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Chamber hosts Meet the Candidates Night at Fairgrounds

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Chamber of Commerce hosted a Meet the Candidates event Tuesday, Apr. 27, at The Underwood Building of the State Fairgrounds to give candidates running for county level positions an opportunity to introduce themselves and explain their positions on various topics.

Questions were submitted to the Chamber prior to the event and posed to candidates running for County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, and County Commission. Candidates present were

Blaine Phillips (R) and DeEtta King Hunter (D) for County Commission; Robin-Yates Loudermilk (R - Incumbent) and Kayla M. McCoy (D) for County Clerk; and Louvonne L. Arbuckle (D) and Jamie Baker (R) for Circuit Clerk.

Different questions were asked depending on the position the candidates are running for. County Commission candidates opened the forum and were given one and half minutes to answer, starting with the question, "Will you continue to fund the Greenbrier Humane Society to

run the county animal shelter?"

Phillips answered, "Yes. We have pets, and I believe in having pets, caring for them, so definitely." Hunter followed by saying, "Over the years, those of you who have been here a long time know how many times and how often we've had arguments in regards to the humane society... So, not only would I like to fund the society and continue with volunteerism and with those who would bring things and donate, but I also would like to see us have a dog park in Greenbrier County and think that would be of great benefit."

The next question read, "The County Commission is currently evenly split in its support for the Greenbrier County SportsPlex; if elected, do you plan to support or oppose the continued financing of this project?"

Hunter answered that she "would not be able to support that project," and noted, "It has taken exorbitant amounts of money, but it's just a clay area that there's nothing there," and, "The road is terrible going down there. I can imagine a lot of accidents on that road."

Phillips took a similar stance, and also mentioned the

cost. "Currently, there is no plan, no budget, and how a project of that size could be started without either is hard for me to conceive of. The logistics of the location are poor."

The third question asked was, "If elected, how would you encourage and/or facilitate cooperation with municipalities to generate business development and tourism growth?"

Phillips answered that, "I feel that we [the commission and the municipalities] should meet as a group. I'm very proud of how White Sulphur has developed and they're continuing to grow. Ronceverte is starting some ideas. Rainelle of course is working on the Meadow River Trail, which would tie the two ends of the county together for people coming in, or even for residents of the county. Alderson is going through some revitalization, but we can as a group work together better and achieve goals quicker. So, trying to bring some of those ideas together with the communities is a way to start and proceed and meet the goals."

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WVSOM to place opioid rescue kits on and near campus

The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) has addressed the opioid epidemic in multiple ways, from establishing an educational series on the topic to creating opioid awareness toolkits to be used in communities throughout the state.

Now, the school is preparing to place ONEbox units - user-guiding boxes containing the overdose-reversing medication naloxone - at seven locations on and near its Lewisburg campus, including at the affiliated Robert C. Byrd Clinic, for use in the event of an opioid overdose emergency. When opened, the battery-powered boxes play a video that gives step-by-step instructions on how to administer the naloxone intranasally, much like automated external defibrillators that provide real-time instructions on saving the life of someone who is experiencing cardiac arrest.

Naloxone works by reversing the effects of opioids and can potentially save the life of an individual who is experiencing an overdose. The medication binds to opioid receptors, restoring normal respiration patterns that may have been slowed due to opioid use.

WVSOM and West Virginia's two other medical schools are receiving ONEbox units thanks to a partnership between the nonprofit West Virginia Drug Intervention Institute (WVDII) and the West Virginia Collegiate Recovery Network (WVCRN). Susan Bissett, Ph.D., president of WVDII, explained what happens when a person uses the units.

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WVSOM administrators, staff, and a student, along with representatives of the West Virginia Drug Intervention Institute and the West Virginia Collegiate Recovery Network, stand with the ONEbox units.

White Sulphur Springs to potentially gain new dam and lake

By Sarah Richardson

Last week, White Sulphur Springs Mayor Bruce Bowling joined Robert Bonnie, USDA Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation, to announce that potential plans are underway to bring a new dam and lake to the White Sulphur area. The structure would be located behind the city's current water intake system and encompass a 100-acre area.

According to a press release, the USDA is investing \$420 million across 31 states, with \$14.1 million being invested in eight projects in West Virginia. This is in addition to a \$6.3 million investment for projects in WV announced earlier this year, bringing total investments to \$20.4 million across 26 projects. Projects include rehabilitating dams, flood prevention, and watershed restoration projects across the state.

"We recognize that President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to rebuild our infrastructure," Bonnie said. "These projects create good-paying jobs and improve economies in rural America. The USDA offers several watershed programs that help communities rebuild after natural disasters and build resilience. Here in West Virginia and across the country, we're Building A Better America."

"This brings so many options to what we're doing here in town," said Mayor Bowling at the event. "It's got flood control, recreation, and it's another water supply for White Sulphur."

As part of this project, The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is working with White Sulphur to evaluate flood protection and other natural resource concerns along Howard Creek, which experienced a devastating flood in 2016 that killed eight people.

A project breakdown explains, "There is one NRCS

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Notice Political signs are prohibited on state rights-of-way

The West Virginia Department of Transportation would like to remind the public that West Virginia law prohibits political campaign signs on all state rights-of-way.

Department of Transportation workers around the state have been instructed to remove any campaign signs found on state rights-of-way pursuant to state law. Confiscated signs will be temporarily stored at county highway offices for retrieval by candidates or their representatives.

Violation of the law prohibiting campaign signs on state rights-of-way is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$25 to \$100 per day. Violators are also subject to reimbursing the Department of Transportation for the cost of removing the signs.

Greenbrier County Commission moves forward with water line extension project

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Commission met Tuesday, Apr. 26, for their regularly scheduled meeting.

The first item up for consideration was the allocation of \$2.5M of American Rescue Plan funds for partial funding of the Sam Black Waterline project, including Charmco to Rainelle and Sam Black to Clintonville, Alta, and Asbury.

These funds will be paying for part of the entire \$16 million price tag for the project, which will provide municipal water for the newly-connected areas. The County Commission reported that pending approval, the project's remaining cost will be taken by Public Service Department Number Two to a bond and finance agency to determine the acquisition of funding needs for the rest of the project. The Commission approved the decision unanimously.

Next on the agenda, the Commission considered a request by the Greenbrier County Airport Authority for funding to implement an FAA "Corrective Action Plan." The corrective action is to reimburse said agency \$20,552.28 for procedural issues and mistakes made by the airport authority in the handling of recent investigations. The Commission approved the request by a vote of 2-1, with Commissioner McClung voting "nay."

Lastly, the commission heard from legal counsel Britt Ludwig, who requested that the county enter into the first memorandum of understanding with the Attorney General in regards to the recent opioid settlement. All those litigants who participate in the memorandum will have direct access to earmarked funds from the settlement, whereas those litigants who do not will have a much more difficult time receiving those funds.

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State Fair of West Virginia to host Spring Flea Market

The Annual Spring Giant Flea Market and Antique Sale is back at the State Fairgrounds in Lewisburg on May 20 and 21. The sale will be open both days from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"Whether you are looking for a unique shopping experience or just spring cleaning and need to get rid of stuff, this event has something for everyone." State Fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. "It's a perfect opportunity to not only enjoy our event but make a weekend out of it and see all the Greenbrier Valley has to offer."

All shoppers are asked to park in the free parking lot located on 219S and walk through the tunnel entrance. Admission is free to shop.

