

Good Roads Bakehouse brings simple deliciousness to Frankford

By Sarah Richardson

After sitting empty for several years, the old Lowell’s Bakery storefront is alive with activity once again, and will reopen as a new bakery and gathering spot: Good Roads Bakehouse. Pittsburgh transplant Daniel Cannon is the owner of the new establishment, and is eager to provide a food option to the community of Frankford that has been missing since Lowell’s closure in 2013.

“I’m extraordinarily fortunate,” says Cannon. “I’m in love with the brightest, most creative woman I know. I have the unending support of my loving parents and my four brothers. And now, I have the great opportunity to do what I love for a living, and to serve real food made with real ingredients to locals and travelers alike.”

Cannon moved to the Greenbrier Valley with his fiancé Karri Roberts just nine months ago, and has been working on his dream to open his own bakery.

“It was a desire to create a life for ourselves that was ours - from homesteading to starting my own business.”

His fiancé’s family is from Nicholas County, so when they decided to move to West Virginia they hunted far and wide to find the perfect spot.

“We like Greenbrier County, we traveled around to a couple different counties around the state, but we love how pretty it is here. The people have been kind and welcoming, and our neighbors have been really great.”

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Daniel Cannon stands at his reclaimed countertop from 1968, which was repurposed from a middle school in Pennsylvania. His aim is to provide the area with a “reliable, convenient, no hassle real food option to locals and travelers alike.” Visit their soft opening this Saturday, Aug. 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Gov. Justice announces second ‘Do It for Babydog’ vaccination sweepstakes; registration now open

Gov. Jim Justice and members of the West Virginia COVID-19 pandemic response leadership team held another news briefing to update the public on the State’s latest pandemic response efforts.

During Fridays’ briefing, Gov. Justice announced a second round of the “Do it for Babydog” vaccination sweepstakes as the state continues to push the importance of vaccination to the younger population.

“We are trying to incentivize more and more West Virginians to get vaccinated, and especially our younger folks,” Gov. Justice said.

The giveaway will include the following prizes each week:

- 5 full-ride scholarships to any higher education institution in West Virginia for individuals age 12 to 25 per week,
- 1 luxury sports car per week,
- 4 ATV’s, side by side’s, or top of the line zero turn lawn mowers per week,
- 1 custom fishing or pontoon boat per week,
- \$150,000 toward a dream wedding for one West Virginian per week,
- Free gas for 10 years for two West Virginians per week

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Library Book Sale postponed



The Book Sale planned for Aug. 27 and 28 at the Greenbrier County Public Library in Lewisburg has been postponed and rescheduled for Sept. 24 and 25.



Bethanne and Bill Hopkins operate a produce stand in Alderson and say, “We love to give, it’s in our hearts.”

Hopkins couple provide fresh garden produce to Alderson

By Angela McGill

Alderson residents may already be familiar with Bethanne and Bill Hopkins, who are frequently spotted selling produce on River View Road across from the Greenbrier Camp for Boys. The couple offers a variety of fresh goodies depending on what the garden is producing. They can have fresh tomatoes, corn, peppers, cantaloupe, watermelon, and more.

Their prices vary, with Bethanne saying, “We get our produce from our friend’s garden.”

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County Commission tables construction items, approves Sportsplex inspection fees

By Angela McGill

On Aug. 24, a brief meeting was conducted by the Greenbrier County Commission. A number of courthouse construction project items were tabled until the next meeting as there is nothing to report as of the meeting time.

“They’re action items that are only to be taken if something is going on there,

or payment schedules that would be due, as of now there isn’t anything that needs to be discussed and it will be tabled until next County Commission meeting, but at this time we do not have anything to do.” Commissioner Lowell Rose explained.

In new business, a draw request was made towards the broadband project for

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Harris Insurance Agency donates to clock project

Sheila Harris and David Harris, owners of the Harris Insurance Agency, presented Judy Lohmeyer, president of Alderson Main Street, and Stacy Eskins, marketing manager for the Alderson Town Clock project, with a generous donation toward the purchase and installation of the clock.

Sheila Harris said, “The Harris Insurance Agency is proud to be able to donate to this project which brings back so many memories from our town’s history. I am sure

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David Harris and Sheila Harris (left to right), Harris Insurance Agency, present a donation for the Alderson Town Clock project to Judy Lohmeyer and Stacy Eskins for the Alderson Town Clock project.

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• 6 season ticket packages to WVU or Marshall sporting events, and

• 5 season lift tickets to ski resorts in West Virginia.

• Top-of-the-line zero turn lawn mower

Award winners will be announced each week over a 6 week period.

West Virginians who have received the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine can begin registering for the giveaway immediately. Those who previously registered for the original vaccination sweepstakes will be required to register again.

Registration and sweepstakes rules are available at DoItForBabydog.wv.gov.

During Fridays’ briefing, Gov. Justice reiterated that he continues to push the CDC, FDA, and the White House for authorization to begin giving an additional dose of vaccine immediately to high-risk individuals in West Virginia.

“West Virginians in long-term care facilities and healthcare settings were some of the first people in the country to get vaccinated and they need the additional dose very soon, we can’t afford to wait until September 10,” Gov. Justice said.

The additional dose will be administered approximately eight months after the second dose of the vaccine. The third dose will be of the same vaccine from the two-dose regimen, and right now only includes Pfizer and Moderna. Last week the CDC and FDA authorized additional doses for people with compromised immune systems.

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the towers located in Quinwood, totaling \$532,404.23. Commissioner Tammy Shifflett-Tincher made a motion to pay the request, with all commissioners in agreement.

Financial approvals for an Arts and Recreation transfer of \$30,962.00 passed in a 2-1 vote. Commissioners Rose and Michael McClung voted yes, and Commissioner Tincher nay.

In other news, a new hire for the tax office was approved and a check for \$7,898.48 from GovDeals for law enforcement automobile supply was received.

Good Roads Bakehouse

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He is renting the space from Lowell Lewis and his wife Pat, the owners of Lowell’s Bakery, and he is operating with their blessing.

“Pat and Lowell have been nothing but kind, welcoming, and helpful for this. We are very pleased to have their support and their willingness to let us use the space,” he said.

As to why they chose the old bakery storefront, he said it was a perfect fit for their needs. “It’s been sitting here empty for years, and we saw an opportunity to move in here, and the kitchen was already here, obviously. All it took was moving in a bit of equipment.”

Cannon explained that he has an unusual background with food preparation that left him wanting to provide that type of service to people. He spent much of his 20’s working as a tour guide for groups of travelers in which he acted as driver, meal planner, cook, historian, and everything else.

“In that, I would be feeding these people,” he said. “I’d put breakfast on the table in the morning, and I’d feed all 13 of them every night. It really brought out a feeling of service to people, and to feed them and to join them every day after a long day of travel and be able to sit and break bread with them became really important for me.”

While driving thousands of miles a week, he says he often needed a quick and convenient bite to eat to keep him going, like a burger from the Sno Cap in Seligman, Arizona, or the bowl of chili with cornbread in the Yosemite cafeteria. “Something hearty and nourishing,” he said. “That’s what I hope to provide to our community.”

After meeting his now-fiancé, he got off the road and took a day job, but needed something to fill his time, so he started baking.

“I kept trying to learn new things, and got better and better. Once the pandemic hit we were looking for opportunities to get out of the state since we aren’t city folk, and saw the opportunity to come down to Greenbrier County. When this space opened up to us, it was a no-brainer to be able to take what I’ve been trying to do in the kitchen and to bring it to hopefully feed the community for some time to come.”

