Lewisburg Mayor listed among West Virginia Wonder Women

Since 2014, WV Living magazine has been honoring West Virginia Wonder Women, amazing women who are raising the bar in their communities, serving as beacons of light in their industries, and forcing change for the greater good. WV Living is proud to celebrate these Appalachian mothers, millennials, and mavens who are proving that, in a time full of uncertainty, divisiveness, and hate, love for one another is all we really need. No need for bulletproof bracelets or a golden lasso of truth - these women are creating a better West Virginia with their can-do attitudes and Mountain State spirit.

Beverly White, Lewisburg's first Black city council woman and current mayor, was named among the 2021 awardees from around the state. Her Wonder Woman profile follows:

From the Start

"My dad would sing the song, 'If I could help somebody as I pass along, then my living shall not be in vain,' so I always felt like that's what we're supposed to do in life - help others. We do it by serving our community."

The Power of Faith

"Every morning, I pray for our city, our employees, our businesses, and then I branch out to the county, the state, the country, and the world. Having that relationship helps me stay grounded, helps me to interact with the public, and to just show kindness and respect and love - because I feel that's how we all should be towards each

A Bright Future

"I'm passionate about our city and the growth we see happening. I'm excited about where we are right now in my administration and where we're going in the future. I see good things happening for Lewisburg, and that makes me proud. I want our children, especially in West Virginia, to be able to be successful. What our children see and hear is so important to me, and I try to be the kind of leader that, when they see me, they know that I am inclusive, I care, I respect them, I love them, and I want them to be their best selves."

To view the full list of 2021 West Virginia Wonder Women, visit WV Living's website at https:// wvliving.com/category/wonder-women/2021west-virginia-wonder-women/.



Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White

Council discusses replacing water filters, progress on plans for new plant

Engineer says that construction on the new water plant can potentially start as early as next spring

By Sarah Richardson

The Lewisburg City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Sept. 21 at City Hall. Councilmembers approved a temporary building inspector, discussed water plant upgrades, heard updates regarding the public bathroom winterizing at City Hall, and

The council unanimously approved a contract for Bobby Ford to take over duties as Lewisburg's building inspector temporarily while the regular building inspector is out on leave. Ford is currently the inspector for Greenbrier County, but City Manager Misty Hill assured council that he could perform both duties as needed. "It takes a certification, [this job] can't be done by just anyone, it has to be a certified building inspector."

The second reading of Ordinance 295 was held, and passed without any public comment and a unanimous vote from council. This ordinance adjusts some rental fees for city parks to help cover costs of cleanup and

standard maintenance. The new rates are as follows, and will be made effective as on January 1, 2022:

- Lewisburg Parks Shelter Reservation: \$50/day
- Lewisburg Parks Concession Stand Use: \$10/day or \$100 per season
- Dorie Miller Ballfield Reservation: \$10/day or \$100 per season
- Hollowell Ballfield Reservation: \$10/day or \$100

Greg Belcher with Chapman Technical Group spoke to council via ZOOM to explain the process of replacing the three filter medias at the municipal water plant, and how that process will affect the city. He explained that their contractor will remove the current water filter medias, make any necessary repairs, then install the new filters. After installing the new filters, they

need to be "backwashed and disinfected," before they can be put back into service. They plan to wait at least a week

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between each of the three filter installations to allow for water levels to recover in the tanks, making the overall process take roughly 30-45 days "if things go without a hitch."

Once that work is completed, "the plant should not have any difficulties continuing to provide a safe and dependable supply of water until we get the new plant online."

These new filters are intended to resolve some of the issues the city has had as of late with "high turbidity" levels in the water, a technical term for cloudy and sediment-filled water. On several occasions, the city has been forced to under temporary boil water advisories after sediment levels rose out of normal parameters. However, with the new filter medias, these issues won't be as paramount of a concern as they've been in recent months.

Belcher said that he thinks it will be November or afterwards that the federal government will have funds available for the start of construction on the new municipal water plant, but estimates that construction can begin as early as next spring.

City Manager Hill said that the city should be officially closing on the property located adjacent to the water plant on Stonehouse Road in Caldwell for the plant expansion and the relocation of the Public Works headquarters within 30 days. The city has also recently gained the necessary 80 percent easements needed to move the location of the water intake pump from the Greenbrier River to the plant.

In other news:

· Councilmember Sarah Elkins reported that new walking lights have been installed at Hollowell Park,

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Justice withdraws coaching application and grievance against **Board of Education**

By Sarah Richardson

West Virginia Governor Jim Justice has withdrawn his name from consideration as the boys basketball coach at Greenbrier East High School. He also withdrew his grievance with the Greenbrier County Board of Education. Gov. Justice was listed among several candidates in the search to replace Bimbo Coles as the head boys basketball coach, and filed the grievance after he was not selected for the position in a 3-2 vote at a board meeting on Aug. 23.

Gov. Justice has coached the girls basketball team since 2000, and was head coach of the boys basketball team from 2010 to 2017.

He argued that he was the most qualified applicant, and in his scathing withdrawal letter wrote, "Vacations and parties are not Jim Justice. All I do is work, and love my work, and love the people of West Virginia, especially the kids. I understand that many of my players and supporters were at the Board meeting few days ago. Additionally, I have received hundreds of calls from people in total disbelief and apologetic over the Board's

Along with calling the board's rejection "vile," he argued that if his case had gone to court he believes he would have won. He added, "I refuse to spend time fighting HATE."

"The law clearly states that the most qualified applicant has to be hired. Discrimination, ignoring a candidate's qualifications, and personal biases are forbidden under all circumstances. Everyone believes unanimously that if we proceed to court, Jim Justice will be the head boys' basketball coach. Any court would deem this level of activity is manifestly arbitrary and capricious."

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Alderson citizens speak out about Mayor's alleged charges, ask for his removal

By Angela McGill

On Sept. 20, a meeting was held at the Alderson Community Center to allow to community to address Travis Copenhaver's position as mayor for the town, and if he will continue to serve after being charged with allegations of child neglect, conspiracy, burglary, and assault. These charges stem from an alleged incident that occurred on June 18 of this year.

According to a criminal complaint filed in Greenbrier County Magistrate Court, Copenhaver and Lloyd "Billy" Lightner of Alderson approached a woman parked in her car before Lightner allegedly opened her car door and "stroked" her arm and the back of her neck. In her statement, she noted that Copenhaver and Lightner were drinking beer. A man who arrived on the property said Lightner was "in his face cussing" while Copenhaver approached him from the other side, making him uncomfortable enough to call 911. The complaint states that when officers with the state police arrived on the property, it was found that Copenhaver and Lightner had allegedly rifled through a variety of personal items in the home. A minor was allegedly present during the incident. A rifle and compound bow found to be missing from the property, but were returned at a later time, and a bed had been urinated in.

Many Alderson residents expressed confusion and concern as to why Copenhaver was still permitted to perform mayoral duties, however, according to Richard

Grady Ford, attorney for the Town of Alderson, West Virginia State Code outlines that council doesn't have the power to remove Copenhaver as mayor.

Ford recited a statement from Copenhaver's personal attorney, John H. Bryan, which reads, "I am counsel for Travis Lee Copenhaver in regards to the above styled criminal action currently pending in Magistrate Court of Greenbrier County, West Virginia. Accordingly, I have advised him to make no public or private statements to any individual or entity regarding the charges. This is a matter of routine in any pending criminal case. As always, the defendant in a pending criminal case in America is innocent until proven guilty. These are guarantees under the state and federal constitutions. My client absolutely maintains his innocence and is confident that after being provided with his constitutionally required due process, that he will be vindicated of the allegations. While this process takes place, my client will continue to serve as mayor of the town of Alderson as he has done for the past eight and a half years. He has resigned as a municipal judge in the town of Alderson, until such time as the pending charges are resolved."

Other speakers at the meeting included a variety of residents, some of which mentioned Copenhaver's previous indictment on criminal charges in connection to a shooting that paralyzed an off-duty police officer in October 2017, and how his actions "shed a bad light" on

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Commissioners in Greenbrier County proclaim September as Hunger Action Month

By Angela McGill

The Greenbrier County Commission signed a proclamation supported by our local food banks designating the month of September as Hunger Action Month. Commissioners Lowell Rose, Michael McClung, and Tammy Shifflet-Tincher unaminously approved the proclama-

It reads:

"Hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in West Virginia, where over 14 percent of people struggle with hunger and one in every five children do not know where their next meal will come from; Whereas, the state of West Virginia is committed to taking steps to combat hunger in every part of our community and provide additional resources that those in West Virginia need; Whereas the state of West Virginia is committed to Mountaineer Food Bank, a member of the nationwide food banks, about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and addressing awareness of the need for more resources and attention to hunger issues.

More than 250,000 individuals in West Virginia rely on food provided by the members of the Mountaineer Food Bank and Facing Hunger Food Bank annually. The coronavirus pandemic has had a devastating health and economic

impacts across the country and is projected that 71,686 more people could face more hunger in West Virginia in the wake of the pandemic this year. The members of the Mountaineer Food Bank distributed more than 29 million pounds of food to 48 counties in 2020 through this network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other community organizations.

The month of September has been designated Hunger Action Month in order to bring attention to food insecurity in our communities and to engage the public in action, including volunteer-ship, social media shares, donations, and helping one [person] at a time.

Across the country, as well as members of Mountaineer Food Bank and Facing Hunger food banks will have numerous ways to take action throughout the month of September to bring awareness and help with hunger in our community.

Therefore we, the Greenbrier County Commission, do hereby recognize the month of Sept. 2021, as Hunger Action Month, and we call this to the attention of our citizens."

Commissioner Shifflett-Tincher said. "I would like to thank all of our local food banks our volunteers that put a tremendous amount of time and energy into making sure that food is available."

Water Plant

and that work on the new pickleball courts is in full swing. She notes that "lots of interested parties" are raising funds for pickleball.

• Finance Committee Chair Arron Seams reports that Schleiff Construction placed a bid of \$9,738.20 to provide improvements to the public bathrooms located outside of City Hall. This bid covers the winterizing of the bathrooms so they can remain open year-round without issue. Council also approved the second payment to Schleiff Constriction in the amount of \$100,000 for the ongoing restoration and painting work to the outside of City Hall.

Seams reported that The Thrasher Engineering Group has provided a "broad overview" of plans for the new fire station off of Grand Avenue. These engineers were chosen by the Fire Station Selection Committee after reviewing a variety of proposals from engineering groups around the east coast. A lump sum of \$595,000 was approved by council to cover the first part of project development.

- Hill reports that the construction next to City Hall is the placing Stratton Allev's power lines underground. This is a project that has been approved for roughly two years. She says that due to the pandemic, construction that has already been started requires an additional \$16,425 to complete. The council approved the change
- Mayor Beverly White reported that the city supports Carnegie Hall's decision to cancel Taste of Our Town (TOOT) for the second year in a row due to COVID-19 safety concerns. While disheartening, she encourages everyone to show support to the Hall if they are able.

White also recognized those who reach out to City Hall in times of uncertainty. "I appreciate those who take the time to call and get their information from City Hall any time there has been a concern. We are happy to address citizen's concerns, and I also appreciate the support and understanding the city receives when issues arise that we do our best to address."

Alderson Mayor

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the community even then.

Ryan Keese took the podium to say, "We're all tired of the drama, so tired of the drama. We want to go back to being a sleepy quiet little town; this is an embarrassment and black eye on our town."

Roger Bennett stated, "I would hope that if I was ever in a situation such as the one that current mayor is in, I would have enough respect for the town that I supposedly cared about and step down as mayor, at least until the muddy water cleared. If he's innocent, that's the right thing to do. If he's guilty, it's definitely the right thing to do."

