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Solar projects continue as Bethlehem Farms works to bring affordable energy to region

By Sarah Richardson

Construction is underway at several houses around the Greenbrier Valley region as they prepare for solar panel installation thanks to the efforts of Bethlehem Farms. Described as a "Catholic community in Appalachia that transforms lives through service of the local community and the teaching of sustainable practices," the farm has been working hard to make solar access easier and affordable for those that may not have the resources to compete such an undertaking on their own.

"One of the biggest obstacles to solar access is finances, and also finding companies and contractors that will work with you, filling out the proper paperwork with the power company, and other difficult steps," explained Gemma Stanton, an AmeriCorps member and caretaker at Bethlehem Farms.

"We leverage our knowledge and resources to connect people with roofers and other professionals. We call and check in with the power company, because it's hard to pursue solar while balancing the rest of your life. We try See "Bethlehem Farms" Page 3



This homeowner in Talcott saw solar panels installed this week through Bethlehem Farm's program. (Photo Gemma Stanton)

Camp Alleghany partners with WV Helping Hands to donate blessing bags locally

By Sarah Richardson

One of Greenbrier County's newest nonprofits was the recipient of a large wave of donations from the campers at Camp Alleghany this month after the camp chose to donate blessing bags to those less fortunate. West Virginia Helping Hands, a 501(c)3 organization, received the multitude of bags from the camp last week, and the second term of campers is already preparing their round of donations, as well.

"This year is the 99th summer of Camp Allegh-



Each bag contains hygiene essentials and useful items for the less fortunate.

any," said Laura Gorsuch, Camp Alleghany's 'Ghany We Will Give' chair.

"A few years ago the Director of Camps, Elizabeth Shreckhise, wanted to start a type of community service program for the area, and that's how 'Ghany We Will Give' began. I believe this is our seventh summer doing the program. Every year in the winter we choose the direction or group we want to go with. In the past we've done Relay for Life, the Greenbrier Humane Society, and the Family Refuge Center and local school system."

She explained how for this year's project, she reached out to her mom,

Mary Cole Dietz, and Delilah Dixon, who both work at the Greenbrier Valley Visitor's Center and had already been assisting WV Helping Hands with some of their projects, including filling local blessing boxes.

"My mom works at the Visitor's Center downtown and she helped Delilah build blessing bags, so the camp ended up reaching out to WV Helping Hands and they were thrilled that we wanted to help," said Gorsuch.

"We are honored to be working with West Virginia Helping Hands, whose mission fosters coming together to help our fellow neighbors and promote community support and growth," states a release from the camp. "This newly established non-profit organization is committed to serving West Virginia residents who are in dire need by providing Blessing Boxes throughout the state. A recent new project, Blessing Bags, was added as a result of feedback regarding the needs of elderly, homeless, and destitute folks in the area. Blessing Bags are in great demand."



The large donation is just one of two planned as the second term of campers prepares to donate more supplies.



The solar program not only provides an interest-free loan, but also key information on how to navigate the solar installation process. (Photo Gemma Stanton)

State Police apprehend bank robbery suspect

After a day on the run, suspect is in custody



The West Virginia State Police have apprehended the suspect from an armed robbery that occurred in the Rupert area of Greenbrier County shortly after noon on Wednesday, July 14.

The individual pictured allegedly perpetrated the robbery at Summit Community Bank in Rupert.

Police say he held employees at gunpoint and took money from a vault.

After nearly a day on the run, State Police Lt. col. Dave Nelson said the individual was captured near Princeton on Thursday, July 15.

More details as they become available.

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Today's Rock

New Lewisburg Council members sworn in

Three new Lewisburg City Council members were sworn in on Tuesday, June 13, by Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White at City Hall.

Frank Johnson, John Little, and Valerie Pritt have now

begun their first terms on the Council. Council member Arron Seams also retook the oath of office as he enters a four year term.

Lewisburg City Council now consists of Mayor Beverly White and councilmembers Sarah Elkins, Johnson, Little, Pritt, and Seams.



Frank Johnson (left) takes the oath of office from Mayor White



John Little is sworn in



Valerie Pritt (left) begins her ceremony with Mayor White

Blessing Bags

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Blessing bags consist of hygiene products and basic necessities. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks, hand sanitizers, lotions, shampoo, conditioner, tissues, deodorant, combs, chapstick, and more are typically found in such a bag, which WV Helping Hands makes sure get into the hands of people who need them through distribution in blessing boxes around the county.

"Our main goal with forming the 501(c)3 was to provide a process for change," said Amy Hubbard of WV Helping Hands. Hubbard was motivated to be a catalyst for forming a non-profit while becoming involved with the community through her daycare, Little Learners. She realized the need

of such resources in the immediate area, and filed for their tax-exempt status in January 2021, and got final approval in April.

WV Helping Hands has been building and stocking blessing boxes for months, and now, thanks to the campers, they have over 150 blessing bags to distribute.

"We've been able to fill so many blessing boxes with bags," said Hubbard. "It's incredible."

Laura explained how the campers were able to make so many bags by working together to gather each type of item.

"We set it up so that each age group of campers brought a certain item to go in the bags. For each of our four camp sessions, which includes two full

camp terms, a mini-camp, and a mother-daughter weekend, families donated items. We took them and put them together, and made the first donation of blessing bags. This weekend our second term of campers are arriving, and we will have a whole other round of items incoming," she said

"Sometimes it's hard for the campers because you can't see where your donations go, but our 14s and 15s were actually the ones to assemble the bags and put them together, so they got to feel included in that process."

Anyone wishing to work with WV Helping Hands is invited to reach out at helpinghandsof-wv@yahoo.com.



The 14 and 15 year old campers worked hard to assemble the blessing bags before donating them to WV Helping Hands.

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PICK OF THE LITTER

PATCH

Patch is a four-year-old pit bull terrier and heeler mix and weighs 46 pounds.



CHER

Cher is a three-year-old domestic short hair calico.



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.

DON'T SHOP • ADOPT!

Blood shortage continues: Red Cross needs donors now

A thousand blood donations needed daily to prevent further delays in patient care

While donors across the country have rolled up a sleeve to give this summer, the need for blood remains crucial for patients relying on lifesaving transfusions. The American Red Cross continues to experience a severe blood shortage and donors of all blood types - especially type O - are urged to make an appointment to give now.

Right now, the Red Cross needs to collect more than 1,000 additional blood donations each day to meet current demand as hospitals respond to an unusually high number of traumas and emergency room visits, organ transplants and elective surgeries.

To thank donors who help refuel the blood supply this month, all who come to give July 7-31 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card via email and will also receive automatic entry for a chance to win gas for a year (a \$5,000 value). More information and details are available at rcblood.org/fuel. Also, all those who come to donate throughout the entire month of July will be automatically entered for a chance to win a trip for four to Cedar Point or Knott's Berry Farm.

To learn more, visit rcblood.org/CedarFair. Donors who give now will help stock the shelves for the rest of the summer season.

Schedule an appointment to give blood 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. 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.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Greenbrier County include:

- July 22, 1 to 6 p.m., White Sulphur Spring Public Library, 344 Main Street West
- July 26, 12 noon to 6 p.m., Lewisburg United Methodist Church, 214 E. Washington Street
- July 29, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., WV State Fairground Underwood Building, 947 Maplewood Avenue

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Briefly

Energy Express gathers donations for Greenbrier Humane Society

Energy Express at White Sulphur Elementary is doing a pet supplies drive as a children's community service project for this summer. Any and all donations will be taken to the Greenbrier Humane Society. If you would like to donate, please drop your supplies off at the school between 8 a.m. and 12 noon from Monday, July 19, through Friday, July 23.

Carnegie Hall

will hold its annual membership meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, July 19, via video/ phone conference. The agenda includes introduction of newly-elected officers and an overview of 2020-21 year-end financials. Individuals or families who made a contribution of at least \$50 to the Hall during the last fiscal year are considered members of the Hall and are invited to attend the annual meeting. Please email ceo@carnegiehallowv.org for information about how to join the meeting by video conference or phone.

American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

Located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte. Open to the public, all welcome, handicap accessible. Listeners and tourists welcome. Admission \$7 Tuesday nights, \$10 Saturday - Audience provides food. Doors open at 7 p.m. Jam & Dance every Tuesday from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday dance, July 24 features Ivan Combs & The Outlaws. For more information call the Music Hall at 304-645-4667; Bill Evans at 304-392-6079; Grace Poe at 304-992-5852. The Music Hall is available for weddings and parties.

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.

Car Show to support Adopt A Cop

Greenbrier County Adopt A Cop and Shade Tree Car Club will host a Car Show Fundraiser on Aug. 7 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ronceverte Island Park. It is FREE to the public and a \$15 registration fee for all cars, trucks, and motorcycles. There will be a dunking booth, food vendor, T-shirts, and much more. Please come out and support our local law enforcement officers. For more information, be sure to follow our Facebook Page at Greenbrier County Adopt A Cop.

Addiction Screenings available

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

Red Cross Blood Drive slated at WSS Library

Right now, 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 and those who can give platelets, are urged to make an appointment to give to prevent further impact to patients.

The White Sulphur Springs Public Library will hold a blood drive on Thursday, July 22, from 1 to 6 p.m. You can make an appointment to give the gift of life by visiting RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule your blood or platelet donation appointment. You may also call the library at 304-536-1171 on weekdays between the hours of 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to make an appointment.

The library is located at 344 Main Street West in White Sulphur Springs. The drive is made possible in part through the support of the White Sulphur Springs Lions.

Bethlehem Farms Continued from Front Page

to be there to be a resource to help navigate the whole process."

