Alderson Town Council designates two citizens as 'Aldersonians'

By Adam Pack

The Alderson Town Council met for their regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., May 12 in the back of the Alderson City Building.

Before moving into regular business, Mayor Travis Copenhaver announced the proclamation of two citizens of Alderson as "devout Aldersonians."

The first citizen recognized was Stacy Eskins. Eskins was recognized for "leading the charge for fundraising for the town to have a historical relic of the past in the form of a beautiful clock," as well as generally working to preserve the town's history in many ways, according to a proclamation by the mayor.

Also recognized posthumously as an "Aldersonian" was Christine Atwell. The Mayor of Alderson proclaimed that, "The town of Alderson has many beautiful flowers and gardens throughout, which cause much pleasure, enjoyment and beautification," and that, "Mrs. Atwell



at Mayor Copenhaver (left) as a "devout Aldersonian." (Photo Courtesy of Town of Alderson)



Christine Atwell was recognized posthumously as a "devout Aldersonian," and husband, William, received her award with support from her friend, Fawn Valentine. (Photo Courtesy of Town of Alderson)

dedicated herself to tending our gardens, flowers, and all things nature during her time on Earth. She worked thousands of hours to make this community shine and we've all been truly blessed by her contribution."

In other news, the council heard from representatives from Thrasher Consulting Group regarding plans for water lines and plant projects. There were no updates at the time of the meeting in regards to the water lines project, however an update on the water plant project was available.

Thrasher engineers spoke about their work to date surveying and preparing to finalize their designs of the water plant. This preliminary work is unable to be invoiced as of yet, as the town is still waiting on funds from grants still in the works. However, Thrasher was able to speak to the members of the council and the attending public about the plant in general. Thrasher specifically touched on the plant being in a residential area.

"We're going to work very hard to make sure that we

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Gov. Justice debuts Seneca Skyway as first route of new WV Rides program

Program to designate scenic drives for travelers; four official routes will be announced this year



Gov. Jim Justice held a ceremony this week to announce that a scenic loop of US Route 219 and WV Route 92 - newly named the Seneca Skyway - has officially been designated as the first route of the West Virginia Mountain Rides program.

The new program is a collaborative partnership between the West Virginia Department of Transportation and the West Virginia Department of Tourism to designate and promote the state's most scenic country roads to drive by car or motorcycle.

"This is a real celebration," Gov. Justice said. "Six years ago, could you have imagined us in West Virginia saying we were going to market and promote our roads? We all know how beautiful our state is. But we were

struggling to find a way to

cause our roads were torn to pieces."

"It's unbelievable how far we've come," Gov. Justice continued. "We needed to give our great Highways workers the equipment they needed to fix the roads. Now they're doing it. And now we have another great tool to market the beauty of our state and bring in tour-

Seneca Skyway starts in Lewisburg, spanning through the Potomac Highlands as far north as Tucker County before returning to Lewisburg, making for a smooth and easy loop for riders. The entire route traverses nearly 300 miles of winding country roads and can be completed within a little over a six-hour round trip drive.

The route is dotted with charming mountain towns to explore like Lewisburg, Thomas, Elkins and White

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GEHS to hold parade honoring 2022 graduates, expect traffic delay

On Monday, May 23, at 6 p.m., there will be a parade to honor the 2022 graduates of Greenbrier East High School. With this, please anticipate delays in traffic in the Fairlea area from 5:45 to 7 p.m. Participants in the parade will meet in the old K-Mart parking lot at 4:30 p.m. The parade will begin at 6 p.m., leaving the K-Mart parking lot and traveling down to McDonald's and looping back to the same parking lot. The parade participants will use the left lane of Rt. 219 so that other traffic can flow in the right lane, but please anticipate delays and use caution since there will be spectators along the parade

LZ Rainelle Veterans' Reunion Weekend set to begin May 26

Join the town of Rainelle to celebrate our veterans! Those riding with Run For The Wall will arrive Thursday, May 26, at noon, and everyone is encouraged to line the

sidewalks to support them as they travel to Washington, DC. Activities on Friday, May 27, include the Task Force Omega scenic ride, Murbles tournament, a program at Stonerise Nursing Home and an evening candlelight ceremony at the Mountaineer Veterans Garden of Honor.

Join us on Saturday, May 28, for the parade. Motorcycles, all types of vehicles, floats, animals, bicycles, walking groups and bands are welcome to participate. The Murbles tournament continues with the Gold Star Mothers and the ROTC from Nicholas County and Greenbrier West. The day wraps with a concert at Rainelle Elementary and fireworks at the Industrial Park. A Sunday morning worship service is scheduled for May 29 at the Ponderosa.

Visit the LZ Rainelle website at www.lzrainelle.org for more information.

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TOOT vendor applications now available

On Saturday, Oct. 8, the 36th annual Taste of Our Towns (TOOT) Greenbrier Valley/New River region that brings arts education, perforfestival will bring more than 5,000 visitors to downtown Lewisburg. TOOT is a fundraiser for Carnegie Hall, a cultural institution of the

mances, and exhibits to all.

See "TOOT Vendors"



Apply now to be a vendor at this year's TOOT at www.carnegiehallwv.org/taste-of-our-towns

Greenbrier Co. Airport Authority discusses EAS, approves inflation pay award

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Airport Authority met Tuesday, May 17, to discuss a potential new essential air service (EAS) provider, updates on the new entrance sign, pay inflation awards, and more.

After discussion, the Authority awarded a one-time

After discussion, the Authority awarded a one-time \$1,000 inflation based pay award to full-time employees and \$500 for part-time employees. Airport Director Brian Belcher explained that the payment would operate "much like a bonus check," and would help as "everyone is struggling as inflation has just risen so fast, and on everything; on fuel, on food, on everything." The pay increase was unanimously passed by the authority.

In other news, the authority discussed the most recent developments regarding the entrance sign. Airport Director Belcher commented that on Wednesday he had heard from a yet undisclosed contracting company and will be receiving a quote from said contractor soon for the cost of construction and installation of the sign.

Belcher added, "It's just been really hard, because it's such a unique design, being twelve feet tall, light up, with lots of stone work. It's also difficult because a lot of contractors are really busy working on projects that are federally funded with all the new funding out there right now, and they also are light on staff at the same time." Despite these difficulties, there seems to be movement on the sign and Belcher is excited to see it up and operational. "We've worked really hard to design a good

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Senator Stephen Baldwin visited Mrs. Amanda Wheeler's kindergarten class last week as part of "Community Helpers" week at the school. Police officers, paramedics, librarians, and veterinarians also visited the students to teach them about various ways to help the community professionally.