"You hold your city employees to the code of conduct, why do you believe you're above the standards put forth?" asked community member Jennifer Fry. "An elected

> official has a job to perform 24/7, 365 days a year. We all take pride in being citizens, we are all proud of our wonderful town and community. However, it starts from the top and it comes down. We need someone who is for the people of Alderson, not someone who believes they're above the standards."

Copenhaver remains mayor of Alderson and resumed his duties as of Sept. 20. He resigned as municipal judge after the case was filed.

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Leah Glover, WVCADV Board Member (left); Raymie White, WVCADV Legal Services Coordinator; 2021 Mrs. West Virginia Cydney Fields; and Kate Flack, CEO of WVCAN

Newly-crowned Mrs. West Virginia presents checks to victim-serving agencies

WVCAN & WVCADV Receive Donations to help Survivors of Abuse

Last week, the 2021 Mrs. West Virginia America, Cydney Fields, presented checks to two West Virginia victim-serving agencies to support the work of survivors of abuse - the WV Child Advocacy Network and the WV Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Fields has a passion for children, working to make the state safer for families. As a social worker, she has worked statewide and nationally, educating others through training, policy development, and public awareness events about the impact of violence on adults and children. She specializes in rural community resource development by understanding the challenges faced by those living in areas where access to resources is lim-

"As a social worker, I am driven to inspire hope and promote safety for others. As Mrs. West Virginia, I want to take that same passion and use it to uplift the voices of those that often go unheard," shared Mrs. West Virginia Cydney Fields. "I am grateful to know that with these individual donations to WVCADV and WVCAN, coupled with the work of others like me, West Virginia adult and child victims of violence can live in a safer state."

West Virginia's children have never been more at risk - most are unvaccinated, facing disruptions to their schedules from quarantines, facing uncertainty with caregivers' stress - and this is all on top of the already overwhelming prevalence of abuse and neglect. According to Darkness to Light, one in 10 children will be sexually abused by their 18th birthday.

"West Virginia's 21 child advocacy centers have continued to work day-in and day-out to restore the lives of child survivors of abuse, despite facing impending federal funding cuts. Now, more than ever, we need leaders like Mrs. West Virginia to stand up for children and to safeguard them against abuse and neglect," shared Kate Flack, CEO of the WV Child Advocacy Network.

Joyce Yedlosky, Team Coordinator for the WV Coalition Against Domestic Violence added, "We thank Cydney for choosing domestic violence and child abuse awareness as her Mrs. West Virginia platform. This generous donation and the awareness she is raising will impact survivor safety and help make West Virginia a Safer State of Family."

This money was raised during the recent state pageant through the "Fabulous Face Competition" by all contestants vying for the title of Mrs./Miss West Virginia titles. Half of the proceeds from this competition was split between the winners' causes of choice and the other half going to Victoria's Voice Foundation - the national philanthropy for Mrs. West Virginia. They provide education and support to those with substance use disorder by the promotion of naloxone and harm reduction.

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Elaine is a fouryear-old female domestic shorthair.

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cated 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

Food Pantry set for September 30

The Mountaineer Food Bank will be doing a drive-thru Mobile Food Pantry on Thursday, Sept. 30, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (while supplies last), at the Renick Park. All West Virginia residents are eligible. This event is sponsored in partnership with the Renick Community

Rupert Public Library Art Show

scheduled for Sept. 24 and 25 has been postponed. Hopefully we can reschedule for the spring of 2022.

American Heritage Music Hall, Inc. located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte, will be canceling the Thomas Taylor Band Sept. 25 due to the amount of COVID-19 in the area. 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 7 to 10 p.m. The Music Hall is available for weddings and parties. For more

information call the Music Hall at 304-645-4667; Bill

Evans at 304-392-6079; Grace Poe at 304-992-5852.

Shepherd's Center classes postponed

The Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley has postponing both the Community Service Award and Adventures in Learning classes until Spring 2022 due to COVID. We plan to make our spring events the best ones yet! We will release more information later with the information needed for the spring semester. You can always stay up to date on our Facebook page or our website www.greenbriershepherdscenter.com for news articles and announcements of what is currently going on with the Shepherd's Center. We pray for safety and health over everyone during this season.

Greenbrier Co. Extension Master Gardener classes

are 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.

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-effectsof-covid-19.html

Police Blotter Man stabs two with Samurai sword

On Wednesday, Sept. 22, at approximately 11 a.m., members of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office and White Sulphur Springs Police Department responded to a reported stabbing on Hamilton Addition Road near White Sulphur Springs.

Upon arrival, officers would determine that Chester E. Brandon III, 41, of White Sulphur Springs, utilized a Samurai sword and stabbed Shawn Martin, 31, and Brenda Brooks, 57. Brooks and Martin, also of White Sulphur Springs, were transported to medical facilities for treatment of injuries sustained.

Brandon was charged with two counts of malicious wounding and arraigned before a Greenbrier County Magistrate. He was incarcerated in the Southern Regional Jail in lieu of \$10,000 bond.

Sergeant B. W. Mitchell and Corporal B. J. McCormick of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office are the investigating officers.

Preliminary hearing held in Danny and Daisy Foster murder case

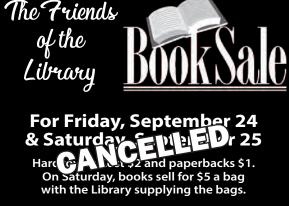
On Thursday, Sept. 23, a preliminary hearing was held in Greenbrier County Magistrate Court for Jeremiah Bleu Powell, 39, of Marlinton. Powell had been charged with two counts of first degree murder in connection with the deaths of Joseph (Danny) and Daisy Foster that occurred at their residence on Fullen Cemetery Road on Thursday, Apr. 2, 2020.

The preliminary hearing resulted in a probable cause finding and the case was bound over to the next term of the Greenbrier County Grand Jury.

Anyone with additional information relative to this crime is asked to contact the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office at 304-647-6634 or Crime Stoppers of West Virginia at 304-255-STOP or email at www.crimestopperswv.com. Information may be provided anonymous-

A \$10,000 reward is being offered by the WV State Fire Marshal's Office for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s).

Lieutenant G.R. Workman and Corporal A. L. Workman, of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office, Sergeant N. J. Hersman, of the WV State Police, and Scott Rodes, of the WV State Fire Marshal's Office, are the investigating officers.



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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.

Warner celebrates one-year anniversary for online registration and licensing platform

Efforts of the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office to provide online services for registration and licensing services have reached the one-year anniversary.

In August of 2020, Secretary Warner's Business & Licensing Division surpassed a great hurdle of modernization of the office with the implementation of the online WV Enterprise Registration & Licensing System (ERLS). The public's use of the online services has been robust over the past year, with a majority of users opting to complete their registration and licensing transactions online for processes that were only previously available in paper formats. Since launching the ERLS, an average of over 1,300

filers per month have benefitted from the efficiency of the system. The progress has resulted in an estimated 160,000+ sheets of paper eliminated from direct handling while recording the data directly into WVSOS systems. In many cases, the efficiency improvements issue customers' registration certificates almost immediately. Printing, mailing and wait times for customers are now nearly eliminated for most all ERLS services.

The ERLS allows for 24-hour access and immediate filing for registration and required documents relating to notaries, charitable organizations, marriage celebrants, professional charitable fundraisers, private investigators, athlete agents, scrap metal dealers, trademarks, and apos-

"Making online registration and filing easy and accessible 24-hours a day, we're enabling West Virginia businesses and entrepreneurs to remain compliant," Warner said. "We've modernized the Secretary of State's Business & Licensing Division so that business owners can focus on their business."

According to Warner, the public response to the new system has been overwhelmingly positive.

For example, there are currently more than 44,000 notary publics in West Virginia. Current data shows that 90% of all notary registrations are now being completed online, a process that was not available prior to the launching of the ERLS. Further, 82% of marriage celebrant registrations and 51% of charitable organization applications are now being completed online, saving time and money for each customer.

"By transforming the office to embrace online services, West Virginia businesses can spend as little time as possible interacting with the government, and as much time as possible focused on their business' success," Warner said.

The launch of the Secretary of State's ERLS adds to an expanding list of services that have been placed online over the last four years.

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Anne Robbins Hatchett to Michael A. Trent, 2.04 acres, Williamsburg District

K Group LLC to John Frederick Fox, Lot #28 Phase 1, White Gate Village, White Sulphur Municipality Megan Higginbotham to Retreat Vacations LLC, 0.741 acre and 7,984.86 square feet, Lewisburg

Brian Keith Neal to William Spade, one acre, Williamsburg District

Blackbird Village LLC to Greenbrier Outfitters Inc., Unit No 153, Lewisburg Corporate District William T. Longanacre to Gregory Even Martins,

26.03 acres, Irish Corner District Sandra Sorrells, David Ross, Andrea Pendleton, et al, to Gale L. and Amanda Reed, 2.869 acres, Meadow Bluff District

Jason Ward and Page Ward to Christianna Maria Booth, Lots 41, 40, and 39, Alderson Municipality Ridgeview Investment Properties LLC to Russell Abbott, 0.07 acre and Lot 4 of the Ray G. Quick Housing Development, Lewisburg District

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Thomas J. Maloney, Box Elder, SD, speeding in a work zone, GP, fine \$25

Debra Lynn Holliday, Lewisburg, shoplifting, GP, fine \$200, restitution of \$985 to be paid to Walmart Logan Henry Friedman, Princeton, failure to appear, NCP, fine \$100, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

James E. Van Hoosier, Woodbridge, VA, traffic violations in construction zones, GP, fine \$25 James E. Hackworth, Summersville, speeding,

James Hern, San Antonio, TX, speeding, NCP, fine \$25 Trent Jason O'brien, speeding, NCP, fine \$25

William Jason Flack, White Sulphur Springs, no insurance, GP, fine \$200 Sharlene E. Taylor, Cumming, GA, passing in a no

passing zone, NCP, fine \$25 Calvin Edward Howard, White Sulphur Springs, false report of an incident, NCP, fine \$50

BOE Grievance

GP, fine \$5

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When he was first being considered to fill the coaching position, he insisted that he wouldn't let the job interfere with his governorship. He stated in interviews that his position as governor would remain his "number one responsibility."

He added that he would need to rely on assistant coaches to make everything work, telling MetroNews, "At my age, I'll have to have great assistant coaches. And to be perfectly honest, they'll have to do the work. I'll coach the game."

According to reports from AP News, "Much of the debate involved whether Justice could give enough attention to both the boys and girls teams while also being governor, along with paying attention to his family's

At least one of the BOE members said they voted "nay" due to those concerns.

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Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

Vertical Space

Tendrils are curling and twirling up towards the sky, carrying along a load of five pound orange weights in the form butternut squash. It's amazing how quickly and easily a sliver of green vine can lift these veggies off the ground if a trellis is nearby and grow up over 10 feet tall. Ever notice how everything alive reaches up for the Sun and everything that dies falls back to the ground?

Veggies have that built-in formula of how to grow; their roots anchor into the soil sucking nutrients and water while green shoots head upwards seeking the sunshine. Some flowers such as sunflowers will literally turn their heads to face the sun all through the day. Quick mental note: plant flowers where you can see their colorful blossoms from a good vantage point and remember they will always face the sun.

In my garden zucchini has finally ended its dominance. That's fine; I've had enough of those zukes and cukes. Those of you who can and pickle veggies know what I mean! Now in fall, butternut squash grown from seeds ripen in about 2 months. They can be left on the vine till frost comes. The spreading long vines and huge leaves climb up and over my hoop house. I train the emerging plants by placing a stake or fencing near my hoop house walls which are enforced with chicken wire fencing and from there nature takes over. Growing vertically opens up room on the ground for radishes and lettuces. Cucumbers and peas are easy to grow on trellises, too.