He says that ultimately, he hopes the shop will be a place that the public can rely on several days a week for a quick, no-hassle bite to eat that is handmade with real ingredients and at a reasonable price.



WV using radio technology to track wildlife migratory patterns

By Emily Scott for WVNS

West Virginia researchers are utilizing old-school radio technology to study the migratory patterns of wildlife in remote areas of the state.

West Virginia’s Division of Natural Resources (DNR) recently installed a radio telemetry system at Hanging Rock Raptor Observatory in Monroe County, which collects data on migratory animals that pass in the vicinity of the tower.

The project is part of an international animal tracking network called Motus, and picks up the movement of any wildlife that has been radio-tagged.

Mack Frantz, state zoologist for the DNR, said the project will help answer ecology questions about rare or threatened species.

“There are also other animals we are interested in, such

as the northern long-eared bat,” Frantz explained. “There happens to be large summer populations of the bat, but then in the fall when they migrate, we don’t know exactly where they go, so there’s just some basic questions like that we hope that when we start to put more towers online, that we’ll be able to answer.”

As part of the network, researchers will have access to data from other states and learn if a bird traveling from Pennsylvania, for example, is passing through West Virginia.

Frantz pointed out the data can help inform important areas of the state for conservation efforts.

Part of why the DNR chose Hanging Rock was a 50-year history of environmentalists tracking raptor migration there.

Frantz noted the group of volunteers has one of the longest data sets in the United States for raptor migration, and emphasized in collaboration with the group, the state will get to learn even more about raptor movements in West Virginia and beyond.

“We’ll be able to track those movements and know more specifically what kind of habitat they’re using and important areas in the landscape,” Frantz outlined. “And so we’ll have an additional layer of information that’s going to help us to be able to conserve these species.”

The DNR plans to install antennas at the Fox Forest Wildlife Management Area in Randolph County before the end of this year. Frantz added they hope to install antennas throughout the state.



The Good Roads Bakehouse is located in the old Lowell’s Bakery storefront across from Frankford Elementary School. They offer indoor and outdoor seating and a place for the whole family to gather.

Goods Roads plans to be open on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, and check their Facebook at Good Roads Bakehouse for hours and more details as they become available.

Cannon says, “We hope you’ll visit soon and together we can enjoy a bite to eat, listen to some Grateful Dead or maybe some John Prine, and keep on rolling down the road. Just remember, take it slow in the morning, not too fast in the afternoon.”

Hopkins Produce

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den and we will be here and sell for as long as the Lord blesses the garden to do so.”

The Hopkins enjoy bringing their wares to town, as it gives them the opportunity to socialize and to help people who can’t travel to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables.

Bethanne says, “We love to give. Customers come in and get one or two tomatoes and leave with six. People ask us, ‘Why are you doing this?’ We do it to everybody, we aren’t giving you anything, we’re sharing. Customers that can’t come and purchase produce, we will deliver it to you.”

The Hopkins used to sell their goods over at the mini park, but they changed their location as it was difficult for the elderly to pull in and out of the spot. The open space across from the boy’s camp makes it easier for everyone to get in and out.

Selling produce allows the Hopkins to bring garden fresh goods to the tables of others since the IGA in town closed their doors a number of years ago. Bill had sold fresh produce before the closing of IGA, and now has been in the business for close to 15 years.

They say they aren’t in this line of work to make a profit or to take from anyone else selling fresh vegetables; they just want to help out.

“We’re not here to make a living, we’re here to make a difference,” said Bethanne.

During the fall, keep an eye out and you will also see the Hopkins selling all sizes of pumpkins at their stand for fall festivities.

PICK OF THE LITTER

CYBIL

Cybil is a one-year-old female mixed breed and weighs 40 pounds.

ELAINE

Elaine is a roughly four-year-old domestic short hair.



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

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

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

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

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Briefly

American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

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Community Block Party

presented by Race Matters will be held Saturday, Aug. 28, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. at Dorie Miller Park, 451 Feamster Road, Lewisburg. There will be games, entertainment, and concessions. For more information, call 304-610-6834.

Raise the Roof Youth Rally

There is a Raise the Roof Youth Rally scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 28 at 2 p.m. at the Greenbrier Sports Complex in White Sulphur Springs. All middle and high school students are welcome. Preregister for this free event online at the Raise the Roof Rally Facebook page or at <https://sites.google.com/view/raise-the-roof/home>. Speakers will be Emily Galford and Remington Propps. There will be worship bands, food and activities.

Greenbrier Co. Extension Master Gardener classes

will be held Tuesdays, Sept. 7 through Nov. 9, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the WV State Fairgrounds. Call the Extension Office at 304-647-7408 for details and registration.

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Timothy Wickline, Williamsburg, driving suspended, NCP, fine \$75
William Donovan Irvin, Bluefield, VA, no seatbelt, NCP, fine \$25
Issac Noah Underwood, Buchanan, VA, 1) public intoxication, NCP, fine \$25; 2) indecent exposure, fine \$100
Jimmy Lynn Rush, Jr., Rainelle, 1) child neglect by parent, guardian or custodian creating risk of bodily injury, jail 5 months - time served; 2) possession of controlled substance, fine \$500, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation
Ashley Rachelle Thomas, Ronceverte, driving while license suspended or revoked, NCP, fine \$100
Corwin Ballard, Lewisburg, speeding, NCP, fine \$20

Monongahela National Forest accepting appointments for purchasing ginseng permits

Monongahela National Forest is accepting appointments for the purchase of ginseng permits for the 2021 harvest season. In addition to following all state laws, a Forest Service permit is required to dig ginseng on National Forest System lands.

Permit appointments are available Wednesday, Aug. 25, through Friday, Sept. 3, at the following offices:

- Marlinton-White Sulphur Ranger District (Marlinton) - 304-799-4334
- Marlinton-White Sulphur Springs District (White Sulphur Springs) - 304-536-2144
- Monongahela National Forest ginseng permits cost \$20 each.

A separate permit is required for each district on the Forest. This year, you can buy permits for multiple districts at each office. Each permit allows you to collect up to 95 plants from one ranger district during the Sept. 1 through Nov. 30 West Virginia ginseng season.

Ginseng plants must have three or more prongs and have produced fruit this year to be legal for harvest. When harvesting, plant the fruit on-site and then keep the rest of the plant intact. Harvest no more than 24 plants per day and have no more than 24 plants in your possession while on National Forest land. You may purchase more than one permit.

For more information about state laws concerning ginseng harvest, visit West Virginia Division of Forestry at <https://wv-forestry.com/laws-regulations/ginseng/>.

For more information about Monongahela National Forest ginseng permits, visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/mnf/passes-permits/for-estproducts/?cid=FSEP-RD597459>.

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.

Lewisburg Planning Commission

will meet in a working session Thursday, Sept. 2, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 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, Sept. 2. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Aug. 5, 2021

WV groups gather to discuss climate change risks, strategies

By Nadia Ramlagan for WVNS

The West Virginia Climate Alliance, a new coalition of 20 state and local organizations, hosted a virtual forum to discuss the risks climate change poses to residents and the economy.

Perry Bryant, co-founder of the alliance, said the state should brace itself for more events like the unprecedented heavy rainfall that flooded rural communities this weekend in neighboring Tennessee, killing at least 20 people. He added West Virginia’s mountainous terrain and increasingly unpredictable weather patterns make it vulnerable.

