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June Indictments

The Greenbrier County Grand Jury met last week and returned the following indictments for June 2022:

Atkinson, Shakem Jamal, White Sulphur Springs, DOB: 9/22/1997 - possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance - marijuana

Barb, Shawn, Oceana, DOB: 2/24/1989 - grand larceny

Bankenship, Gary Ray, Ronceverte, DOB: 6/4/1986 - escape

Bankenship, Gary Ray, Ronceverte, DOB: 6/4/1986 - possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance

methamphetamine; possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance - heroin; conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance - methamphetamine; conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance - heroin

Blagg, Duane Keith, Rainelle, DOB: 8/11/1979 - breaking and entering (x2), grand larceny (x2)

Bowling, William, White Sulphur Springs, DOB: 2/27/1992 - possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance - methamphetamine; conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance - methamphetamine

Brant, Robert Leon, Lewisburg, DOB: 12/3/1973 - escape

Burns, Michael Dallas, Rupert, DOB: 1/31/1955 - escape

Caldwell, Matthew Braden, Beckley, DOB: 10/5/1983 - robbery in the 2nd degree

Carter, Chad J, Lewisburg, DOB: 7/6/1984 - grand larceny

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Davis, Nichole Sade, Rupert, DOB: 6/4/1986 - possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance - methamphetamine; conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance - methamphetamine

Foley, Gregory Scott, Rainelle, DOB: 5/18/1973 - breaking and entering

Gray, Brittany Nicole, Lewisburg, DOB: 12/5/1991 - battery

Hamrick, Tyler Macabe, Nettie, DOB: 6/17/1995 - grand larceny

Hedrick, Shelby K Lynn, Charleston, DOB: 9/12/1996 - sale of deadly weapon to a prohibited person, conspiracy

Holliday, Darvin, Shady Spring, DOB: 2/4/1960 - possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance

fenentanyl; possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance - heroin

Justice, Jimmy Joe, Renick, DOB: 7/1/1973 - destruction of property (felony)

Kratowhill, Marty J, Charmco, DOB: 1/28/1967 - failure to register as a sex offender or provide notice of registration changes

Lambert, Skyler Dawn, Rainelle, DOB: 3/5/1989 - breaking and entering, petit larceny

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Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen on page 4



Ascend West Virginia welcomes newest class to the Greenbrier Valley

By Matt Young, WV Press News Sharing

Ascend West Virginia announced, at a press conference held on Tuesday, that the program's second group of recruits have begun making their way to the Mountain State. While Morgantown was selected as the program-area for the initial group, Ascend's newest class - consisting of 33 people out of more than 3,600 applicants - will be located in the Greenbrier Valley.

"What an incredible day for West Virginia as we gear up to welcome these new men, women, and their families to the charming Greenbrier Valley," said Brad D. Smith, President of Marshall University and co-founder of the Wing 2 Wing Foundation and Ascend West Virginia, in a statement released Monday evening.

Among other benefits, the program offers a \$12,000 cash incentive to those selected for relocation to the Mountain State. According to Smith, he and wife, Alys, founded Ascend West Virginia based upon the principles of "community, purpose and the outdoors."

"We had 44 countries and 50 states send in applications for these 33 positions," Smith said, during the press conference. "So it just speaks to how powerful the program is, and how enticing this amazing state is."

"Ascend West Virginia is what we consider to be the nation's premiere remote workforce recruitment-program," Smith continued. "It was launched on Apr. 12, 2021 - which happened to be the 50th anniversary of the release of John Denver's iconic song 'Take Me Home, Country Roads.' And really, this program is designed to attract those who are fully employed, who are seeking the contemporary experience-driven lifestyle, and choose West Virginia as their forever home."



Andrew Neely



Ben Isenberg



Julio Castillo



Maggie Blume

Army Corps of Engineers to assist on Alderson water line project

By Adam Pack

The Alderson Town Council met Thursday, June 9, to discuss the involvement of the Army Corps of Engineers in the town's upcoming water line work. Mayor Travis Copenhaver explained, "It's not a grant, it's a reimbursement type payment of \$1,000,000. To receive that money and the help of The Corps, Thrasher Group is going to pull out a portion of the project that would equal \$1,000,000 and use that for the scope of what the Corps of Engineers is going to pay for."

He said that there are some things that they need to look for, including endangered plants and animal species, as well as Native American artifacts. However, "One million dollars is one million dollars and we're happy to get it."