Storage squash can be stored throughout the fall and winter in a place where temperatures are at 50 to 55 degrees. If you are fortunate to have a root cellar, that's perfect for low humidity which will keep out mildew and rot. A basement or cellar will work also. Store the squash on open shelves. Wood boards or planks stacked on concrete blocks to make shelving will keep the fruit off the ground. No need to wash the veggies, just wipe off any dirt and remove the spent blossoms and stems. Stored squash can last up to two to three months.

Freezing is another quick option for saving butternut squash. Simply cut up pieces (easier said than done), and place on a baking sheet; be sure the pieces don't touch one another. Place in the freezer and freeze until firm, then store in plastic ziplock bags. I always mark the year on the bags so I know if something is aging in the freezer and needs to be tossed. Freezing will allow your family to enjoy this orange treat for up to 9 months. I add baked butternut, sans the peel or skin, in my smoothies. It adds natural sweetness, a bit of bulk, and gives a velvety texture. No sugar needed. Add milk, cow, nut, or rice milk, 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract, 1 cup cooked and peeled squash, a dash of cinnamon, 5 ice cubes and blend till smooth. Add honey if you need it to be more sweet. Deli-



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cious and nutritious without added artificial ingredients.

One of my favorite recipes for this squash is the most simple. Cut in half, (never peel), scoop out the seeds and place in a shallow pan of baking tray open side facing down. Cook at 375 till fork tender. Flip over and sprinkle with grated parmesan cheese, optional panko and or finely chopped garlic or garlic powder, and 1-2 tabs of butter for each half; cook till the cheese melts and turns slightly brown. (Save the seeds for next year's crop!)

Butternut squash is a great source of vitamin E and A, beta carotene and has more potassium than a banana. It can be called a superfood!

(Karen Cohen is a Master Gardener, photojournalist, DJ and country explorer! Contact: natureswaykaren@ gmail.com)

Commentary

Update on Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center Health, Safety, Sport and Play - All Ages Every Day

By TAG Galyean

Moving through construction completion and into operations is complex, busy, and in 2021... uncertain!

Construction

There are supply surprises every day. Pools will be ready to plaster and fill in late September. Paving will occur in early October. We hope and plan to have the Competition pool available for Donor-Member swimming the week of Oct. 25th. Control Panel Chips, Folding Doors, Clear Story Enclosure, and Steel Panel deliveries may delay the use of the Recreation and Therapy Pools. Landscaping, sod, and fencing are scheduled for early November.

Operations

Darcie McCraw, General Manager, and Brett Falls, Director of Operations, have been working remotely since July 19th. Keith Brookman, Facilities Manager, Billy Shrewsbury, Front Desk Manager, and Delphine Houssin, Aquatics Manager, will be on board over next 30 days.

Many good candidates for GVAC Lifeguard Team are applying and being hired.

Membership and Operations computer system and app are being developed with Club Automation and will be user friendly and convenient.

Membership

Member registration and payment arrangements will be processed online. GVAC will begin memberships for

Naming Partners, FOUNDERS, CLOSERS, and EN-HANCERS with no initiation fees on Sept. 27th. Email invitations will be sent to those donors. We will begin enrolling all others in late October online and at our Front Desk.

Membership Categories will be:

- 2) Single-Parent Family
- 3) No-Children Family
- 4) Individual

There will be discounts provided at each level for Seniors and Students. Billing will not begin until swimming is available. Expect an initial soft opening with hours, access, and programs increasing quickly.

Scholarships

The GVAC Scholarship Program will be developed this fall as we become operational. GSC scholarship funds will ensure that the GVAC will be accessible to children, families, and seniors regardless of their financial circumstances.

Finances

The ENHANCER program has reached its goal of \$800K. Total committed to date is \$6.6M. GVAC is now able to complete both development and start-up operations as intended. We are paying all bills within 48 hours. Donations and Grants for programs will be sought as we expand operations this fall.

The Back Pew

By Stephen Baldwin



Hello, folks! There is no offseason in public service. Below are several major issues before our region which I wanted to provide an update about.

SUDDENLINK One of the complaints I receive regularly from folks involves Suddenlink's customer service - can't get through to an actual person, can't understand the people you do finally get, schedule an appointment but no one comes, waiting on hold for long time periods. Last week, their new Vice President came to my office in Charleston to talk about all these issues our people face. He pledged to begin a new training program for their customer service employees, increase the capacity of technicians, and to join an upcoming Broadband Council meeting with us to discuss how to do better in the future. We've talked the talk with these major media companies for long enough; it's time to walk the walk. **BROADBAND** Speaking of which... let's talk about

broadband. Politicians have been promising better internet for years now, but it never comes. Earlier this year, I decided I'd had enough of all the talk and would dive into the issue fully. Federal funds will help, state legislation will help, but in the end local communities will be the ones to solve this problem. A number of communities organized their efforts around Broadband Councils, and we are about to see the dividends with project and grant announcements upcoming.

REDISTRICTING In October, the legislature is expected to vote on a redistricting plan as required by the constitution every ten years following a census. It will contain new Senate districts, new House districts, and new Congressional districts. This will all likely cause confusion come the 2022 elections, so pay attention as

FOSTER CHILDREN A new report by Mountain State Spotlight raises serious concerns about the plight of the 10,500 children in West Virginia who spend time in foster care on an annual basis. (That's up 71% since 2010.) There aren't enough homes or resources for foster kids across the state, resulting in hundreds being sent to out-of-state group homes. Not only is that costly (upwards of \$300/day per child as compared to \$30/day for a foster child placed in the home of a family member), but it leaves kids across the country without a support system and without anyone checking on them. Several of the facilities where WV sends foster kids have been accused of heinous behaviors. Our children don't need more institutionalization; our children need families. It's a complex problem related to our substance use issues, poverty, and more, and the bottom line is that enough is enough. Our most vulnerable children need to be a priority, not just another statistic.

SPECIAL SESSION A contingent of folks across the state is pushing for a special session of the legislature to ban private businesses from implementing measures to stop the spread of COVID. I strongly oppose that effort for two reasons. One, we are in the height of the pandemic with high transmission rates, full hospitals, and people dying. This is not the time to ban ways to stop COVID. Two, private business is private. If a private business wants to require vaccines or masks for the good of their business, they have that right.

FLOOD COMMITTEE At a meeting of the Flood Committee last week, the Department of Commerce responded to my inquiry about the "Clearance & Demolition Program" with an extensive presentation. It boils down to this: Over 200 flooded structures which were slated for demolition as early as 2018 have yet to be demolished. The \$5 million program has only managed to demolish 43 structures in three years. Commerce now says they're out of money. Local citizens received denial letters this year after being initially accepted into the program. I demanded that Commerce find a way to do right by everyone affected, and I will stay on them until they do.

That's the view from the back pew, where it is my privilege to serve you.

(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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Commentary

Capito urges HHS Secretary to include WV in initiative tackling HIV epidemic

U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) sent a letter to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra urging him to add West Virginia to the department's Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. (EHE) initiative. Neither West Virginia nor any of its 55 counties were

included as Phase 1 jurisdictions of the EHE initiative, which is designed to invest in communities most affected by HIV, and to help local HIV programs recover, rebuild, and begin to expand EHE strategies in the wake of COVID-19. The full text of the letter is as follows:

Dear Secretary Becerra:

I write regarding the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. (EHE) initiative. As you are likely aware, neither the state of West Virginia nor any of its counties were included as EHE Phase I jurisdictions. While I understand how and why the Phase 1 jurisdictions were chosen, since 2017 at least two West Virginia counties have had HIV outbreaks associated with injection drug use and a large number of additional counties are showing extreme vulnerability to rapid HIV spread for this same reason. I am therefore asking that West Virginia

be added either as a Phase 1 jurisdiction or as part of a

supplementary phase specifically addressing areas with rapidly increasing number of HIV outbreaks associated with injection drug use as soon as possible.

West Virginia unfortunately continues to lead the nation in drug overdoses. With this level of drug activity frequently comes the rise in blood borne infectious diseases associated with injection drug use. In 2016, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) conducted a national assessment to identify U.S. communities potentially vulnerable to rapid spread of HIV, if

introduced, and new or continuing high rates of hepatitis C virus infections among people who infect drugs. 28 of West Virginia's 55 counties were found to be among the top 220 vulnerable counties in 26 states. Since that time, two of the 28 counties, Cabell County beginning in 2018 and Kanawha County beginning in 2019, have experienced HIV outbreaks among people who inject drugs. In Kanawha County, which contains the state's capitol Charleston, from January 1, 2019 to July 22, 2021 there have been a total of 75 new HIV diagnoses. Prior to 2019, the average number of new HIV

cases associated with injection drug use was less than

5 per year. Significant increases in the number of new

HIV cases in other West Virginia counties, especially in

the most rural portions of the state, are believed to be

occurring as well.

The CDC has been an invaluable partner in investigation and response of these outbreaks. They recently conducted an Epi-Aid investigation regarding the HIV outbreak in Kanawha County, provided recommendations for addressing the ongoing outbreak, and have been in constant contact with my office. However, part of the reason EHE was created was to encourage the collaboration among agencies and offices across HHS and to provide additional resources so that jurisdictions are able to appropriately diagnose, treat, prevent, and respond to HIV. Without inclusion into the EHE program, I fear West Virginia will be unable to address the root causes of these outbreaks and we will continue to see similar outbreaks throughout the state and region.

To meet the EHE initiative's goal of ending the HIV epidemic in the United States by 2030 it must be flexible and willing to swiftly address the expanding landscape of the disease. The inclusion of West Virginia in the EHE initiative and the addressing of areas rapidly increasing numbers of HIV outbreaks associated with injection drug use will bring us closer to reaching EHE's goal and ending the HIV epidemic.

Thank you for your swift attention to this matter.

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Club & Church

Learn how to make silk paper at Carnegie Hall



Silk paper

Carnegie Hall's 2021 Fall Classes & Workshops are underway and spots are still available for classes which include pottery, painting, music, basket weaving, song writing, soap making, movement, and in the fall session, quilting and silk paper making.

These unique learning opportunities are taught primarily in small group settings at Carnegie Hall.

On Monday, Sept. 27, from 1 to 4 p.m. and Tuesday, Sept. 28, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., teaching artist Suzanne Williams will teach

Making Silk Paper Session 2. Participants will learn how to make silk paper using an easy-going process called silk fusion in which you create paper from silk fibers. By laying out silk fibers in successive rows and layers and adding little bits of yarn and sparkle, students will create beautiful art paper. Students need to bring an old unwanted dish towel. All other materials will be provided. Students must

be 18 or older and registration is \$80 for members and \$90 for nonmembers.

Learn To Make A Quilted Table Runner will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants will learn to piece, bind and quilt a table runner. Machine quilting and hand quilting will be taught. Colors will feature light, medium, and dark fabrics. Beginners welcome, no quilting experience required, but participants must be 18 or older. Students need to bring fabric shears, pins, pincushion and a seam gauge. All other materials provided by instructors, Kathy Talley and Betty Davis. Cost is \$95 for members and \$105 for nonmembers. Scholarships are available - all students pay \$35.

For a complete list of classes and workshops and to enroll visit carnegiehallwv. org/classes-and-workshops or pick up a Classes & Workshops brochure at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg, West Virginia.