“The biggest threat to West Virginia from climate change will be heavier precipitation events leading to flooding, as we saw in Tennessee recently,” Bryant asserted.

Bryant noted speakers from the National Wildlife Federation, the West Virginia NAACP, West Virginia Rivers Coalition, Ohio River Valley Institute, and other groups will be part of tonight’s conversation, which is free and open to the public.

Bryant added in 2018, West Virginia had among the highest levels of carbon emissions per capita in the nation from the fossil-fuel industry, and in 2019, was the nation’s second-largest coal producer.

“I think it’s really important for people just to be informed,” Bryant urged. “Regardless of how they decide where they are on the solutions for climate change, they need to be informed, and they need to be engaged in the debate.”

A recent United Nations report put the blame on climate change for the extreme weather events, in the U.S. and across the globe. The report’s authors said without immediate action to reduce carbon emissions, the earth’s average temperature will likely increase by 1.5 degrees Celsius within the next two decades. That’s 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit.

Alderson Clock

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our parents, Hugh and Alice Mae Harris, would have been totally supportive of this project.”

David Harris said, “I remember the Hanger Jewelry Store and the clock growing up. As kids, we used it to tell what time it was and to judge how much trouble we were going to be in when we got home! As a business, we like to give back to our community. This kind of thing is what makes Alderson one big family.”

Eskins thought her original idea would receive support but did not dream of the outpouring of support the project and Alderson Main Street have received. The installation is being coordinated by Mayor Travis Copenhagen and designed by Lewis Halstead.

Lohmeyer said, “There is some lead time involved in getting the clock made as well as some of the other parts. We hope to have it installed before the snow flies.”

- Comments from the public
- Review and discussion - sign regulations
- Discussion of scenic overlay
- Discussion of wireless telecommunications 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, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m. with a deadline of Friday, Sept. 17.

Lewisburg Planning Commission

will meet in a Public Hearing Thursday, Sept. 2, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 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, Sept. 2. On the agenda:

- Comments from the public
- Conditional Use Application: The Briergarten, 121 Stratton Alley Suite 9 - expand outdoor patio for temporary overflow
- Blackbird Village “The Gardens” - revised preliminary plat review
- Comments from Commission members
- Comments from Zoning Officer

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting will be held Thursday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m. with a deadline of Friday, Sept. 17.

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From: Joe Darnell, Assessor

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OPINION

Nature’s Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

Au Naturele

What did you eat today? Do you eat to live or live to eat? Can you live on what you eat and have a life filled with gusto, vigor, energy, interest, in other words: joie de vivre (joy of living).

Health comes from healthy food which comes from healthy soil. What did you feed your garden today?

Let’s look at an example from some of the early colonists coming to Virginia and New England from Great Britain as “immigrants.” In the 1600’s, if a family agreed to pay their way over the Atlantic Ocean to America, they were awarded 100 acres of land. They were required to stay three years. They came from overseas for political and religious freedom, land, adventure, and profit, same as they do now. Clearing the forests and brush from land was quickly underway in order to build a log home for shelter and plant a garden for food.

The foreigners, some of whom we can trace as our own ancestors, grew successful gardens which kept them from starving. They learned how to store food for winter months. The garden, however, was not given any special attention since rain was plentiful and the soil was fertile having been tilled from the forest floor teeming with nutrients. Sunshine was abundant. Slash and burn was a common practice to clear land. After a few years when the soil stopped producing good crops, the homesteaders moved on to another plot of land and cleared it. Deforestation happened quickly in settlements in order to have open grazing space for livestock, a large garden, a house, and a clear view of any approaching enemies or friends for that matter.

Let’s jump to the present day. As an avid gardener, I ask you, “How are you sustaining yourself and your family?” Without getting into your personal business, I only address your garden tactics and practices for growing edible and nutritious food. Have you resorted to dumping chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers on your garden beds? These certainly will make plants grow but perhaps not with the same stamina and vigor and vitamins as veggies grown the natural way. Some may say that’s debatable. It makes sense when you recite the “garbage in, garbage out” theory which I do believe wholeheartedly.

So, let’s talk about the O word ... organics. I hope you grow your family’s food naturally, otherwise known as organically. We don’t really need or want to put junk into our mouths or our food sources which may be harmful, maybe not right off the bat but in years to come. If you want to schedule a change in your garden habits and hence, eating habits, get off the synthetic additives and go natural.



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If I can reach down and eat a tomato without washing herbicides off it before I pop it into my mouth; that feels good and natural. Real fertilizer, which is made from composting leftover veggies, leaves, grass, and even some types of manure will give back to the soil everything taken from it. You don’t have to wear gloves or a face mask to keep from inhaling the slightly sweet aroma of rotting compost as you may have to do with toxic chemicals. Learn how to make a proper compost pile, keep the raiding critters out if you can, and then feed your soil. Your garden will thank you for it, so will your family, and you can keep it going year after year without moving elsewhere as our ancestors were forced to do.

(Karen Cohen is a Master Gardener and Organic Gardener. Explorer and photojournalist. Email: nature-swaykaren@gmail.com)

Commentary

Capito, Manchin announce \$5M to boost home and Community-based care for seniors

U.S. Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) and Joe Manchin (D-WV), members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$5 million in funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to West Virginia’s Money Follows the Person (MFP) program, which provides states with funding and flexibility to help Medicaid beneficiaries, including the elderly and people with disabilities, transition from institutional to home - and community-based long-term care settings.

“Given West Virginia’s aging population, I have always made it a priority to work to provide the resources that support access to quality care and health services our elderly population relies on,” Senator Capito said. “Oftentimes, the best way to do this is through home- and community-based health services, as opposed to in-

stitutional care, such as nursing homes. This grant will give our states needed resources and flexibility to help improve the quality of health care and drive down costs for West Virginia’s seniors and people with disabilities.”

“Ensuring West Virginia’s elderly population and individuals with disabilities have access to quality care, whether at home or at community-based care facilities, has always been one of my top priorities. I am pleased HHS is investing in the Money Follows the Person program, which will give West Virginia additional funding and greater flexibility to support West Virginians who rely on Medicaid. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue to fight for funding to provide quality care for all West Virginians,” Senator Manchin said.

Commentary

WV Senior Legal Aid offers legal insights on quitclaim deeds

Some people mistakenly view a quitclaim deed as a cure-all. The traditional purpose is to allow a person who is unsure of what ownership rights, if any, they hold in a property to transfer all of those unknown rights to one or more recipients, known as grantees. The owner, called the grantor, transfers the property with no guarantee that the title is clear and free of defects.

A quitclaim deed is the opposite of a general warranty deed in which the grantor does guarantee that he is conveying a clear title. Although it is an incorrect name, this type of deed is called a quick claim deed by some. There is no such deed.

Some view a quitclaim deed as a document to be used for any type of transfer, whether they know what their ownership rights are or not. They also think that they can prepare it themselves because it appears to be a relatively simple deed. But that is generally a mistake. Every property is unique and treating the transfer in a generic way is not appropriate.

Having a lawyer prepare the deed correctly avoids a defect in the chain of title that can be created by an amateur’s hit-or-miss deed. In every deed, the wording is crucial and even every comma counts.

The cost of a new deed on a residential or non-business property will generally be in the hundreds of dollars, not the thousands. Paying this amount protects current and future legal rights. When a quitclaim deed is involved, the grantee(s) of the property should be especially interested in making sure everything is correct. Through a title search, a lawyer can explain what property and rights they will be receiving. A grantee might be willing to pay for the deed and title search to avoid later issues that can cost a lot more.