As a way of holding a mock legislative session, Senator Baldwin asked the students to pretend they were senators and make "rules" for West Virginia. They politely discussed several ideas related to education and crime. They voted down one bill to increase the speed limit and voted for one bill to include hands-on "work" during school.

"These kindergarten students impressed me," said Baldwin. "The future is bright with these future leaders!"



Strawberry Festival returns to Alderson next weekend

By Adam Pack

The 2022 Alderson Strawberry Festival will be held on Saturday, May 28, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Entry to the festival will be free, so come out and enjoy family friendly fun, shopping, food, games, and of course all things strawberry.

The festival was started in 2016 by Alderson Main Street, in partnership with Sunset Berry Farm, located just four miles from Alderson and known for growing the sweetest strawberries in the state.

Much of the festival takes place on the pedestrian

bridge spanning across the beautiful Greenbrier River. There will be plenty to do on both sides of the bridge so be sure to visit both Greenbrier and Monroe Counties to enjoy the complete festival. Stop by The Depot to hear live music from, Swinging with Sinatra, Chris Hopson, Thomas Taylor Band, and more.

Attendees can take the short four mile trip to the 2+ acre strawberry patch at Sunset Berry Farm to pick your own strawberries, ride the bucking cow barrel train, play on the largest jump pad in the state, do a scavenger hunt

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Michelle Deeds, RN, BSN (right) and Director of Nursing and Clinical Services at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital

Deeds graduates from Hospital Leadership Academy

The Hospital Leadership Academy Class of 2022, a program of the West Virginia Hospital Association, has announced the graduation of Michelle Deeds, RN, BSN, and Director of Nursing and Clinical Services at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital. The 2022 class consisted of 17 individuals from hospitals around the state. They met for four sessions over ten-months, with each session scheduled for three days in locations throughout West Virginia. The program utilized a variety of techniques to educate participants on the unique and diverse issues that characterize West Virginia's health care system.

As the national and state healthcare landscape continues to shift dramatically, hospitals need leaders that demonstrate innovation and strong decision-making abilities. Every day, West Virginia hospitals are looking for people with skills, techniques, and strategies that contribute to organizational success. Leaders who are passionate about healthcare and improving the health of West Virginia communities.

Deeds has worked at PMH since December 2014 and is married to Vincent Deeds. The couple lives in Renick and have two grown sons. Deeds had the unique opportunity of being named Speaker of the Class at the graduation ceremony which took place Apr. 29 at Stonewall Jackson Resort in Roanoke.

To help member hospitals advance their workforce capabilities and position themselves for success in today's complex environment, the West Virginia Hospital offers The Hospital Leadership Academy.



PICK OF THE LITTER



LARRY
Larry is a
two-year-old
domestic
shorthair.

SAMMY

Sammy is a three-year-old male mastiff mix and weighs 76 pounds.



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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PLUS, register you for a trip to Nashville, TN and more!



Meet our staff, as we CELEBRATE the 75th Anniversary of WRON Radio!



Briefly

Woodland Cemetery Public Meeting

Public notice is hereby given to all persons living in the Woodland Community of Renick, WV, having lived in said community for a period of time or have relatives buried in the Woodland Cemetery are urged to attend a meeting of the Woodland Cemetery. This meeting will be held May 28 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center at Woodland Church. The Board of Directors will meet immediately following the meeting.

American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte, is 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. Dance on Saturday, May 28 will feature the Midland Trail Band, 7 to 10:30 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.

Local Veterans Ready to Help

If you or someone you know have loved ones serving on active duty and are concerned for their well being or that of their families, particularly those stationed overseas, please feel free to reach out to American Legion Post 100 in Union. We can assist with transportation from international airports for returning family members, lending household items, help with paperwork, or simply an empathetic ear from someone who has "been there, done that." Contact Scott Womack at womackse@ gmail.com, Facebook Messenger, or cell phone 304-992-4405 or Harry Moloney at saddleback2@earthlink. net, cell phone 304-646-2102.

Suits

In Re: The Marriage of: Charles Edward Snyder and Lori Ellen Snyder

In Re: The Marriage of: Amanda Ann Hedrick and Christopher N. Hedrick

In Re: The Marriage of: Tammy Lynn Peterson and Larry Dean Peterson

WVDOH accepts bids for 20 projects

An approximately \$32 million project to build a new interchange on Interstate 64 near Culloden is among 20 projects included in a bid letting conducted by the West Virginia Division of Highways on Tuesday, May 17.

The project, made possible through funding from Gov. Jim Justice's \$2.8 billion Roads to Prosperity program, will connect US 60 in Culloden with I-64 between Hurricane and Milton

"This project should relieve some of the congestion at the Hurricane exit and create better access to the businesses in the Culloden area," said Todd Rumbaugh, P.E., WVDOH Chief Engineer of Construction.

The WVDOH is reviewing the bids and hopes to award contracts for these projects soon.

The May 17 letting included the following area proj-

- Rupert sidewalk interchange (Greenbrier County) • Highland Trace Road paving (Greenbrier County)
- Marlinton traffic signals (Pocahontas County)

Several factors are considered before awarding a bid, including whether a bid falls above or below the WV-DOH Engineer's Estimate and by what percentage. In cases where a bid is above the Engineer's Estimate, WVDOH must consider the project need, repercussions of not awarding the project, additional funding sources, and whether sufficient reasons exist for the differences in estimates. Most projects are reviewed, analyzed, and awarded within a week of the bid letting, but the process can take longer.

When the Division of Highways has a project that is determined to be best constructed by a contractor, it is processed through the bid letting system. A letting is a scheduled opportunity for contractors to review and bid on several construction projects at one time. Lettings are held either once

or twice per month and

conducted through the Bid

Express System online at

www.bidx.com and han-

dled through the Contract

Administration Division.

Contractors need to sub-

scribe to Bid Express be-

fore bids can be accepted

As the date and time approach the deadline of

the letting, contractors

are expected to place their

bids, with complete docu-

mentation as necessary.

Shortly after the letting,

the respective bids are re-

viewed. All bids are eval-

uated thoroughly for com-

petitiveness and deemed

guidelines as approved

by policy, reviewed, and

approved by the FHWA.

Award of the contracts is

made based on the recom-

mendation by our Awards

Committee based on the

results that evaluation and

approval by the Commissioner. Projects are typi-

cally awarded to the low-

est bidder with all proper

documentation in place.

through

acceptable

on any project.

Public Meetings

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.

Gbr. Co. Farmland Protection Board meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at 804 Industrial Drive, Suite 5, in Maxwelton. The public is invited to attend. Call 304-520-3221 for more information.