Williamsburg CEOS club learns why genealogy is important

Cassandria Perkins, secretary of the Williamsburg CEOS Club, is an avid supporter of the Williamsburg Museum and devoted to discovering the genealogy of her family and of those in the area. She taught the lesson, "Appalachian Genealogy: Root to Rise" at the Sept. 14 meeting of the Williamsburg Community Educational Outreach Service (CEOS) Club.

The meeting was held at the Museum, which is full of historic pictures, artifacts, and genealogical records. Those participating were Blanche Knicely, Barbara Deeds, Burl and Patty Post, and Laura and Jerry Sevy.

Laura Sevy, a representative of the area Ameri-Corps Seniors, recognized club members for their service in the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. Members were presented with recognition certificates, pins, insulated cups, and sun visors.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the Museum on Oct. 12, beginning at 12 noon. All are invited to participate. The program will be on Indoor Herb Gardening, a WVU Extension prepared lesson being presented by Burl Post.

For more information on the CEOS program please explore the WVU Extension website: community, business and safety link (on menu) or contact the local WVU Extension Service Office.

Henning Church of God Ladies August meeting

The Ladies of the Henning Church of God held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, Aug. 10, in the church fellowship hall. Joan Vance blessed the food, Carole Spencer presided and Donna Scott led in prayer.

Dyan Hefner presented the devotion, "Ladybug, Ladybug," The ladybug is a unique creature and in some cases the only bug some people like. Different species of ladybugs are identified by the number of spots they have. Can people tell us by our spots? Are we talking and walking the walk?

We need to talk like a lady by not using foul language and unkind words. (Proverbs 31:26, Ephesians 4:29) We also need to walk like a lady by not galloping like a horse or like we just got off one. We need a spiritual walk such as praying and reading the word. (Ephesians 5:2) Sitting like a lady is also important. The way we sit can send the wrong signals. How we sit spiritually is important by not sitting in the way of sinners. (Psalms 1:1, Proverbs 31:27) Dressing like a lady is also important. God looks on the heart, not clothes. Man is always going to look at the outward appearance. We should please the Lord on how we dress, our bodies are His and we should dress our best. (1 Corinthians 6:19) Acting like a lady around other people is important also. The ladybug goes through a metamorphosis in their life cycle. We need to put off the old man and put on the new man. (Ephesians 4:22) The ladybug is beneficial by eating harmful pests. How beneficial are you? We should also think like a lady by being polite and refined. We are children of the King and have high social status. A lady should always reflect Christ. (Il Corinthians 10:5, Philippians 4:8)

Kim Brookman gave the missionary education report on Daniel Otis Teasley. David Neidert wrote a book. "1 Am The Lord's." Daniel Otis Teasley was a prominent figure in the reformation movement of The Church of God. He wrote several books, over 140 hymns, and many articles for the Gospel Trumpet. He served as general manager of the Gospel Trumpet for several years. He was a central figure in the Church of God from 1903-1919. He began preaching in 1896 when he was about 20 years old. In 1919 indiscretions came to light and he left the church and just disappeared. The author discovered he moved to California in 1920 and worked for a dry goods catalog company, then owned a construction company, and then a grocery chain in Colorado. He also invented a hydrating case in 1931 to protect produce from going bad. Daniel Otis Teasley contributed much to the Church of God. The author wants readers to know about Teasley's legacy. The group also sang, "I am the Lord's, I know," which was written by Teasley.

Jamie Harvey gave the treasurer's report and Pauline Perkins read last month's minutes.

The group served the Maxwelton Ruritans on Aug. 26 in the fellowship hall. The ladies discussed plans for the Yard/Bake sale that was held on Saturday, Sept. 11 in the church fellowship hall. The group served hot dogs with all of the fixings and brown beans and cornbread. They also sold baked goods. The group always has many items donated to the church for the sale. Kim Brookman mentioned that the Laugh Group plans to make apple butter with the church's help.

The next meeting will be Sept. 14. Cindy Fleshman

dismissed in prayer. Attending were: Alice Coff, Barb Seldomridge, Carole Spencer, Cindy Fleshman, Donna Scott, Dyan Hefner, Evon Persinger, Jamie Harvey, Joan Vance, Kim Brookman, Marsha Merritt, Marty Burns, Patty Owens. and Pauline Perkins.

Fit Kids program encourages children to be active, make healthy choices

The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine's (WV-SOM) Center for Rural and Community Health (CRCH) is working with a group of WVSOM students to host a series of Fit Kids events aimed at promoting nutrition and fitness among area children age 6 to 11.

The Fit Kids program began with a pilot event in May and continued with a welcome event on Aug. 22. Each session includes games and opportunities for education centered on a particular theme. Masks are required, social distancing is observed and parents must remain with children during the events. WVSOM students and CRCH staff will oversee the

nect with area young people and ensure they remain physi-

Joyce Martin, CRCH program and outreach coordinator, said students envisioned the Fit Kids program as a way to con-

"Going through a pandemic, our youth were ready for some normalcy in their lives," Martin said. "In working with medical students to offer this program, we're educating youth about making healthy choices, encouraging physical activity and promoting socialization while focusing on the osteopathic principles of mind, body and spirit. The program is not only educational; it's also about building relationships with youth and their families, and most importantly about having fun."

Matt Parsley, of WVSOM's Class of 2024, said he and three other students designed Fit Kids to have a positive, longlasting effect on the communities surrounding the osteopathic

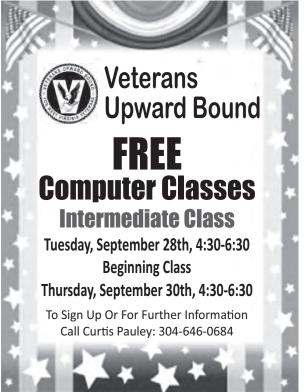
"We recognized a need for safe activities that focused on the well-being of our community's youth," Parsley said. "Programs like Fit Kids help provide the universal benefits that education about nutrition, stress and physical activity can bring. Preventive interventions allow us to give kids stimulating, fun, age-appropriate activities that double as a sturdy foundation for healthy choices across their lifespan."

All events begin at 9 a.m. Those who would like to register or learn more may email Brooke Seamans at bseamans@os-

If changes to the program occur as a result of the CO-VID-19 pandemic, they will be noted on WVSOM's social

Upcoming Fit Kids dates include:

- Oct. 2: "Wild and Wonderful," at the Greenbrier River Trail in Caldwell, will involve a nature walk, including information about outdoor physical activity and foraging.
- Oct. 16: "It's Spooky Season," at the Marvel Center in Ru-
- pert, will incorporate Halloween themes into health education. • Oct. 30: "The Great Pumpkin," at the Clingman Center for Community Engagement, also will incorporate Halloween
- Nov. 6: "Let's Be Yogis," at the Clingman Center for Community Engagement, will teach attendees about the effects of stress on health and explain physical practices that can help.
- Nov. 20: "Turkey Trot Time," at the Clingman Center for





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Betty May Eagle



Ronceverte-Betty May Eagle, 64, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021, at the Peyton Hospice House, Lewisburg.

Born Dec. 7, 1956, in Fairlea, she was the daughter of the late Elmer Morgan Eagle and Shirley Emma Blankenship Eagle.

Betty was a Homemaker.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by brother, Bruce Ray Eagle.

Surviving are two sons, Christopher Eagle (Marilyn) of Frankford, and Jason Scott of Lewisburg; brothers, John Eagle of Frankford, and Bill Eagle (Kathy) of Virginia; sister-inlaw, Vickie Eagle; and grandchildren, Lorelei, and Morgan

It was Betty's wish to be cremated. There will be no service.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net. Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

Charles Junior McMillion



Renick-Charles Junior Mc-Million, 91, passed away Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021, at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital.

Born Sept. 30, 1929, in Renick, he was the son of the late Ruben Rush and Josephine Baldwin McMillion.

Charles was a U.S. Army World War II Veteran. He retired from CJ Langenfelder as a truck driver.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a

brother, William Howard Mc-Million.

Survivors include two brothers, Alden McMillion (Sue) of Renick, and Harold McMillion of Cedar Lake, IN; sister, Inez Brown of Renick; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Thursday evening, Sept. 23, at the Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg.

The Funeral Service will be at 2 p.m., Friday, Sept. 24, at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Rosewood Cemetery, Lewisburg. We will be following COVID-19 recommendations and request guests wear a mask and be mindful of social distancing.

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

Anna Maria Dolan



Ronceverte-Anna Dolan, 55, passed away Saturday, Sept. 17, 2021, at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, WV.

Born Feb. 4, 1966, in Ronceverte, she was the daughter of Edward Lake Kersey, Sr. and the late Mary Elizabeth Vance

Maria attended the Caldwell Pentecostal Holiness Church. Maria had a green thumb. She loved tending to her flowers. Maria also loved spending time in and around her home. She helped build this home, with her own two hands alongside her husband. Everyone who knew Maria, knew that the real light in her life were her grandchildren. She was very involved in lovingly caring for them. Maria's heart was full with her grands, but her heart never fully healed after losing her son, Willie Spence over a year ago. However, Maria's family finds comfort, knowing that she is in heaven, reunited with her son, as well as her mother, who passed when she was a young girl.

In addition to her mother and son, Maria was preceded in death by a sister, Patricia

Survivors include her hus-

ters, Mary Elizabeth Spence and Kayla Marie Spence of Caldwell; stepsons, Jamie Dolan (Allison) of Princeton, WV, Jason Dolan of Ronceverte, and Timmy Dolan (Tonya) of Union; brothers, Marvin Ensley Vance (Ashley) of White Sulphur Springs, and Edward Lake Kersey, Jr. of White Sulphur Springs; sister, Chrystal Lynn McMillion (Robert) of White Sulphur Springs; grandchildren, Uriah Zavian Spence, Eila May Morton; stepgrandchildren, Jeremy, Andrew,

nieces, and nephews. Visitation was held on Monday, Sept. 20, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg. The funeral service was held on Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the funeral home. Burial followed in the Anderson Cemetery, Roncev-

Abby, Hannalee, Caysen, Ally,

Bailey, Peyton, Becca, Kristen

and Justin Dolan; and several

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

Basil Wilbur Forren, Jr.

Lewisburg-Basil Wilbur Forren, Jr., 68, passed away Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021, at Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg.

Born Mar. 10, 1953, at Ronceverte, he was a son of the late Basil Wilbur Forren, Sr. and Christine Thompson Forren. Basil was a long-distance

truck driver, retired from the WV Department of Highways and was an avid hunter. In addition to his parents, he

was preceded in death by his wife of 35 years, Linda L. Jenkins Forren.

He is survived by daughter, Leslie Forren Baker of Ronceverte; two granddaughters, Dakota Baker and Riley McNeil; grandson, Nathan Chewning; sister, Patricia Jenkins of Lewisburg; brother, Jeffrey Allen Forren of Roanoke, VA; two special friends, Billy Jo Burns, and Allan Thomas; and several nieces and nephews.

A Memorial of Life Service will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25, at Graystone Baptist Church with Pastor Youel Altizer officiating.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.

Velma Carter

Sinks Grove (Fort Spring)-Velma Carter, 90, passed away Monday morning, Sept. 20, 2021 at her residence with her family by her side.

Mrs. Carter was the oldest child of the late Carl E. and Blanche E. Smith Briggs. She was born Jan. 15, 1931, in Gastonia, NC. Velma was a member of

Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church. She was an employee of Gateway Industries in Ronceverte, where she was affectionately called Grandma by her co-workers. She had a long work history. She was a former employee of Kellwood Co., the Chicken Plant in Ronceverte and Carden's Restaurant in Alderson, WV, years ago where she developed her love of cooking and the fine art of pie making that she continued to use for all of the Mt. Vernon UM Church's annual Pie Suppers.