However, they also assist with the financial portion by offering interest-free loans to those who qualify, a step that makes solar drastically more attainable.

"One key part of the process that the farm helps facilitate is providing a 20-year interest-free loan for solar," she said. "With this loan payment, some people end up breaking even with their monthly energy costs until the loan is paid off, and others end up paying less per month from the start. When the loan is paid for, the individual's overall power cost per month will then only consist of whatever energy bill the solar may not cover."

"We know the cost of energy is going to go up basically every year, so this does save money in the long run," she added.

The loans are provided through grants obtained by Bethlehem Farms. So far, they have financed four household projects and one nonprofit project. One is finished, another is currently being installed, and two are getting prep work done for the panels.

"This is about more than just saving money," said Stanton, "it's also a way to lower your carbon footprint."

Bethlehem Farms serve the Greenbrier, Monroe, and Summers county region, and households that fit their income guidelines. Visit their website at bethlehemfarm.net under the Solar Panels tab to learn more or apply.

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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 PSD #1

will meet Friday, July 23, at 7 a.m. in regular session at the District Office, 9035 Seneca Trail South, Fairlea. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - June 18, 2021
- Financial Report
- Manager Report
- Field Report
- Engineering Report
- Rolling Hills and Brush Road extension projects
 - a. Payment resolutions
 - b. Other project-related business brought before the Board
- Other Business brought before the Board

Planning Commission

will hold a working session Thursday, Aug. 5, at 942 Washington Street, West. Also available via teleconference. For information on how to participate on ZOOM, contact Marsha Cunningham at 304-645-2080 by 4 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 5.

On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - July 1, 2021
- Comments from the Public
- Review and discussion - Draft of sign regulations
- Discussion of Scenic Overlay
- Discussion of Wireless Telecommunication Facilities
- Discussion of Permissible Use Table and Map
- Discussion of Air B&B regulations
- Schedule LUSD Clinic Date
- Comments from Planning Commission Members
- Comments from Zoning Officer

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting will be held Thursday, Sept. 2, at 7 p.m. with a deadline of Friday, Aug. 13.

West Virginians want 'dark money' out of politics

By Nadia Ramlagan for WVNS

In the last two months, two polls have found West Virginia voters have concerns about so-called "dark money" in politics.

They say the opaque political spending by nonprofits, shell companies and outside groups to state officials means voters don't always get the information they need about candidates.

Quentin Berg, a Putnam County resident, said he believes dark money is an issue in both major political parties in the state, and thinks it's become almost impossible for most West Virginia voters to accurately assess a candidate's priorities.

"Without that accountability, it's impossible to know what their real priorities are whenever they get into office," Berg contended.

A pair of polls released in March and in May by the End Citizens United/Let America Vote Action Fund found 79% of West Virginians support the "For the People Act" in Congress, which would require any group spending more than \$10,000 on political ads to disclose

Seneca awarded funds for CCBHC designation

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has awarded Seneca Health Services, Inc. a one-year, \$2 million planning grant to move toward Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) designation. Providing behavioral health and substance use services since 1976, Seneca Health Services, Inc. is one of the 13 designated comprehensive behavioral health centers in the State of West Virginia.

The goal of a CCBHC is to increase access to, and improve the quality of, community mental health and substance use disorder treatment including in-person and family-centered integrated services. Additionally, the CCBHC grant will expand 24/7 crisis intervention services for individuals with serious mental illness or substance use disorders, including opioid use disorders, children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbance, and individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. The grant will be instrumental in enhancing Seneca's existing service delivery system and developing greater access to care and treatment options for residents of Greenbrier, Nicholas, and surrounding counties.

"We are excited to work with the WV Department of Health & Human Resources in sustaining the expanded services being made available through the planning grant from SAMHSA. We are preparing for behavioral health treatment needs to be increased post pandemic. Our goal is to meet those needs in the community setting, serving people where they live," said Marcie Vaughan, president and chief executive officer, Seneca Health Services, Inc.

"Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics play a critical role in providing substance use disorder treatment and mental health services to communities across West Virginia. I am pleased HHS is investing in expansion and improvement projects for three of our CCBHCs in West Virginia," said WV Senator Joe Manchin. "As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue to advocate for funding and resources to help our state address the drug epidemic and support West Virginians in need."

For more information on Seneca Health Services, Inc. behavioral health and substance use services, visit www.shsinc.org.

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Audry A. Mitchell, White Sulphur Springs, permitting unauthorized person to drive, GP, fine \$100

Tyler Buhl Forren, Clintonville, trespassing on property other than structure or conveyance, GP, fine \$100

Nicole Leigh Roach, Meadow Bridge, disorderly conduct, NCP, fine \$100

Joey Laten Glover, Union, driving impaired, NCP, fine \$100, jail 1 day - time served

Andrew Willis Marshall, Martinsburg, improper lane change, fine \$25

Austin M. Love, Dayton, OH, speeding, fine \$5

Christina Sunshine Campbell, Clifton Forge, VA, no insurance, fine \$200

Lovis Alfredo Fernandez, Ronceverte, no seatbelt, fine \$25

Jeromy Dean Deskins, Lewisburg, operation without certificate of inspection, fine \$10

Jeromy Dean Deskins, Lewisburg, no insurance, fine \$200

Roger H. Lawhorn, Jr., White Sulphur Springs, domestic battery, fine \$50, jail 60 days to be served on Greenbrier Co. Home Incarceration

Roger Lee Cook, Alderson, 1) assault on police officer, NCP, jail 6 months - suspended and place on 12 months unsupervised probation with participation in the Greenbrier Co. Day Report Program; 2) assault on police officer, jail 6 months - suspended and place on 12 months unsupervised probation with participation in the Greenbrier Co. Day Report Program

Carl Wayne Allen, Beckley, speeding, NCP, fine \$42

Sharon Yvonne Massie, Lewisburg, accidents involving damage to vehicle, NCP, fine \$100

Robert Stephen Cobbins, Centerville, VA, speeding, GP, fine \$5

Steven R. Hicks, Jr., Villa Ridge, MO, speeding, GP, fine \$5

Dakota Lane Phillips, White Sulphur Springs, driving while license suspended or revoked, fine \$100

Malachi Free Blankenship, Gap Mills, expired registration, GP, fine \$25

Malachi Free Blankenship, Gap Mills, no vehicle insurance, GP, fine \$200

Christopher Harold White, Williamsburg, petit larceny, fine \$100, jail 60 days - suspended and placed on 12 months

all donors who gave that amount or more.

Sen. Joe Manchin, D-WV, has voiced opposition to the legislation.

In 2020, nationwide state and federal election spending was estimated at about \$14 billion, almost double what was spent in 2016, and is based on official Federal Election Commission filings.

But experts at the Leir Institute at Tufts University say it does not fully account for dark money.

Berg believes instead of catering to the needs of corporate donors, West Virginia elected officials should be working to invest in communities and the state's outdoor recreation economy.

"We don't do a good job at putting money into our people and into our communities, to make it a place to live, a place that you want to raise a family," Berg asserted.

According to opensecrets.org, in 2020, liberal groups used more than \$514 million in dark money toward elections, compared with around \$200 million used by Republican groups.

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OPINION

Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

Thrive

Last week I discussed proper watering tips. Watering late in the evening may/may not contribute to fungal growth overnight on the soil and around the base of your plants. If your garden does not have good air circulation and plants are packed in tight, you are better off watering in the morning.

There is scientific evidence that in the morning, the stomata, tiny pores or openings in the leaves, are stimulated by sunlight at dawn. Plants maintain moisture balance by opening and closing the stomata. When they absorb water through their leaves, it travels to the roots. That is an amazing fact that concurs with the idea that watering in the morning is best.

All plants, just like humans, require sunlight, fresh air, food, shelter, and water to survive and thrive. Always plant your veggie gardens in sun filled spaces for maximum success unless you are planting shade loving plants. In the heat of the summer veggies such as radishes, arugula, spinach, swiss chard, kale, and broccoli prefer shade and can wilt in the hot, direct sun. I plant these crops in July under the leaves of another neighboring plant. Radish seeds can be sown under squash or zucchini plants. Greens including lettuces can be planted in between tomato or pepper plants if you have empty space. Even cabbages and beets can live in a shadier part of your garden. I often put up a shade cloth or old sheet to allow basil to grow in hot sunlight without wilting. Shade temperatures can be 10-15 cooler.

Reading studies from Perdue University on shade cloth indicates that even tomatoes can benefit also from shadecloth when temps reach over 100 degrees. That seldom happens in West Virginia, thank goodness, but you may have noticed hotter summers over the years. We never used air conditioning but now at night, without fans circulating the interior air, we often wake up at night in a pool of sweat.

Most seeds will germinate in soil temperatures at 60 degrees and moisture is critical for continued growth. We collect rainwater off our shed's and house roofs and use that for hand watering when the rains are scarce. Sunlight helps plants to "rise" upwards towards the sun and when raised indoors or in hot houses, they can become scraggly and skinny searching for windows that provide sunshine. Take your potted plants and seed starts outside in sunlight at least a few hours during the day to encourage growth if you want good starts for your veggie garden.

Shelter from the storm is not just an idle saying. Plants can get damaged in high winds, hail, and very heavy rains. Keep stalks supported by trellises or stakes so that they don't flop over and break. We use the California method for our tomatoes and have been successful with that. More on that next week.

If you treat your plants with the same care that you give your pets, your will have a successful garden!