Public invited to review flood maps in **Greenbrier County**

FEMA is proposing updates to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for Greenbrier County. Community partners are invited to participate in a 90-day appeal and comment period. The updated maps were produced in coordination

with local, state and FEMA officials. Significant community review of the maps has already taken place, but before the maps become final, community partners can identify any corrections or questions about the information provided and submit appeals or comments. The 90-day appeal period began May 14. Residents,

business owners and other community partners are encouraged to review the updated maps to learn about local flood risks and potential future flood insurance requirements. They may submit an appeal if they perceive that modeling or data used to create the map is technically or scientifically incorrect.

- An appeal must include technical information, such as hydraulic or hydrologic data, to support the claim.
- Appeals cannot be based on the effects of proposed projects or projects started after the study is in progress.
- · If property owners see incorrect information that does not change the flood hazard information - such as a missing or misspelled road name in the Special Flood Hazard Area or an incorrect corporate boundary - they can submit a written comment.

The next step in the mapping process is conducting this 90-day appeals period and addressing any comments or appeals that are received. Once they are resolved, FEMA will notify communities of the effective date of the final maps.

Submit appeals and comments by contacting Kelly Banton, Floodplain Manager for Greenbrier County, at Kelly.Banton@greenbriercounty.net. The preliminary maps may be viewed online at the FEMA Flood Map Changes Viewer: http://msc.fema.gov/fmcv. Changes from the current maps may be viewed online at the Region 3 Changes Since Last FIRM Viewer: https://arcg.

For more information about the flood maps:

- Use a live chat service about flood maps at http:// go.usa.gov/r6C (just click on the "Live Chat" icon).
- Contact a FEMA Map Specialist by telephone; toll free, at 1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627) or by email at FEMA-FMIX@fema.dhs.gov.

Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover flood. There are cost-saving options available for those newly mapped into a high-risk flood zone. Learn more about your flood insurance options by talking with your insurance agent and visiting https://www.floodsmart.

Greenbrier County Flood Mapping Milestones:

- Sept. 15, 2020 Flood Risk Review Meeting to review draft flood hazard data
- Sept. 30, 2021 Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map released.
- · Oct. 25, 2021 Community Coordination and Outreach Meeting to review Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map and discuss updates to local floodplain management ordinance and flood insurance.
- On or Around May 14, 2022 Appeal Period starts
- November 2023* New Flood Insurance Rate Map becomes effective and flood insurance requirements take effect. (*Timeline subject to change pending completion of the appeal review process.)

If you have any questions, please contact FEMA Region 3 Office of External Affairs at femar3newsdesk@

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Greenbrier Valley Veterinary Hospital • The Heart Center-Thomas W. vonDohlen, M.D.

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Heather Blake, Owner 304-646-2624

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Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Bradley Linton, Lewisburg, reckless driving, GP, fine

Kathy S. Lasek, White Marsh, MD, driving too fast for food conditions, NCP, fine \$5

Joleen Sue Tuominen, Quinwood, expired operators, NCP, fine \$25

Joseph Moshy, Lewisburg, speeding, NCP, fine \$10 Kevin Paul Ross, Ronceverte, 1) destruction of property, GP, fine \$100; 2) destruction of property, GP, fine

Lester King, White Sulphur Springs, destruction of property, GP, fine \$100, jail 45 days - time served, restitution to be paid directly to Maggie Wessells Robert Gene Lowe, Alderson, 1) reckless driving,

NCP, fine \$50, jail 90 days; 2) driving while license

revoked - DUI, fine \$100, jail 6 months Rodney Ray Pennington, Cool Ridge, WV, NCP, obstructing officer, jail 20 days - suspended and placed

on 6 months probation Antionette I. Knox, Lansdowne, PA, permitting unauthorized person to drive, NCP, fine \$25

For the Record

Deeds

Ret Holdings, LLC to Seth C. McQuian, Lot No. 59, City of Ronceverte, Ronceverte Corp.

Bonnie F. Brown to Christine I. Barth, Lots No. 25 and 26, Block 2, Falling Springs Municipality Axa Properties, LLC to Melissa Reiman, Lots No. 1 and

2, Big Draft Addition, White Sulphur District Dana Scott Cooper to Kari McCormick to John McCormick, 0.918 Acres, Anthony Creek District

Malcolm Tyrone to Gregory L. Richmond, Lot No. 7, Edgewood Addition, Town of White Sulphur Springs, White Sulphur Tax District

Dunwood LLC to David J. Hunter and Kathy L. Hunter, 0.110 Acres. Town of Rupert

WV Hunter, LLC to Charles C. Morton and Teresa Lipscomb, Lot No. 38, Phase 3, Overlook at Greenbrier Subdivision, White Sulphur District

Jeffrey W. Lushbaugh to Kerry A. Dougan, 1.02 Acres, Lewisburg District

Roy Denzil McClung to Roy Rogers, Lot No. 13, Block B, Meadow Bluff District Susan L. Tucker to Brenda Hickory, 1.00 Acre, Anthony

Creek District Jonathon B. Comer and Bethany L. Comer to Great State Properties, LLC, Unit No. 15, Townhouse Cluster

A, Silo Square, Lewisburg Tax District Jennifer L. Brown to Jason T. Dow and Karen L. Dow, Lot No. 108, Rolling Hills Estate Subdivision, Lewis-







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Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen
Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist
BAM!

A word of warning: the following may cause nightmares, headaches, and fretting. BOO! As in BAMBOO. Did the word scare you? I know there is a BOO in there and that's enough to get me running.

Are you considering planting it? May I caution you to reconsider; it's not too late. If somewhere in time a person who had a bamboo forest in their yard might have encouraged you to "take as much as you want." So you proceeded with your shovel to dig up a bunch and loaded it in the back of your brother's open bed pickup truck. You felt like you scored! Well, what can I say? You are now possessed by the bamboo spirit. It lurks and slithers along slowly underground, sending shoots out in all directions. In a few years, you will be encouraging any stranger on the street, "Take as much as you want!"

Bamboo is a grass and part of the evergreen perennial plant called the Bambusoideae. It grows "like weeds" and has top shallow roots which yank out easily but also deeper roots which spread 12 inches below the soil's surface. No maintenance is required, drought resistant, it has been around since ancient times and traced to China as its origin. In many countries, such as Bali and other Asian countries, bamboo is used for buildings in place of wood. It is stronger than steel and has a higher compressive strength than many mixtures of concrete. Bamboo is used to make musical instruments, paper pulp, bamboo sheets/fabric, and even bicycles. It is considered a renewable natural material because, as I said, it grows like weeds, much faster than hardwood trees.