Vendor booths remain at \$25 per day, and because of limited space all vendors must pre-register. Due to on-going construction in the WV Building, this event will be outdoor only. Large items are the responsibility of the vendor and buyer.

For more information or to register as a vendor, please visit www.statefairfowv.com/flea-market, or call 304-645-1090.

The State Fair Event Center is a 200-acre multi-purpose meeting and exposition facility providing a wide variety of event rental opportunities and hosting over 300 events annually. For more information, please visit www.statefairfowv.com, or follow fair events on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and Twitter.



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"When you open the box, a 60-second video plays in which Jan Rader [director of the Mayor's Council on Public Health and Drug Control Policy in Huntington, W.Va.] takes you through the process," Bissett said. "She goes through everything from putting on the personal protective equipment to rolling a person into the recovery position and to making sure you call 911. She tells you how long to wait should you need to administer a second dose. And in case you miss a step, the video keeps replaying."

WVSOM students already receive training in naloxone administration in case they encounter an overdose victim in a nonmedical setting. But ONEbox units can be utilized by members of the campus community who are untrained in the use of the medication, such as school employees.

ONEbox, designed in Huntington, WV, and purchased by WVDII in part through a grant from the Charleston, WV-based Maier Foundation, also can be used in non-emergency situations to train people in naloxone administration. Bissett said her organization hopes to place the units in numerous settings.

"The goal is to have them in more than just universities," she said. "We're working with the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' Office of Drug Control Policy to get them into libraries throughout the state, and we're talking with other entities, including the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of West Virginia, about placing them in a variety of settings, including correctional facilities, courthouses and schools."

Barbara Holt, executive director of WVSOM's Center for Rural and Community Health, said placing the units on campus will signal to other organizations the importance of decreasing the stigma placed on people who are battling substance use disorder, which will in turn encourage those individuals to seek recovery.

"WVSOM's use of the boxes will help reduce the stigma surrounding substance use disorder and saving the lives of those who are dealing with it. The stigma is one

of the reasons people don't seek help, so if you lower the stigma, you help more people," Holt said. "We're hoping that because WVSOM is well respected in the community, others might say, 'If they're willing to install naloxone boxes, why shouldn't we?'"

Jennifer Crane, a WVSOM peer recovery support specialist, will place business cards listing her contact information in the boxes in case an overdose victim wants to seek help to end substance use. Crane is available to provide support to students and employees as well as to individuals outside the WVSOM community.

West Virginia was hit hard by the opioid epidemic, but the state's residents are resourceful, said Susie Mullens, WVCRN program coordinator.

"We hope to flip the script and have a solution coming from West Virginia," Mullens said. "People talk all the time about West Virginia's problems, so anytime we can contribute to a solution, it's going to change that perception. It's going to show people that change can happen."

Co. Commission

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Ludwig further informed the committee that as part of the memorandum, the county will have access to up to 50 percent of incoming funds for retrospective abatement efforts and 50 percent or more for future projects for dealing with the opioid crisis. Those litigants joining the memorandum will also be represented on the non-profit committee created by the memorandum for the future allocation of funds. The memorandum also provides guidance and regulations as to the use of the funds in order to prevent abuse or non opioid abatement purposes.

The Commission then adjourned until their next regular meeting on Tuesday, May 10.

WSS Dam

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flood control dam and one flood control channel in the watershed. The sponsors want to look at the potential of additional flood protection, water supply and other watershed resource concerns."

The funding is available through two programs: the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO) Program provides technical and financial assistance for new watershed infrastructure, and the Watershed Rehabilitation Program (REHAB) upgrades existing NRCS dams.

This is a slow-moving process, as the project is estimated to take between five to 10 years to complete if it's approved. After being assessed, a priority list will be completed against other West Virginia watershed projects to determine if the new dam will move forward.

"Since 1948, NRCS' watershed programs have designed and built 11,850 dams, constructed water storage structures, flood management systems, stabilized stream-banks, relocated residences, redirected stream flows, re-established wildlife habitat and more to save lives and protect watersheds," states the release.

More details will be released as the project develops.

Attention: Greenbrier County Property Owners Notice of Property Appraisals 2022

Field appraisers from the Greenbrier County Assessor's Office will be conducting appraisals in the following areas:

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- FORT SPRING DISTRICT
- FALLING SPRING DISTRICT
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- FRANKFORD DISTRICT
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MELVIN
Melvin is a one-year-old hound mix.



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

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

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

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

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OPINION

Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen


Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist
Waiting is the Hardest Part

May is right around the corner. Do you know what that means? Warmer weather, at least, we hope and pine for that. These past few days of dipping very close to freezing temps has gotten gardeners alarmed and annoyed. Just stop it please, we want to put in our delicate veggies, tomatoes and such. And break out the sunscreen!

So far in the ground at my garden are: cabbages, broccoli, brussel sprouts, onions, shallots, leeks, garlic, kale, arugula, mustard greens, and peas, of course. If you don't get these veggies in early, they will struggle and possibly bolt when the hot weather arrives. I started most of the aforementioned by seed in trays (except for direct seeding the peas), and kept them on warming pads inside and treated them to sunshine only when it was 55 degrees or above outside. Remember those balmy eighty degree days in April when we all jumped in our kayaks and headed to the river to swim? How we all complained it was too da__ hot too soon but it felt good to cook our bones, didn't it? And the plants loved it! Early birds scurried around catching those early worms, ladybugs plastered the southern side of our house, some kind of flies partied on the windows and hood of our cars; all just shaking and baking in the heat.

NOW the work begins. If you love to garden, as I do, it is all about getting outside and coaxing the soil to produce nourishing, bountiful vegetables. Many local nurseries have tomatoes, peppers, and more as transplants to buy and take home. This is great when you want only 2-4 tomato plants and not a whole pack started from seeds. Expect to find new hybrids this year, too. I've seen some at the big box stores and don't recognize the variety. My choices: cherokee purple, German queen, and brandywine, all heirloom tomatoes but I am not familiar with a cherry tomato called something like, Tasty Tomatoes? I think someone in the marketing department has to get a bit more creative coming up with hybrid names! Here's some I have not grown: Jelly Bean hybrid, Sweet Baby, Chocolate Cherry, and Sweet Million; all new varieties of tomatoes found in big box nurseries. What's your favorite?

Peppers are not big on my list though I do grow ONE jalapeno every year. It produces enough 4 inch-ers to keep my digestive system up and running, if you know what I mean! I pickle those left on the vine at the end of the growing season when the threat of frost is looming. By then most have already turned red. Red means they have sweetened up, too. Did you know some folks ex-



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perience stomach issues from eating raw green peppers and can only eat them when red? Did you know that all peppers will turn red, orange, or yellow as they mature if left on the plant? Yes, and did you know that mature peppers have 11 times more beta-carotene, 8 times more Vitamin A and double the amount of Vitamin C that a green pepper has? Well now you know! If you can stand leaving the green, block-shaped peppers unpicked and nothing else gets to them first, you will have a more tasty and vitamin packed vegetable. Well worth the wait!

(Karen Cohen is a Master gardener, organic grower, photojournalist, DJ, and avid explorer. Please send your tomato comments and tips to: natureswaykaren@gmail.com)

Commentary

Warner issues notice to WV businesses to be wary of new third-party solicitations

The WV Secretary of State's Office has received reports of West Virginia businesses receiving solicitations in the mail from a third-party vendor offering to assist with obtaining a copy of their "Certificate of Existence." While third-party business services assistance is not illegal, this solicitation has misled many businesses. In West Virginia, a Certificate of Existence is not required annually, and is needed only in limited circumstances.