Commentary

WVDA helping to protect pets like Babydog

By Kent A. Leonhardt

WV Commissioner of Agriculture

Everyone has had the opportunity to get to know West Virginia's unofficial pandemic mascot, Babydog. The one-year-old English bulldog has loaned her cuteness to the Governor as part of his campaign to convince folks to get vaccinated against COVID. This marketing tool works because it pulls at the heart strings of something we are all too familiar with, a beloved animal. From expensive toys to top notch care, most pet owners would do anything for their pet. This includes making sure they get quality nutrition from the food they eat. Ingredients listed on food labels guide us to understand if the pet food we buy is truly good for our animal. We can trust these labels because an entity has verified that these products are telling the whole truth. That trust falls to the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) as part of our mission to protect our furry friends.

If a feed company wants to do business in the Mountain State, they must help fund the WVDA's consumer protection initiative. This is important as there are 473 companies selling 10,751 products. That requires a lot of oversight to protect the animals we all care deeply about. The fees these pet manufactures are paying are also helping non-profits and local government control feral populations. Passed in 2017 by the Legislature, an additional fee was added for 10 years to provide grants for spay and neuter programs. These grants, administered by the Department of Agriculture, have been extremely successful, resulting in nearly 30,000 procedures to help control feral dogs and cats in West Virginia.

Our laboratories took it one step further during COVID by vigilantly looking for possible spreads of the virus to and from pets. As the public and media outlets tried to understand the potential spread to our pets, our staff conducted several investigations. This required working with local veterinarians as well as humane shelters to treat and verify results of potentially infected animals. The good news is we found no evidence there was spread to animals in West Virginia, but it was part of our mission to assist pandemic response and bring reassurance to the citizens of our state.

The Department also aids local law enforcement with animal welfare by either setting standards for livestock animal care or assisting with sensitive investigations. Even though authority to deal with animal welfare is left to law enforcement, most of the time these local departments do not have the resources to deal with large animal cases. Stretched budgets do not downplay the sensitivity or importance of cases and that is why law enforcement rely on the expertise of agencies such as the WVDA. Regardless of the size or breed of the animal, our staff is



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Commentary

Celebrating a local treasure

By Jessica Magnarella

The small labyrinth beside the boat ramp in Caldwell has winding concrete paths featuring a tribute to the nearby river. Faded poetry, pictograms and pressed leaves are interwoven with names of people who helped create the labyrinth. My mom and I always try to find her name, Stephanie Mendelson, and then we walk over to the covered picnic table to sit and watch the great Greenbrier River flow steadily by.

"You know," Mom invariably says, "I had the idea for this little park. I wrote the grant and worked with the Parks Commission."

"Your name should be on the sign," I say.

"Well, that would be nice but I'm just happy it worked - that I could help. Look at how many people come through here and enjoy it."

We watch people fishing, eating their lunch and admiring the river.

I think of all the ways my mom has helped Greenbrier County. While raising me and my brother, she worked at the Maxwellton School for persons with challenges, started a program for kids in need to receive equine therapy through free horseback riding, worked for nearly 30 years at the Family Refuge Center where she advocated for abused women and children, tutored women studying for their GEDs, ran a summer camp and much more. She has volunteered thousands of hours including coordinating an annual art auction for the Greenbrier Valley Theater and protesting environmental hazards. Plus, she's taught local college classes in sociology and worked for decades as a therapist, recently starting her own practice.

When I was home last month, she fielded an after hours emergency call from a client whose life seemed in danger and needed Mom's guidance. This is not rare. When I was young, it was not unusual for Mom to bring home people in need. She became a foster mother to two different high school students when she could tell they had no one else.

Mom has a myriad of longtime friends and close family. She has always been friendly - "never knows a stranger" - quick to connect in the grocery store line or give hugs at the doctor's office. People open up to her.

Stephanie and her openness - to people, new experiences and ideas - is something to celebrate. As she nears her milestone 75th birthday, she remains consistently open. Whether it was settling in WV decades ago as a homesteader, traveling to remote foreign lands like Bhutan or learning new skills like Reiki or ear acupuncture, her curiosity is inspiring and joy for life is a momentum.

I recall a time she placed a comforting hand on a woman's shoulder in the waiting room at the Osteopathic School, felt an energetic strangeness which the woman had checked out and verified as cancer which was fortunately caught early. Throughout her life, my mom has been receptive to and supportive of others and for that I feel grateful.

Let's do the same for her. If you see her in town, you might wish Stephanie Mendelson a "Happy Birthday!" or a simple "Thank you."

Thank you, Mom! May you continue to weave your way through life's labyrinth, arms and heart open at each turn.

always ready to step in when animals are at risk.

West Virginia's pet and livestock owners, including the Governor, want the reassurance that someone is keeping pet food companies honest and our animals safe. We want to know that when we open the can or bag of pet food that our pets are getting all the nutrition claimed on the label. That is where your WVDA comes in. Our staff works endlessly to keep pet owners' minds at ease and our pets safe, regardless of whether it's verifying food labels or stepping in to assist law enforcement. The WVDA is not just about farms and livestock - our mission is to protect all domesticated animals in the Mountain State.

The Back Pew

By Stephen Baldwin



Something has been burning on my heart this week. I'm not saying it as a pastor or a senator; I'm saying it as an American citizen who loves our country and thinks this is a critical time in the life of our nation.

What does patriotism mean?

Patriotism means love of country.

Patriotism means flying the flag, proudly.

Patriotism means preserving our freedoms...and fulfilling our responsibilities.

Patriotism means caring for veterans and active duty military who defend our democracy.

Patriotism means supporting law and order and those who preserve it.

Patriotism means funding emergency first responders.

Patriotism means respecting differences.

Patriotism means getting involved.

Patriotism means loving your country 365 days a year.

Patriotism means treating each other with respect and dignity.

On bad days, I fear for our nation. Because we are so bitterly divided. And that division too often leads to dark places. When we demean and dishonor our fellow Americans by tearing those with whom we disagree down, Lady Liberty grieves. When politicians wave the flag but fail to enact policies that support whose sacrifices allow us to fly it, Lady Liberty grieves. When leaders face death threats, Lady Liberty grieves.

On good days, I hope our future is bright. Because our better angels always show up at just the right time. Good people stand up and hold the line. When citizens peacefully demonstrate their patriotism, Lady Liberty rejoices. When we treat others like we want to be treated, Lady Liberty rejoices. When we stand firm in our commitment to unity despite efforts to divide us, Lady Liberty rejoices. When we put country first, Lady Liberty rejoices.

I see examples of goodness and grace all around our community every day. Random acts of kindness. Support for families in need. Prayers turned into action. A positive word at just the right time. These things rarely make the news, but they do make up the fabric of our republic.

When I think about patriotism, I think about the 13 letters written across the top of the national seal, to match the thirteen stripes on the flag. E PLURIBUS UNUM. It means, "out of many, one."

Out of many people, one nation.

Out of many opinions, one nation.

Out of many beliefs, one nation.

Patriotism means being fully committed to our UNITED states, diverse and different as we are. Men and women. Young and old. Rich and poor. Black and white. Democrat and Republican.

The good book tells us, "There is a time for everything." After a tumultuous and trying time locally and across this great nation, it's time for healing. It's time for the Golden Rule. It's time for unity. Let us not fall victim to our inner demons; let us call forth our better angels.

We are more alike than we are different. We are stronger because of our diversity. We are patriots. We are America. Out of many, WE ARE ONE.

(Senator Stephen Baldwin is the Minority Leader and a local pastor. Reach him at 304-357-7959 or stephen.baldwin@wvsenate.gov. Follow him on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram @BaldwinForWV)

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CLUB

Maxwelton Ruritan Club awards scholarship

At the June meeting of the Maxwelton Ruritan Club, Kendra Goeddert and her family were present as Kendra was awarded the club's Henry Lindsey Scholarship. Kendra is a graduate of Greenbrier East High School and plans to attend West Virginia Wesleyan College and major in Social Work.

Members continued planning for the State Fair

of WV and operation of their Ice Cream Concession Stand. Everyone agreed that this year will be special since COVID caused the cancellation of last year's Fair. The club also donated \$250 to the Greenbrier Youth Camp to sponsor a camper in July. The July meeting will be held on July 22 at the Fairgrounds to start with clean up and preparing for the Fair!



Maxwelton Ruritan Club President Gary Wallace with Kendra Goeddert

Community Clothes Closet reopens

The Good Neighbors Community Clothes Closet in White Sulphur Springs has reopened after being closed in June for maintenance. Sponsored by the Emmanuel United Methodist Church, the clothes closet currently has a good inventory of clean, gently used summer clothing for no charge, including men's golf shirts and shorts, dress

shirts and slacks, ladies dresses, skirts, tops, jeans, capris and much more. Clothing items are available for children from age six months through middle school.

The clothing bank, located in the basement level of Emmanuel UMC at 136 Hanna Lane (off Dry Creek Road) in WSS is operated by volunteers and serves as an outreach

program by offering FREE clothes to residents in the local community.

Currently, the GNCCC is open Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon and the first Monday monthly from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For additional information, please call Donna Sams directly at 304-536-3419 or the EUMC office at 304-536-1291 and leave a message.

Old White Garden Club meets



Members attending the outing: Agnes Surbaugh (bottom left), Penny Fioravante, Pat Harper, Suzanne Cronquist, Katie Ickes, Brenda Lewis, Shelva Burr, Jean Childers, Martha Buckley, Catherine Jost, Sue King, Marie Lewis, Mary Collins, Donna Sams-Council, Elizabeth McGruder and Louise Doggett

The Old White Garden Club in White Sulphur Springs met on Tuesday, June 27 at The Greenbrier Golf Club. The evening gathering was hosted by Penny Fioravante, VP/Program Chairperson, and offered members the opportunity to

view the gorgeous summertime flower gardens at The Greenbrier, showcased in beds filled with every assortment of plantings, perfectly coordinated in vibrant colors.