We use bamboo poles in our garden for tomato stakes. When wired together, the poles can also be made into a running privacy screen when stood upright with ground supports. If you want to create a bamboo fenced area, I suggest you use cut poles rather than live plants. The best way to obtain bamboo for garden poles is to cut the thickest and longest shoots at the base and don't take the roots. That's where the whole problem starts. BAM! Like magic, it takes over the yard and marches right out to the front sidewalk. Rooting bamboo in your yard is something you or the next person you sell your house to, will regret. Live bamboo does attract mosquitos, ants, and cockroaches; all of those like to inhabit the thick, moist, surroundings of bamboo. Once planted bamboo can travel over thirty feet, even growing right through bricks, walls, and concrete.

There is a type of bamboo offered for sale called clumping bamboo. Slower in growth and spreading, it can be

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grown in your yard, around your pool, or garden pond somewhat safely. I suggest potting it in large pots or barrels cut in half to keep it from rooting on its own. Bamboo swaying in the breeze has a lovely soft sound and will give your outdoor surroundings a tropical atmosphere. That should dispel the scare that I started out with and give your serenity and peace of mind. Isn't that what we want from our gardens in return for the backbreaking labor we put

Commentary

WV celebrates National Foster Care Month

Gov. Jim Justice has issued a proclamation recognizing May as National Foster Care Month in West Virginia. The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Social Services joins partners nationwide in honoring National Foster Care Month by acknowledging the foster parents, family members, volunteers, mentors, policy-makers, child welfare professionals, and other members of the community who help children and youth in foster care find permanent homes and connections.

"National Foster Care Month is not only a time to share the need for foster parents in West Virginia, but it is also an opportunity to highlight the hard work of DHHR staff and those who provide homes and stability for West Virginia youth," said Jeff Pack, Commissioner of DHHR's Bureau for Social Services. "We are thankful for all who join us in our mission to ensure child safety, permanency, and well-being through foster care and adoption."

The primary purpose of foster care is to reunite the child with their family by providing interventions aimed at reunification whenever safely possible. DHHR's Bureau for Social Services is committed to ensuring that the nearly 7,000 West Virginia children in out-of-home care and their families receive adequate and appropriate services that best meet their needs.

Those interested in becoming a foster parent can contact Mission West Virginia at www.missionwv.org or 304-512-0555.

Speaking of gardens, please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 21: Greenbrier Valley Master Gardener Association's annual plant sale is at the State Fair of West Virginia. Starting at 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until supplies last, flowers, vegetables, herbs, shrubs, and maybe even some trees will be on sale.

(Karen Cohen is a practitioner of natural gardening methods and can be reached at natureswaykaren@gmail.com)

Airport Authority

Seneca Skyway

looking sign, and it should live up to that and more."

Lastly, the authority discussed updates regarding Sky-West and the current status of flight service at the Airport. Two months ago, SkyWest filed a cease request to stop providing air service to the airport. Close behind this decision, the Department of Transportation placed a stay on this action, disallowing SkyWest's cessation of services based on the length of contract still to be fulfilled by the airline. The Department of Transportation then sent out a request for bids for airlines to provide service to LWB while SkyWest continues to provide air services until a final decision is made.

As of now, SkyWest has filed to rescind their order for LWB, and are awaiting the decision of the DOT on that filing. Meanwhile, the authority opened bids from four

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airlines, whose bid paperwork is available online at the DOT's website. Therefore, the authority must now decide whether or not to remain with SkyWest should they be allowed to rescind their original withdrawal, or go with one of the four bidders.

Airport Director Brian Belcher was very adamant that, "We want this to be a community decision, ultimately, because it's your airport, so I went to Lewisburg City Council and presented there, and the public is encouraged to come to airport authority meetings and to contact us and let us know."

The authority has until their June 11 meeting to weigh their options and make a decision, public comment is encouraged at this time.

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design for you something that I would be happy living across from, that I would have to look at all the time."

After hearing these reports, the council took up a second reading and voted on the first of two rate increases to be enacted to pay for and maintain the first phase of work on the water lines and the water plant. This increase, which covers the cost of electricity, permits, and other preliminary expenses, will be a \$4 increase. After a brief public discussion on the matter, the council unanimously passed the water rate increase on second reading.

The Alderson Town Council meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

Carnegie Hall and the community look forward to hav-

ing a safe and successful Taste of Our Towns. Call Carne-

gie Hall Development Director Sally Bray at 304-645-7917

or email development@carnegiehallwv.org with questions.

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TOOT Vendors

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TOOT involves the closing of downtown Lewisburg on Washington, Court, and Church Streets and distribution of a map that will orient patrons to ticket booths, tasting locations, entertainment, and exhibits. The festival strives to offer a food tasting adventure, featuring the fare of southeastern West Virginia, including Greenbrier, Pocahontas, Webster, Nicholas, Fayette, Summers, and Monroe Counties.

Restaurants, businesses, and nonprofit organizations are invited to be a vendor at TOOT 2022 by providing ready-to-consume food or drink in exchange for tickets sold by Carnegie Hall. Tickets are redeemable for your offerings (i.e., any consumable you "sell" at your location during the event) and cost \$1 each. Vendors may charge one or more tickets per item. Within two weeks after the event, Carnegie Hall will return in cash 70% of the value of the tickets redeemed at the vendors tasting location. The remaining 30% will remain with Carnegie Hall as a charitable donation to support our arts, arts education, and performances.

A refundable registration fee of \$50 is due with the Tasting Location Application, available online at www. carnegiehallwv.org/taste-of-our-towns. Vendors who register by June 15 will recoup 100% of the registration fee, and those who register by July 31 will recoup 50%. No refunds will be offered for registrations received from Aug. 1 through Sept. 15. Registration ends Sept. 15.

Vendors are promoted on the official TOOT map during the four-hour, food-focused event and retain 70% of the proceeds. Vendors should plan now to be a part of this local tradition.

To register please visit www.carnegiehallwv.org/tasteof-our-towns and complete the online TOOT2022 Vendor Registration form. Booth location preferences are fulfilled on a first come, first served basis. Carnegie Hall reserves the right to decline an application or to require alternate food selections.

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Sulphur Springs. Travelers can also expect to take in the

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Sulphur Springs. Travelers can also expect to take in the sights and sounds of some of West Virginia's most treasured natural wonders like Blackwater Falls State Parks, Seneca Rocks, and Spruce Knob. The route features a perfect blend of activities and stops for nature lovers and city explorers alike.

Gov. Justice was joined for today's ceremony by Tourism Secretary Chelsea Ruby and State Highway Engineer Alan Reed, P.E.

"John Denver said it best: 'Country roads, take me home.' Governor Justice has been the biggest cheerleader behind our Almost Heaven advertising campaign, so much so that he pushed us to take it to the next level by designating some of our most treasured country roads as scenic routes," Secretary Ruby said. "Seneca Skyway is more than just a scenic route; it's an entire vacation along one winding route, with stunning mountain vistas along the way."