When considering any type of property transfer, consult with an attorney or if you are at least 60 years old you can call West Virginia Senior Legal Aid at 800-229-5068 to discuss the situation.

A recent example of a quitclaim deed gone bad involved a woman who thought she deeded partial ownership in her home to her new husband via a homemade quitclaim deed she prepared after reading information on the Internet. But she did not do that.

A quitclaim deed transfers to the grantee all of the ownership rights the grantor holds, just as many other types of deeds do. Unaware of what she had done, she learned after her husband died that her step-children had inherited the property from their father. The unhappy wife had not intended that result. She no longer had any ownership rights in her home because of the deed she had drawn up on her own.

In addition to getting property ownership messed up, there can be other unintended consequences from handling a deed on a do-it-yourself basis without fully understanding the legal situation. Future Medicaid eligibility for long term care and loan arrangements with financial institutions can be negatively impacted by such homemade deeds, among other things.

Also, the transfer may be totally ineffective, causing the owner to retain the property after all. Real estate is an important asset to own and having it dealt with professionally saves time, effort and money today and in the future.

For assistance with property or other legal issues, state residents age 60 and over may contact Senior Legal Aid at 800-229-5068 to speak with a staff attorney for free.

Commentary

AG argues in Purdue Pharma bankruptcy case

WV Attorney General Patrick Morrisey pushed Wednesday for greater accountability and more resources for West Virginia in closing arguments at Purdue Pharma’s bankruptcy hearing.

The bankruptcy judge focused particular attention on what the Attorney General’s argument referred to as the “California Carve Out.” It involves an exclusion in the multistate allocation plan that allows California to be the only state not to contribute to an intensity fund designed to allocate additional funds to smaller states hardest hit by the opioid epidemic including West Virginia.

The judge expressed concern in citing bankruptcy law that requires the plan provide the same treatment for each claim or interest of a particular class.

“The allocation formula, coupled with the California cash grab, fails to recognize the disproportionate harm inflicted by opioids upon West Virginia,” Attorney General Morrisey said. “I continue to press every legal lever I can to see fair distribution of recoveries in the opioid litigation and that California does not get more than it deserves at the expense of other states like mine.”

The confirmation hearing began earlier this month in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.

The West Virginia Attorney General’s Office had already introduced evidence and expert testimony. The Attorney General then gave closing arguments Wednesday.

In April, the Attorney General filed his objection in U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, arguing that Purdue’s failure to disclose how its multibillion-dollar proposal would be split among states undermined its desire to avoid court challenges to an inherently inequitable arrangement.

Purdue Pharma responded by disclosing publicly the once-closely held Denver Plan, which the Attorney General opposes since it would distribute settlement funds largely based on population – not intensity of the problem.

Attorney General Morrisey filed suit against Purdue Pharma and former chief executive Richard Sackler in May 2019. The lawsuit alleges Purdue Pharma created a false narrative to convince prescribers that opioids are not addictive and that its opioid products were safer than they actually were.

The lawsuit contends Purdue Pharma proliferated a deceptive marketing strategy with reckless disregard for compliance enforcement. It also alleges company sales representatives routinely claimed that OxyContin had no dose ceiling, despite assertions by federal regulators that OxyContin’s dose ceiling was evident by adverse reactions.

The lawsuit marked West Virginia’s second against Purdue Pharma. The first, filed in 2001, resulted in a \$10 million settlement in 2004. However, that case involved an earlier version of the opioid than the reformulated, so-called tamper-resistant OxyContin that debuted in 2010.

The Purdue matter is one of the West Virginia Attorney General’s pending lawsuits against five opioid manufacturers and other national chain distributors.

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Back to School Fair at WSS Public Library

The White Sulphur Springs Public Library will hold a Back-to-School Fair on Friday Aug. 27 from 5 to 7 p.m. The library will offer families of school children a complimentary hot dog supper, a chance to win a book bag with school supplies, free child haircuts and the opportunity to meet with several local organizations who can help children succeed in school. These organizations include Green-River Academy, Communities in Schools, representatives from local

health business, D.A.R.E. and Librarian/library clerks.

The library will also take the opportunity to commemorate one of White Sulphur Springs favorite's citizens, Mrs. Katherine Coleman Johnson. Mrs. Johnson was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2015 for her work at NASA. John Glenn is reported to have asked Mrs. Johnson to check the computer's calculations before his historic flight into space. Mrs. Johnson was a firm believer in edu-

cation. Her family moved, so that she and her siblings could attend high school and college. We hope to honor her commitment to learning by helping the next generation with their quest for knowledge. During the fair, posters will be hung in the library highlighting Mrs. Johnson's accomplishments.

Please contact the library at 304-536-1171 with any questions. The library is located at 344 West Main Street in White Sulphur Springs. Face coverings are appreciated.

Relay for Life returns September 18

Relay for Life of Greenbrier County will return on Saturday, Sept. 18 at 4 p.m. The event will take place at Modlin Track beside GVMC. We will begin gathering at 4 p.m. with the opening ceremonies starting at 4:30 followed by the survivor walk and the caregiver lap. Cat Head Biscuit will be providing musical entertainment during our event. There will be team sponsored games and special themed laps throughout the evening. Please follow our Facebook page, Relay for Life of Greenbrier County, WV, for

more details of the evening's events.

Any cancer survivor who would like a T-shirt or medal must register by Sept. 1 for the shirt. If you have an email address you can register online at www.relayforlife.org/greenbrierwv, if not, please call 1-800-227-2345. If you wait until the night of the event to register you will not receive a survivor T-shirt or medal.

The Luminary Ceremony is the soul of Relay for Life. At dusk we quietly remember those whose lives have been touched by cancer. In

the soft glow of the candlelight we reflect on the courage and strength of all who have been affected by cancer. During the luminary ceremony candles are lit in luminary bags which are dedicated in honor of a cancer survivor and in memory of a loved one lost to cancer. If you would like to purchase a luminary bag in honor or in memory of someone please call Karen Campbell at 304-647-8314 or Dreama West at 304-667-9627. Bags will be available the night of the event. The bags are \$5 each.

WSS Lions Club annual Rifle Raffle begins

The White Sulphur Springs Lions Club will soon be selling tickets for their annual Rifle Raffle. They are generally set up in front of Walgreens in White Sulphur (weather permitting) with the rifle. Contact George Gillespie at 304-536-1578 for more information and tickets.

This year's raffle will begin after Labor Day and will include a

second-place drawing for a custom-made gun cabinet. This cabinet was donated to the Lions by Marilyn Leftwich's family in honor of her passing. Marilyn served with the Lions for many years. Drawing for the rifle and gun cabinet will be the Sunday before deer season begins.

Lions are always busy working in the community. Upcoming events

include eye screenings for elementary schools and Adopt-A-Highway. If you are interested in joining them, contact any Lions Club member or President Mary Lee Buckland at 304-536-3259.

The club meets every second and fourth Monday at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Main Street at 7 p.m.

Reunions

Hunter

The Hunter Family Reunion will be held Sept. 4 at 11 a.m. at Smoot Ruritan Park (beside Smoot Fire Department). Family and friends are welcome.

Blue Ribbon winner

Lottie Sue Morgan of Ronceverte won a blue ribbon and Best of Show on her House Plant (Anthurium). She also won blue ribbons at the State Fair on rolls, candy, and sour dough bread.