During a brief meeting, Elizabeth McGruder was welcomed as

a new member to the Old White Garden Club by President Agnes Surbaugh. The evening concluded with refreshments and beverages served on the Golf Club Porch by a friendly and gracious wait staff.

OBITUARIES

Hale Arbuckle Memorial

A Memorial Gathering celebrating the life of Hale Arbuckle will be held this Saturday, July 17, at 1 p.m. at the Fire Tower at Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park off 219 in Pocahontas County. There will be potluck food and music. Please spread the word.

Elwin Joseph Bailey



Frankford-Elwin "Eli" Joseph Bailey, 67, passed away unexpectedly Monday, July 12, 2021.

He was born Jan. 30, 1954, at Logan, WV, a son of the late Thaddeus Elwin Bailey and Lilly L. (Paynter) Bailey Weese.

Eli was a boiler operator for The Greenbrier Hotel for 49 years and was a member and Elder of Ronceverte Christian Church.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Kathy Sue Porterfield Bailey; a sister, Kathy Lynn Sampson and husband Vance of Lewisburg; a brother, David Bailey and wife Dawn

of Statesville, NC; and a stepbrother, Kelis Ray Weese and wife Corine of Los Angeles, CA. Also surviving are a brother-in-law, Ronnie Porterfield and wife Jean and a sister-in-law, Patty Byer and husband Roger, all of Covington, VA; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 17, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg, with Pastor Jeff Cherry officiating. Burial will follow in Rosewood Cemetery, Lewisburg.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 16, at the funeral home in Lewisburg.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visting www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com

James J. Nolen

Walnut Cove, NC- James "Jeff" J. Nolen, 52, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, July 10, 2021, surrounded by his family at Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center.

Jeff was born July 3, 1969, in Fairfax, VA, but grew up in Russellville, WV. He was a graduate of Greenbrier West Class of 1987. Jeff was a dedicated, hard-working employee for Rugby where he served as Operations

Manager for 30 years.

Jeff will be remembered for his loyalty, wonderful sense of humor, and fun-loving spirit. Jeff was a committed father and husband. He cherished the time spent with his family and friends. He was well known for his love of woodworking and his love for all animals, with the exception of spiders.

Jeff was preceded in death by his grandparents, T.J. and Mary Nolen, Essie Mae and Mondus White, and Arizona and James "Oat" Nutter. He was also preceded by a very special aunt, Judy Surratt, and uncle, Neil and Aunt, Carmon Osborne.

Jeff is survived by his wife of 29 years, Beth Hargett Nolen. Jeff was the love of her life. Also, his son, Jordan Nolen, who considered his father his best friend, and his beloved beagle, Button. Also surviving are his parents, Robert Charles and Brownie Nutter Nolen, Sr.; his brother, Bob Nolen (wife Wanda); aunts and uncles, Terri Craig, Pat and Linda Nolen, and Roger Surratt; nieces, Christina Nolen and Sarah Nolen; nephew, Charles Nolen; and many special cousins whom he loved very much.

A private family service for Jeff will be held at Hayworth-Miller Kernersville Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to

AARF at 311 Harvey Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27103 or to Stepping Stones Canine Rescue at P.O. Box 21372, Winston-Salem, NC 27120-1372.

Online condolences may be made at www.hayworth-miller.com.

Johnson Twins



Organ Cave-Twins Gattlin James and Carroll Darlene Johnson, children of Jacob and Gabrielle Johnson of Organ Cave passed away Monday, July 5, 2021, at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown.

A private service will be held later.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visting www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com

Church Bulletin

Alvon Living Word Church

and Pastor Robert McClintic will present The Hoppers at July 17 6 p.m. Multi-award-winning family group, The Hoppers, have been singing to global audiences for over 60 years with appearances ranging from presidential religious inaugural ceremonies and New York's Carnegie Hall to singing conventions and church platforms. They have performed throughout the United States as well as in Israel, Europe and Africa. Their unique blend of harmonies and song choices have created a legacy of musical excellence embraced by leading pastors and event organizers. Known as America's Favorite Family of Gospel Music, they are favorites on the Gaither Homecoming videos and tours, and their recordings frequently land at the top of the BILLBOARD sales charts and The Singing News radio charts. Comprised today of family members Claude and Connie, son Dean and his wife, Kim, and son Mike Hopper, The Hoppers were formed in 1957 in the rural-farm town of Madison, NC, and have grown continuously for decades, touching countless lives around the world. A cancer survivor, Connie has been honored with the prestigious Marvin Norcross Award, in addition to numerous industry and fan honors; and she has been inducted into the Southern Gospel Music Hall of Fame. Sons Dean and Mike have continued the family legacy with their musical talents and business abilities; and Kim, Dean's wife, hails from her own nationally acclaimed musical family, The Greens. She is noted for the excitement she brings to any live performance, and her unmistakable, rafter-ringing soprano vocals have taken The Hoppers to new heights for many years. Find more information at thehoppers.com

Area Catholic Picnic July 18

The annual Area Catholic Picnic for all Catholics and their families and guests will be held Sunday, July 18, in Shelter #1 of the picnic area in Greenbrier State Forest near White Sulphur Springs. "We invite all Catholics and their families in Greenbrier, Monroe, Pocahontas, eastern Fayette counties, WV, and Alleghany and Bath Counties, VA, to join us for an afternoon of food and fellowship," noted Grand Knight Perk Berry of the Greenbrier Valley Council 8689 Knights of Columbus who sponsor the annual event, this year in cooperation with the St. Joseph/Sacred Heart Council 17457 of the Covington, Clifton Forge and Hot Springs areas. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings, drinks, plates and paper products will be provided with all attending encouraged to bring a covered dish to add to the gathering. A limited number of tickets for children under 12 will be available for the swimming pool in the park and older youth are encouraged to bring sports and board games. A vesper service will be conducted at 4 p.m., but fellowship is encouraged to continue into the evening. For more information, contact the office of the Catholic Churches of the Greenbrier Valley 304-536-1813 or the Greenbrier Valley Knights of Columbus at 304-645-1373.

Annual Ketron Church and Community Homecoming 1902-2011

The annual Ketron Church Homecoming is resuming this year! Please join us Sunday, Aug. 1 at 11 a.m. 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.

Reunions

Suttle

It's time for the Suttle Family Reunion at the Williamsburg Community Building, in Williamsburg, WV, on Sunday, July 18. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m., doors will be open at 11 a.m., and paper products will be provided. Please bring a covered dish, serving utensils, drink, family photos, and family info you would like to share. Please invite and remind all family members and friends. Questions, call Missy Boothe at 304-667-2080. Door prizes will be given away at random based on the sign-in sheet. Please save the date for next year, always the third Sunday in July (July 17, 2022).

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MOUNTAIN STATE SPOTLIGHT

West Virginia's new business incentive fund comes with \$30 million and no guardrails

West Virginia lawmakers say the state needs a deal-closing fund to compete with other states. But the program doesn't specify how the money can — and can't — be spent.

By Douglas Soule
for Mountain State Spotlight

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A lot of other states were doing it. And the pressure got to West Virginia to follow suit.

Now, lawmakers have approved putting \$30 million into a deal-closing fund meant to attract new businesses to the state, following Gov. Jim Justice's recommendation during the recent special session. Dubbed the "seal the deal" fund, the money is meant to go to projects that will convince a company to come to West Virginia.

Economic Development Secretary Mitch Carmichael says this kind of fund is necessary for West Virginia to compete with its neighbors.

"In a post-pandemic world, we're trying to recover from our worldwide economic slowdown, and other states have these tools," Carmichael said. "Why would anyone want to tie the hands of West Virginia, and not allow us to compete for these jobs and opportunities?"

But these types of funds have drawn bipartisan criticism in other states for failing to get results, and past West Virginia incentive programs rarely produced the promised economic benefits. Plus, the



WV Legislative Photography, Photo by Will Price

Economic Development Secretary Mitch Carmichael speaks to lawmakers on June 8, 2021. Photo by Will Price/WV Legislature.

Legislature approved the fund without putting guardrails on it — so while officials say rules are coming, there is currently no independent oversight governing how it's spent and analyzing what jobs — if any — materialize.

If at first you don't succeed....

Justice has tried for years to get the Legislature to appropriate money for a deal-closing fund; a few years ago, he proposed allocating \$35 million to it, but lawmakers opted to exclude that item from the final budget.

"All of our contiguous states possess

such funds, and we have long sought those funds," said Carmichael, who was Senate president from 2017 to 2021. He lost his seat in the 2020 Republican primary election. "We tried to get these deals, but there was always a higher priority for public funds."

But West Virginia's budget surplus, largely attributed to the surge of funds the state has received through federal stimulus packages, changed the fund's outlook. Justice called a special session in June to ask lawmakers to appropriate \$250 million in surplus revenue to go to various

initiatives. Voting on June 24, legislators from both parties overwhelmingly approved nearly all of Justice's requests, including the \$30 million deal-closing fund.

"It is for the purposes of filling that gap in a transaction to recruit a business that would otherwise not be here if not for this funding stream, whatever it might be," Carmichael said. "It could be a water and sewer project to a particular site, it could be broadband development, it could be environmental cleanup, any of those issues that are impediments to a company locating and creating jobs in West Virginia."