Other than her parents Velma was preceded in death by her husband, James W. Carter; two granddaughters, Amanda Michelle Greenway and Rebecca Susan Greenway; son, Kenneth Lee Carter; and brothers, Benny Carroll and Joseph Wayne Briggs.

Surviving Velma are her daughter, Freda Gale Greenway of Alderson; sons, Donald Carter (Susie) of Alderson, Nat Carter (Jeannette) of Sinks Grove, Brian Carter (Joan) of Sinks Grove, and Kevin Carter (Kathi) of Covington, VA; grandchildren, Chad Carter, Adam Carter, Joshua Greenway and D. C. Carter; greatgrandchildren, Mya, Eden and Cora Jean and Grayson, Ryan and Landyn; all her grandchildren at Gateway Industries; and sisters, Shirley Brown, and Lois Briggs, both of Gastonia, NC.

The family will have a walk through visitation on Friday, Sept. 24, from 6 until 8 p.m. at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte. Masks will be required while attending the visitation.

A private immediate family graveside service will held Saturday, Sept. 25, with Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Kanode and Kathy Keadle, CLM officiating.

The family would like thank all who were involved with Velma's care. Wallace & Wallace Funer-

al Home in Ronceverte is in

charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Robin Prescott Blake

Ronceverte-Robin Prescott Blake, 47, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

Robin was born Dec. 11, 1973, in Ronceverte. He was a son of the late Roger Pryor Blake, Sr., and Mary R. Flack.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Roger Pryor Blake,

Robin enjoyed hunting, fishing, cooking and making people laugh.

Survivors include his fiancée, Jeanne Vance of Ronceverte; sisters, Valarie Hinkle and husband Tony of Alta, and Kimberly Honaker and husband Mark of Ronceverte; nieces, Brittney Hinkle, Brooke Hinkle, Alexis Blake; nephews, Billie Honaker and Aron Blake; and greatniece, Olivia Leatherman. The funeral service was held

on Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte. Burial followed in Rosewood Cemetery. Visitation was held before the

service. Pallbearers were; Mark Hon-

aker, Tony Hinkle, Billie Honaker, Josh Murphey, Rob Morgan and Wade Ennis.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.Wallaceand-WallaceFH.com

Constance Manchester

Lewisburg-On Tuesday morning June 29, 2021 the world lost a shimmering light. Constance (Connie) Manchester of Lewisburg, WV, died peacefully in her sleep beside her husband, John, at their home after a courageous, six-month struggle with breast and spinal cancer.

A Celebration of Life ceremony will be held on the lawn at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg on Saturday, Sept. 25, at 11 a.m. with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making memorial contributions in her memory to: Greenbrier Valley Master Gardeners, PO Box 278, Frankford WV 24938 or Greenbrier Valley Chorale, PO Box 1413, Lewisburg WV 24901.

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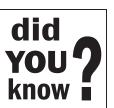


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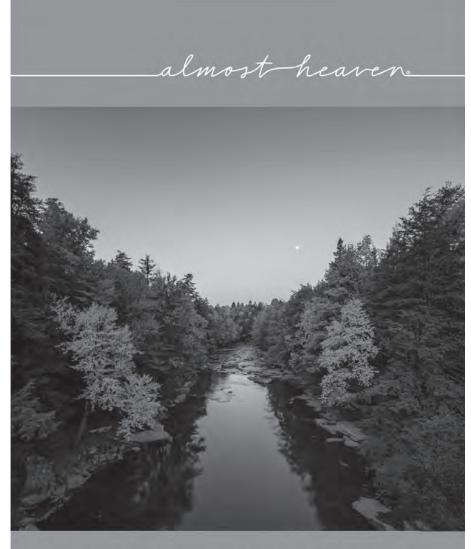
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WV workers face increased COVID risks. State officials haven't acted, but a Biden plan could protect thousands.

By Douglas Soule for Mountain State Spotlight

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Harshbarger spends most of his work day at the Kroger grocery store in Barboursville on the floor with customers.

"There's no way for me to really social distance when you're completely surrounded by other customers," said Harshbarger, who oversees shelf stocking, product ordering, and display making.

As COVID-19 cases rise, Harshbarger has been hoping for a mask mandate, an order from the government or his employer that would require masks. Starting last Friday, Kroger is requiring all workers - vaccinated or not — to wear masks again, he said. But that change stops short of returning to a mask mandate for all customers. Meanwhile, West Virginia COVID-19 intensive care hospitalizations and ventilations have never been higher and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now recommends everyone wear masks indoors in areas of substantial virus trans-

Gov. Jim Justice has balked at reinstituting a mask mandate that would help protect frontline workers like Harshbarger, saying the move would be too divisive and would "fragment" the state. And the governor faces fierce opposition against mandates from some Republican legislators, who are mulling a special session to address the issue.

Still, some of West Virginia's largest employers have been acting, going beyond a mask mandate to require vaccinations of their workers. And the big employers that don't will soon face a federal vaccine or frequent testing requirement.

Late last week, Presi-Joe Biden announced the Department of Labor would issue an emergency rule requiring all businesses with more than a 100 employees to require workers to be vaccinated against the coronavirus or get tested

"We're going to protect vaccinated workers from unvaccinated co-workers," Biden said.

State government lead-

ers, including West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey, said they will fight the mea-"State AGs, including WV, will not tolerate such

overreach from @PO-TUS," Morrisey wrote in a tweet Thursday night. During a press briefing Friday, Gov. Jim Justice called this requirement an "overreach by the federal

blatant & illegal federal

government beyond belief." "It threatens our freedoms and lots of different things about us," he said. "I am absolutely ada-

mantly against it." But a top state business leader's immediate reaction was nowhere near as negative about the Biden

Steve Roberts, president of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, said on Friday morning that he had not yet heard any criticism from member businesses.

"We have within our membership companies that want to stay open and want to be able to operate and very much want us to avoid another COVID-related shutdown," he said.

Roberts cautioned that his organization needs more time to review the Biden plan before taking a formal position.

'Not much of an inconvenience'

It was July 6, 2020 almost four months into the pandemic. There were 110 new COVID-19 cases, contributing to an 83 daily case average for that week.

Justice signed an executive order — effective the next day - requiring all West Virginians 9 and older to wear a face covering at all indoor public places where social distancing couldn't be maintained, with a couple of medical exemptions.

"I know it's an inconvenience, but it's not going to be much of an inconvenience," the governor said.

That mask mandate stood for nearly a year, until Justice lifted it on June 20, a day that saw only 39 new cases. Cases at the time were lower than they'd been since the beginning of the pandemic, and, even though the state had one of the worst vaccination rates in the country, vaccination access was widely available.

Since then, things have gotten far worse. Last week, 38 West Virginians died from COVID-19 between Wednesday and Friday.

"In [not making another mask mandate], I'm trying with all in me to keep us together," Justice said during a Wednesday press briefing. "Because I know the very second we start to fragment and we start to run in all kinds of different directions, we'll get worse."

As of last week, only about 52% of eligible West Virginians (12 or older) were vaccinated against the coronavirus. The Delta variant, which is more than twice as contagious as previous variants and which current research indicates may cause more serious symptoms, has a firm grip on the state.

Without a statewide mandate, some of West Virginia's largest employers — all health companies - have acted on their own to protect their

WVU Medicine, the state's largest private employer, not only re-

quires those older than 2 entering its hospitals and clinics to wear face coverings, but it has mandated that all employees be fully vaccinated by the end of October.

The Charleston Area Medical Group told its employees that, after Oct. 15, they wouldn't be scheduled for work until they received the necessary vaccination doses. Mountain Health Network also has a vaccine requirement for workers. So does Mon Health.

But among other large employers, neither masks for non-employees or vaccines for employees are required at the moment, though they will all fall under Biden's emergency rule requiring vaccination or regular testing. While West Virginia Kroger stores continue to request that customers wear masks, Harshbarger said that hasn't been a requirement since Justice lifted the mandate.

Walmart and Lowe's stores in the state also don't have a customer mask requirement.

At Kroger, where workers are represented by a union, UFCW Local 400 spokesman Jonathan Williams said the union supports a mask mandate for all, as well as any program that increases vaccinations to protect customers and coworkers

"The frustrating thing for us is when companies say we can't enforce the mask mandate for customers, but you can't walk into a grocery store with your shirt off without getting kicked out. Why should it be different with a mask?"

Williams said that as of Sept. 3, that there had been 370 COVID cases among employees at the 33 West Virginia Kroger stores where his union represents workers, with a notable surge in the prior week.

He said the union is not opposed to vaccine mandates as long as they offer paid sick leave for those experiencing side effects from the shots and include exemptions for workers who are unable

to get vaccinated. James Menees, spokesman, Kroger said the company follows CDC guidance and strongly encourages customers, even those vaccinated, to wear masks, and that the health and safety of everyone remains a top priority.

"We're encouraging our associates and our customers to be vaccinated as well," he said

Justice, though, has said he doesn't approve of requiring vaccinations for state employees, and state workers will not be covered under Biden's emergency rule. A spokesman for the governor did not respond to emailed questions.

Small businesses and mask mandates

For some small businesses, the lack of a renewed mask mandate presents new challenges to dealing with customers amid the pandemic's resurgence.

Samuel Bonasso, owner of Quantum Bean Coffee in Morgantown, requires all his customers to wear masks. Early in the pandemic, the coffee shop removed its tables, went to takeout only and required masks.

The only thing that's changed since was a short period of time when masks weren't required. "Vaccination numbers

were up, case numbers were down, we let our mask rule fall to recommended and all the way down to personal preference," he said. But cases went up, and

West Virginia maintained its low vaccination rate.

And Quantum Bean Coffee changed too, requiring masks again.

"We ask you to wear a mask so we can keep our doors open," Bonasso said.

He said a mandate from the state would help small businesses.

"COVID is becoming a very opinionated thing at this point. Like it or love it or not, that's the way it is," he said. "And a business owner saying, 'This is our rule' puts them right in the middle of that opinion, back and forth with customers, which is just a tough place to operate a business. And no one has been trained in that. There's just nothing to prepare you for that."

Todd Coyle, who runs Charles Town's Bushel & Peck, a small nonprofit grocery store with local and regional goods, said it's harder for small businesses to require and enforce mask policies than a much larger store.

"Everything's tougher when you're small," he

Only in July did Bushel & Peck allow customers in its stores for the first time since the pandemic began. It had sold its goods through curbside pick up until then. When it opened its door, it did so with the request that all customers wear masks, and Coyle said most customers do so.

The effect of a customer refusing to support his business because of a mask requirement or of a customer leaving the store because another is making a scene about a requirement — is felt more severely by a small business. And his store, which only has two workers beyond himself, doesn't have a huge corporation over it to help out, Coyle said.

"An unfortunate situation can potentially really hurt — can ruin your day," he said.