"This is another one of the Governor's great ideas for promoting West Virginia," Reed said. "This program gives us a great opportunity to have people come and enjoy our state and the beauty we have to offer. It's also a chance to showcase how much we've improved our roads. At the Division of Highways, we're committed to making these roads as perfect as possible to make for a safe and smooth ride on a motorcycle or in a car."

Seneca Skyway is the first of four official routes of the West Virginia Mountain Rides program to be announced. The remaining routes will be announced through the summer and into fall leaf peeping season.

Tuesday's event concluded with a ribbon-cutting, before a group of motorcyclists drove off as the first official riders on the new Seneca Skyway.

"To everyone involved in making today's announcement a reality, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you've done," Gov. Justice said. "All we've ever had to do in West Virginia was just let the world see how great we really are. We're doing just that. And now, we get to enjoy the ride."

Strawberry Festival

in the fairy garden, test your skills at paintball target shooting and find your way through the cover crop maze! There will also be a petting zoo, strawberry treats, kid's activities, vendors, and music. There will also be pony rides at two different locations, as the WV Renaissance Festival will be giving pony rides in Alderson and Reining Warriors will be giving pony rides at Sunset Berry Farm. After all this excitement, festival goers can quench their thirst with freshly made lemonade from Appalachian Lemonade, as well.

wade lemonade from Appalachian Lemonade, as well.

Vendors and donations are still being accepted, and are encouraged to find Alderson Strawberry Festival on Facebook for further details.

An itinerary of events reads as follows: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Market on the Bridge

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Strawberry Themed Entrees 10 a.m. - Swinging with Sinatra 12 p.m. - Chris Hopson

2 p.m. - Thomas Taylor Band 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunset Berry Farm; petting zoo, straw-

berries, jump pad, paintball, bucking cow barrel ride, fairy garden, scavenger hunt, and more.

Festivities will conclude Monday morning at 10 a.m.

with a rededication of the memorial and field at Alderson Memorial Field by members of the Alderson VFW. The Memorial is dedicated to those who gave their lives in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. The VFW encourages the public to come pay their respects.

Club & Church

Church Bulletin—

Spring Revival at Flat Mountain Missionary Baptist Church

Flat Mountain Missionary Baptist Church of Alderson is glad to announce our spring revival schedule, beginning Sunday evening from May 22 through 25 at 7 p.m. each night at Flat Mountain Missionary Baptist near Alderson. Evangelist Tim Spencer will be preaching the Word of God beginning on the evening of Sunday, May 22 at 7 p.m. Evangelist Spencer is also Pastor at Dry Pond Baptist Church near Ballard. The services will run through Wednesday evening May 25. All services will start at 7 p.m. Brother Spencer is an extraordinary speaker with both the youth and adults. Pastor Randy S. Burdette and the folks at FMMBC extend a warm welcome to come join us! Country and casual on the mountain, only 2.1 short miles from the Alderson Senior Center on the Monroe County side of town. Our street address is 4821 Flat Mountain Road, Alderson, WV 24910.

Listening to our Community: A mini-workshop on creating opportunities for conversation

The Greenbrier County Democratic Women's Club invites the public to join them on Tuesday, May 24, at 5:30 p.m. at the Old Stone Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. The meeting will be focused on preparing for and planning Democratic outreach activities this summer. This meeting will also be a workshop on effective conversations, particularly with folks who may have different views.

The workshop leader, Jean Ambrose, has worked implementing community conversations on difficult issues in West Virginia for more than thirty years, both statewide and at the local level.

She has worked as an organizational executive director on a variety of issues, especially adult literacy, affordable housing, volunteerism and national service, and community development. She is a founding board member of the WV Center for Civic Life.

Jean has a degree from Brown University in American History and an MA from WVU and is a long-time resident of rural Wood County with her husband Bill and three cats.

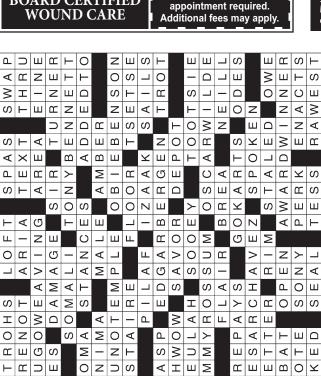


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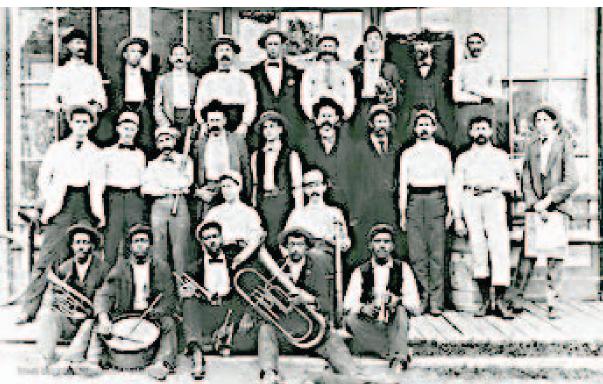
Several members of the White Sulphur Lions recently attended the Multiple District State Convention which was held at the Canaan Valley State Park. It was a weekend

of fellowship, fun, and leadership seminars.

Members of White Sulphur Springs Lions recently attended the State Lions Convention in Canaan

Valley State Park: Lion President Mary Lee Buckland (left), Eric Dowdy, Past District Governor George Gillespie, Betty Gillespie, and Rodina Belcher.

A Look Back



Courtesy of the West Virginia University Regional History Center.

2022

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By William "Skip" Deegans

This week's photo of Alderson's community baseball team was probably taken around the turn of the 20th century. Presumably, the band shown in the front was their pep band. As the photo suggests, baseball teams were not integrated. Communities with enough African-Americans often had their own teams as did Alderson. Baseball was

popular in the Greenbrier Valley. In addition to Alderson, there were teams in Lewisburg, Ronceverte, Union, and Hinton. The Lewisburg field had covered bleachers - an indication of the support for the sport. Harry Moran, who pitched for the Lewisburg team in 1908-09, went on to the major league and played for the Detroit Ti-

Source: The Greenbrier Independent.





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his children/step-children,

Shirleen (John) Bishop,

North Myrtle Beach,

SC, Carol Jaeger, Union

Grove, WI, James (Su-

san) Moten, Rosburg,

WA, Joyce (Jesse) Martin,

Clintonville, Fran (Joe)

Lesher, Elkview, Shirlene

(Wayne) Andrews, Clin-

tonville, Sandy Carroll,

Rupert, Mike (Theresa)

Hall, Scott Depot, Te-

resa (Wayne) Poling, Mt.