For businesses that do require a copy of their Certificate of Existence, one can easily be requested for \$10 through the WV One Stop Business Portal at Business4.wv.gov. Reports indicate that for the same service, third-party solicitors are requesting more than eight times the regular statutory cost at \$85.

Before agreeing to such services, WV Secretary of State Mac Warner encourages businesses to know their options and consider the dangers of sharing sensitive information. Warner also encourages business owners to consider obtaining the certificate themselves at a much lower cost. If the owners do decide to use the third-party services, they should confirm in advance that the third-party company providing the service is properly registered with the WV Secretary of State's office and authorized to do business in the state.

"This new solicitation is the second known type of misleading solicitation that has come to our attention," Secretary Warner said. "For the past several years, third-party vendors have mailed similar offers to business owners seeking to assist with filing annual reports. Today, it's very easy and much less expensive to do it yourself," Warner said.

During the 2022 Regular Legislative Session, Secretary Warner supported SB 96, which would have increased transparency requirements and added penalties for certain unsolicited third-party service offers that violate the law. Although the bill didn't pass, the Secretary will ask the legislature to consider the legislation again in 2023.

For more information or assistance, please contact the WVSOS Business & Licensing Division at 304-558-8000.

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Candidates

Hunter said, "Back when I was mayor of Lewisburg I met with all the other mayors at the time, coming together once a month for lunch. Sometimes we commiserated, sometimes ideas, sometimes just fun, but we talked to each other. I don't want to give away my campaigning secrets, but recently I've also been going to city council meetings and talking to them about the fact that I would like for them to have a closer connection to the county commission, and when I was mayor I really did have a close relationship with the county commission. I think council members can do that."

Another question was, "Last year, the legislature passed a requirement that a commission review and accept or reject rules made by our county health department; what qualities do you feel that you have to make this sort of decision?"

Hunter noted her experience in recent years with caring for ill family members, and Phillips said that he would rely on the health department and other commissioners to make educated decisions.

Next up were the candidates for county clerk, Robin-Yates Loudermilk and Kayla M. McCoy, starting with the question, "What are your qualifications to be County Clerk?"

Loudermilk said that she has 21 years of experience of being the county clerk, and explained how she works with other departments and agencies. While McCoy hasn't served as a county clerk before, she said that she has worked for years as a non-profit development director handling large administrative tasks such as grant applications and other technical aspects.

Question two read, "Can you describe how you would train poll workers for election day?"

McCoy answered that she would be "in accordance with the regulations set by the Secretary of State's office," and Loudermilk said, "We do train everyone based on the state [guidelines]. We have smaller classes versus larger classes right now, it seems like people learn better that way."

The next question was, "How do you view the fiscal responsibility of your position in relation to county finances?"

"I view it very highly," answered Loudermilk, "because the sheriff's office takes in the funds from the county, and my office puts out the forms and funds and payroll." McCoy has a similar answer, saying, "As we are funded by taxpayer dollars, I can't imagine that there's anything more important than making sure that every 't' is crossed and every 'i' is dotted and that every penny is accounted for."

The fourth question was, "What do you view as the most important part of your position?"

Loudermilk said, "The most important part of the clerk's position has to be the election department, we need to make sure that everybody gets a fair, honest election, and that's what our office does. We have to make sure that our elections are flawless, making sure that everybody's treated the same no matter what your affiliation is, whether democrat, republican, or non-partisan, we treat everyone the same." McCoy followed with, "I

agree with Mrs. Loudermilk, in that the most important part of a county clerk's job, in my opinion, is to ensure the integrity of fair and honest elections. The only thing that would come as a very close second to that would be ensuring that all public funds are accounted for and that records are kept accurately."

Circuit clerk candidates Louvonne L. Arbuckle and Jamie Baker were up next with,

"How will you maintain the confidentiality and security of the information you work with?"

Baker said, "I've worked with very strict confidentiality guidelines through the Violence Against Women Act as well as the Victims of Crimes Act for the last thirteen and a half years. I understand the implication of confidentiality and that a judicial system should never disclose any confidential information recorded in the course of official duties as required in the performance of such duties."

Arbuckle responded, "Obviously confidentiality in our adoptions is paramount, a lot of those cases are sealed and you aren't allowed to get back to them or get into them without an order from a judge. We do our utmost best to always make sure that we're aware of what the situation is and that things are kept the way they're supposed to be kept."

The next question was, "What do you see as your relationship to the Magistrate Court and the Family Court?"

Arbuckle responded by saying that, "The Family Court is the record keeper for all the cases that are filed. Domestic cases, domestic violence, name changes, we take care of all of those."

Baker said, "My position right now requires me to attend those court [family court and magistrate court] proceedings and get them back to the e-filing system through circuit court, as well as protection orders. They're sent to the circuit clerk in order to be sent on to family court but we also have a personal safety order process, and those filings stay in magistrate court."

Candidates were then asked, "What do you view as the most important part of your positions?"

"One of the most important things is that you run that office with honesty and integrity," said Baker. "I take a lot of pride in the work that I currently do, and I take pride in the work I have done. Where I work now, we're like a family, we eat lunch together, we bounce ideas off each other, and I just think that's very important."

Arbuckle followed with, "I think that working together with all other offices, from circuit, to magistrate, to family, all the way down, I think if we all work together we can win together and find new and better ways of doing things and try and get the chance to do our job the best way possible."

The last question read, "How would you handle a case that comes across your desk involving family or someone you know?"

Arbuckle explained that, "Usually when that happens we pass it off to someone else in the office. We do everything that we have to in order to make sure someone's case is heard correctly and it's the way it's supposed to be and handled and served well. We try not to let anyone

deal with family, so it'll be given to another person so there can be no impropriety in the case."

Baker agreed. "It's a no brainer, if it were to happen that I or a county clerk employee were related to anyone involved in an incident we'd have to do everything in our power to keep that person from being involved or seeing any information having anything to do with that case."

With that, the moderator brought a close to the question and answer session. Local citizens are encouraged to vote in the upcoming primary election on May 10, and again in the general election on Nov. 8. Early voting for the primary began on Apr. 27 and runs through May 7.

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Church Bulletin

Final Tilapia Dinner set for April 29

The Greenbrier Valley Council 8689 Knights of Columbus will serve this year's final "tilapia walk-in-to-go" dinner on Apr. 29 in Butler Hall of St. Thomas Episcopal Church on West Main Street in White Sulphur Springs.

The tilapia dinners are served 4:30 to 7 p.m. and can be "take-outs" by stopping in front of Butler Hall or walk-ins who have the option of sitting at the few tables available and dining with friends, but with no table service. Dinners are served for \$13 or 2/\$25 and include tilapia, scalloped potatoes or macaroni and cheese (depending on availability from wholesalers), coleslaw, sauces, hard roll, bottled water, and dessert, along with utensils. For further information call the office of the Catholic Churches of the Greenbrier Valley 304-536-1813 or the Knights of Columbus 304-645-1373.

Pence Spring Revival Services

will be held May 1 through May 4 every evening at 7 p.m. at the Pence Springs Community Church. The speaker will be Pastor Robbie Merritt. Pastor Roger Persinger and the congregation invite everyone to attend.

Neola Baptist Church

Revival will be held May 9-13 at 7 p.m. nightly. The speakers will be: Monday - Jim Mitchell, Tuesday - Lowell O'Dell, Wednesday - Andy Hefner, Thursday - Lowell O'Dell, and Friday - Sam Felton. The church is located approximately 14 miles North on Rt. 92 from White Sulphur Springs. Everyone welcome.