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BRENTMOORE LLC (2017)

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LOOMIS ANNABELL (SURV)

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AMANDA REDI MIX LLC

LEMONS JANET BOONE

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ADKINS OWEN II ET ALS

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FOLEY ELIZABETH

MITHCELL JOHN W

& RACHEL W

BAKER ROBERT F

STONE LAUNIE A &

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STEBBINS TIMOTHY J

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MILAM DANNY D & DIANNE L

KESSLER JOHN O & GERALDINE J

KESSLER JOHN O & GERALDINE J

ADKINS OWEN (LIFE ESTATE)

BOWLING JAMES & MYRANDA

DRY CREEK PROPERTY GROUP LLC

DIXON THOMAS SR & HELEN M

DIXON THOMAS WILLIAM

STRAIGHT KATHLEEN HEIRS

HONAKER DANIEL R

EDITH ARLENE JR &

ASHLEY JANIE

GAJDOS ANDRA SUE

HERNDON ERIC W

MCCORMICK CHARLES W & RUTH E

BAILES LISA R (2018)

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SUZANNE (2018)

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Notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or lots of land in the County of Greenbrier have been certified by the Auditor of the State of West Virginia to G. Russell Rollyson, Jr., Deputy Commissioner of

beginning at 1 p.m. in the afternoon, on the 4th day of October 2021.		
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		MARTIN CHRISTY LOUISE							
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70X75X75X90

REDDEN

1.0 A & R/W HANNA

(LOUDERMILK)

100X280(S)

100X300(S)

TANGELWOOD EST

.042 AC MIDKIFF S SIDE WV 25

N OF RUPERT ANJEAN RD 69X173

FROM MCCLUNG/DEPUTY COMM

SLS 1 N OF RUP 40X320 LOUDERMILK

89.9X56.9X55.1X71.2 (2019)

JOHNSON REDEEMED 5/96

JOHNSON/DEPUTY COMM

60X120 S/S 60 CALDWELL

FROM MASSEY

40X79 GARDNER ST

583/534 DEED 583/534

LOTS 10, 23 MINERAL TUCK

6000 SQ FT NAPIER/LARUE

44.30X100.31X86.63X

LOT 25 FLINT

10X171X111X146

91X190X83X171

MCROSS 60X250

0.72 A BENNETT

NORTH AVE MAP 9 PRCLS 140

0.11 AC OR 12X278 S SIDE OF SLS 36/2

20X100 RESERVED IN DEED 92/180

LT 3 BLK 3 2ND ST 100X309X119X224

LOTS 31, 32, 33, 34 HILL FROM FINLEY

FROM WV T LLC 70X75 FROM WV T LLC

70X150X120X190 WV 70X150X120X190

RT 60 100X415 SIDE OF US RT 60 100X415

LT 28 BLK E 25X70 LYNN ST DEOM B & M

1403 HIGHLAND ADD VA AVE RAINELLE

(GUNTER) CENTER ST (GUNTER)

OF N Y FROM BANK OF N Y

ADD 15X138 RUSH AVE (2019)

RAINELLE FROM MDR INC FROM MDR INC

LT 24 RAILWAY AVE 25X100 RONC (1/2 LOT 24 (B)

113X415X78X384 113X415X78X384

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80 P HILL (2018) 80 POLES FROM FINLEY (2019)

ACREAGE .22 (D) LT ON GUM ST 112X85 WSS

LT 2 BLK 3 2ND ST ORIENT HILL 100X322X66X309

LOT 1 BLK 3 SECOND ST 77X309X152.7X322

2ND HOME

CONS MAP 23N-30, 31 & 32

ACREAGE 1.843 EAST OF WV 12 N OF BLANKERS MILL

ACREAGE .12(D)BK=5000 SQ FT NORTH SIDE OF SLS 46 71X71,

1.00 AC MINERALS ONLY RESERVED IN DEED 437/717 LOT 2

AC .25 OR(LOT 1 OR 11,016 SF(B E OF SLS 1 FROM REO DIST LLC

CONS LTS 45, 46 & 47 175X112 FAIRVIEW RD MARFRANCE WV

ACREAGE .13 (C) KEENER LOT 159, LESLIE S/D A, LESLIE, WV

AC 0.22 A OR PT LT 43 A RIVERVIEW ADD, MCROSS FROM DEAL

.15 AC (D) 236X120X200X79 LOT 78 RIVERSIDE ADD MCROSS

ACREAGE .27 (C) 60X200 LOT 149 WV 20, RAINELLE WV FROM

LOT 6 BLOCK 9 NUTTER FIRST ST, CHARMCO WV 50X97X50X91

LOT 7 BLOCK 9 NUTTER FIRST ST, CHARMCO WV 50X91X50X85

AC .60 (D) LOUDERMILK P/O LT 26 AT LTS OF MARGIE 100X260(S)

ACREAGE .70 (D) LOUDERMILK P/O LOT 28 AT LOTS OF MARGIE

ADJOINING LOT 28 AT LOTS OF MARGIE KESSLER R HOYT W OF

LOT 207 VALLEY AVE, RAINELLE WV 97.2X200X65X170 (PT LT 207(B)

LOT 29 (SURFACE) QUIN HTS FROM PERCOCO 89.9X56.9X55.1X71.2

ACREAGE .22 (D) REDEEMED WININGS LAND PARRISH QUINWOOD

(17 & 18) LOT 29 (SURFACE) QUIN HTS FROM BRENTMORE

10TH ST 145X110X140X98 BK .50 AC FROM CITIFINANCIAL

LT 68 E RAINELLE S/D 8TH ST RAINELLE 50X94 FROM GILBERT

LT 1 KANAWHA TURNPIKE RAINELLE 55X109X70X105 FROM DIX

ACREAGE .11 (D) POPLAR ST LT 111 RAINELLE 50.1X100X50X100

LT 9 BLK 12 LEVELTON LAND & IMPROVE CO 7TH AVE 30X90

LOT 22 MARFRANCE WV, MARFRANCE ROAD 50X123X50X121

LOT 4 60X91 FROM WALKUP QUINWOOD HTS ADD

W SIDE OF 3RD ST 25.3X82X22X825/BK=1939.3 FT

LT 14 HURXTHAL'S ADD 39X100X40X95 FRONT ST FROM

LOTS 8 & 9 & 1/2 LTS 24 & 25 50X183 CONS 4 TRCTS JA BURR

ACREAGE .17 (D) LOT 48 CALDWELL PLAN OF LOTS, FIRST ST

LOT 1 REVISED BLK 1 ADD MILL HILL AVE 55.7X127X107X120

LOT 138 RIVERVIEW ADD #2 49X156 WALNUT AVE, ALDERSON

350 X 60 STRIP BETWEEN ALLEY & LOT 148 LEFT OUT OF DEED

PART LOT 36 LESS R/W 43.5X49 ELMWOOD AVE, ALDERSON

60 (D) HAVWORTH LOT 20 COLONIA GBR R S SIDE RT 63 275X100 GBR R S SIDE RT 63 275X100

LOT 20 OR 1.27 AC 260X218.60X240.72X228.17 MB 4 PAGE 179

ACREAGE 0.17 (D) LOT 12 SEC A BROOKS 44.30X100.31X86.63X

LOT 19 MARFRANCE ROAD ADKINS MARFRANCE SURFACE ONLY MARFRANCE RD, MARFRANCE WV MARFRANCE RD, MARFRANCE WV

AC .12(C) (5250 SF & R/W (B) MCROSS & US RT 60, MCROSS 70X75

ACREAGE .20 OR LOT 18 ON WV RT 20 FROM BRAGG RAINELLE

ACREAGE .21 (D) RAINELLE REAL LOT 19 & PART OF 20 RIVERVIEW

ACREAGE .34 (D) TINCHER LOT 37 RIVERSIDE ADD MCROSS 60X250

AC .95 (D) (PERSINGER) LOT 33 DEEGANSVILLE S/D E SIDE OF US

ADD MCROSS RT 60 50X140X70X140 ADD MCROSS RT 60 50X140X70X140

AC .37 (C) (FROM MYERS) LOT 165, LESLIE S/D A, LESLIE WV

LOT 13 BELLBURN SUBDIV, BELLBURN WV 10X171X111X146

LOT 12 BELLBURN SUBDIV, BELLBURN WV 91X190X83X171

AC .90 (D) (FUGATE) LOWER HALF OF LOT 34 PERSINGER

AC .76 (D) (PERSINGER) UPPER HALF OF LOT 34 DEEGANS

LT 6B BLK K 10X68 FROM B & M MCCLUNG ST QUINWOOD

LT 29 BLK E 25X70 FROM B & M CORNER MCCLUNG & LYNN ST

LT 27 LYNN ST BLK E 25X70 LYNN ST QUINWOOD FROM B & M

LT 26 BLK E LYNN ST 25X70 LYNN ST QUINWOOD FROM B & M

P/L 12 E RAINELLE SUB GBR AVE 3293 SF OR 70X47 RAINELLE

LT 24 BLK 12 LEVELTON LAND & IMPROVE CO 8TH ST 50X94

ACREAGE .13 (D) ARNOLD POPLAR ST LT 114 RAINELLE

LT 7 BLK 19 LEVELTON LAND & IMPROVE CO 5TH ST 50X92

PT LT 29, 29A & 30 BLK 31 (CONS 4 TRACTS) 94X100 CENTER ST

LT 8 BLK 18 LEVELTON LAND & IMP CO 6TH ST 50X94 FROM BANK

PT LT 13 KESTER ADD 1/2 INTEREST 15X138 (2018) PT LT 13 KESTER

RAINELLE FROM NUTTER/DEP COMM FROM NUTTER/DEP COMM

LT 22 BLK 12 MAIN ST RAINELLE 31.3X90 FROM NUTTER/DEP COMM

LT 23 BLK 12 MAIN ST RAINELLE 31.3X90 FROM NUTTER/DEP COMM

PT LT 1 MAIN ST RAINELLE 50X99 FROM MOSBIE

FROM WHITLOCK MB 4 PAGE 179 FROM WHITLOCK

50.1X172.3X50X178.3 RAINELLE 50.1X172.3X50X178.3

PT LOT 43A .41 AC (C) RIVERVIEW ADD FROM DEAL

4760 SQ FT JACKSON FROM LANDIS/DEPUTY COMM

LOT 50 MARFRANCE WV, FAIRVIEW ROAD 50X131X49X130

LOT 49 MARFRANCE WV, FIARVIEW ROAD 57X112X61X131

ACREAGE .11 (C) LOT 8 BLOCK 9 NUTTER 60X85X60X76

ACREAGE .13 (C) LOT 3 BLOCK 9 NUTTER 50X121X50X113

ACREAGE .12 (C) LOT 4 BLOCK 9 NUTTER 50X113X50X105

ACREAGE .60 (D) KNAPP P/O LOT 27 AT LOTS OF MARGIE

LOT 11 MIDDLETOWN ADD RUPERT WV 25X90

LOT 12 MIDDLETOWN ADD RUPERT WV 25X90

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Delinquent and Nonentered lands of said County, for sale at public auction. The lands will be offered for sale by the undersigned Deputy Commissioner at public auction in the Hall of the Greenbrier County Courthouse
beginning at 1 p.m. in the afternoon, on the 4th day of October 2021.
Each tract or lot as described below, will be sold to the highest bidder. The payment for any tract or lot purchased at a sale shall be made by check or money order payable to the sheriff of the county and delivered
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Congresswoman Miller announces \$2.5M for Pocahontas County Broadband Project

Congresswoman Carol Miller (R-WV) announced an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) POWER grant worth \$2,500,000 to the Pocahontas County Commission for the Pocahontas County Broadband Project.

The project will install 258,720 linear feet of broadband fiber bringing highspeed internet access to 1,011 households and 24 businesses in Pocahontas County. "Building up broadband is critical to

the revitalization of West Virginia, especially in the Third District," said Congresswoman Miller. "This project will better connect our rural communities, provide opportunities for new business investments, and modernize the Mountain State as we move further into the 21st century. I'm happy to join my friend and Commission President Helmick in announcing this welcomed grant for Pocahontas County."