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Dear Recycle Lady,



Dear Recycle Lady,

I have an aerosol can with a large, non-removable plastic top that contains the nozzle. Will this aerosol can recycle?

Hope It Recycles

Dear Hope It Recycles,

Yes, it can be recycled with steel cans. Before recycling your can, spray until nothing more comes out or you do not hear any product inside when you shake it. According to earth911.com, aerosol cans used to contain chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) that were thought to deplete the ozone layer, but those chemicals were phased out in 1978.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Are there companies that are making products out of recycled ocean plastic? If so, what are some of these products?

Hard to Believe

Dear Hard to Believe,

Every minute a dump truck of plastic waste enters our oceans, says Erin Simon, head of Plastic Waste and Business at World Wildlife Fund (WWF). "From sea turtles to whales, plastic pollution is wreaking havoc on ocean life through ingestion, entanglement, and habitat loss due to pollution." Thankfully, there are companies today that are committed to using these recycled ocean materials to make new products. A few of those dedicated companies are Adidas's Parley running shoes, Solgaard's Shore-Tex backpacks and fanny packs, Sea Bags' toiletry bags made from sailboat sailcloth, Leonisa Love's swimsuits, Norton Poing unisex sunglasses, Humanscale's high-performance smart chairs, Hanover's 2 laptop backpacks, Ocean Sole & Sea Star's beachwear, Kevin Murphy's Ocean Plastic Packaging and the Marine Debris Bakelite Project, a collection of 11 Bakelite look-alike products. Also, there is evening wear, yarn, green toys, and surf boards that are being made from recycled ocean plastics. These are great products, but they can be made of other materials, if no plastic was available. Best of all, properly recycle or dispose of used products and never dump in the waterways.

Dear Readers,

When researching the above question, I found the website, <https://earthbuddies.net/5-plastics>. It lists the top five plastic wastes that litter our ocean. Not surprisingly, single-use plastic bags top the list. They look so much like a jelly fish that marine life mistakenly think they are food and many die from eating them. Other marine life gets entangled in the handles. Plastic bottles are second and account for approximately 11% of global plastic waste.

One word of caution - avoid reusing plastic bottles as some types of plastic becomes toxic. Food containers and cutlery are third, particularly takeaway and delivery food containers whose use increased exponentially during the coronavirus pandemic. Use of the fourth plastic waste product, plastic wrapping, has also increased during the pandemic. Plastic wrappings account for approximately 9% of global plastic waste. The fifth product is fishing equipment, particularly the synthetic rope from which fishing nets are made.

Additionally, two dishonorable mentions were listed. First dishonorable mention is cigarette butts because they can break down into microplastics. Plus, they contain chemicals that are harmful to every single organism swallowing them. There is then a chance that the fish that ate these toxic chemicals are caught by fishermen and sold to markets to be consumed by humans.

"Throwing cigarette butts into our waterways is like poisoning ourselves," says the article. Diapers and wet wipes were the second dishonorable mention since they contain human waste and other rubbish. Diapers and wet wipes should all be put in the trash, never in the waterways. We must protect our oceans, rivers, lakes and streams for the benefit of all living creatures.

Good News: Kudos to Evian that has announced that they plan to make all their plastic bottles from 100 percent recycled plastic by 2025.

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

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OBITUARIES

Hardesty twins



Alderson-Xyla Gracyan Hardesty, infant daughter and Anakin Gray Hardesty, infant son of Sidney Jo Hardesty gained their wings on Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2021, at CAMC Women and Children's Hospital in Charleston, WV.

In addition to their mother, they are survived by their two brothers, Deion Baker and Asher Hardesty; sister, Anastasia Thomas; and their grandmother, Joanne Lightner all of Alderson.

They were preceded in death by their grandfather, Fred Hardesty; and their great-grandparents, Edward and Clara Hardesty.

At the family's request there will be no service.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family online at www.lobbanfh.com

William Randolph Adwell



Ronceverte-William Randolph "Bo" Adwell, 52, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2021, at the J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown, WV.

Born Nov. 19, 1968, at White Sulphur Springs, he was the son of Ada Fay Kast (Frank) of Ronceverte and the late William Adwell. In addition to his father, Bo was preceded in death by a son, Andrew Ethan Adwell.

In addition to his mother, survivors include his children, James T. Adwell (Maggie) of Organ Cave, and Brianna Adwell of White Sulphur Springs; brother, Randall Lee Adwell (Connie) of Ronceverte; sister, Sheila Wright (Rickie) of Richmond, VA; and grandchildren, Madelyn and Jeremiah.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 29, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Darrell Ramsey officiating.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net obit

Ronald Wayne Shockley

Lewisburg-Ronald Wayne Shockley, 70, passed away, Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021, at his residence in Lewisburg.

Born Oct. 6, 1950, at Floyd, VA, he was a son of Geneva M. Phillips Shockley of Lewisburg, and the late Fielding V. Shockley.

Ronald was a production worker for U.T.C. aerospace products and transportation systems and was an Army veteran with the 101st Air Borne division.

He is survived by his wife Kimberly Berry Shockley; son, Marcus Wayne Shockley (Georgia) of Lewisburg; two grandchildren, Austin and Skylar Shockley; sister,

Kimberly Mayes of Fairlea; and brother, Stephen Larry Shockley of Ronceverte.

There was a visitation at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg on Wednesday, Aug. 25, immediately followed by a graveside service with Military Honors at Greenbrier Memorial Gardens in Lewisburg, where Pastor Everett Hat Defibaugh officiated.

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

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Mary Louise Deem Sturgell



Town-Mary Louise Deem Sturgell went home to be with the Lord Sunday, Aug. 22, 2021, after a short illness.

Louise was the daughter of the late Sam and Ethel Deem of Ronceverte. Louise was preceded in death by not only her parents but her baby brothers, Charles William Deem, Sammy Dale Deem, and Gary Hollie Deem and sister, Hazel Marie Russell.

She is survived by her husband, Herman Sturgell; her children, Danny Deem (Allie), Kim Withrow (David), and Wolly Sturgell and grandchildren, Janet Kowalsky (Denny), Katelin Withrow (Zack), Mary Deem, Aaron Withrow, Gary Deem, Gabby Withrow, Haley Toney, and Clay Deem; great-grandsons, Bradley Shirley, Darren Deem, and Emmett Kowalsky; her sister, Doris Lovelace; and brothers, Tommy Deem (Barb), Roger, and Johnny Deem (Melanie).

A visitation for family and friends was held on Thursday, Aug. 26, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte, followed by a service where Pastor Joey Morgan officiated.

Private interment followed the service.

Donations of sympathy may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

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

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Ruth Marie Nester

Union-Ruth Marie Nester, 82, passed away Monday, Aug. 16, 2021, at her residence.

She was born on Jan. 16, 1939, in White Sulphur Springs, the daughter of the late Eugenia Virginia Kersey.

Other than her mother, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Leslie Nester; and brother, James Robert Kersey.

Ruth was the pastor of the New Life Christian Center, Glace, WV.

Surviving are her children, Sandra Marie Kinney and husband John Richard of Spotsylvania, VA, Charles L. Nester II,

and wife Melody Elaine of Glace, and Greg Nester of Lewisburg; grandchildren, Tiffany Jackson, Sarah Gammons, Buddy Kinney, Josh Nester, Chloe Lewis, Brett Todd Nester, Britt Nester, Jade Hefner, and Jacy Hefner; great-grandchildren, Kalup Kinney, Heaven Kinney, Michael Gammons, Evelyn Lewis, Kaylee Gammons, Jase Nester, Linda Nester, Abby Fridley Thomas Collins III and Silas Collins.