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SCHOOL

WVDE introduces contest to increase vaccinations amongst students

The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) recently announced its latest initiative to encourage students, teachers and staff to be vaccinated. The "I Got Vaxxed Competition" is designed to encourage vaccinations among eligible, school-age students and school personnel. Throughout the state, one high school, one middle school and one elementary school will earn \$5,000 for having the highest percentage of eligible persons vaccinated. The WVDE will award those

schools \$5,000 for student activities during the 2021-22 school year. The winners of this challenge will be announced the week of Oct. 3.

For the past two school years, proms, homecomings, field days and assemblies have been canceled due to COVID-19. With vaccines now widely available, it is safer for students to participate in activities they have missed in the past. The competition is a way to celebrate the hard work and vigilance of those that prioritize vaccination,

and school participation is completely voluntary.

"We know that students and staff lost so much more than instructional days during the pandemic, and this is just a way to try and restore some normalcy and recognize the importance of vaccinations," said State Superintendent of Schools W. Clayton Burch. "Children need the benefits of a consistent school year to regain some of those lost experiences which, in turn, support their social-emotional needs."

Although COVID-19

disrupted the lives of our students and staff, vaccinations will help create a more stable environment in the schools to learn, teach and work. West Virginia students ages 12 and older and all teachers and staff are currently eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.

"The summer vacation is coming to an end. However, there is time to get the vaccination process started as the school year approaches," Superintendent Burch said.

The WVDE will work with counties and schools

interested in coordinating vaccination clinic during the coming months. School open house programs and summer learning and engagement activities are ex-

cellent venues to host vaccine clinics.

For more information about the #IGotVaxxedWV Competition, visit wvde.us/IGotVaxxed.

Dear Recycle Lady,



Dear Recycle Lady,

I have several very used gardening tools, such as hoes, spades, that are metal. Can they be recycled?

Recycling Gardner

Dear Recycling Gardner,

Absolutely. Your gardening tools can be recycled with metal. When you take them to the Recycle Center, go to the door for Aluminum cans and press the button. Someone will come assist you.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Why is there so much concern over plastics in the ocean? Don't they just sink to the bottom of the ocean and be gone?

Love the Ocean

Dear Love the Ocean,

We all should be concerned about the accumulation of plastics in our oceans and waterways. One of the biggest concerns is the health and well-being of the ocean itself. Another concern is all the marine life in the ocean that get entangled in anything with handles, such as plastic bags and 6-pack plastic rings. Also, they eat the bags, straws, cups, etc., thinking these items are food, and many suffer damage or die. In addition to the harm to marine life is the amount of plastic accumulating in the oceans. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch, located between Hawaii and California, is twice the size of Texas. This Garbage Patch is dense and several yards deep beneath the surface. Fortunately, there are countries, businesses, organizations, and individuals who are concerned and trying to find solutions. For example, Chile's legislature has unanimously passed a plastic regulation law that will reduce the country's plastic waste by more than 23,000 tons a year! This new law targets the food industry's use of single-use plastics and introduces a certification for compostable plastics. Also, Starbucks South Korea has announced that it will eliminate all single-use disposable cups by 2025. Customers will pay a small deposit for a reusable cup that is refunded when they return the cup. Even Barbie is going green! The toy company Mattel has launched its first doll made from recycled ocean-bound plastic. The Barbie Loves the Ocean Collection launch is in line with Mattel's goal to achieve 100% recycled, recyclable or bio-based plastic materials across all its products and packaging by 2030.

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RECYCLE WORKSHOP - Friday, July 16, any time from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, for information, discussion, and demonstrations on recycling at the Greenbrier Recycling Center, Monroe Avenue, Ronceverte, WV. Come join us. We would love to see you!

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.

Internet funds available to close homework gap

Greenbrier County Schools Seeks Family/Educator Input for Application

One year of free internet and/or connection may be available to Greenbrier County School (GCS) students and all school staff who do not currently have a good connection, who are not in a service area, or who struggle to afford Internet service. FCC Acting Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel announced June 29, 2021, that schools and libraries can file applications for the \$7.17 billion Emergency Connectivity Fund, the agency's latest effort to connect Americans and close the homework gap.

Schools and libraries can apply for financial support to purchase laptops and tablets, Wi-Fi hotspots, modems, routers, and broadband connections to serve unmet needs for off-campus use by students,

school staff, and library patrons. From June 29 to Aug. 13, eligible schools and libraries can submit requests for funding to purchase eligible equipment and services for the 2021-22 school year.

How does this help greenbrier county students and educators?

Greenbrier County Schools will apply for connectivity funding based on parent and staff response to a survey located at www.greenbriercountyschools.org, right at the top of the page in the green shaded band.

What should I do to see if I qualify?

Every family with a student in Greenbrier County Schools is eligible to apply based on federal guidelines. Students may qualify if they do not live in an area currently served by Internet providers, if the connection they currently have is not

sufficient, or if they have financial need and struggle to pay for Internet service. Greenbrier County Schools will apply on behalf of families, but the FCC will determine who is eligible and what will be awarded. All GCS families and staff need to do at this time is fill out the survey located at the top of the [greenbriercountyschools.org](http://www.greenbriercountyschools.org) webpage or at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FreeInternetEligibility>.

What is the timeline?

The window for application is very short, so it is very important that families/staff fill out the survey as soon as possible. GCS can only apply for those who submit their information.

What if I have questions?

Please direct questions to the GCS Technology Department at 304-647-6484 or the Board of Education main office at 304-647-6470.

WV residents qualify for in-state tuition at Ohio University

Starting fall 2021, most West Virginia residents will qualify for in-state tuition for courses taken on Ohio University campuses.

"This state reciprocity agreement is wonderful news for Ohio University and prospective students in our region," Ohio University President Hugh Sherman said. "While this partnership will certainly help expand enrollment at OHIO, more importantly it will help meet the region's workforce needs

and bring additional financial resources to the state of Ohio."

Currently enrolled and new incoming students may apply to receive in-state tuition rates for any undergraduate major.

"This agreement helps Ohio University expand our reach to more students looking for a high-quality college experience close to home," Candace Boeninger, vice president for enrollment management, said. "More students in our

region will have access to an excellent and affordable Ohio University education. We look forward to welcoming even more West Virginia Bobcats beginning this fall."

To qualify, a student must have been a legal resident of West Virginia for the previous 12 months and must complete and return the West Virginia Tuition Reciprocity Application. The residency application is due two weeks before the start of the term, and

all required documentation must be submitted prior to the last day to register for the term for which in-state tuition is being sought.

In-state tuition is available for courses through Ohio University Athens, Chillicothe, Eastern, Lancaster, Southern and Zanesville campuses. Courses completed on eCampus will be charged at the non-resident rate.

To fill out the form, visit <https://www.ohio.edu/admissions/tuition/ohio-residency> and click on "West Virginia Tuition Reciprocity Application" under the Residency Forms header.

There is still time to register to be a Bobcat for fall 2021. Visit <https://www.ohio.edu/admissions/apply> today to learn more.

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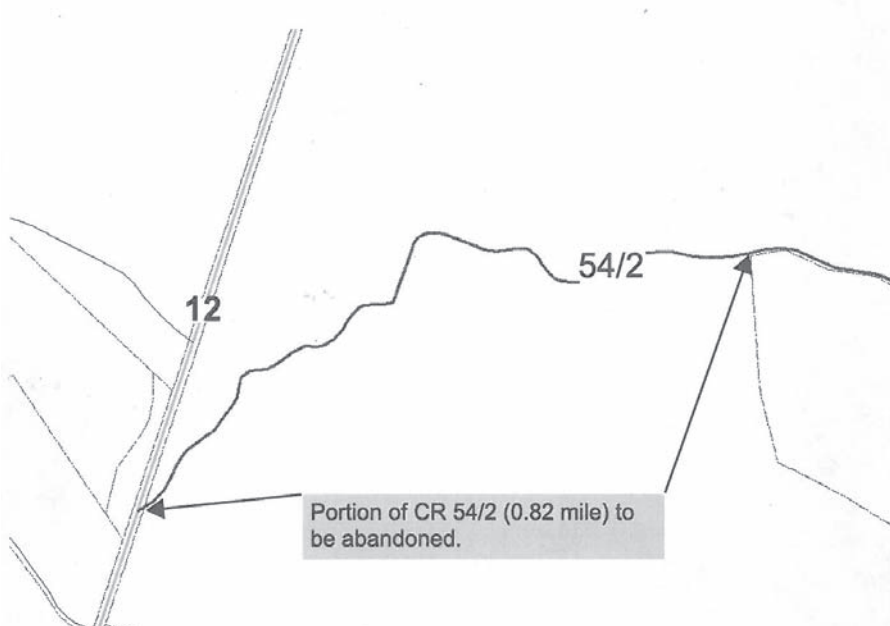
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NOTICE OF AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC MEETING AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED PARTIAL ABANDONMENT OF OLD COUNTY ROUTE 54/2 (0.82 MILE) LOCATED IN GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

The West Virginia Division of Highways hereby provides notice of the proposed partial abandonment of Old County Route 54/2, beginning at a point on WV 12, said point being 2.03 mile southwest of the junction of WV 12 and CR 33; thence northeasterly for 0.82 mile and ending, as located in Greenbrier County, West Virginia. Total length to be abandoned is 0.82 mile.

The District is requesting the abandonment on behalf of affected property owners. Anyone wishing to comment on this proposal or to request a meeting may do so by emailing the Commissioner of Highways (preferred method), at HDSHelpDesk@wv.gov or by writing to the Commissioner at West Virginia Division of Highways, Strategic Data Management and Technology Division, Capitol Complex, Building 5, Room 720, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0430, Attn: Sara Cremeans on or before September 1, 2021.