"On behalf of the people of Pocahontas County and Pocahontas County Commission, we are grateful that we have received notice that we will receive \$2.5 million that's been appropriated through the Appalachian Regional Commission for the purpose of building internet service and our very remote area. It's been a pleasure working with Congresswoman Miller and state representatives in securing this funding," said Pocahontas County Commission President Walt Helmick. In addition to ARC Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) funds, local sources are contributing \$1,083,000, bringing the total project funding to \$3,583,000. This grant is one of 14 ARC POWER grants awarded to West Virginia for the development of coal communities. The 14 grants announced this week total more than \$12 million.

High Rocks Educational Corporation receives \$1.4M from Appalachian Regional **Commission's POWER Initiative**

The High Rocks Educational Corporation was awarded \$1,499,924 by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) to create the West Virginia Jobs Network to create pathways for employers and job seekers to fill existing jobs with support to align the right candidates to the right opportunities in 54 West Virginia counties.

This award is part of a nearly \$46.4 million package supporting 57 projects across 184 coal-impacted counties through ARC's POWER (Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization) Initiative. POWER targets federal resources to communities affected by job losses in coal mining, coal power plant operations, and coal-related supply chain industries. Additional support for the West Virginia Jobs Network is provided by AmeriCorps, Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, and many other funders across West Virginia.

"The downturn of the coal industry has impacted economies across Appalachia. That's why ARC's POWER initiative helps to leverage regional partnerships and collaborations to support efforts to create a more vibrant economic future for coal-impacted communities," said ARC Federal Co-Chair Gayle Manchin. "Many of the projects we announced today will invest in edu-

cating and training the Appalachian workforce, nurturing entrepreneurship, and supporting infrastructure - including broadband access. These investments in our Appalachian coal-impacted communities are critical in leveling the economic playing field so our communities can thrive."

"We are so thrilled to bring investment to five anchor partners across WV to bring the WV Job Network to life. Our four partners, Generation West Virginia, Coalfield Development, the First2 Network, and Bristol Connect, join our AmeriCorps partners across the state to bring the West Virginia Jobs Network to life," said High Rocks Educational Corporation Executive Director Sarah Riley. "We are excited to connect young people in search of opportunity in the Mountain State with employers who are struggling to fill their employment needs with quality hires."

Since POWER launched in 2015, ARC has invested more than \$287.8 million in 362 projects across 353 coal-impacted counties. The nearly \$46.4 million awarded today is projected to create/retain over 9,187 jobs, attract nearly \$519.5 million in leveraged private investments, and be matched by \$59.2 million in additional public and private funds across the Region.

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ARC is working with Chamberlin/Dunn LLC, a third-party research firm, to closely monitor, analyze, and evaluate these investments. A new report, published today in conjunction with the announcement, found that projects funded through POWER grants met or exceeded targets for jobs retained and/or created, businesses created, workers trained, and revenues increased. Chamberlin/Dunn is continuing to monitor POWER investments and make recommendations to ARC for ongoing pro grammatic efficiencies.

For 25 years, High Rocks has been educating, empowering, and inspiring young people in West Virginia. From their transformational summer camps to their youth entrepreneur programs, High Rocks is dedicated to supporting West Virginia's future leaders today. For more information about High Rocks visit www.highrocks.org.

The Appalachian Regional Commission (www.arc.gov) is an economic development partnership agency of the federal government and 13 state governments focusing on 420 counties across the Appalachian Region. ARC's mission is to innovate, partner, and invest to build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in Appalachia.

DESCRIPTION

LTS 32 & 34 (CONS 2 TRACTS) FORREN SUR CL CERT .94-S-62

The Hub releases new hours of operation

The Hub Café and Tech Express have updated their days and hours of operation after listening to community feedback. Both the Café and Tech Express will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, and open from Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with dinner pickup from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Hub Café and Tech Express closed Monday -Tuesday; open Wednesday - Friday from 10 a.m. - 6

The Café is doing a staggered reopening, starting with their dinner specials, which will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 22. The following week the Café will be open starting Wednesday, Sept. 29.

"These new hours and days will help us be much more consistent throughout the year and allow us to properly serve quality café fare and dinners while prioritizing our High Rocks Educational Corporation mission to educate, empower and inspire young people in West Virginia," reads a social media post.

· Homemade bagels, specialty cream cheese spreads and bagel sandwiches, pepperoni rolls, yummy coffee, espresso, teas, smoothies and handcrafted

What can you expect from the Hub Café' this year?

- · Baked goods from Fruits of Labor, Inc.: cookies, brownies and Danishes - oh my!
 - Dinner specials Wednesday through Friday.
 - Free for kids 18 and under, \$5 for adults.
 - A friendly atmosphere and a welcoming staff.

"We are hiring baristas and technicians 14 years and up. Please contact us for details. Our food, drinks and services are all provided to you from a learning environment and we are so proud to have students learn and earn while they serve their community. We look forward to seeing you soon!

GOT LEGALS? EMAIL LEGALADS@MOUNTAINMEDIANEWS.COM

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Delinquent and Nonentered lands for sale at public auction Continued from previous page

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				70X100X115X100	
132238	2018	DUNWOOD LLC		0.110 AC (FEE) BOWLES F STREET 71X50X75X92	RUPERT CORP
132239	2018	DUNWOOD LLC		CUTLIP ST, RUPERT 100X100 FROM VIERS/DEP COMM	RUPERT CORP
132240	2018	LILLY STEVEN LEE		.11 AC MINERAL & TIMBER ONLY CORNER POCAHONTAS ST	RUPERT CORP
				PT LOTS 8, 9, 10 OF BLOCK 9 PT LOTS 8, 9, 10 OF BLOCK 9	
132241	2018	WHITELAW BLAIR R	WHITELAW BLAIR R	4.00 AC OR LOT 66 (FEE) RSVY WESTRIDGE NORTH SOUTH	WHITE SULPHUR CORP
132242	2018	AGEE D W & DOROTHY		LOT 25 ROSE G HALL ADD WSS 55X150 LEWIS	WHITE SULPHUR CORP
132243	2018	AGEE D W & DOROTHY H		LOT 26 ROSE G HALL ADD WSS 50X150X80X150 LEWIS LEWIS	WHITE SULPHUR CORP
132244	2018	BANK OF AMERICA		72X30X70X48 FT (B) FROM MCKINNEY N OF RIP VAN WINKLE RD	WHITE SULPHUR CORP
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132245	2018	BANK OF AMERICA NA		AC .04 (D) FROM MCKINNEY W OF RIP VAN WINKLE RD WSS	WHITE SULPHUR CORP
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132246	2018	COLLINS J W		ACREAGE .11 (D) LT 17 BLK 3 KESSLER ADD 50X100 S OF SLS 17	WILLIAMSBURG
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132247	2018	COLLINS J W		ACREAGE .11 (D) LT 18 BLK 3 KESSLER ADD 50X100 S OF SLS 17	WILLIAMSBURG
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132248	2018	COLLINS J W		LT 20 BLK 1 KESSLER ADD 50X100 S OF SLS 17	WILLIAMSBURG
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Any of the aforesaid tracts or lots may be redeemed by any person entitled to pay the taxes thereon at any time prior to the sale by payment to the Deputy Commissioner of the total amount of taxes, interest, and charges thereon up to the date of redemption. Lands listed above as escheated or waste and unappropriated lands may not be redeemed. Given under my hands this 5th day of August 2021.

G. Russell Rollyson, Ir.

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr. Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands for Greenbrier County

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NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of the County of Pocahontas will sell at a public auction to the highest bidder, the following hereinafter described real estate, together with any buildings, structures and other improvements located thereon (the "Real Estate") on: Friday, November 12, 2021 AT 2:00 p.m., at the Real Estate (parking will be available at the Green Bank Fire and Rescue Department parking lot). A site visit for interested bidders will occur on November 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. (also beginning at the Green Bank Fire and Rescue Department parking lot).

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Family Dollar and Dollar Tree 'combo' store opening in Rainelle

Dollar Tree, Inc. recently announced its new Family Dollar and Dollar Tree "Combo" store opening in Rainelle. This brand new Combo store format combines Family Dollar's trusted brands and great value with Dollar Tree's incredible \$1 finds.

The 11,434 square foot store is scheduled to open on Thursday, Sept. 30, and will be located at 24 Main Street, Rainelle, WV 25962.

In addition to providing everyday low prices and a broad assortment of essential products, the Family Dollar section of the store will offer frozen and refrigerated food, a large selection of pantry goods, beauty and health merchandise, household supplies, basic apparel, baby and toddler necessities, pet food, electronics, toys and home décor.

With more than 4,000 items for just \$1 each, shoppers will discover new treasures every week in the Dollar Tree section of the store, including balloons and party supplies, Hallmark greeting cards, seasonal decorations and holiday gifts, DIY crafting essentials, school necessities and much more.

"Small towns have historically had very limited retail options and shoppers often travel long distances to meet all of their shopping needs, but we are changing that," said Kayleigh M. Painter, Dollar Tree's Investor and Media Relations Manager. "Family Dollar and Dollar Tree are teaming up to provide the Rainelle community with a brand new, close-to-home store experience that offers incredible value on everyday products and exciting \$1 deals."

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The Combo stores typically employ six to 10 associates. To apply online, please visit www.FamilyDollar.com/careers.

- A Look Back -



Courtesy of the West Virginia Regional History Center.

By William "Skip" Deegans

Apparently, this photo from about 1900 was used to illustrate the number of outdoor sports offered by the Allegheny Collegiate Institute (ACI) in Alderson. Shown are tennis rackets, baseball gloves, fishing rods,

hunting rifles and shotguns, and lacrosse sticks. It would be nearly 100 years later that lacrosse began to catch on in West Virginia as a competitive high school sport.

Founded in 1888, ACI was Alderson's first high school. It was

coeducational from the beginning and evolved into a college. It moved to Philippi, West Virginia, when it merged with Broaddus College and became Alderson-Broaddus College.

Source: The Rise and Fall of Alderson by Thomas W. Dixon, Jr.





Courtesy of Greenbrier Historical Society

By William "Skip" Deegans

This week's 1929 photo shows the Bank of Renick. On the left is Mary Rapp Callison and on the far right is the cashier, J.R. Baxter. The bank was established in 1909 and capitalized with \$25,000. The original incorporators include A. D. Williams of Marlinton; B. A. Rapp, M. P. Hanna, and

O. P. Kinsley of Falling Spring; and D. B. Rapp of Lewisburg. The population of the Falling Spring district that includes Renick was 5,689 in 1910 - more than twice the population of the Lewisburg district. The bank building still stands.

Sources: The Greenbrier Independent, U. S. Census



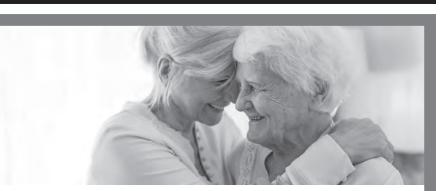
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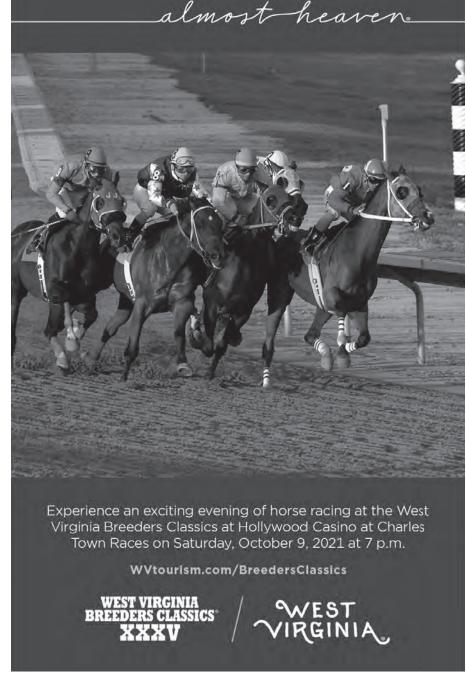
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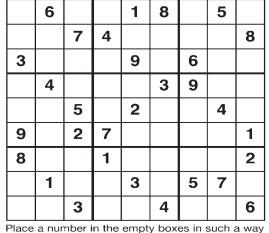
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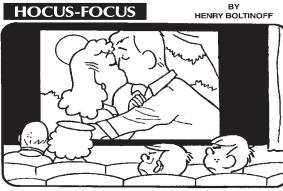


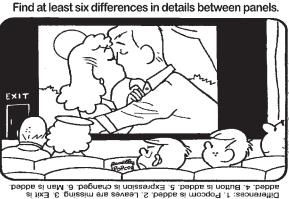
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Dear Recycle Lady, 🔀

Dear Recycle Lady,

Haven't I read in the past that all bubble wrap products are recyclable? The larger air pillows have recycling emblems on them, but the sheets or rolls of smaller honeycomb bubbles do not. I see that your Greenbrier Recycling Center Guidelines say that bubble wrap products aren't accepted there, but are they ALL recyclable at store drop-offs for plastic bags, etc? Thank you.