Vernon, OH, Jimmy (De-

nise) Hall, Charleston,

WV, Tonja (John) Bossie,

Teays Valley; sons-in-law,

Jim Hicks, Lewisburg, and

Donald "DD" Suttle, Wil-

liamsburg, WV. He is also

survived by several grand-

children, great-grandchil-

dren; great-great-grand-

children; nieces, nephews,

and many friends to cher-

Services will be held at

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neral Home in Lewisburg,

on Saturday, May 21, at 2

p.m. with Pastor Mike Teu-

bert officiating. Friends

may pay their respect from

1 to 2 p.m. prior to the ser-

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Harlan Ray Hartsook



On Saturday, May 14, 2022, we lost our beloved hero, Harlan "Hob" Ray Hartsook. He unexpectedly passed away at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center in Christiansburg, VA, due to respiratory failure, non-COVID related, while surrounded by members of his loving family.

Harlan was born on Sept. 26, 1932 and was 89 years young.

He was an avid furnace repair man, gardener, woodworker, and all-around outdoorsman. He enjoyed doing special projects with the help of his grandson, Roger Hinkle. Harlan was a member of Grace Bible Church in Asbury, WV.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Homan H. Hartsook and Nina F. Gilkeson Hartsook; sister, Helen L. Hartsook; brother, William "Bill" F. Hartsook; daughters, Shelby K. Haubert and Evelyn "Gayle" Hicks; stepchildren, Shelva J. Wilson and Virgil L. Moten; and grandson, Joseph "Joe Joe" R. Lesher, II.

He is survived by his loving wife, Eleanor E. Bowling Hartsook, Clintonville; brother, Lacy

Norman Edward Walker



Hillsboro-Norman "Joe" Walker 56, passed suddenly Wednesday, May 11, 2022 in Tuscaloosa, AL.

Born Oct. 24, 1965 in Ronceverte, he was a son of Norman Arthur Walker and the late Connie Sue Gilkerson Walker.

Joe was a building supply salesman for S.J. Neathawk.

Joe is survived by his wife Tracey Walker; two sons, Jesse Colton Walker, and Dalton Wayne Walker and wife Melissa both of Hillsboro; brother, Howard Walker and wife Dreama Walker of Hillsboro; and one grandchild on the

Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 19, at Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye where Pastors Julian Rittenhouse and Jerry Marlin officiated. Burial followed in the Emmanual Church Cemetery on Bruffys Creek.

Visitation was Wednesday evening, May 18, at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made at Lantzfuneralhome.com

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION **Division of Highways** NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until June 14, 2022 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

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The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways Kenneth T. Given for Gehan M. Elsayed, P.E., Ph.D. Chief Engineer of Programs and Performance Management Deputy State Highway Engineer

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NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS

The Greenbrier County Board of Education, 391 Judyville Road, Lewisburg, WV will accept sealed bids for the provision of school bus seat repair/replacement, installed. Request as follows:

Furnish & Install for International & Thomas Buses

Furnish & Install High Back Covers; Furnish & Install High Back Foam; Furnish & Install 39" Cushion Cover; Furnish & Install CE White Cover & Foam as Needed; Weld

& Repair Seat Frame; Replace Seat Board as Needed; Refasten Loose Back Covers: Furnish & Install Driver Seat Back:

Furnish & Install Driver Seat Cushion, Driver Seat Belt Inspection (replace as needed) Remove old cover, replace with new cover, NO DOUBLE COVERS PRICES QUOTED REQUIRE AND SHALL INCLUDE:

All work performed at our facility, Judyville Road, Lewisburg, WV and/or Greenbrier East

- Vendor provision of all tools and equipment needed.
- A work list for each bus before work begins and updated as completed. Work must be completed July 25 - August 12, 2022; once work starts it must be completed.
- Use of only state and federal approved materials.
- Materials matched to manufacturer's colors for all models 2001-2023. Invoice submitted upon completion of work with billing net thirty (30) days from invoice.
- Preferred method of payment by VISA. Bus interiors and work areas will be left clean (as found) condition.
- Seat bottoms must be secured properly.

Mail bids to:

Greenbrier County Schools Attention: George Brooks II, Office of Operations

391 Judyville Road Lewisburg, WV 24901

DEADLINE FOR BIDS: 10:00 a.m. June 7, 2022

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NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS FOR MOTOR FUEL, HEATING FUEL, MOTOR OIL AND ANTI-FREEZE

The Greenbrier County Board of Education, 391 Judyville Road, Lewisburg, W.Va. will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on June 7, 2022 on the following products:

Approximately 20,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline 45,000 gallons of #2 heating fuel**

140,000 gallons Ultra Low Sulphur Diesel Fuel

*estimated 60,000 gals. with winter additive (time period October 1-March 30) *estimated 80,000 gal. without additive

Pre-mix Nitrite free OAT Extended Life Coolant (ELC) - approx. 500 gallons. To be delivered in 55 gal drums as needed. Successful bidder must furnish pump FREE OF CHARGE.

Red 50/50 pre-mix with DCA Additive meeting all specs for diesel engines - approx. 55 gallons. To be delivered in 55 gal. drums as needed. Successful bidder must furnish pump FREE OF CHARGE. CK4 15-40 (meeting all diesel specs.) Approximately 1,100 gallons bulk. Successful bidder must furnish

tank, pump, reel and meter nozzle FREE OF CHARGE. *Motor Oil and Anti-Freeze to be delivered to the school bus garage on Judyville Road. Products are for Greenbrier County Schools, vehicles and buildings for the fiscal year 2022-2023. Fuel for

vehicles will be delivered to tanks ranging in size from 1,000 to 4,000 gallons at three (3) locations. **Heating fuel shall be delivered to our three (3) tank locations, four (4) tanks. Preferred method of payment by VISA.

All bids must be sealed and will be competitive. Bid instructions and requirements are available at the Greenbrier County Board of Education, Transportation Department, Lewisburg, West Virginia, Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on June 7, 2022. The board reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids presented.

All bids should be forwarded to:

Greenbrier County Schools Attention: George Brooks II Director of Operations, Maintenance/Transportation

391 Judyville Road Lewisburg, WV 24901

area cemeteries On Sunday May 29, The Ameri-Rosewood cemetery before lunch, can Legion Midland Seneca Post 69 will again visit the following cemat Shoney's. Services will continue after lunch

eteries and pay our respects to those comrades who served our country and have passed from this life. The following schedule will be adhered to as close as possible. Family and friends of the departed are invited to join in at the cemeteries for this Memorial Service.

All participating veterans and volunteers wishing to assist in the placing of the flags will meet at the Emory E. Sweet Memorial Hall, 816 South Jefferson Street at 8:15 a.m.