Greenbrier County Route 54/2

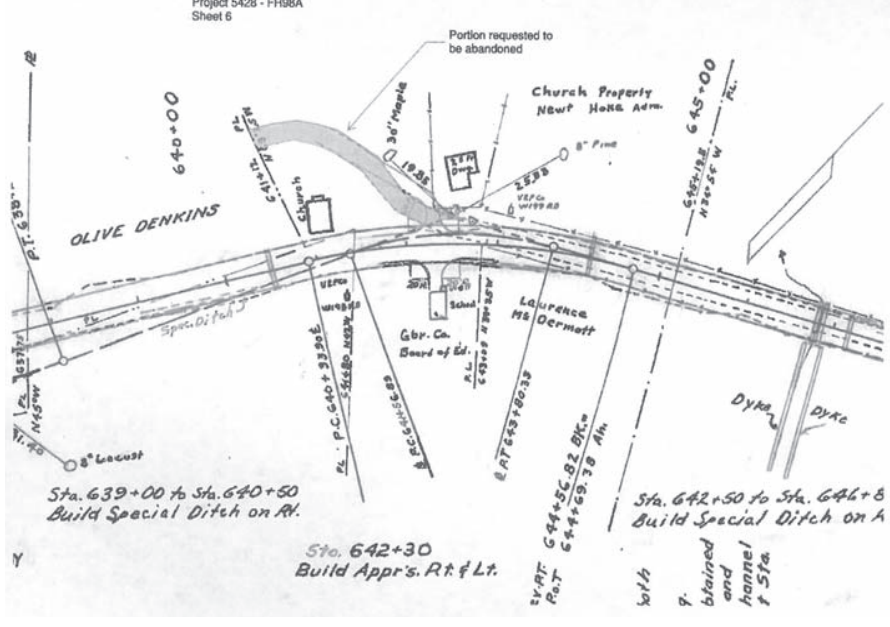


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The West Virginia Division of Highways hereby provides notice of the proposed partial abandonment of Old County Route 15 Right-of-way, beginning at a point on US 92, said point being 0.68 mile south of the junction of US 92 and CR 92/9; thence westerly following the Old CR 15 alignment for 0.05 mile and ending, as located in Greenbrier County, West Virginia. Total length to be abandoned is 0.05 mile.

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Notice is hereby given that QUINWOD COAL COMPANY LLC, PO BOX 190, 5363 Leivasy Road, LEIVASY, WV 26676, has submitted an application for the reissuance of Article 11/WVNPDES Permit Number WV1000268 to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), 1159 Nick Rahall Greenway, Fayetteville, WV 25840 in order to operate and maintain the White Buck No. 2 Coal Deep Mine, bathhouse/sewage facility and associated haulroad in the Sewell seam/mineral bed.

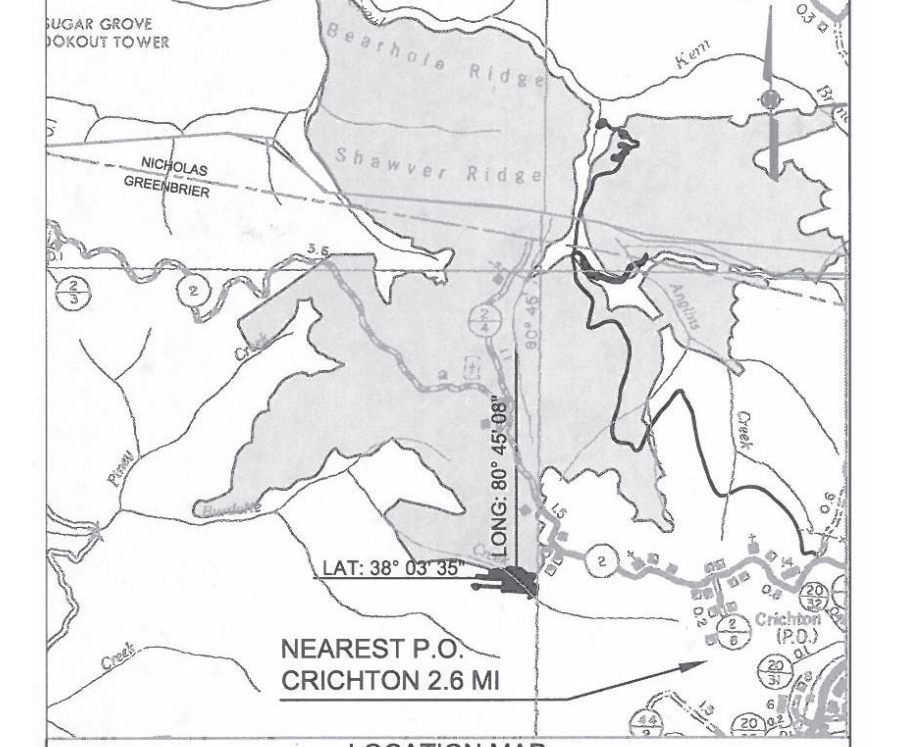
The operation will discharge treated storm water into Burdette Creek of Anglins Creek of the Meadow River of Gauley River and is located 2.5 miles, northwest of Quinwood in Meadow Bluff and Wilderness Districts of Greenbrier County, Longitude 80°45'08" and Latitude 38°03'35" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic 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, a full Tier 2 anti-degradation review has been conducted.

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 August 16, 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. WV1000268



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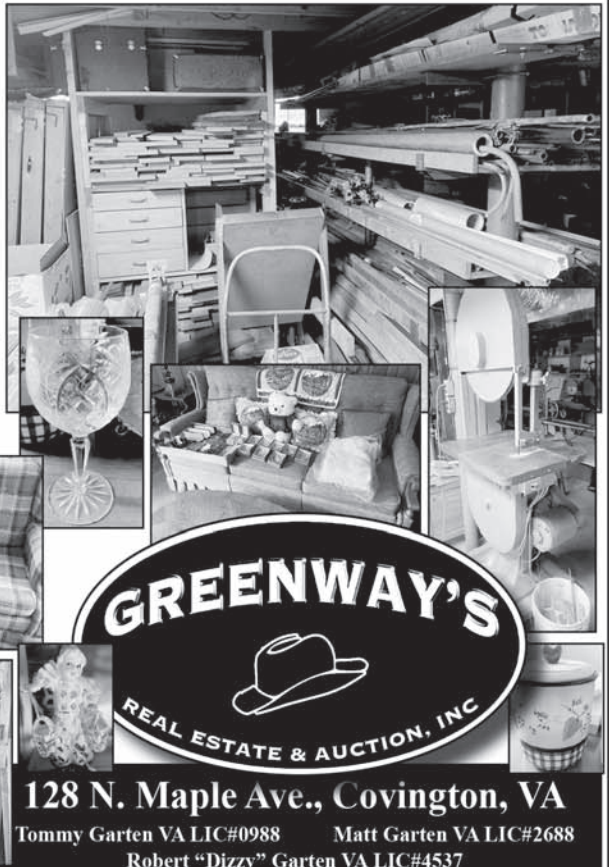
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Secure Store - 135 Maple Carriage Drive, Lewisburg, WV 24901, has a possessory lien on all of the goods stored in units 295, 288, 181, 315 and 366. The auction will end on 07/28/2021 at 12 noon. All these items of personal property are being auctioned online through lockerfox.com. These auctions will run until July 28, 2021. Pictures of the units can be inspected online. Cash payments only. For more details visit www.lockerfox.com/storage-auctions/us/



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A Look Back



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By William "Skip" Deegans

On the eve of this summer's Olympics, some Greenbrier Countians may recall the time they were taught by former Olympian Katherine (Katy) Rawls to swim and dive. Rawls, who dominated women's swimming in the 1930s, was the swimming instructor and pool manager at The Greenbrier for twenty years. She offered lessons to local children. Growing up in Florida, Rawls set a new world record in the 300-meter individual medley when she was 14. She was the first athlete to win four national swimming championships at a single meet in 1937 in the 440-yard, 800-yard, one-mile free style and individual medley. She took silver and bronze medals at the 1932 and 1937 Olympics. Undoubtedly, she would have won a gold medal in the individual medley, but the event was dropped from the program.

Following her career as a competitive swimmer, Rawls became an aviator and was one of the first 25 women to join the Women's Auxiliary Ferry Squadron (WAFS). During World War II, she ferried planes to combat zones for the Air Transport Command. She began working at The Greenbrier after the war. Rawls died from cancer in 1982 in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Sources: Ft. Lauderdale News, New York Times, Wakulla Area Times, www.olympics.com

Carnegie Hall Calendar of Events

July 12-16 (Week One), July 19-23 (Week Two), July 26-30 (Week Three): 2021 Carnegie Hall Kids' College - Kids' College is an opportunity to expand learning in and through the arts in a safe, nurturing environment. A primary objective of Kids' College is to instill a lifelong love of learning through the arts for its participants. This year's Kids' College is open for rising 2nd - through rising 8th-grade students. Registration runs through July 2.

July 22: Kevin Smith - Carnegie Hall's Ivy Terrace Concert Series continues on Thursday, July 22, at 7 p.m. with

singer-songwriter Kevin Smith from Asheville, North Carolina. Ivy Terrace Concerts take place outside in front of Carnegie Hall and are free to the public. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and pack a picnic. Concerts are over at 8:30 p.m. This is an alcohol free event.

July 29: Richard Hefner And Friends - Carnegie Hall's Ivy Terrace Concert Series continues on Thursday, July 29, at 7 p.m. with bluegrass musician Richard Hefner and some of his musically inclined friends. Ivy Terrace Concerts take place outside in front of Carnegie Hall and are free to

the public. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and pack a picnic. Concerts are over at 8:30 p.m. This is an alcohol free event.