Dr. Lynn Hiles to minister at Rhema Christian Center

Dr. Lynn Hiles opens the word of God in a dynamic style, not only causing the hearer to easily understand, but also enabling an impartation of the spirit of revelation that unveils the kingdom of God with love and grace to people around the world.

Dr. Hiles has an apostolic mission encompassing over 35 years of traveling ministry. Dr. Hiles flows in the gifts of the spirit and gives insight and oversight to churches internationally. He also hosts a national-international TV program titled "Dr. Lynn Hiles - That You Might Have Life" on "Dish Network, Direct TV, many cable networks, and also YouTube and other digital outlets.

He and his wife live in Berkeley Springs, WV, where they are part of the Word of Deliverance Association. Dr. Hiles holds a doctorate of theology in biblical studies from Vineyard Harvest Bible College of Cedartown, Georgia, as well as the author of four books, "From Law To Grace," "God's Beauty and the Beast," "The Revelation of Jesus Christ," "Unforced Rhythms of Grace," and "The Great I Am."

Join us at Rhema Christian Center on Saturday, May 14, at 6 p.m. and on Sunday, May 15, at 10 a.m. for a time of special worship and inspired teaching! You can find more information on Dr. Lynn Hiles at lynn hiles.com.

Rhema Christian Center is located at 3584 Davis Stuart Road, Lewisburg. Visit therhemalife.com or call 304-645-6999 for more information.

College students needed for summer work with Energy Express Program

Energy Express, WVU Extension's award-winning literacy program, is returning this summer to bring reading and nutrition education to children across West Virginia. The program is currently seeking individuals to serve as mentors for four sites in Greenbrier County. Our sites will be located at Alderson, Frankford, Rainelle, and White Sul-

phur Springs. AmeriCorps members are needed to serve as mentors for children in the program. Mentors will work seven weeks during the summer, from June 9 to July 29. Training will be provided. One Mentor will work in a classroom with up to eight children, age Kindergarten to 5th grade. Each site has a Site Supervisor to manage the

program. AmeriCorps members/Mentors are college students who want to help children in reading, writing, art and drama. Mentors are eligible to receive a \$1,374.60 educational award for school, \$2,350 living allowance/salary and 300 service hours. Eligible Mentors must be at least 18 years old before June 9, 2022

and enrolled in a higher education course, vocation or college this fall. Applications are available now and will stay open until all positions are filled. Contact the Greenbrier County Extension office at 304-647-7408 for any further information or questions.

Interested applicants can sign up online. For more information, visit energyexpress.wvu.edu.

Williamsburg CEOS hold April meeting

The Williamsburg CEOS meeting held Apr. 12 was hosted by Loretta Shirley. Members participating were: Laura Rose, Blanche Knicely, Cassandra Perkins, Barbara Deeds, Loretta Shirley, LauraAnn Tiller, Denver Tiller, Burl Post, and Patty Post.

Laura Ann and Denver Tiller led and shared rail-

road experiences with the WVU Extension Service lesson "Railroads That Carved West Virginia," an industry that once carved more than 4,000 miles through the West Virginia countryside.

Then all members contributed to filling 14 Easter baskets by bringing Easter items, personal care items and slippers.

Then the baskets were delivered to the Greenbrier Valley Children's Home in Rupert.

The Williamsburg Community Educational Outreach Service Club (CEOS) will meet on May 10 at 12 noon where Laura Rose will present the lesson on "Succulents 101." All are invited to participate and

learn with the club.

The club will also co-host the County Achievement Day at the state fairgrounds on May 11. The focus will be on "WV Means We Volunteer." Come and see what the CEOS is all about! Contact the WVU/Greenbrier County Extension Office for more information.

Henning Church of God Ladies meet

The ladies of the Henning Church of God held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, Apr. 12, in the church fellowship hall. Carole Spencer presided and Marty Burns led in prayer.

Dyan Hefner presents the devotion, "Stand by Your God," with scripture reference Psalm 116:2. Also in Galatians 5, we need to walk in the fruits of the spirit. The fruits of the spirit include, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Everyone is busy. Do you have time to do one more thing? Do you read your Bible and pray? Are you doing what is important? Make time for the most important person in your life which is God. The creator of the uni-

verse wants to meet with us daily. We need to have a willing heart and can pray anytime of the day or night. We need to communicate with him and praise God for who he is, thank God for all, confess our faults, pray for family, government, pastor, church offices, missionaries and self. This time is never wasted.

Kim Brookman brought us our missionary education report about Ukraine by Carl Stagner. The Church of God in the United States and Canada has responded with generosity along with the Church of God in Germany. The Church of God in Germany is responsible for distributing the aid to Ukraine which includes

shelter, food, water and much more. She also shared about how other countries around the world celebrate Easter.

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

Carole Spencer thanked members for helping with the yard sale in March and Joan for the wonderful tea party. The members will be serving the Maxwelton Ruritans on Apr. 28. The next yard sale will be on Saturday, May 14. The group already has many items to sell. The group will also sell homemade baked goods along with hot dogs and homemade toppings.

Marty Burns gave the mile of pennies report

which was started in May 2014. The total balance needed is \$844.80. The group lacks \$78.77 to complete the mile of pennies.

The members closed their meeting by filling plastic eggs with candy for the Easter egg hunt to be held on Saturday.

Dyan Hefner dismissed in prayer. The next meeting will be held on May 10.

Attending were: Alice Coff, Angie Scott, Carole Spencer, Cindy Fleshman, Carol Spencer, Donna Scott, Dyan Hefner, Jamie Harvey, Joan Vance, Kim Brookman, Marsha Merritt, Marty Burns, Patty Owens, Pauline Perkins, Peggy Sel-domridge, and Sue Hunt.

A Look Back



Photo courtesy of the West Virginia State Archives.

By William "Skip" Deegans

Shown in this undated photo is wood sculptor Wolfgang Flor. Born in 1928 in Germany, Flor escaped from Nazi Germany and later immigrated to the United States in 1951. He married Marie Luise Busz in 1958. Moving to Upshur County, the Flor's were among the first wave of back to the earth homesteaders who came to West Virginia.

Wolfgang taught himself to sculpt. Notable among his work of art are Jesus Christ's 12 apostles that were made from chestnut wood and are displayed in West Virginia Wesleyan's college chapel. At West Virginia University, a large sculpture entitled "Integration" may be

found in the Twin Towers Residence Hall. He taught at several of West Virginia's colleges and universities.

In 1971, Wolfgang's barn-studio was dynamited and burned. A Sunday school superintendent at the Salem Methodist Church said the shootings, burnings, and dynamiting were being done by good American citizens who couldn't stand to see our community ruined by an influx of long-haired youths. The Flor's left West Virginia, and Wolfgang died shortly afterwards in 1971.

Sources: The Record Delta, Weekly Gettysburgian, and Weirton Daily Times.

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

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HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT 46

Karen McCoy (R)

I am Karen McCoy running for House of Delegates in the 46th District. I am a 7th generation West Virginian. I live on Droop Mountain with my husband Steve. We have been married 42 years. I am currently secretary/accountant at Marlinton Middle School. I have been there since 2004. Prior to that, I worked for City National Bank in Marlinton for 22 ½ years. I have been involved in politics since I was 20 years old. I have served on the county and state executive committees for many years. I am running for this office because I want to have a voice in making West Virginia Great again. I am Pro-Life, Pro-Gun, and Pro-Trump! I am 100 percent for WV Conservative Values. I can promise you this—I will work for each and every one of you in Charleston to make life better for WV families! Please VOTE REAL MCCOY FOR WV HOUSE!