The itinerary for the day's events is as follows:

Calvary Church Cemetery at Richlands 8:45 a.m.; Roach Cemetery 9:15 a.m.; Falls Cemetery 9:45 a.m.; Coffman Cemetery 10:30 a.m.; Confederate Cemetery 10:45 a.m.; Memorial Gardens 11:00 a.m.; Lewisburg Cemetery 11:15 a.m. Flags will be placed on graves in the then there will be a break for lunch

at Rosewood Cemetery at 1:00 p.m.; Clifton Cemetery 1:30 p.m.; Neal Chapel 1:45 p.m.; Lewis Chapel 2:15 p.m.; Henning Church of God 2:35 p.m.; Enon Baptist Church 2:50 p.m.; the last site being the Frankford Cemetery 3:15 p.m.

Should a service person's burial site in these cemeteries be missed, please contact the American Legion Post 69 and a flag will be provided for that fallen soldier. All veterans who wish to help show their respects are invited to join in and assist in this Memorial Day Service.

For information concerning this event please contact Richard L. Duncan, Commander 301-712-5513, afcop21@yahoo.com or Joe Hendricks, Adjutant at 304-497-3212. You can also contact us via our Facebook Page.

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Resumes or CVs will be accepted until May 23, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. You may email them to rbc20pulpitcommittee@gmail.com or mail them to Ronceverte Baptist Church, 437 Main St. W, Ronceverte, WV 24970.

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stances. Candidate must possess strong leadership, interpersonal communication, computer skills and be self-motivated. West Virginia pharmacist license required by opening date. Managerial experience preferred. Submit your resume along with three professional references to: Katie Brown, HR Director, PMH, 150 Duncan Rd. Buckeye, WV 24924 or email to kbrown@pmhwv. org. Applications will be accepted through 10 am on 5/27/2022. EOE

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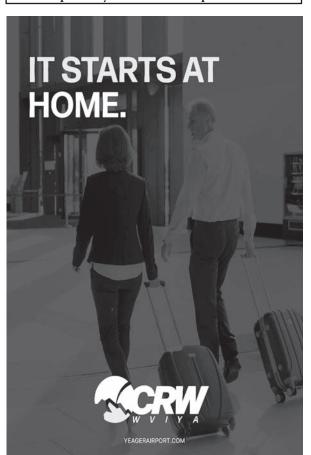
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Dear Recycle Lady,

Dear Recycle Lady,

Last week you wrote about recycling greeting cards. What about cards that talk or play music? Can they be recycled? Must the speaker and batteries be removed?

Greetings Abound

Greetings Dear Abound,

Greeting cards that talk or play music can be recycled only if the entire battery-operated device that plays the music or voice is removed. Most such cards have a tiny button battery that is also found in other household devices, so you may be able to reuse it. The Recycling Center accepts these electronic devices as part of their e-waste recycling program. If you do not want to throw the device away go to Recycle Nation and check out the blog Creative Family Moments. It offers a great tutorial on how to reuse the device in a musical card.

Dear Recycle Lady,

What is precycling? How can precycling happen before recycling? Curious Recycler

Dear Curious Recy-

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Precycling is a way to help the environment and reduce waste that fills up landfills. Choosing products packaged in recyclable packaging, products that are in recyclable con-

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tainers, products that require less packaging, such as concentrated detergents, or products themselves that can be recycled are all ways that everyone can precycle.

Dear Recycle Lady,

My printer uses long cartridges that must be changed when one runs out of ink. Can these cartridges be recycled?

Printer Dear Printer,

Recycling printer car-

tridges is not only possible, it is important, as ink and toner cartridges are made of materials that can be harmful to the health of humans and to the environment. When bringing ink cartridges to the Recycling Center, go to the Aluminum Cans door and push the button. Someone will come help you. Several retailers recycle toner cartridges andothers will pay you for them. Staples, Office Depot, Walmart, and Best Buy all participate in a free drop-off program. HP has a recycling team that can be reached through the HP recycling page or 1-800-340-2445 Monday through Friday to request free boxes or envelopes for returning the cartridges to HP.

Interesting news:

HOCUS-FOCUS

To bring awareness to the damage caused by single-use plastics, CaVon Wong created a spectacular 3-story high art installation, The Giant Plastic Tap, that is made from over 10,000 pieces of single-use plastic trash. The tap is turned on from May 10 to June 9 andspews plastic all over the entrance to the building. For more information and pictures of the three-story tall tap outside Ripley's Aquarium in Toronto go to https://dailyhive.com/ toronto/giant-plastic-tapripleys-aquarium.

nadian artist Benjamin

Dear Readers,

Please spread the word that the Recycling Center does not have the equipment, or the manpower, to sort mixed recyclables thrown into a single bag or box. Lately, several large

plastic bags of mixed recyclables have been left either in front of one of the bins or thrown into one of the bins, without being sorted. Unfortunately, staff is not available to sort these bags and boxes of mixed recyclables, so they go directly into the trash and on to the landfill.

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.



May is Beef Month

27,243,000,000 pounds. Yes, you read correctly, 27.2 billion pounds. That is how much beef American cattle farmers and ranchers produced last year. The average American will consume roughly 58.1 lbs. of beef in over the course of a year.

What does this mean to us here in Greenbrier County? Well, it means a lot actually.

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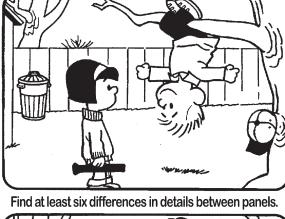
Greenbrier County is the state leader in beef production in the Mountain State. This is a statistic to be proud of. Here is a quick look at the numbers based off United States Department of Agriculture and West Virginia Department of Agriculture's latest reports.

Here are the stats: There are 505 beef cattle farms on 108,000 Greenbrier County acres. 38,000 head of cattle roam our hills and valleys. Approximately 18,000 calves born here each year, of which roughly 15,750 of those go on to be finished in feed yards across the country, yielding 7.8 million pounds of retail product. That feeds 135,775 Americans for a year. It is this industry that brings home nearly \$27,000,000 per year in sales. These numbers alone are a testament that the beef industry is a big deal here in Greenbrier County. The economic contributions to the local commerce coupled with cattle's environmental compatibility with our topography makes cattle worthy of

West Virginia. So next time when you get stuck behind a tractor, slow down and take a deep breath. That same scene is being replicated in small towns across the country as farmers and ranchers work hard to produce a product that is the best in the world. Greenbrier County is a worthy little piece of the bigger picture of the American beef industry.

our attention in southeast

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by Linda Thistle

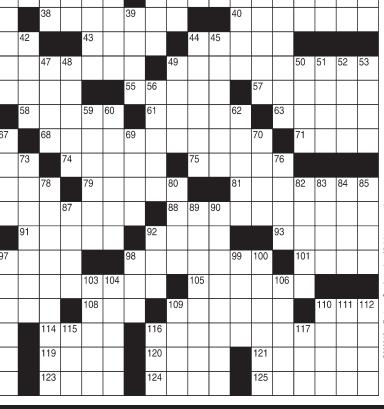
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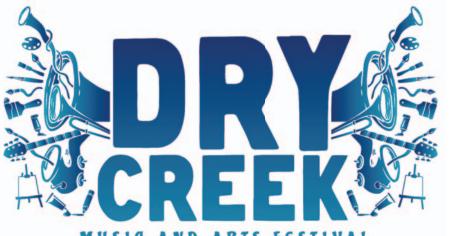
Steppin' Out

Dry Creek Music & Arts Festival coming this June

Come celebrate the rebirth of White Sulphur Springs with a musical and arts festival on Main Street the weekend of June 17 and 18. A joint production between Cross Creek Hospitality, 50 East, and White Sulphur Springs Rotary, the weekend will include live music, art, local food, spirits, and brews, and activities for the kids.