Rotating Galleries:

Old Stone Room Gallery - Gallery will reopen in August

Museum Gallery - Gallery will reopen in August

Board Room Gallery - Fiber Arts Network Exhibit

Lobby Gallery - Local Artists' Exhibit featuring Shoshanna Schwimmer, Patricia Stine, Karen Lee McClung, and Margy Green.

Online Exhibit - Carnegie Hall's 31st Annual Art Exhibit "Phonedemic: Scenes from a Lost Year." (<https://www.carnegiehallwv.org/juried-exhibit>)

Permanent Exhibit:

Arts from the Ashes: The History of Carnegie Hall - The exhibit features memorabilia, photographs, artifacts and more of Carnegie Hall since its construction in 1901. Located on the second floor. Free admission.

For more information visit carnegiehallwv.org call 304-645-7917, or stop by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

One Stop and Stop In Food Stores to sell State Fair advance tickets

State Fair and One Stop and Stop In Food Store officials are happy to announce their partnership in selling advance discounted tickets to the 2021 State Fair of West Virginia. Tickets will be on sale now until July 31, in over 50 locations in West Virginia and Virginia.

"We are once again very excited that One Stop and Stop In Food Stores have agreed to sell advance tickets for the 2021 State Fair of West Virginia," State Fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. "There are a lot of people who enjoying coming to the fair, but are not able to purchase advance tickets because they live away from Lewisburg. This will give them an opportunity to be able to get those tickets right in

their backyard." One Stop/Stop In Food Stores will be selling discounted admission passes, as well as mega passes for rides. For a full list of participating locations and ticket prices, visit www.statefairwv.com.

The 10-day State Fair of West Virginia is celebrating 96 years with "Brighter Days are Here" on Aug. 12-21. The State Fair of West Virginia, with a \$13.8 million economic impact on the state of West Virginia, is a 501(c)3 non-profit 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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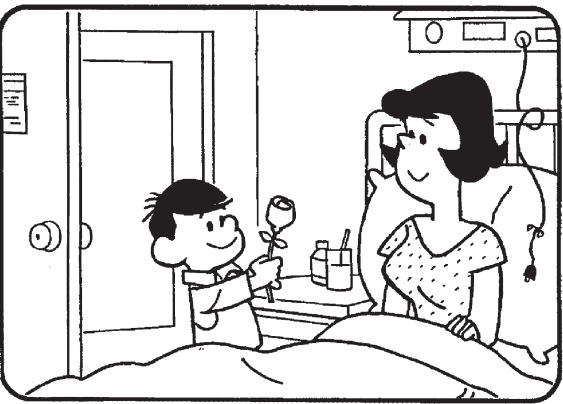
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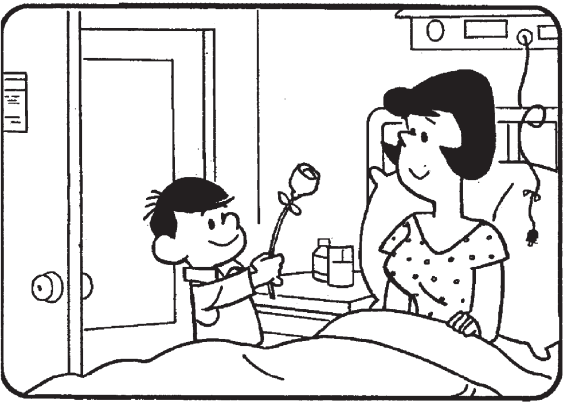
"You've changed a lot in ten years... I just knew it was you! I recognized your _____."

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Rose stem is longer. 2. Straw is missing. 3. Cord is shorter. 4. Gown is different. 5. Hair is different. 6. Door knob is lower.

Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Really ruffle
6 Bozo
9 They may fly at half-mast
14 "— Mia" (Abba hit)
19 São —
20 Sway to and —
21 TV's Greene or Michaels
22 Ovine sign
23 S
26 Asinine
27 "— Dick"
28 — -Ball
29 2007 Disney princess
31 Add a letter before that to spell ...
37 Above, to bards
38 "How dumb of me!"
39 Fearless
40 Orbit, e.g.
42 Foliage unit
44 In the manner of
45 "The Zoo Story" playwright Edward
50 Bozo
52 Add a letter before that to spell ...
57 Close amigo
59 Really ruffle

60 Wet-weather headgear
61 Hay fever explosion
62 Former Israeli PM Golda
64 Big fusses
66 Capitol's top
67 Add a letter before that to spell ...
71 "I know! Pick me!"
74 Novelist Jaffe
75 Two before X
76 Deadly
80 Fruity, sourish dessert
82 The Cowboys, on a sports ticker
83 Falsify
85 Add a letter before that to spell ...
89 Pear, apple and quince
90 Main artery
91 Essen "a"
92 He married Lucy
94 Moor growth
95 Tennis great Jennifer
99 Young — (toddlers)
101 '60s Pontiac muscle car
102 Add a letter before that to spell ...

109 Alveolar trill, as in Spanish speech
110 Tofu source, to Brits
111 Long stretch
112 Perfect little kid
113 Add a letter before that to spell ...
120 Gettysburg victor George
121 C-3PO, e.g.
122 Stanley Cup gp.
123 In snazzy clothes
124 Media biggie
125 Tabby cries
126 Dems' rival
127 Bergen dummy Mortimer

DOWN

1 Rival of FedEx
2 With 6-Down, yield a profit
3 Hot stretch
4 Macaroni shape
5 "Such a pity"
6 See 2-Down
7 Popped up
8 Two-pronged vehicle
9 Well-spoken
10 E-giggle
11 Dog's yap

12 Wildebeest
13 Composer Prokofiev
14 En — (as one)
15 1989 Disney princess
16 Metric "thousandth"
17 — Yello (soft drink)
18 Thus far
24 Germ killer in a can
25 Connery of film
30 "— be an honor"
31 Subjects
32 In direct confrontation
33 "Trauma: Life in —" (old TLC series)
34 Guzzled, e.g.
35 Ill-gotten gains
36 Shimmery gem
41 Bride-to-be's clothing drawer
43 Lumberjack, at times
45 Nickname of Onassis
46 Phyllis' last name on the old sitcom "Phyllis"

47 — -chic (hippie-inspired fashion)
48 Mild cheese
49 Italy's Villa d'—
51 Brand of tea
53 Jacob of social reform
54 Part of ETA
55 "No —!" ("Sure thing!")
56 Studio tripods
58 Old-time actress Dolores
63 Water quality branch of the military
64 Onetime ring king
65 Longtime soap actress Hall
68 Movie mogul Marcus
69 Bird beak
70 Tonto player Johnny
71 Gymnast Korbut
72 Seat of Hawaii County
73 Sharif of "Che!"
77 Uniform liquid suspension
78 Zend — (Zoroastrian scripture)

79 Rent check collector
81 Org. with putters
82 Levi's fabric
84 Subject d'—
86 Univ. division
87 Hidden mike
88 Uplifting spiritually
93 Like King Atahualpa
95 Movie dancer Charisse
96 Aviation branch of the military
97 Great traits
98 Traffic noise
100 Yam units
102 Intense ache
103 Real introvert
104 Tank slime
105 Vehicles near igloos
106 Tennis great Monica
107 Cantina chip
108 Grown gal
114 Boot part
115 "Vice" airer
116 Dejected
117 Swiss peak
118 Env. insert
119 Guitarist Barrett

BACKWARD WORD-BUILDING

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Weekly SUDOKU

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
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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STEPPIN' OUT

Local artists display works at pop-up exhibit

Carnegie Hall is pleased to announce a pop-up exhibit by local artists in the Auditorium Lobby Gallery. The exhibit runs through July and features art by Margy Green, Karen Lee McClung, Shoshanna Schwimmer, and Patricia Stine. The Lobby Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Greenbrier County native Margy Green creates scenes from worlds or realms inspired by her dreams, from her love and appreciation of nature, as nuanced by her myriad life experiences. While most works are acrylic on canvas, other areas of expertise and execution include pencil, charcoal, and oil pastel drawings, as well as watercolors, gouache, and oils. Green's work has been exhibited in Southern California galleries, and is in many private collections and businesses. On a constant path to learn and grow creatively, she does commissioned work including custom paintings, illustrations, landscapes, portraits, property portraits, murals on canvas, and logos.

Karen Lee Coleman McClung was born in Lewisburg and has lived here most of her life. She graduated from Greenbrier College for Women, Miami of Ohio, and West Virginia University. Painting for McClung started with crayons and coloring books and continued throughout her career. She has developed her techniques from watercolor workshops led by well-known artists including Jeanne Brenneman, Rose Dobbins, Sharon Johnson, Sterling Edwards, Joe Fettingis, Jean Haines, and Robin Potheen.

Shoshanna Schwimmer's artwork and life are about celebrating beauty. She works in a variety of media. She picks a color scheme and then adds fabric, ribbons, beads, and even costume jewelry. From there, she pares down, as less is better, and adds details. Nature and the joy of colors are her inspirations. Her



Clockwise from bottom left: "Making Waves" by Shoshanna Schwimmer; "The Road Ahead" by Patricia Stine; "North House, Lewisburg WV" by Karen McClung; and "Manifest" by Margy Green.

chapbook Heart Space, including art and writing, is at A New Chapter bookstore in downtown Lewisburg.

Patricia Stine moved from Pennsylvania to West Virginia in December 2014 in search of a 'wild, wonderful' place to retire and call home. Her love of nature and of color influenced her desire to pursue art. She began taking watercolor classes from local West Virginia artist, Jeanne Brenneman, in December 2016. She is a

Signature Member of the WV Watercolor Society, a member of Greenbrier Artists, and a member of the Pocahontas County Art guild. Her paintings have won numerous awards in local competitions, and her painting "Gotcha" won 'Best of Show' in the West Virginia Watercolor Society's Aqueous 2021 National Juried Exhibition.