A representative from the Thrasher Group explained that this is "just kind of how the Corps works. When they find a client that's willing to move forward and really wants the project to move forward they just show up and say 'We'd like to be in on this project.' Their getting involved won't really make any difference on how the project runs, it

just changes some front paperwork and structuring, so it's a good thing."

In further news, the first resolution in the upcoming work on the water plant project came before the council. The resolution deals with the construction of a new water plant for the town as well the infrastructure necessary for an alternative pump site. The alternative pump site would draw and treat water from Muddy Creek in the case of the severe contamination of the Greenbrier River, and the new water plant will raise the town's water treatment capabilities above the floodplain, preventing the failure or contamination of the plant due to flooding.

After concerned questions from the public, the council assured citizens that the old water plant will remain in operation until the new plant is powered up, and the town plans for a "seamless transition," according to Mayor Copenhaver. After successfully transitioning the town to the water plant, the old plant will be completely demolished. The resolution was passed unanimously.

The town also reported better collections than estimated for Fiscal Year 2021, requiring a revision to the

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Full schedule released for Dry Creek Arts and Music Festival

White Sulphur to lift open container policy for event

By Sarah Richardson

The White Sulphur Springs City Council met this week and discussed the upcoming first annual Dry Creek Music and Arts Festival. Local business owner and event organizer Clay Elkins said that he noticed there wasn't really an "art-centric" festival held in the area. He thought this could be a chance to "celebrate how far town has come in the past six years. I think we've all heard it here a few times that town looks amazing, it's come so far, and now we can celebrate. It's really a good way to thank our supporters, the community, and the philanthropy that's happening." He adds that when business, government, and philanthropy come together "great things can happen."

The full schedule of events is as follows:

Friday, June 17:

- 10 AM - Schoolhouse Hotel Dedication Ceremony
- 4 PM - Smooth Ambler Whiskey Wagon Opens
- 6:30 PM - Second Line Parade from Gum Store Studios
- 7 PM - Rebirth Brass Band, Big Draft Brewing, Main Stage

Saturday, June 18:

- 7 AM - Stream Cleanup
- 12 PM - Smooth Ambler Whiskey Wagon Opens
- 12 PM - Hawk Knob Cider Tent Opens
- 12-6 PM - Main Street closed to through traffic
- 12:30 PM - Stillwater Hum, 50 East Stage
- 1 PM - Artisan Road Opens on Main Street

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Indictments

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Leech, James Ray, White Sulphur Springs, DOB: 1/30/1980 - failure to register as a sex offender or provide notice of registration changes

Lilly, Joseph L, Frankford, DOB: 10/25/1980 - failure to register as a sex offender or provide notice of registration changes, 2nd offense

Lively, Elias Malcomb, Lewisburg, DOB: 1/24/1994 - sexual assault in the 3rd degree

Lucas, Emilie Dawn, Alderson, DOB: 7/27/1991 - possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance - methamphetamine; conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance - methamphetamine; possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance - methamphetamine

McCoy, Mitch Leo, Renick, DOB: 4/9/1980 - possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance - methamphetamine; possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance - fentanyl

Miller II, Samuel Scott, Charleston, DOB: 8/1/1991 - sale of deadly weapon to a prohibited person, conspiracy, prohibited person in possession of a firearm

Mines Jr, George Thomas, Lewisburg, DOB: 10/29/1969 - driving revoked for driving under the influence, 3rd or subsequent offense

Moore, Jonathan W, Maxwelton, DOB: 3/2/1979 - malicious assault

Pack, Sebastian, Crawley, DOB: 1/21/1984 - sexual abuse in the 1st degree (x3), solicitation of a minor via computer

Peterkin, Howard Fabian, Waterbury, CT, DOB: 11/13/1987 - prohibited person in possession of a firearm

Price, Delilah, Alderson, DOB: 6/2/1985 - strangulation

Quick, Joshua P, Williamsburg, DOB: 12/4/1986 - possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance - methamphetamine

Redden, Rodney R, Clintonville, DOB: 10/3/1976 - failure to register as a sex offender or provide notice of registration changes (x2)

Reynolds Jr, Roy, Frankford, DOB: 7/2/1985 - fleeing from an officer while driving under the influence of a controlled substance, reckless fleeing from an officer

Rose, Jeffrey, Hillsboro, DOB: 10/3/1996 - possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance - methamphetamine