Mark Robinson (R)

Hello. My name is Mark Robinson. I'm running in the Republican primary, District 46, House of Delegates. I'm running against Karen McCoy and Mike Honaker. I decided to run in order to tell everyone about the injustices of the Family Court as it is administered by Judge David Sanders. The stories of his nightmare decisions are too numerous to count. My wife made false and unsubstantiated accusations about me, and I haven't seen my seven children in five years. With no basis in fact, Judge Sanders, with the able assistance of his two sidekicks, Brandon Johnson and Christine Stump, destroyed my family and my life.



As for other traditional Republican issues, I am pro-life, pro gun, for traditional marriage and families, for limited government and less spending. I am not a fan of our legal system or our jails. District 46 is everything east of Rt. 219. God bless.

Delegate Mike Honaker (R)

I am Delegate Mike Honaker. It has been an honor to serve you in the WV House of Delegates during this legislative session.



After graduating from Greenbrier East High School, I served 4 years in the United States Marine Corps. I am a former First Sergeant with the Virginia State Police where I served for over 28 years. I am currently serving as the Greenbrier County Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. I also have the privilege of serving as the Head Football and Wrestling Coach at Eastern Greenbrier Middle School.

I have a son, Matthias, age 23, and a daughter, Maddie, age 17. I enjoy walking the Greenbrier River Trail with my German Shepherd companion, Belleau.

I am committed to conservative constitutionally sound legislation that promotes freedom and opportunity for all West Virginians. I would be honored to have your support in the May 10th Primary Election.

Joe Holt (D) (Lewisburg)

Paul Detch (D) (Lewisburg)

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 10

Senator Stephen Baldwin (D)

Hello, friends & neighbors! As the pastor of Ronceverte Presbyterian Church and your Senator, it is an honor to serve you locally. And that is what I focus on—local solutions to local problems by local leaders. We all know how broken DC and Charleston are, but here in small town America, we still know how to get things done. We work together. We build each other up!



For the past four years, I've been your voice in the WV Senate. I focus on the real issues that matter to us here—flood recovery, economic development, broadband, veterans, roads, water/sewer, education, and foster care. I do my best to keep you informed and stay active in our communities. Because we are all in this together.

To learn more, visit www.baldwinforwv.com, follow me on social media @baldwinforwv, email me at baldwinforwv@gmail.com, or call my cell phone at 304-404-4207. May God bless you!

Thomas Perkins (R)

District 10, State Senate Candidate [R] Thomas Perkins (31) is a High School graduate from Frankford WV, and the father of three young children. He is not a career politician and joined the GOP in 2012 after leaving the Libertarian Party. He is populist right wing candidate fighting to end mask mandates and pass infrastructure reform. He believes that his background working with computers makes him the ideal candidate to bring high speed broadband to Southern West Virginia. He thinks that the future of West Virginia's economy will be in telemarketing and e-commerce. Campaigns website: ThomasForOffice.com



Vince Deeds (R)

My name is Vince Deeds, and I am your Republican candidate for State Senate for the 10th Senatorial District of Greenbrier, Summers, Monroe, Nicholas, and Fayette Counties.



I grew up on a dairy farm in Summers County and currently reside in Renick. For the past 23 years I have been blessed to be married to the love of my life, Michelle. We have been blessed with two sons: Justin (a Lewisburg PD officer) and Tristan (will be attending West Point in the fall). I have committed my life to law and order, first as a WV State Trooper for 25 years and now as Chief Investigator for the Greenbrier County Prosecutor's Office.

My campaign is based on: God, Family, and Service. Let's band together and do #GoodDeeds4WV. I would appreciate your vote in the May 10th primary. You can call or text me at (304) 382-7370.

Mike Steadham (R) (Summersville)

HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT 47

Todd Longanacre (R) (Alderson – Incumbent)

Heather Hill (D) (Lewisburg)

CIRCUIT CLERK

Louvonne Arbuckle (D)

I am Louvonne Arbuckle. I would like to ask for your support for my efforts to be re-elected to the position of Greenbrier County Circuit Clerk.

I have worked in the Circuit Clerk's office for 15 years gaining the knowledge and experience that was required to be clerk and was elected in 2004. I am currently serving my third term.

I have proven to be an effective, honest and responsible Clerk for Greenbrier County Circuit and Family courts. Through my experience, I know that confidentiality is crucial. I am committed to maintaining the integrity of the office. I appreciate your past and continued support. I would be honored, proud and blessed to be re-elected as Circuit Clerk for this beautiful county that I call home. Your vote for me, Louvonne Arbuckle, will be a vote for experience, knowledge, dedication and integrity. I humbly ask for your continued support and vote.



Jamie Baker (R)

My name is Jamie Baker and I am running for the position of Circuit Clerk of Greenbrier County. I am a Republican. I'm a lifelong resident of Greenbrier County. I grew up in Rainelle, WV, and graduated from Greenbrier West High School in 2000. My husband is Brian Baker, a Captain with the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department. We have one daughter, Presley who is a Freshman at Greenbrier East High School. My stepson, Garrett Jones also lives in Lewisburg.

I have almost 20 years of experience in and around the legal system. I am currently the Victim Services Coordinator for the Greenbrier County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

If elected, I will serve the citizens of Greenbrier County with honesty, integrity and provide the best customer service possible through superior process management and modernized execution of tasks.

Your consideration and your vote would be very appreciated as I run for Circuit Clerk.



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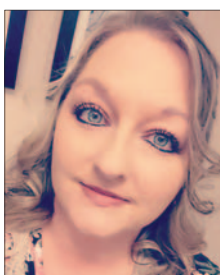
I am Jeanie Porterfield Wyatt and I am running for re-election to the Greenbrier County Board of Education. Greenbrier County Schools has always been a part of my life. With parents as educators in this system and as a graduate, this school system is very special to me. With my three children attending and graduating from Greenbrier County, I volunteered in our schools and realized that I wanted to work to make our schools better for our students and staff. Thus, I ran for the Board of Education.

During my tenure on the Board, we have made great strides with our facilities with the health and safety of our students our number one goal. Academically, we have worked very hard for our students to reach their potential and be successful.

I would appreciate your vote on May 10 so that I can continue to work hard to make thus the best school system for our children and our staff!

WESTERN

Davina Agee



My name is Davina Agee and I was born and raised in Greenbrier County. Graduating from Greenbrier West High School and then earning my degree in Criminal Justice from MSU. I have been a licensed social worker for 17 years and currently supervise The Greenbrier Valley Children's Home in Rupert.

I have 20 years of experience working with children families who face struggles that range from economic disparities to substance abuse and mental health crises. I have worked for child protective services and have also been a board of education social worker. I have never held and elected office and I am certainly not a politician.

I am a wife, mother and concerned citizen raising children in our public school system. I stand on Christian principles and values and I would be honored to represent the families of Western Greenbrier County.

Paula Sanford-Dunford



My name is Paula Sanford-Dunford, I am running for Greenbrier County Board of Education.

I live in Rupert with my husband Steve and our daughter Bethany who attends Crichton Elementary. I also have 2 daughters, Madison and Mackenzie, both are graduates of Greenbrier West High School and one granddaughter, Delilah.