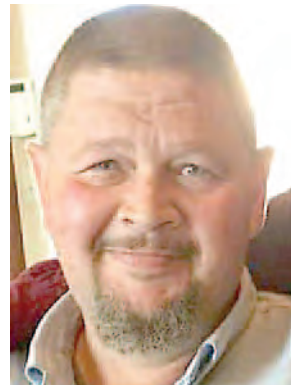
A graveside service was held on Tuesday, Aug. 24, at Leslie Nester Memorial Cemetery in Glace where Pastor Josh Nester officiated.

Visitation for family and friends was held Monday evening, Aug. 23, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs.

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

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Todd Allen Sheffield



Ronceverte-Todd Allen Sheffield, 52, passed away Monday, Aug. 23, 2021, at his homestead in Ronceverte.

He was born July 6, 1969, in Silver Spring, MD and raised in Gaithersburg, MD. He later moved to Ronceverte in the early 1990's and has since become a true mountaineer.

Being a master craftsman, Todd was a founding member of Bearclaw Forge WV - he specialized in hand forged knives and ironwork, leathercraft, machining, carpentry, and cabinet making. He was also an avid mechanic and outdoorsman. He loved to teach these skills and delighted in passing on these skills to a new generation. A man of many talents, Todd worked as a logger, surveyor, and finally as an engineering technologist for the West Virginia Department of Highways.

His most defining trait was his devotion to family. He is survived by his wife, Gina Rose; daughter, Cecilia Bucklen and husband Chris Bucklen; grandson, Draven Bucklen; aunt, Linda May; uncle, Steve May; cousin, Daryl May and wife Erin Goeller May; cousin, Denise Nieves and husband Fredo Nieves; mother-in-law, Thelma Morgan; sister-in-law, Cheryl Drumheller and husband Corbbet Drumheller; nephew, T.C. Drumheller; as well as many extended family and friends.

Todd did not wish for a service but instead asked for a celebration of his life at his family homestead on Saturday, Aug. 28, open to anyone. Those who wish to attend are asked to bring seating, a covered dish, and good memories of Todd.

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

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Joyce Eileen Smith Walkup



Joyce Eileen Smith Walkup has left our world after gracing us with a 91-year life well lived. She will live on in our hearts and minds forever. She lived a life of dignity and strength, and had many deep loves including that of her husband of 62 years, French, her children, her grandchildren, her great-grandchildren, her dog Dakota, and her passionate love of travel.

Joyce was born in Clintonville to Joe Edward Smith and Dovie Frances Sanford. She was a preacher's daughter who yearned to travel and see the world. After meeting the love of her life, French, at age 15, and marrying him at 18, their adventure began. They were a committed and united couple who loved deeply and who held hands and laughed throughout their lives together. French's Army career took him to France, and after their wedding, Joyce joined her young husband traveling by ocean liner to LaChapelle, St. Mesmin, France, where they lived for three years. They would later live in Germany, as well as Virginia, Ohio, West Virginia, New Jersey, Florida, Texas, and all over Europe, and continued their travels after retirement to Alaska, Hawaii, Mexico, Chile, Costa Rica ... the list is long. This love of travel brought a love of all people and their customs and Joyce and French infused this love into their children. Their children also witnessed what a loving couple truly looks like.

Her life was filled with trying new things and embracing them fully. Joyce had years filled with riding the motorcycle that she owned, learning and performing belly dancing, bowling with her aown ball and outfits, downhill skiing in her gorgeous lime green ski suit, and camping in small to large campers and RVs. She was an orthodontist assistant, and she and French owned and operated an RV park on the farm land in West Virginia where French grew up for a decade, living in their RV there from May to October. She was a dynamic and wonderful woman, and the most dedicated and loving Mom ever.

Her dog Dakota was her best friend and was by her side, literally, for 11 years. He could ride for hours in the car, and laid on her left anytime she was seated. She loved her little four-legged family member!

Our mother and grandmother was so strong, so stylish, so dignified, and so passionate about her

children and grandchildren. She has set these foundations of strength, dignity and love in all of us and we will continue to honor her legacy by keeping her memory and love alive.

She is survived by four children, Steven Kent Walkup (Shelly) of Odessa, FL, Gregory French Walkup (Laura) of Chesapeake, VA, David Dale Walkup (Patricia) of Grand Prairie, TX and Joyce (Jr.) Walkup Fischer (Craig) of Whitefish, MT; six grandchildren, Andrew Steven Walkup, Julia Marie Walkup, Keelan Gregory Walkup (Kelly), Ashley DelToro McMurtry (John), Rachel Walkup Martens (Austin), Sarah Walkup Moore (John), Chelsea Daugherty, Amber Moniak (James); and five great-grandchildren, Jack and Maddie Moore, Ella and Cora McMurtry, and Colin Mirelez.

A celebration of life will be held on Sept. 5 in Whitefish, Montana, and on Oct. 10 in West Virginia at End of the Trail, and we will continue to celebrate her life well lived, while mourning our loss forever.

Please call, text, or email Joyce Jr. (Tinky) for details on either service. joycewalkup@gmail.com; (406) 890-0842.

Rhonda Ann Gordon



Town-Rhonda Ann Gordon was called home for eternal rest with God, whom she loves so much, on Friday, Aug. 20, 2021. She was born in White Sulphur Springs on July 20, 1947, at home on Salisbury Avenue to the late Edna S. Brown and James N. Swann III.

Rhonda was a graduate of Lewisburg High School. She married her high school sweetheart, the late James (Jim) Gordon, at the age of 17. To this 20-year union, she had four children. While working and caring for her family, she attended Greenbrier Community College. She worked for Bendix in the engineering department in Lewisburg until she was laid off. Feeling Bendix did wrong, she filed a class-action lawsuit which lead to others that were laid off, being rehired. She always

wanted to help others and she read many self-help books. Her entrepreneurial spirit and desire to help lead her to New York Life as an insurance agent in Silver Spring, MD. She found a passion in real estate in 1989 when she first got her Maryland real estate license. She worked part time for Marriott as a night auditor while selling real estate during the day. She left Maryland for Miami Beach transferring with Marriott and getting her Florida real estate license. She moved to Phoenix for less than two years and started her career with America West (American) in October 2006. Missing her family, she moved to Charlotte in 2008 to be closer to family, being near her grandchildren, children and mother. She bought a beautiful home in Indian Trail, NC in 2019 where she could gather with her family and create memories. She didn't care much for TV but would rather have a conversation with you or read a book. She had a green thumb and could make any plant grow. She loved to travel, whether a family vacation to a beach or girl trips to the casino. She was a hard worker and a constant giver.

Rhonda was a loving and giving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, niece, cousin, friend and neighbor. Her greatest love was her family.

Other than her parents and former husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Dwain Swann and Michael Swann.

Survivors include children, Tracy Gordon, Indian Trail, NC, James (Jay) Gordon, Lewisburg, Lisa Mackey (Chris), Lewisburg, and Melissa (Kelly) Gordon, Indian Trail, NC; siblings, Jimmy Swann, Roanoke, VA, Dot Swann, Lewisburg, and Rick Brown (Zina), Low Moor, VA; nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, aunts, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral service will be at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 28, at Lewisburg Baptist Church with Pastor Greg Scott and Pastor Joseph Evans officiating. Burial will follow in Greenbrier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Lewisburg.