All exhibit art is for sale with part of the proceeds benefitting Carnegie Hall.

For more information, please visit carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by the Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV.

Programs in the Carnegie Hall 2021 season are presented with financial assistance through a grant from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts.

Carnegie Hall Board Room Gallery features Fiber Arts Network Exhibit



Fiber Arts Network Exhibit in Carnegie Hall Board Room Gallery

The Fiber Arts Network (FAN), a group of fiber artists who meets monthly during the school year in the Carnegie Hall Weaving Studio, is being showcased in Carnegie Hall's Board Room Gallery. The exhibit features work from several FAN artists including Leah Haymaker (knitting) from Clifton Forge, VA; Leslie Skeat (weaving) from Athens, WV; Marie Murtaugh (weaving) from Lewisburg; Amy Bush (weaving and crocheting) from Mount Nebo; and Chris Asmann (weaving, knitting, and bobbin lace) from Fort Spring.

The Board Room Gallery is located on the first floor of Carnegie Hall and is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Fiber Arts Network Exhibit will run

through July 31. All Carnegie Hall galleries are free and open to the public.

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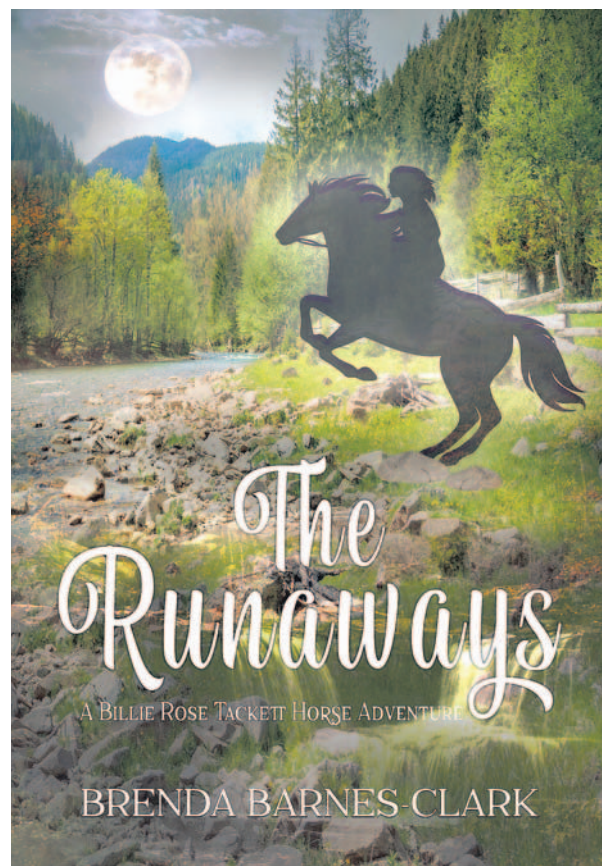
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The Runaways will be available at A New Chapter.

New children's book by local author to debut at August First Friday event

Lewisburg author Brenda Barnes Clark's new children's book about a girl befriend a runaway pony will be introduced during Lewisburg's August First Friday event at A New Chapter Bookstore. One reviewer called the middle-grade adventure novel "a must read."

The Runaways is the story of 11-year-old Billie Rose Tackett, a multiracial girl with a hearing problem who lives in the imaginary town of Laughing Creek, W.Va. An abused pony runs away to Billie from the 1946 county fair and tells Billie telepathically about being stolen by the mean pony ride keeper.

In the fast-paced adventure story, Billie grows in self-confidence as she deals with prejudice, disability, bullying, family loss, compassion, and forgiveness while doing whatever it takes to protect the runaway pony.

Kate Dooley, local author of Hears the Wind, wrote in a review, "Just as you think Billie with her pony, Penny, has come to a place of safety, you find they have tumbled into the worst trouble they've ever experienced."

Mayor Beverly White described the story as "a book about acceptance, about family, and how important communication is. A wonderful friendship book of understanding one another. I couldn't stop until I got to the end."

State Fair welcomes International Newmar Rally

The State Fair of West Virginia Event Center is excited to welcome nearly 500 campers from the Newmar Kountry Klub, to Lewisburg and the State Fairgrounds, for their 35th International Rally on July 17-24.

Newmar organizers would like to welcome the community to attend the event on Wednesday, July 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to view coaches parked in the Ag Pavilion, and shop in the Cecil Underwood Youth Center. Those interested should enter the property through Gate 5 on 219 North next to the horse barns.

"We are excited to wel-



Brenda Barnes Clark

Brenda Barnes Clark grew up on a small farm in Massachusetts with ponies and horses. Many of her stories are based on her childhood adventures riding Scout, her extraordinary piebald pony. After traveling the world, she now lives in Lewisburg with her husband, Bob.

Autographed copies of The Runaways will be offered at a discount at A New Chapter Bookstore at 922 Washington Street from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, and from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7. Children, parents, grandparents and friends are invited both days to enjoy hearing excerpts from the book and the free activity of coloring sheets featuring the author's horse illustrations from the book.

The Runaways, published by RBC Books, is the first novel in the three-book middle-grade series, The Billie Rose Tackett Horse Adventures.

More information about the author and her books is available on Facebook and on her website: www.brendabarnesclark.com.

come the Newmar Kountry Klub back to West Virginia and to the Greenbrier Valley," State Fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. "We hope that the community takes advantage of their invitation to the fairgrounds to view these impressive RVs and to meet some really great folks."

Developed exclusively for owners of Newmar products, the Newmar Kountry Klub began in 1985 and has grown to be one of the top social RV clubs. It is dedicated to fun, adventure and friendship and includes owners from the United States and Canada.

Carnegie Hall's Ivy Terrace Series continues with Asheville singer-songwriter

Asheville, North Carolina singer-songwriter Kevin Smith will present his solo project Planefolk at Carnegie Hall's upcoming Ivy Terrace Concert Series on Thursday, July 22, at 7 p.m. 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.

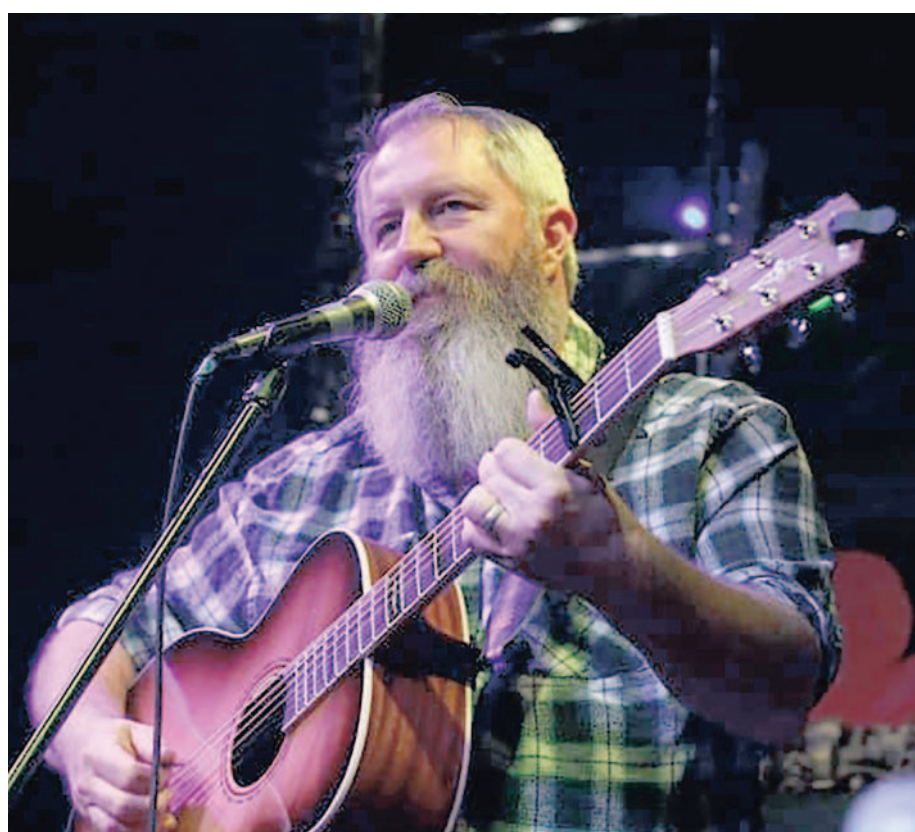
Planefolk is the solo singer-songwriter project for Kevin Smith. Smith draws inspiration from the sights and sounds he grew up with in the mountains of Western North Carolina, weaving stories of life, love, loss and leaving. Smith grew up with a knack for storytelling and poetry and combined this with a newfound passion for guitar in his early twenties. He began playing guitar around the same time he was turned on to the music and song writing of John Prine and soon began his own foray into the craft. The music scene in Asheville and the surrounding area is rich with talented song writers like Amanda Anne Platt of the Honeycutters who says of

Smith, "Kevin Smith is one of my favorite songwriters, as well as being one of my favorite people. He has that rare ability to write a song that makes you laugh, and then cry, and then laugh again. He's the genuine article."

The remaining schedule is Richard Hefner & Friends (bluegrass) on July 29 (rescheduled from June 8), DeniBonet (pop/rock) on Aug. 5, Andrew Adkins (singer/songwriter) on Aug. 12, Steel Pterodactyl (original eclectic/dance) on Aug. 26, Sel-

dom 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.



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