It's time to listen to our teachers. Their hard work is usually unnoticed and underappreciated. Teachers are the foundation within our educational structure.

I stand with our parents. I'll listen and give parents a voice. I believe parents know their children best. Parents have the right to make decisions regarding their child's health and safety.

It's time to put respect and honor back in the classroom. It's time to take drugs, violence, bullying, and sexual assault out of our schools. I believe it's time for accountability.

I look forward to serving you. I would appreciate your vote on May 10th.

Preston Zopp



My name is Preston Zopp and I am asking you to vote for me for the Greenbrier County Board of Education.

I have worked for this Board of 43 years, 42 of them at Crichton School. I was a teacher ten years and a Principal 33 years.

I have taught elementary, junior, and senior high students and coached.

I am aware of programs provided or mandated by federal, state, and county systems.

I am aware of the various roles of teachers, aides, itinerants, and service personnel, including employment, evaluations, and professional development.

I have lived in Rupert all my life. My wife, Vaughn, was an elementary teacher and our son, Bill Zopp, has taught at Greenbrier East High School for many years.

I have a wide range of experiences in my professional career and believe that I can be a helpful and productive member of the Board.

Thank you for your support.

Hazel Flanagan Reed

(Crawley)

Derek S. McDaniel

(Dawson)

Kay Smith

(Rainelle)

EASTERN:

Andrew Perry Utterback

(Alderson)

GREENBRIER COUNTY COMMISSION

Blaine Phillips (R)



My name is Blaine Phillips and I am excited to be a candidate for Greenbrier County Commission. I am running to protect our area's future for my grandchildren, Landon and Leighton, and to maintain and promote the quality of life we now enjoy in the Greenbrier Valley.

Having lived in Greenbrier County for 63 years, I currently live in Lewisburg with my wife, Barbara. I am an avid lover of everything outdoors and extremely involved within the community and local government, currently serving as Chairman of the Greenbrier Board of Zoning Appeals. I believe my experience as a small business owner coupled with over 40 years' experience in the Insurance industry qualifies me to serve the members of this community with a deep understanding of business operations.

I would appreciate your vote in the May 10th Primary Election and again in the General Election on November 8th.

DeEtta King Hunter (D)



Born: Richwood, WV
Raised: Mt. Nebo, WV - farm and grocery store business

College: Fairmont - double major: Accounting and Political Science

Graduate School: WVU
First Job: Corps of Engineers
Second Job: Region IV Planning and Development Council

Other Jobs: With my husband have developed Real Estate, owned two car dealerships, a cable TV company, and the general and financial administrator of his law office, real estate office, auctioneer and wedding functions.

Married: Since 1979 to J. Steven Hunter (all my life!)

Offices: 3rd female elected to City Council of Lewisburg and first female Mayor of Lewisburg; served almost 13 years on the Governor's Commission on the Arts

Promises: Be a good listener for all of Greenbrier County and make myself heard for the betterment of our city in a professional manner that all will respect.

GREENBRIER COUNTY CLERK

Robin Yates Loudermilk (R)

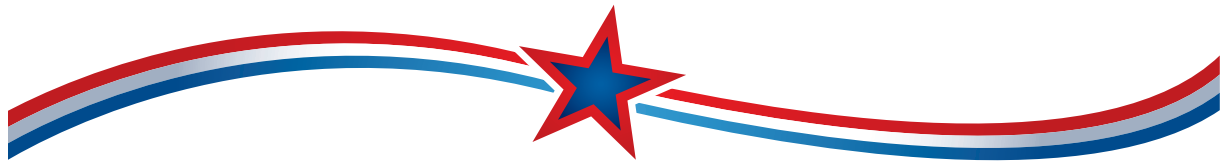


I am Robin Yates Loudermilk, your County Clerk. I have worked in the County Clerk's office for 21 years. I was appointed in 2012 re-elected two times after that. Doing this job takes more than reading a manual it takes years of experience from working from the ground up learning and listening from within the County Clerk's office. I am only the fifth County Clerk since 1919. I was born and raised in Greenbrier County. I am a mother of two beautiful daughters and also a Nana to three beautiful grandchildren. I graduated from GEHS. I have the ability to perform every task of each employee in my office and have worked each position. I ask for your support and vote in the upcoming May 10, 2022 and November 8, 2022 elections.

Kayla M. McCoy (D)



Kayla M. McCoy is a lifelong resident of West Virginia and has called Greenbrier County home for almost a decade. Following the devastating floods of 2016, she co-founded Greater Greenbrier Long-Term Recovery Committee (GGLTRC) and served as its director for five years. During that time, she coordinated 5,000+ volunteers in response to many forms of disaster, including floods, fires, food insecurity crises, and the COVID-19 pandemic. Her leadership during her time with GGLTRC was instrumental in bringing approximately \$32 million in resources to the people of the Greenbrier Valley. She currently serves as a board member for Friends of Ronceverte, Greenbrier Valley Pride, and Ronceverte Development Corporation, and is endorsed by WV Can't Wait as both a 2022 candidate for office and a Hometown Hero. Ms. McCoy looks forward to continuing to serve her community as the next Greenbrier County Clerk. She can be reached at mccoyforclerk@gmail.com.



Flag Etiquette during hoisting, lowering, or passing of Flag

The following is the last in a series of articles sponsored by American Legion Post 100 in Union on the proper etiquette towards the U.S. Flag. The information comes from U.S. Code Title 4, also known as "The Flag Code." This week's installment describes the appropriate conduct during hoisting, lowering, or passing of the U.S. Flag.

Section 9: During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag or when the flag is passing in a parade or in review, those present in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute. All other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, or if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Citizens of other countries should stand at attention. All such conduct toward the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes.

Post 100 and the local JROTC Maverick Battalion are collecting unserviceable U.S. Flags for a respectful retirement ceremony scheduled for 17 May 2022. Citizens wishing to turn in their unserviceable U.S. Flags may mail or bring them to James Monroe High School, c/o JROTC, at 142 James Monroe Drive, Lindsie, WV 24951. Post 100 is working towards placing a drop box in Union in the near future. Contact Scott Womack via email at swomack@k12.wv.us or via Facebook Messenger, or call Todd Longanacre or Mike Wiley at the JROTC office at 304-753-6906 to arrange a drop-off of your unserviceable U.S. Flag.

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Jam packed First Fridays After Five in downtown Lewisburg on May 6

Downtown Lewisburg celebrates First Fridays After Five on Friday, May 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. Join in on the fun with live music, grand openings, specials, artist shows and complimentary tastings throughout town - all free to the public. Everyone is welcome!