Rush, Jimmy, Rainelle, DOB: 8/7/1995 - gross child neglect resulting in substantial risk of serious bodily injury or death, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance - clonazepam, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance - buprenorphine, driving revoked for driving under the influence

Smith, Trazell Abdul, Covington, VA, DOB: 5/25/1999 - fleeing from an officer while driving under the influence of a controlled substance, reckless fleeing from an officer

Terry, Darryl A, Alderson, DOB: 55/29/1975 - failure to register as a sex offender or provide notice of registration changes (x2)

Willis, Jessie, Alderson, DOB: 9/30/167 - embezzlement (x2)

Zickefoose, Jason Eugene, Sinks Grove, DOB: 7/4/1990 - breaking and entering (x2), grand larceny (x2)

Ronceverte Dog Park under construction



The Ronceverte dog park is officially under construction (Photo credit Chris Rodriguez-Stanley)



By Sarah Richardson

After extensive community effort and a four-month long fundraising campaign, ground has been broken on the new Ronceverte Island Dog Park. Between multiple grants and generous donations, \$30,000 in funding was secured earlier this year for the project, and work has

begun as of this week.

“The dog park is officially under construction and should be ready to go by the July 1 opening date,” announced Chris Rodriguez-Stanley, a Ronceverte native and the ideator of the dog park. Stay tuned for more updates as construction continues.

PICK OF THE LITTER

BOOTSIE

Bootsie is a two-year-old female domestic longhair



BEAR

Bear is a one-and-a-half year old mixed breed and weighs 42 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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Briefly

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, June 25 will feature Johnny King and Friends, 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.

DMV offices closed for holiday weekend, June 17 - June 20

The West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles announced that, due to the upcoming state holiday weekend, which includes Juneteenth and West Virginia Day, all DMV offices throughout the state will be closed from Friday, June 17, through Monday, June 20. This includes the Martinsburg and Kanawha City regional offices, which normally have Saturday morning business hours. All DMV offices will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, June 21, following the holiday weekend. Please visit the DMV website at dmv.wv.gov to take advantage of the DMV Online Services Portal. You can renew your driver's license, renew your vehicle registration, apply for duplicates, print your driving record, take the online knowledge test, and more. Additionally, many of DMV's kiosks across the state will be available for transactions. Those locations may be found here: <https://transportation.wv.gov/dmv/pages/dmv-now.aspx>

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.

Ascend West Virginia

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over 11,000 applications from around the world, and has a program acceptance-rate of less than 1%.

"We joke that we're harder to get into than Harvard," added Dr. Danny Twilley, assistant vice president of Economic, Community and Asset Development of the Brad and Alys Smith Outdoor Economic Development Collaborative. "But really, what that shows is the power of what this program offers us as a state."

Chelsea Ruby, Cabinet Secretary of the WV Department of Tourism, then spoke for several moments on the specifics of the Greenbrier Valley-class, saying "We received just over 3,600 applications. To give you a little perspective, Lewisburg itself has just over 3,700 people - so we had almost as many people apply as are current residents of the city."

Ruby went on to say that program participants come from a wide-array of industries; including technology, advertising, computer system design, scientific and technical services, and management.

"We've got Deloitte, KPMG, UC Berkeley, Cisco, Verizon, California Certified Organic Farmers," Ruby added. "So really there's a little bit of everything here, and they make up a truly diverse group."

"What really drew me to this position and program is the ability to shape the future of our state," said Ryan King, Ascent West Virginia Greenbrier Valley experience coordinator. "West Virginians are some of the best people on the planet. I'm excited to showcase our state

Alderson Water Project

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FY Budget. The revision came in the form of moving the windfall into street repair and maintenance. The council also discussed street closures for the Fourth of July Celebration. The event should take roughly an hour and half, according to Mayor Copenhaver. The closures necessary for the parade were also discussed, and all closures were authorized by unanimous vote of the council.

The council also moved to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Attorney General and signed a Letter of Election, respectively, in order to receive funds from the recent opioid settlement. The money available directly to municipalities amounts to nearly \$5,000,000, though neither the mayor nor the council disclosed any potential amounts which the town may receive. The funding would primarily deal with opioid abatement and secondarily with opioid abatement and law enforcement funding. "It has to be used for opioid prevention, or programs for kids, something that is opioid related, and the letter of election states you will not sue the same company again," Copenhaver explained. "However, multiple companies were involved in this suit and so more money will come as it's coming from multiple sources."

The signing on to the MOU and the Letter of Election were both approved unanimously by the council.