Questioning my Memory!

Dear Questioning my Memory,

If the bubble wrap has the recycle symbol with a 2 or 4 in it, it is recyclable with plastics at store drop-off sites. If the recycle symbol is missing, it is questionable. The best advice for any plastic film without a symbol seems to be "When in Doubt, Throw it Out." Don't risk contamination of other recyclable materials. Instead of recycling the bubble wrap, it can be dropped off at PostNet on Route 219 North, across the road from the ABB building. PostNet reuses bubble wrap, brown paper, and Styrofoam peanuts for packaging and shipping packages.

Dear Recycle Lady, I have accumulated several hardback textbooks that

are out of date. I know paperback books can be recycled, but what about hardback books? Can they be recycled? Avid Reader

Dear Avid Reader,

You are correct that paperback books can be recycled with magazines. However, the Recycling Center is no longer accepting hardback books. Previously, the company that accepted them had a program to hire handicapped workers to tear out the pages of the books for recycling, offering them both employment and socialization. Unfortunately, COVID restrictions brought

CRAMBLERS

an end to the program. Hopefully, it will be reinstated when the pandemic is over, and the Recycling Center will again be able to accept hardback books.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Can used aluminum pie pans be recycled? Baker & Recycler

Dear Baker & Recycler,

Yes, aluminum pie pans can be recycled. They are recycled with aluminum foil; not with aluminum cans. As with all recyclables, be sure the pans are clean and dry. Food contaminates not only aluminum, but also all types of recyclables.

Good News: Queensland, Australia is tackling plastic pollution by banning businesses from selling or supplying some plastic and polystyrene products. This policy is their first stage of a wider ban that could see cuts of other products such as coffee cups and heavy-duty plastic bags. According to spokesperson Meaghan Scanlon, the ban is an attempt to reduce the number of single-use plastics that end up in the oceans each year.

er, recently discovered a plastic water bottle washed up on the Oregon Coast from South Korea. It had travelled over 5,000 miles! What a great example of how far away what we throw away can go!

Interesting Fact: Mimi, Free The Ocean's co-found-

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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Steppin' Out

October First Friday set for Oct. 1

Celebrate First Fridays After Five in downtown Lewisburg on Friday, Oct. 1, from 5 to 8 p.m. with complimentary tastings, live music, festive beverages, and special offers throughout town.

Briergarten will be gearing up for their inaugural Oktoberfest on Oct. 9. Stop by during First Friday for a mug of the coldest beer in town! Enjoy beer specials and check out their new merchandise while you learn about the Oct. 9 event lineup. You might even see the gang dressed in some traditional German dirndls and lederhosen and the event taking shape! (121 Stratton Alley Suite 9, 304-520-4039)

Better Home and Gardens Real Estate Central will be featuring metal art flowers & wreaths by Mimi Karnes. Stop in to greet Mimi and view her awesome work. (1018 Washington Street East, 304-201-7653)

Ronceverte native Julie Conner will be signing copies of her children's book, "It's My Time To Fly" at The New Chapter from 6 to 8 p.m. (922) Washington Street West, 681-318-

The Hub Café will be offering samples of their pumpkin spiced lattes and fruit smoothies. Maya Coleman will be available for tarot readings. They will also have stations for baby pumpkin painting for kids. (232 North Lee Street [Behind Lee Street Studios], 304-647-



The Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center welcomes fall with an evening of art and music! The "Art in the Valley" series features the Greenbrier Artists 2021 annual exhibit titled "Our Best New Work." This show, on display in the Visitors Center Gallery, includes paintings, photography, collage, and woodturning by Greenbrier Artists, a group which currently numbers over eighty members. The Art Alcove spotlights two local artists, longtime potter Diana Feather Hunt of Mudwoman Arts, with her show "Culinary Cuties and Vital Vessels" and jewelry designer Willow Kelly of Wandering Willow. Stop in to meet the artists and enjoy an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Music throughout the evening will be provided by The Rust Brothers (Bob, George and Jim) and members of G.R.O.U.P., Greenbrier River Optimistic Ukulele Players. The Alderson Quilters and Crafters Guild will also be on hand with raffle tickets for their beautiful 2021 "rent quilt." Don't miss the fun! (905 Washington Street West, 304-645-1000)

Greenbrier Valley Theatre is producing an Austen classic with a twist. The theatre welcomes high school students and staff with a free ticket opportunity. Stop by or call ahead for details. (1038 East Washington Street, 304-645-3838)

Stop by the Sheena Pendley Design & Photography Studio to say hello! Haven't booked with them yet? Now's your chance. Autumn is the perfect time of year for photos! Stop by and take a look at their framed prints and photographic albums to see the unique products and tailored client experience they offer. (846 South Court Street, 304-646-9452)

Live Music by Nick Durm and Randy Gilkey at The Asylum. (399 Randolph Street East, 681-318-3515)

Pop in to Patina to enjoy live Celtic music by Patrick O'Flaherty and complimentary beverages & 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 visitlewisburgwv.com, FaceBook, or call 304-645-

Craft and Vendor Show set for October 1 and 2 in Ronceverte

There will be a Crafter and Vendor Show at the American Heritage Music Hall in Ronceverte on Friday, Oct. 1 from 2 to 7 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All set up fees from the Crafter and Vendor Show go to the music hall.

Some crafters and vendors participating in the show include Helen Dosier, Asbury; Kay Shafer, Lewisburg; Melissa Miller, Covington, VA; Millie Arbaugh, Asbury; Dale and Linda Stidom, Lewisburg; Kimberly Baker, Ronceverte; Kimberly Pierson and Michelle Hughes, Ronceverte; Diamonds and Pearls Boutique, Covington, VA; Sonya Shafer, Greenbrier Valley Dyes, Lewisburg; Tamera Crookshanks, Clintonville; Karen Campbell, Ronceverte; Darlenia Killen, Rainelle; Rita Lawhorne, Alderson; Alexandria Hedrick, Lewisburg; Lori Wiseman and Mackenzie Capaldo, Gap Mills; Cheyenne Tucker, Crawley; Madison Jackson, Maxwelton; Ada Fagg, Covington; Kariann Pipkin, Lewisburg; Christoper and Elizabeth Alonso, Ronceverte; and April Polzin Holmes, Caring Acres Farm, Lewisburg; with several other vendors pending.

There will be a large variety of craft items including seasonal items for fall, Christmas, or everyday decor. There will be Paparazzi jewelry, Avon, Color Street Nails, and other vendor items.

Concessions will be available from vendor and raffle items, with proceeds going to the music hall. There will also be daily door prizes. Those with questions should contact 304-646-3580.

The music hall is located 496 Island Park Road in Ronceverte (the former skating rink).

The music hall is a nonprofit organization of local musicians promoting American Heritage Music. Open jam sessions are held every Tuesday from 7 to 10 p.m. with a \$7 admission charge per person. Live bands perform every second and fourth Saturday from 7 to 10:30 p.m. with a \$10 admission charge per person.

Our audience provides food for everyone to share. The music hall is a smoke and alcoholfree environment with fun and dancing for all

The phone number for the music hall is 304-645-4667.

Equestrian Show Jumping Event coming to The Greenbrier

A new sporting event, the ArenaMend Classic, is coming to The Greenbrier Oct. 13-17, and the competition, which features the highest level of show jumping, will bring with it some of the top riders in the world. Olympic riders such as Tokyo 2020 Individual Gold medalist Ben Maher and USA Team Silver medalists Laura Kraut, McLain Ward and Kent Farrington will all be at America's Resort to compete for prize money totaling \$746,000.

Want to get in on the action? VIP tickets can be purchased for \$4,500 for a bar top or \$5,500 for a table. Each seats four and includes access to the entire weekend. Food and beverage will be provided by The Greenbrier's award-winning culinary team and can be purchased a la carte. Day tickets can be purchased for casual viewers at a cost of \$45 per day.

Other events throughout the weekend include a Verite Wine Dinner with a custom farm-to-table menu and the Stonestreet Wine Dinner with a custom

three-course menu. "The vision behind this spectacular

ous, and active amenities with the raw athleticism and the striking beauty of equestrian jumping. So often in our sport, venues don't encourage inclusiveness and camaraderie, but with the opportunity to bring world-class show jumping to one of America's most spectacular resorts, with its array of sporting activities, we are able to create inclusiveness for a weekend of active enjoyment."

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GVT stages Austen's 'Pride and Prejudice' this fall

Watchers of media and art Austen classic. This adaptation have long been fascinated by period set movies and television shows. Downton Abbey and The Crown have delighted audiences for years before Bridgerton recently hit Netflix this past December. There is something that we find fascinating in today's modern era thinking back to times of horse drawn carriages, being courted with quilled love notes, and seemingly putting on more layers of clothing than anyone could imagine.

Greenbrier Valley Theatre (GVT) is gearing up towards their own Georgian era produc-

of Pride and Prejudice is written by Kate Hammill, who has steadily been making a name for herself as a writer over the last decade, being named "Playwright of the Year" in 2017. This alluring take on the novel will not only delight audiences with its classic essence, but will set a tone with its added wit, humor, and contemporary rel-

Producing Artistic Director Matthew Scott Campbell (SSDC) will be making his inaugural directorial debut at GVT with Pride and Prejudice. Though the text is still based on Austen's original work, he says that there will be twists to set the piece apart from a commonplace production.

Campbell says, "The dialogue doesn't feel dated or old - it feels relevant. The characters are heightened in many ways. Even though we will see them in period dress and get an essence of the time, we will be able to relate to them on a personable level. There is a nice sense of those who love Jane Austen, and those who are a little bit scared of Jane Austen to come into the same room together and have a good evening enjoying

Pride and Prejudice, originally slated to be a part of the 2020 season at GVT prior to the theatres temporary closure, is being supported by a NEA awarded grant. While the original plan was to have a much larger cast, the show will now be comprised of eight actors, many of whom play multiple parts. Campbell remarked he is excited about the challenge of making sure each character is distinct and distinguishable.

Whether you are a literary buff that has read every Austen novel twice or you thought Jane Austen was a member of

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Pride and Prejudice will open on Sept. 24 and run through Oct. 9. General masking will be required while at the theatre and during the performances. Please see the theatre's website for more information. Tickets are \$30 for general seating, \$27 for senior citizens age 60 and above, and \$20 for students. There will also be opportunities for high school students to receive free tickets to the production. Please see the theatre's website gvtheatre.org for more information. Tickets are available by calling the box office at 304-645-3838 or online at gvtheatre.org



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