Welcome our newest Downtown Lewisburg Shop! **CountySeat Art and Music** brings the summer fun! Meet artist Jess Levine. Listen to the harmonies of Absolute Love Affair and swoon for new artful treasures from Appalachian crafters and makers. (848B Court Street, next to Merry Weather, 304-405-6045)

Open Night Mic at **The Hub!** All music performances and readings of written work are welcome. 6 to 8 p.m. (232 N. Lee Street, 304-647-4994)

Edith's will sample fresh-baked blueberry muffins using Lakanto sugar-free muffin mix. Lifestyle Friendly, Kid, and Mom Approved: easy-to-make keto-friendly blueberry muffin mix is an all-natural mixture is high in fiber, dairy-free, keto-friendly, soy-free, non-GMO, and plant-based. Stop by and see for yourself how nutritious can also be so very delicious! (1035 Washington Street East, 304-645-7998)

Celebrating Cinco De

Mayo weekend, **Aggie's and Vest** is serving refrescos Mexicanos and offering one-on-one instruction on how to tie a necktie (Windsor knot), how to tie a bowtie, and how to choose a correctly-sized men's dress shirt. (979 Washington Street West, 304-645-4063)

Stardust Cafe is featuring a Special Prime Rib Night! Slow roasted and sliced to order 12 oz. cut prime rib steak with locally grown shiitake mushrooms, grilled asparagus and truffle potato. Yum! Also offering drink and appetizer specials. (1023 Washington Street East, 304-647-3663)

Harmony Ridge is throwing a nod to the Iconic Route 60 and the great American road trip. Route 60 was one of the first transcontinental highways you could take coast to coast from Virginia Beach to Los Angeles, CA and there are plenty of people road tripping on it. For those reasons Harmony Ridge started this project with a handful of artists to create T-shirts, hats and stickers inspired by the route 60 sign and the road itself. Come by and check it out. (886 Washington Street West, 304-645-4333)

Stop by for an artist reception for Karen Melton and her contem-

porary artwork at **Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Central** and enjoy refreshments and drinks. Artist info: 10thstreetstudio.com or karen@10thstreetstudio.com (1018 E Washington Street, 423-817-8017)

Let's Talk Brunch because May is full of celebrations! Derby Day, Mom, Graduates and soon summer! **Bella** is featuring a Pocahontas fav, Bev's Best, by preparing sweet and savory offerings of pancakes (some Gluten Free, too) alongside a classic Mimosa (or just champagne if you prefer.) (1017 Washington Street East, 304-520-4921)

Carnegie Hall kicks off its Spring Art Exhibits this First Friday, featuring three rotating galleries, which display the works of regional artists. The Spring Exhibits feature works by artists Misty Walkup (Old Stone Room), Eddie Maier (Lobby Gallery), and Nima Shahab Shahmir (Museum Gallery). (611 Church Street, 304-645-7917)

Looking for a perfect last minute Mother's Day Gift? Stop by **Sheena Pendley Design & Photography** and bring Mom! Studio Session Special: \$190 Includes Sitting Fee and Choice of 3 Gift Prints. Additional Gift

Prints start at \$25, Wall Art starts at \$290. (846 N Court Street, 304-646-9452)

Join **Yarid's** in celebrating the Grand Opening of their newly renovated shop! Shoe Lounge Launch Party; Same Place-New Space; Join them for a day of designer decadence and special gift with purchase from their friends at Sweet Cedar! (887 Washington Street 304-647-5000)

Enjoy refreshments while you browse the newest arrivals at **Little Black Box** and receive a free gift with purchase. (818 Jefferson Street South, 304-645-6646)

The **Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center** welcomes spring with an extensive Art in the Valley exhibit by Ruth Ananda titled "Wild & Wonderful Songbirds." Ruth is fascinated by birds and her unique paintings are semi-abstract in acrylic on canvas. Her studio is located in Hinton, WV and quoting Ruth, her "inspirations come from sights and sounds just outside her window: the wondrous world of birds."

Music throughout the evening will be provided by members of G.R.O.U.P.: Greenbrier Optimistic Ukulele Players under the direction of Bob DuCharme. Stop by to get your Ronceverte River Festival Rubber Ducky Tickets! Also on hand will be representatives from WVSOM with information regarding a new program to assist adults with disabilities and/or senior citizens by offering volunteers for non-medical assistance. Hope to see one and all on the 6th! (905 Washington Street West, 304-645-1000)

Pop in at **New Chapter Book Store** for fun live music, friends and light refreshments. (922 Washington Street West, 681-318-3501)

Stop by **Patina** for Live Celtic music by Patrick O'Flaherty along with complimentary drinks and Girl Scout cookies. (1046 Washington Street E, 520-4960)

Seldom Free will play on **Hill & Holler's** stage from 7 to 9 p.m. Come tap your feet while you eat delicious pizza and mouth-watering wings! (970 North Jefferson Street, 304-647-4429)

Finish off your evening at **The Asylum** with Thomas Taylor Band! (399 Randolph Street East, 681-318-3515)

First Fridays is sponsored by City National Bank and the Shops & Restaurants of Downtown Lewisburg. For more information go to visitlewisburgwv.com or to Facebook or call 304-645-4333.

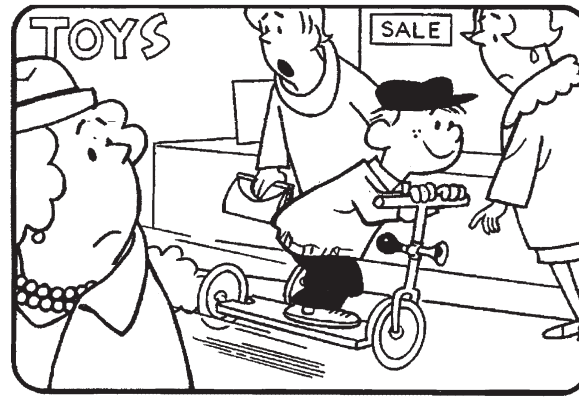
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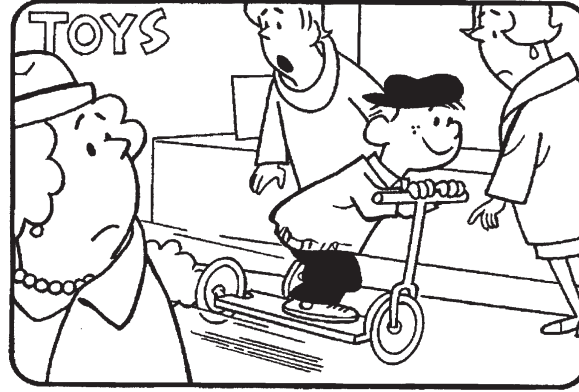
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Beads are missing. 2. Purse is missing. 3. Sign is missing. 4. Cap is reversed. 5. Horn is missing. 6. Collar is different.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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PUZZLE ANSWERS PAGE 5

SCRAMBLERS
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Father: STRIPE

Fight: TABLET

Just: GIRTH

Cover: PAVCON

Boxed letters: T, R, I, P, E, T, A, B, L, E, G, I, R, T, H, P, A, V, C, O, N

TODAY'S WORD:

"Did you have anything in mind besides a _____ evening?"

MENU

THEATER 8 MOVIES
Showtime: 7:45 pm

STEPPIN' OUT



Clay art made by Amy Durrman's students

Clay for Youth series scheduled in May

Carnegie Hall's Spring Classes & Workshops Series offers arts and crafts educational opportunities to students of all ages. Teaching Artist Amie Durrman will instruct Clay for Youth on Saturdays, May 7, 14, and 21, from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m., for 13 to 17-year-old students at Carnegie

Hall. Students will explore various hand building techniques while creating functional and abstract forms. Demonstrations will include slab construction, coil building, and pinching. Students will also learn about surface decoration including applied textures

and the application of underglazes. Registration is \$110 (\$99 for members) and class size is limited. To enroll or for a complete list of classes and workshops visit carnegiehallwv.org/classes-and-workshops or pick up a Classes & Workshops brochure at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

Train Show to be held May 7 in Ronceverte

The rich history of the C&O Railway in southeastern West Virginia is the focus of the first-ever "Red" Matheny Train Show set for Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Clifford Community and Recreation Center (311 E. Edgar Avenue) in Ronceverte. Admission is free for all ages.

