the airport. At Yeager Airport in Charleston, for example, 2,940 employees include airport workers, rental car employees, workers at Executive Air and the West Virginia National Guard, which shares runway space with the airport.

The 2,345 jobs recorded at North Central West Virginia Airport in Clarksburg also include employees at aircraft component company Aurora Flight Sciences and aircraft maintenance company Mitsubishi Aircraft Corporation.

Hill says the information from the report is important because the Aeronautics Commission has limited funding.

The main source of revenue for the commission is taxes on aviation fuel, which bring in about \$1.2 million a year. The commission automatically gives each airport in the state \$12,500 a year, but also matches funding put up by the FAA for local airport projects.

Hill also said data from the study will be shared with state lawmakers to make better decisions about West Virginia's airports.

New WSS brewery offers benefits program



Partners Clay Elkins, David Bostic and J.W. Groseclose invite community to become members of the Dry Creek Society.

Big Draft Brewing, a new craft brewery in downtown White Sulphur Springs slated to open later this month, is pleased to introduce the Dry Creek Society. The Dry Creek Society is a lifetime benefit program that recognizes its members with valuable perks.

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Founding partner and head brewer J.W. Groseclose said, "We feel confident the Dry Creek Society will continue to grow in rapport and value, but only those in from the beginning will be original investors. That's pretty special to us and to this town."

"The Dry Creek Society is a way for people to support Big Draft Brewing while receiving valuable

incentives in return. Your financial investment helps Big Draft Brewing build the operating capital necessary for real growth - the sort of growth that impacts lives," founding partner Clay Elkins said.

To learn more or to become a member of the Dry Creek Society, email clay@bigdraftbrewing.com or sarah@crosscreekonmain.com. Or, better yet, make a visit to 697 Main Street East in White Sulphur Springs, home of The Local Café, Big Draft Brewing, and Cross Creek on Main, a live music and events venue.

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 21-0340-E-P
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and
WHEELING POWER COMPANY,
public utilities.

Petition for review of Vegetation Management Program and Update of VMP Surcharge.

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On April 16, 2021, Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (jointly Companies) filed a petition for Commission review of their vegetation management program (VMP) and true-up of the VMP Surcharge. The Companies are not asking for an increase in the VMP Surcharge, but are requesting a change to the residential VMP rate design. The change would shift the charge from the current 1.111 cents per kWh to a monthly charge of \$12.45 per residential customer. The impact of the requested monthly charge, if approved, would be that residential customer bills for less than 1,121 kWh would increase while residential customer bills for more than 1,121 kWh would decrease. Examples of the range of increases and decreases at various usage levels are shown in the following chart.

Monthly kWh	Current VMP Charge	Proposed VMP Charge	Increase or Decrease
250	\$ 2.78	\$ 12.45	\$ 9.67
500	\$ 5.56	\$ 12.45	\$ 6.89
1121	\$ 12.45	\$ 12.45	\$ 0.00
1500	\$ 16.67	\$ 12.45	\$ (4.22)
1750	\$ 19.44	\$ 12.45	\$ (6.99)
2000	\$ 22.22	\$ 12.45	\$ (9.77)

Under the Companies' proposal the monthly bills for every other class of rate payer would remain the same. The Commission set a procedural schedule in this case, 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 this case 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.

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Carnegie Hall's Ivy Terrace Concert Series continues with Richard Hefner and Friends



Richard Hefner

Carnegie Hall continues its 2021 Ivy Terrace Concert Series on Thursday, July 8, at 7 p.m. with bluegrass musician Richard Hefner and some of his musically inclined friends. Sponsored by City National Bank, the concert will take place outside on Carnegie Hall's Ivy Terrace as attendees watch from the expansive lawn in front of New River Community and Technical College.

Concert-goers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and pack a picnic to enjoy live music. All Ivy Terrace concerts are free, open to the public, and alcohol free.

Richard Hefner started picking banjo in 1967 and the next year formed one of West Virginia's longest-running bluegrass bands, Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys. The group first organized in 1968 and took their name from Black Mountain in their native Pocahontas County. Hefner remains as the lone original member.

Richard Hefner picks the banjo in the style of Don Reno, Ralph Stanley and Earl Scruggs and is able to sing and back himself up at the same time. Fiddler Blaine Sprouse and other local musicians will join him for the Ivy Terrace concert.

The remaining schedule is Kevin Smith (singer/songwriter) on July 22, Deni Bonet (pop/rock) on Aug. 5, 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.

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 or call 304-645-7917.

Carnegie Hall WV is a nonprofit organization supported by individual contributions, grants, and fundraising efforts such as TOOT and The Carnegie Hall Gala. The Hall is located at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV.