Lastly, in discussing items related to the Spring Street Project, Mayor Copenhaver also took the time to remind the public of the problem of throwing grass clippings onto the street. "We're probably going to end up writing tickets about this so that people understand that one of the biggest problems we have is we have infrastructure consisting of six-inch pipes that are fluted, not the modern, large, smooth bore pipes. So when people blow their clippings out into the street, all they're doing is clogging the old infrastructure. Citations have been going out, and they will be real ones if they don't stop. People think the drains are just like the toilets, you can just flush whatever you want, but you can't, and after we've spent \$4.3 million to fix this we don't want people doing this again."

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.

Lewisburg City Council

will meet Tuesday, June 21, at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 942 Washington Street West. Also available ZOOM via teleconference. For information on how to participate contact City Hall at 304-645-2080 by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting. On the Agenda:

- Visitors' reports: (5-min. limit per subject not on agenda)
- Approval of Minutes - Regular Session, May 17, 2022 & Special Session, June 2, 2022
- Ordinances:
 - Ordinance 303, 2nd reading and public hearing, Mayor, and Council salary
 - Ordinance 304, 1st reading, Building Code updates
- Proclamation:
 - Elder Abuse Awareness
- Communications from Mayor White
 - Appointments:
 - Library Board
 - Planning Commission
 - Historic Landmark Commission
- Communications from City Manager Hill
 - Chapman Technical, award storm water assessment plan
 - Arts & Humanities grant request, Green Space
 - Lamppost banner policy
 - Wooten Litigation Update
 - Water Plant Improvement Update
- Communication from City Council Members
- Communication from Boards and Commissions
 - Planning Commission report:
 - Minor Subdivision application, Florian Schleiff, 151 Feamster Road.
 - Parks Commission report
- Communication from Chief of Police Teubert
- Communications from Fire Chief Thomas
- Public Works Department:
 - Report from Director Legg

- and introduce the newest West Virginians to our state."

King continued to say that he has been highly involved in the applicant selection process "from the start to the finish," before introducing "Ascenders" Ben Isenberg, Maggie Blume, Julio Castillo and Andrew Neely as the Greenbrier Valley's newest residents.

Neely, an Air Force veteran with roots in the Greenbrier Valley, returns to Lewisburg from Melbourne, FL, where he worked on NASA's Artemis Project. An alumnus of Greenbrier East High School, Neely currently works as a Senior Contracts Manager with Primer AI, a San Francisco-based artificial intelligence company.

"Here in Lewisburg there is a true sense of community," Neely said. "I didn't even realize that was lacking until I got back."

Through a partnership with Rocket Mortgage, all Ascend West Virginia applicants, whether selected or not, are eligible to receive \$3,500 in mortgage assistance should they choose to move to West Virginia. But according to Smith, all applicants received another gift, as well.

"For those that applied but didn't get selected, we made sure that every one of them won," Smith added. "They all received West Virginia wildflower seeds so they could plant West Virginia in their backyard."

Ascend West Virginia hopes to welcome a total of 1,000 remote workers to the Mountain State within the next five years.

Dry Creek Festival

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- 2-4 PM - Field Day at The Schoolhouse Hotel
- 3 PM - Nathan Seldomridge & the Whistlepig Rodeo, 50 East Stage
- 4 PM - Mountain Steer Meat Company Burger Truck Opens
- 5:30 PM - Wolfpen Branch, Big Draft Brewing Main Stage
- 7:30 PM - Wayne Graham, Big Draft Brewing Main Stage
- 9:30 PM - John. R. Miller, Big Draft Brewing Main Stage
- Sunday, June 19:**
- 4 PM - Juneteenth Celebration with Shamarr Allen, Big Draft Brewing Main Stage

A resolution to temporarily suspend ordinances related to prohibition of open containers of alcoholic beverages and prohibition of serving alcohol in a public place was passed in a unanimous vote by council. White Sulphur Springs Chief of Police Scotty Teubert explained that during the time period of the festival, attendees will be allowed to purchase an alcoholic beverage from local businesses and carry it outside on the street within the event. "This is confined to the event," Chief Teubert reiterated, "That doesn't mean you can go down Rt. 92 and be walking down the road drunk. This is for the event only." He said he doesn't anticipate there being any issues. The designated area is the same footprint of the Dandelion Festival, with downtown blocked off to Willow Street.