Friends may call at the church from 2 p.m. until time of service.

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SCRAMBLERS

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3. Shear; 4. Resist

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Joe Darnell, Assessor

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TODAY'S WORD

"I don't suppose either of you would be interested in a down front."

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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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Stripe is added. 2. Pencil is removed. 3. Tent is smaller. 4. Shorts are different. 5. Rock is moved. 6. Cap is reversed.

A Look Back

By William "Skip" Deegans

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the 26th amendment to the U.S. Constitution that gave men and women from 18 to 21 years of age the right to vote.

Shown in this week's 1946 photo is West Virginia Congressman Jennings Randolph and actress Loretta Young. Randolph, a Democrat, was an ardent supporter of the amendment, and he sponsored it eleven times as a congressman and senator. When 18-year old men were drafted during World War II, Randolph thought they should have the right to vote. With the Vietnam War as the tipping point, the amendment was ratified by three-fourths of the states in 1971. Randolph was honored to select the first 18-year old citizen to vote and chose Ella Mae Thompson Haddix, a Republican, of Randolph County. Her brother was killed in Vietnam in 1967 without having the right to vote.

Born Gretchen Young in 1913, Loretta Young was a child actress in silent films. She went on to perform in 100 films and won an Academy Award. To many, however, she is best remembered for her weekly television performance on the Loretta Young Show that ran from 1953 to 1961 on NBC. When the show was aired, she had the longest running prime time television program hosted by a woman. Many older Americans still associate Young with their family's first television set. She was active in the Republican



West Virginia State Archives

Courtesy of the West Virginia State Archives.

Party and supported President Richard Nixon who very reluctantly stood out of the way of the effort to pass the 26th amendment during his presidency.

What Randolph and Young are discussing in the photo is anyone's guess.

Sources: NPR, Wheeling Intelligencer, Las Angeles Times, Washington Post.

Super Crossword

GAME TIME

ACROSS

- 1 Ford dud
6 Like a poetic lament
13 Reggae land
20 Mucho
21 Sailing event
22 Warded off
23 Game in which groups of items are named
25 Game utilizing five dice
26 Liver spread
27 Part of TGIF
28 "That's show —!"
30 Singer Elliot
31 Game of bluffing and trivia
35 Enraged
36 Tax doc. pro
38 Filled cookies
39 Autumn mo.
40 Game involving picking fruit from trees
45 Boomers' children
46 Seal herd
47 Part of TGIF
48 Glimpse
49 Atop, in poetry
50 Game having a cross-shaped playing area
53 Suggest
55 Catch sight of
59 Big arteries
61 Sports squad
62 Writer
63 Calvino
63 Mensa figs.
65 Brunch, e.g.
67 TV host Kelly
70 Game containing 100 tiles
72 Apt word for this puzzle's theme, found by using the three letters that appear nowhere else in this entire puzzle's grid
73 Game based on jumping and capturing
75 Burn a little
76 Eclectic mix
78 Greek vowel
79 Certain eye surgery
80 Notified
82 Dogs' jinglers
86 Glues
87 Indianan, informally
90 Game featuring war negotiation
93 Pt. of PLO
94 Male buds
96 Zodiac cat
97 "Six-pack"

DOWN

- 1 High trains
2 Medico
3 Office gizmo
4 — Unidos de América
5 Espresso quaffs
6 Blunder
7 Lower limb
8 Vain person
9 Country star
10 Inflammation suffix
11 Polished off
12 North African city citadel
13 Rap star married to Beyoncé
14 Film director
15 "Doesn't excite me"
16 Elaborately decorated auto
17 Chichén — (Mayan ruins)
18 OK grades
19 Citrus drinks
24 Suffix with profit
29 Sacred cow
31 Be a puglist
32 "— you in?"
33 Portal
34 "T.N.T." band
35 Center
36 Chuckle
37 Black tea
40 User of a certain weeding tool
41 Perp nabber
42 Most spacious
43 With 52-Down, retort to "No you're not!"
44 Mined matter
46 Stipend, say
47 Prefix with thermal
50 "No —!" ("Sure!")
51 Owns
52 See 43-Down
55 Arctic coats
56 Frisbee, e.g.
56 Mark permanently
57 Bay Area city
58 Light cigars
60 Faith faction
63 Sick
64 Brit. monarch beginning in '52
66 "Caught ya!"
68 — -dieu (kneeler)
69 Inquires
71 "Bolero" star
74 Pottery need
77 Strange
78 "— Beso"
81 Tripoli is its capital
83 Is inclined
84 Imitates
85 Day- — colors
86 Mac rivals
87 Ad —
88 NHL's Bobby
89 French "king"
91 Sail holder
92 Help do bad
95 Mil. figures
98 Small guns
99 Demonstrate system
101 Autumn mo.
103 Fast car, e.g.
104 "Yippee!"
105 Meditative martial art
106 One-named singer of the 1994 hit "You Gotta Be"
109 Baseball great Lou
110 Nero's lang.
111 Conks
112 — unto itself
113 Sit in neutral
114 — of March
115 Mark permanently
118 Safari truck, in brief
119 Suffix with Wisconsin
121 NYSE event
122 Bray starter
123 Letter #19
124 Lyrical poem
125 Letter #20

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Hanna Farmstead opens to public



The Hanna Farmstead has now opened their sunflower field and flower garden to the public and will remain open through Oct. 31. There will also be family activities including horseshoe pits, cornhole, a square bale maze for children, kids' barrel train, rubber duck race, and an assortment of other activities.

The sunflower and flower fields offer excellent photo opportunities for seniors wanting a venue to take their senior pictures. Seniors and their photographers can schedule private sessions at their convenience. When the corn maze is ready, those interested can also do photos in the maze.

Beginning in September, fall activities will include the corn maze, pick-your-own pumpkins, wagon rides, fire pits, and freshly

prepared food.

The GHanna Farmstead describes themselves as family oriented, and focuses on hosting activities which create an atmosphere that fosters family fun and togetherness. "We want our farmstead to be a place where memories are made."

Follow them on Facebook under Hanna Farmstead for updates. Anyone wanting to schedule a private photo session can private message through Facebook.

The farmstead is located at 382 James Stuart Road in Lewisburg. Directions from downtown Lewisburg are as follows: From stop light follow US-219 N/Seneca Trail for 4.4 miles towards Maxwelton, turn left onto Arbuckle Lane Road/Arbuckle Lane for one mile, turn right onto James Stuart Road, it's the first driveway on the right.

WVSOM collects more than 3,000 school supplies for Stuff the Bus



Employees and administrators from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine join representatives of Communities in Schools and the Family Refuge Center to display some of the 3,386 items the school's staff collected for the Stuff the Bus drive. (Photo Courtesy WVSOM)

Staff from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) organized a campaign that gathered more than 3,000 items

for the 2021 Stuff the Bus drive.

Stuff the Bus is sponsored by Communities in Schools of Greenbrier County and the Lewisburg-

based Family Refuge Center.

Through the annual event, local organizations donate school supplies from a list of requested items such as pencils, pens, markers, crayons, paper, folders, dividers, water bottles and backpacks. WVSOM collected a total of 3,386 items this year, including 59 backpacks.

Scott Maxwell, WVSOM staff chair, said the school's participation in Stuff the Bus is one of many ways WVSOM works to give back to the community.