Historical displays and scale train layouts will be set up in the center, highlighting the history of the Allegheny Subdivision of the C&O, along with the Greenbrier Division, now occupied by the Greenbrier River Trail. Personnel will be available to answer questions and to explain the displays.

The show is organized in honor of Jim "Red" Matheny, nicknamed for his red hair, born at Callaghan, VA, in 1895. Matheny worked for the C&O Railway 49 years, mostly in Ronceverte as a signalman and track crew team member.

The community center is the former Clifford National Guard Armory, located on E. Edgar Avenue three blocks east of the bottom of Ronceverte Hill.

Open Mic Night at Alderson Depot

The Town of Alderson and Alderson Main Street have announced a new event - Open Mic Night at the Historic 1896 C&O Depot, 1 Railroad Avenue, in Alderson. The purpose of Open Mic Night is twofold. First, it provides a non-threatening environment for practicing musicians (non-professional) to play for a small audience and be with other musicians. The second purpose is to provide a family-friendly activity for residents and visitors in Alderson and the surrounding area.

The event will be held the first Saturday of the month, May through October, from 6 to 9 p.m., and rain or shine. The first event will be Saturday, May 7.

Interested musicians should email their interest or questions to openmicatthedepot@gmail.com. The amount of time for one performer to play is dependent on the number of people who sign up. Six acts, for example, will each get approximately 20 minutes to play with 10 minutes to set up in between performers. Twelve acts would get only 10 minutes.

Don and Marcia Sutherland, the event organizers, will provide the basic sound equipment. Participants



The Historic 1896 C&O Depot in Alderson

must bring everything else, including instruments, mic stands and microphones, as well as music stands and chairs. The performers will be set up inside the depot, with audience and waiting performers sitting outside on the station platform or on the grass. The audience should bring their own chairs or blankets. Restrooms are available and

participants and audience are welcome to bring their own food/drink (no alcohol).

Don Sutherland said, "We are looking for family-friendly music, especially American Roots Music of old country, bluegrass, newgrass, blues, and gospel."

There is no registration fee for the event, and performers will not be paid.

Performers are welcome to place a tip jar while they are performing.

Doris Kasley, president of Alderson Main Street, said, "We are excited to be offering this opportunity for music throughout the summer. Performers have a chance to hone their skills and the audience will enjoy local entertainment."

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SCHOOL

LES announces March Math Madness Poster winners



Poster contest winners: Front Row: Cora Whited (left), Eden Trent, Albert Liu, Timber Jones, Dashiell Ward, Hunter Fugate, and Amberlie Eggleston; Middle Row: Grace Brown (left), Lucas Sanchez-Johnson, Alexa Clinebell, Ethan Weidman, Natalie Byers, Kori Lafon, Everleigh Dingess, Tommy Feltman, and Brynlee Morgan; Back Row: Addy Vance (left), Kayleigh Hayes, Natalie Currence, Ty Russell, Adeline Vickers, River Vass, Elizabeth Liu, Harper Bailey, Kylie Lester, Jackson Crane, Arabella Webb, and Emma Martin.

Greenbrier East Project Graduation planning underway

Greenbrier East Project Graduation is a fun and safe celebration for graduating seniors of 2022. The party consists of games, prizes, and food, and serves as one final function for the graduating class to be together. All graduates attending will receive gifts and could potentially win \$2,022! Graduates have the opportunity to win additional prizes such as computers, bikes, kayaks, TVs, dorm-sized refrigerators, and cash just to name a few.

On behalf of the GEHS Project Graduation Committee, we would like to ask that you please remember

our group as we honor our Graduating Class of 2022 and consider giving a monetary donation. Without the continued support from our community, this event would not be possible. All donations collected are used for the benefit of the graduating seniors.

This year, we have 210 seniors graduating on June 4, 2022, and we would truly appreciate your support of Greenbrier East Project Graduation 2022.

Please mail any contributions to:
GEHS Project Graduation
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Lewisburg, WV 24901

The main criteria for this year's poster contest at Lewisburg Elementary School were how helpful the poster would be to that grade level and the apparent student effort. Making the decision this year proved to be extremely difficult. We are so proud of all those who participated!

Kindergarten winners are: 1st-Elizabeth Liu and Harper Bailey, 2nd-Tommy Feltman and Everleigh Dingess, 3rd-Hunter Fugate

First Grade winners were: 1st-River Vass and Kiley Lester, 2nd-Ethan Weidman and Lucas Sanchez-Johnson, 3rd-Amberlie Eggleston

Second Grade winners were: 1st-Jackson Crane and Ty Russell, 2nd-Brynlee Morgan and Alexa Clinebell, 3rd-Dashiell Ward and Ryder Ward

Third Grade winners were: 1st-Natalie Currence, 2nd-Emma Martin and Kori Lafon, 3rd-Albert Liu, Honorable Mention: Timber Jones

Fourth Grade winners were: 1st-Kayleigh Hayes and Arabella Webb, 2nd-Addy Vance and Natalie Byers, 3rd-Eden Trent

Fifth Grade winners were: 1st-Adeline Vickers, 2nd-Grace Brown, 3rd-Cora Whited

Carnegie Hall Kids' College registration now open



and more.

Cost of Kids' College is \$150 per week. There are two sessions each day, morning and afternoon. Children can choose to take up to five different arts and science classes per day. Scholarships are available thanks to United Way of Greenbrier Valley and generous individual donors. To apply, indicate you would like a scholarship application when you enroll your child.

To sign up to volunteer for Carnegie Hall's Kids' College, visit carnegiehallwv.com/education/kids-college

Registration is now open for Carnegie Hall's 29th Annual Kids' College, which will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 11-15 (Week One) and July 18-22 (Week Two). This year's program is open to rising second through seventh-grade students.

Kids' College is a unique opportunity for children to expand their artistic and scientific horizons in a safe and nurturing environment. All classes, taught by trained teaching artists, are held in Carnegie Hall. Children can take classes in pottery, origami, baking, leather craft, cooking, fashion, music, theatre, felting,

and follow the "Volunteer for Kids' College" link. Volunteer placement is first-come, first-served and may be influenced by instructor requests and enrollment factors.

Register at www.carnegiehallwv.org. Class sizes are limited, so register early. Student families will be notified of their child's schedule before the beginning of Kids' College. Paper brochures are also available at the Carnegie Hall Box Office. For more information, contact Education Director Harmony Flora at 304-645-7917.

NRCTC celebrates diversity



Sabrina Gravely (left), Morgan Cook, New River CTC President Dr. Bonny Copenhagen, Tristen Robertson and Candace Williams at NRCTC's Diversity Day presentation event.

New River Community and Technical College held their first Diversity Day event on Thursday, Apr. 14, supported by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission's Diversity for Equity grant.

New River CTC students were asked to submit ideas for presentations earlier this year, and four student presentations were chosen to be given on Diversity Day. The following students gave presentations at the college's Greenbrier Valley Campus in Lewisburg, and presentations were streamed through Zoom.

- Morgan Cook, Lewisburg, "Impacts of Living with a Disability"
- Sabrina Gravely, Marlinton, "Psychological Abuse as a Lesser-Known Aspect of Domestic Violence"
- Tristen Robertson, Hico, "Little-Known Native American History in Mount Hope"
- Candace Williams, Hinton, "History and Meaning of the LGBTQ+ Rainbow Flag"

College faculty, staff and students voted after the presentations, and Morgan Cook was selected to receive \$500 for her presentation.

Visit www.newriver.edu, email admissions@newriver.edu or call 1-866-349-3739 for information about New River CTC.

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