STEPPIN' OUT

GVT speeds into 2021 season with Driving Miss Daisy

Greenbrier Valley Theatre gearing up to launch New Season

After over a year of being dark with no stage lights, no singing, no laughter, Greenbrier Valley Theatre (GVT) is getting ready to re-open its doors to the public with the classic 1987 Pulitzer Award winning play *Driving Miss Daisy*.

The play, which shares its name with the 1989 film adaptation starring Morgan Freeman and Jessica Tandy, has been entertaining audiences around the world for decades, and now hits the GVT stage. The show is starring GVT legend Cathey Sawyer as the titular Miss Daisy, returning actor Lorenzo Scott as Hoke, and incoming Producing Artistic Director Matthew Campbell as Daisy's son Boolie. The show is being directed by Erin Jerozal, who is making her GVT directorial debut.

Campbell, who is taking over for Sawyer after her 30 years of service as Producing Artistic Director, is especially excited to be heading his first production with an extremely talented and prepared group of equity professionals.

Jerozal brings 20+ years of experience with her to the directorial table. Scott has performed the role of Hoke six times prior to joining this production, while Sawyer knows the space like the back of her hand.

While the show presents nostalgia for many viewers, it also offers opportunities for growth and reflection no matter the age of audience members. Themes that were worked into a play over 30 years ago such as race and prejudice are still extremely timely today. "Even though the play was written in '87 these are still conversations that we're engaging in and trying to figure out," said Campbell. "What our likenesses are versus what makes us different."

Driving Miss Daisy presents a great deal of personal growth that is relevant no matter your age. The show evokes thoughts about what is really important in relationships, and what is really important in a person. "It's not just for young people to be open to change," said Jerozal.

The lessons that are presented in

this show are as important and timely as ever while we all re-introduce ourselves to the world after the COVID-19 pandemic. This makes the show an ideal kick off for the theatre's 2021 season. "We can all keep moving forward, we can all keep learning and keep growing," said Jerozal.

The theatre will present this production with reduced seating available to the public, ensuring that patron safety and comfortability is just as much at the forefront of the organization's mind as entertainment is. They have been working diligently with union regulations in regards to safety, as well. Actors in the production must be vaccinated, while participating in regular testing before all rehearsal processes.

Driving Miss Daisy opens July 9 and runs through the 24th. Tickets are \$30 for general seating, \$27 for senior citizens age 60 and above, and \$20 for students. Tickets are available online at the theatre's website: www.gvtheatre.org or by calling the box office at 304-645-3838.

Books for Kids at Alderson Community Market July 6

Every child attending Alderson Community Market on Tuesday, July 6, from 3 to 6 p.m., will receive a brand-new book free of charge from Read Aloud West Virginia, presented by Elizabeth Spangler.

For kids, every Tuesday afternoon is Carrot Club: tasting a new fruit or vegetable and playing a fun physical activity. Each participant receives four Carrot Club dollars (\$4) to spend on fresh fruit and vegetables at the market.

Vendors at the market offer locally grown beef, lamb, pork, chicken and eggs along with summertime vegetables, berries, jam, pickled onions, buckwheat flour, butter, corn meal and grits, bread and bakery treats including pies both fried and baked. There's even aromatherapy, bath salts, soap, CBD oil, abstract art, and jewelry. Tupperware is also available as part of a benefit for the Alderson Public Library.

The Greenbrier County Commission, with Alderson Main Street, makes

sure there's live music at the market every week. Come to Alderson Market and relax at picnic tables under the trees every Tuesday from 3 to 6

p.m. through October. Alderson Community market offers SNAP Stretch, automatically doubling EBT SNAP dollars.

Dailey & Vincent and Jimmy Fortune to perform at State Fair

State Fair of West Virginia officials are excited for the addition of Dailey & Vincent and Jimmy Fortune to the 2021 Concert Series as the final announcement. This concert will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m. with tickets going on sale Wednesday, June 30 at 10 a.m.

"Jimmy Fortune and Dailey & Vincent are the perfect addition to our 2021 Concert Series," CEO Kelly Collins stated. "Both have performed here in the past and are continuously fan-favorites."

Tickets for this went on sale Wednesday, June 30, and may be purchased by calling 1-800-514-ETIX (3849) or by visiting www.statefairwv.com. The State Fair Box Office is open Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The State Fair of West Virginia is not responsible for tickets bought from third party vendors.

More information and bios for all artists may be found at www.statefairwv.com.

The 96th State Fair is scheduled for Aug. 12-21. The State Fair of West Virginia has a \$13.8 million economic impact on the state of West Virginia and is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation committed to the traditions of agriculture, family entertainment, and education. For more information, please visit www.statefairwv.com, or follow fair events on Facebook and Twitter.

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