We gather to celebrate the incredible post-flood rejuvenation of White Sulphur Springs. This rebirth is the shining example of what can be accomplished with cross-sector collaboration. With businesses, local government officials, philanthropists, and volunteers all working towards a common goal, the community has been transformed.

The weekend festival includes concerts and events Friday and Saturday throughout town, kicking off at 6:30 p.m. on Friday with a New Orleans-style jazz funeral parade from The Schoolhouse Hotel to Big Draft Brewery Stage for a show. On Saturday, Main Street will be closed from 12 noon to 6 p.m. for some of the best regional artists and craftspeople to display their paintings, jewelry, pottery, photography, glassware, and more. We also wel-



MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL

White Sulphur Springs June 18, 2022

come live performing artists throughout the afternoon, as well as activities for the

Since 2016, hundreds of families in the Greenbrier Valley have been impacted and assisted by the volunteer efforts in post-flood recovery. Because of this community centric philosophy, dozens of new businesses have opened, including a concert venue, brewery, a private early

learning center, coffee shops, restaurants, spas, and retail shops downtown. Over 75 White Sulphur Springs residents moved into new or repaired homes. Five new parks have been built and seven others have been renovated, including the city pool that long served as the hub of youth summer activities. The community has also attracted larger scale investments, including the barrel factory and local meat processing facility that continue to create good paying jobs in the community. Over 300 houses have sold, dozens of new short-term rentals have opened, and property values have more than doubled. We also celebrate the opening of the Schoolhouse Hotel, first fully accessible boutique hotel in the world.

Thanks to the following incredibly generous sponsors, admission to the festival is free: Cross Creek Hospitality, 50 East, Dan and Marilyn Evans, Rich Family Foundation, WV Pain Institute, The Schoolhouse Hotel, Ace Hardware,

The Approved Builders, Mountain Steer Meat Company, Barnwood Living, The Bank of Monroe, Mark and Cindy Bowe, Richard Gilliam, Smooth Ambler Spirits, First Citizens Bank, Greenbrier Valley Medical Center, The Greenbrier Resort, Fairfield by Marriott, Hampton Inn by Hilton, Quality Inn by Choice, Martha Robertson, and Maria Soukup.

Additionally, hosting businesses have generously agreed to donate a percentage of their sales that day to the Greenbrier Valley Family Activity Center (GVFAC) Fund hosted by the Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation. Led by a passionate volunteer committee in partnership with the City of White Sulphur Springs and West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, the GVFAC will create a modern investment in the health of our community through youth, senior, recreational, and wellness programming. The 29,000 square foot facility at Dick Gunnoe Memorial Park will include indoor and outdoor basketball courts, an indoor soccer field, batting cages, indoor pickleball and volleyball, and indoor walking track, among other amenities. The goal of the GVFAC is to make the Greenbrier Valley the healthiest community in West Virginia. Construction will begin this summer.

CALL FOR ARTISTS: We are welcoming submissions from artists and craftspeople to join us for the afternoon and showcase your work. To reserve your spot, email drycreekmaf@gmail.com

For the full lineup, schedule of events, sponsorship opportunities, general inquiries, and additional information, go to Dry Creek Music & Arts Festival on Facebook or email drycreekmaf@gmail.

Alderson Miss Fireworks scholarship pageant upcoming the title of Miss West Virginia Associa-

The Alderson Miss Fireworks Committee is excited to announce that the 2022 Alderson Miss Fireworks Pageants will be held on the weekend of June 11 and 12, 2022. The Miss Fireworks Pageant will be Saturday, June 11 at 7 p.m., and all other pageants will be on Sunday, June 12, at 1 p.m. All pageants will be held at the Alderson Community Center.

The Alderson Miss Fireworks Scholarship Pageant is open to young ladies that are 16-21 years of age, and must be a resident of Greenbrier, Monroe, Summers, Pocahontas, or Mercer County. Contestants will compete for the title of Miss Fireworks 2022 who will reign over the Alderson Fourth of July Celebration. A scholarship in the amount of \$1,200 will be awarded to the winner, along with the opportunity to compete in the Queen of Queens Pageant for

tion of Fairs and Festivals to be held in Charleston in January 2023.

The Sunday pageants will consist of Baby Girl and Baby Boy Sparkler; Little Mr. and Miss Sparkler; Mr. and Miss Sparkler; Little Miss, Junior Miss, and Senior Miss Fireworks. The contestants for these pageants must be age one month through ninth grade, and contestants can live in any county or state.

Applications are available in Alderson at City National Bank and Lobban Floral. Applications are also available online at http://www.alderson4th.com/, or by calling Karen Lobban at 304-667-5049 or Lobban Floral at 304-445-7482.

The deadline for Miss Fireworks applications and Little Miss, Junior Miss, and Senior Miss Fireworks applications is May 31 and all other pageants,

Family Refuge Center presents WoMen's Night Out

A night of food, fun and philanthropy as we raise awareness to eliminate domestic and sexual violence in our com-

Family Refuge Center will present WoMen's Night Out taking place at The Quality Inn on June 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. The event will feature live music performed by Allan Dale Sizemore, a live and silent auction, hors d'oeuvres by Taste of Heaven, hear from a survivor speaker, and meet the staff and Board of

Tickets for this event are \$75 per person. You can purchase tickets by mail, from our website and our Facebook page. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 249, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Family Refuge Center is a community

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"It has been exhilarating working on the pieces for this year's recital," said Director and Choreographer Hannah Morningstar-Stout. "The enthusiasm from the students has made coming back from Covid closure even more precious."

Two student soloists will be featured. Rozalynn Humphreys and Micah Lane.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and admittance for children 6 and under is free. Tickets can be purchased at the door or you can make reservations by call 304-645-3003.

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