"The entire WVSOM family, from students and staff to faculty and administrators, took part in this," Maxwell said. "It's a great program and an excellent way for WVSOM to reach back out to support those who have supported us. We wouldn't be here if not for the surrounding area, which always does a good job of making our students feel at home."

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First Fridays is On!

Celebrate First Fridays After Five in Downtown Lewisburg on Friday, Sept. 3, from 5 to 8 p.m. As always, there will be complimentary tastings, live music, festive beverages, and special offers throughout town - all free to the public. Everyone is welcome!

Dance to the tunes of Dark Matters, a 9-piece soul band rooted in the sounds of '60s soul, deep grooves, heavy soul and hefty horn lines. Live performance will be held in the **City Green Space** from 5 to 8 p.m.

The **Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center** welcomes September with an evening of eclectic art and music. The Art in the Valley series presents a gallery exhibit by local artists Tenley Shewmake and Bob Hoffa. This creative duo's show titled "From Cotton to Copper: A Continuum of Elegance" features a "marriage of proportion, balance and function in materials from soft flexible Cotton to cold rigid Copper." The Art Alcove highlights the unique artwork of well-known local artist, writer, and vocalist, Susanna Robinson. Susanna's show "All These Ladies,

Quite Bewitching" includes a bevy of collage portraits reflecting a true Art Nouveau influence. Stop in to meet all of the artists and learn about their creative process. Live music throughout the evening will be provided by G.R.O.U.P. (Greenbrier River Optimistic Ukulele Players) and George, Jim and Bob, better known as The Rust Brothers. Don't miss this art-filled, fun evening in downtown Lewisburg! (905 Washington Street West, 645-1000)

Stop by the **Sheena Pendley Photography Studio** to check out their selection of photographic prints and postcards featuring some of West Virginia's iconic locations! Postcard bundles start at just \$15! There is something for everyone to enjoy. (846 South Court Street, 304-646-9452)

At **A New Chapter** author Kris Hall will be sharing his newest novel, *The Fabian Waltz*, which is based in the life of George Bernard Shaw. (922 Washington Street West, 681-318-3501)

Performing at **The Asylum**: Victor Della Torre or Vic D.T. as he is



also known, is a drummer singer of four decades. Able to play any genre of music, he mixes his Roland electronic drums to blend with tracks sans drums and vocals, and plays and sings in an effortless and very entertaining way. Young and old, classic rockers to country fans, all get a taste of what they like to hear. (399 Randolph Street East, 681-318-3515)

Pop in to **Patina** to enjoy live Celtic music by Patrick O'Flaherty and complimentary beverages and Girl Scout cookies. (1046 Washington Street East, 304-520-4960)

First Fridays is sponsored by City National Bank and the shops and restaurants of downtown Lewisburg. For more information go to visitlew-isburgwv.com, visit Facebook, or call 304-645-4333.

Freshwater Folk Festival canceled due to rising Covid cases

The Freshwater Folk Festival that was scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 11 at the White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery in White Sulphur Springs has been canceled due to the rising number of Covid cases. It is hoped that next year we can all gather together and that the fest will be back bigger and better than ever! To keep abreast of upcoming happenings with the fest, follow our Freshwater Folk Festival page on Facebook and visit our website at www.freshwater-folkfestival.org. Stay safe and healthy!

Western Greenbrier Historical Society to host fundraising festival

The Western Greenbrier Historical Society will hold its first Appalachian Reunion Festival on Saturday, Aug. 28. The event begins at 12 noon and runs until dusk at the Meadow River Community Park, Route 60, Charmco, WV.

There will be food, music, arts and crafts, storytelling, games, and a few surprises. An antique car cruise-in will be held at the park, as well. The Goodson Boys will be playing from 2 to 4 p.m., and John Wyatt will be playing music and telling his own brand of Appalachian stories. Jim Costa also plans to come and demonstrate how music used to be played.

Debbie and Bill Wilson will serve from their food truck; and Julian Arbaugh and son will demonstrate how they've merged the old with the new in grinding meal from a grist mill attached to their John Deere Tractor.

There will be activities for the children, such as painting and card-making, from 1:30 to 2 p.m., and returning at 4 p.m., as well as other games.

This is a fundraising event for the newly-established Western Greenbrier Historical Society. Tables are still available for vendors at \$15 each. If interested, please call Irma Cadle at 304-771-8814. General admission is \$10 per car for an afternoon of food, fun, and great music. Donations will be gratefully accepted, and items for a silent auction would be greatly appreciated.

Due to the COVID pandemic, we respectfully ask that all attendees and vendors exercise caution and maintain social distancing.

For more information, call Irma Cadle at 304-771-8814, or John Wyatt at 304-646-4094.

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Race Matters celebrates 58th anniversary of MLK Jr.'s historic march on Washington

Race Matters, in conjunction with its upcoming Community Block party on Saturday, Aug. 28 will celebrate the 58th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s historic march on Washington. A special part of this community gathering will focus on the nationwide rally to gather support to saving democracy and free elections. Race Matters has invited guest speakers to share important information concerning these matters. This segment of the day will take place from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Race Matters has partnered with March on for Voting Rights, a nationwide mass mobilization to demand that elected officials protect democracy, denounce voter suppression and ensure fair, easy access to the Vote for All. Elsewhere around the United

States, marches will take place on Aug. 28 to demand legislatures across the country end their push for restrictive voting laws and that Congress pass the For the People Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Restoration Act, which will ensure free, fair access to the ballot for every voter.

In addition to Lewisburg, special events and marches will also take place in Atlanta, Houston, Miami, Phoenix, Washington, DC, and in more than 40 other cities around the country. March on for Voting Rights is co-sponsored by March On, SEIU, National Action Network and the Drum Major Institute, an organization founded by Martin Luther King Jr. and dedicated to the King legacy of addressing racism through peaceful solutions. The Community Block

Party will take place from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. at Dorie Miller Park, located at Feamster Road, Lewisburg. The event will consist of food, family entertainment, games, music and educational/medical booths. A live auction will take place at 7 p.m. Come dance with your community friends and neighbors to the music of Marshall Petty, Dark Matters, and other local musicians. Social distancing and mask wearing is highly encouraged all day. In the event Gov. Justice prohibits large outdoor gatherings, the block party will have to be rescheduled. Check your local news outlets and the Facebook event listing should this occur. For additional information on the Community Block Party, contact lorettayoung26@gmail.com or call 304-610-6834.

Rupert Public Library Art Show set for September

The Rupert Public Library will be holding their fifth Art Show on Sept. 24 and 25. There will be a reception on Saturday, the 25th, from 5 to 7 p.m. Hidden Mountain Treasures music group will perform for your entertainment while you view the art entries and enjoy food prepared by the Board of trustees and staff.

All artists working in oil, acrylic, pastel, watercolor, mixed media, and drawing are invited to submit up to three items to be displayed and judged. First, second and third place ribbons, and best of show, will be awarded. There will be monetary awards for the blue ribbon winner in each category, best of show winner, and the people's choice.

If you wish to show your work, you can pick up an entry form at the library or call 304-392-6158 to have a form mailed to you. You may bring your work to be entered Friday, Sept.

24, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Artists can bring in entries on an earlier date if they cannot come before 4 p.m. Friday. All entries

are to be framed with a wire hanger. Please no alligator or zigzag hangers. Bring your entry and release of liability form.

There will be a \$5 fee for each art entry.

The library staff and board of trustees invite you to enjoy the festivities.

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