Councilperson Mary Collins reported that White Sulphur has had "two fabulous" weekends recently with the Dandelion Festival and the Greenbrier Valley Home and Garden Tour. "The Dandelion festival was amazing and a great success, and last weekend the garden clubs in the Greenbrier Valley did the Home and Garden Tour, and the compliments were amazing. We had over 300 people move through the four places that we had in White Sulphur Springs, and I think the restaurants did well. It was a great weekend."

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Nicholas Shawn Stephens, Charleston, battery, NCP, jail 30 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Connie J. Daniel, Lewisburg, speeding, GP, fine \$10
Christopher W. Gordon Sr., Ronceverte, no seatbelt, NCP, fine \$25

William J. McGuire, Smoot, no seatbelt, NCP, fine \$25
Donald W. Dorsey, Rainelle, 1) illegal possession of wildlife, GP, fine \$40; 2) conspiracy to violate chapter (DNR); withholding information; obstructing officers - 2, fine \$75 - 1st count, fine \$300 - 2nd count; 3) hunting wildlife from a motorized vehicle, fine \$200; 4) required attire for deer hunters, fine \$50; 5) loaded gun in motor vehicle, fine \$300; 6) hunting, trapping or fishing on lands of another, fine \$200

Rachel S. Ratliff, Ronceverte, 1) no operators, GP, fine \$25; 2) no seatbelt, fine \$25

Roy F. Leech Jr., Frankford, no seatbelt, NCP, fine \$25
Teresa Ann Carr, Renick, no seatbelt, NCP, fine \$25
Timothy Andrew Whitlock, Leivasy, no seatbelt, GP, fine \$25

Melvin Arnold Propps, Rainelle, possession of a controlled substance, NCP, fine \$25

John Peter Hundley, Meadow Bridge, 1) DUI - aggravated, NCP, fine \$200, jail 5 days - sentence satisfied; 2) violation of a protective order, Fine \$250, jail 30 days with credit for 24 hours served - remained suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

John Andrew Lawson, Beckley, speeding, NCP, fine \$42
Constance S. Parkin, Alderson, no seatbelt, NCP, fine \$25

Case A. Hall, White Sulphur Springs, no seatbelt, GP, fine \$25

For the Record

Deeds

Gilbert L. Merritt and Carla J. Merritt to Cheryl Mansley, Lot No. 16 and 17, Pack Addition, Town of Alderson
Kristin Stover and Peter Feltman to Terri Leitch, Lot No. 23, Dogwood Heights Subdivision, Lewisburg Corp.
Gregory L. Mills and Tonya L. Mills to Wesley Wayne Demarset, III and Amanda Renee Demarest, Lot No. 3, Otter Creek Development Phase I, Meadow Bluff Dist.
Dakota Anderson and Erica Anderson to Frankie C. Martin and Janet M. Martin, Lot No. 159, Lilly Park Addition, Meadow Bluff District
Stephanie Davis to Max Chamber Davis, 97.00 Acres, Williamsburg District
Brenda Joyce Hardiman Kees to William Lee Hardiman, Lots Nos. 8 and 14, Anthony Creek District
Justin Batten and Amanda Breeden-Batten to Richard G. Breeden and Sherry B. Breeden, Lot No. 2, Section 9, Sullivan Addition No. 3, Fort Spring District

Marriages

Mark Anthony Batts (Alderson) to Lisa Marie Sims (Alderson)
Bryan Alfredo Pastrana Baquedano (Alderson) to Isabella Leighanne Young (Alderson)
William Austin Moore (Alderson) to Sierra Amber Falls (Ronceverte)
Rylie Aden Snyder (Williamsburg) to Augusta Lynn Judy (Williamsburg)
Jeffrey Shane Justice (Renick) to Destiny Beth Hager (Renick)

Suits

In Re: The Marriage of: Ashley Nicole Wilson and Robert Clyde Wilson II
In Re: The Marriage of: Aniesha Pickering and John Pickering

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OPINION

Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen
Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist
Easy as A-B-C

Just for a kick, here's a fun challenge I made up using the A-B-C's in gardening.

A=Aubergines is French for eggplants. Young plants will get eaten alive by flea beetles so cover them with row cover to allow sun/air/water to penetrate and remove it when the plants begin to flower so it can be pollinated by your garden bees.

B=Borage is so easy to grow, deer resistant; pick the tiny blue and lavender flowers to add to salads or ice tea for a cucumber-y taste.

C=Clover, red, white or Dutch, add it to your lawn seeds to reduce mowing and watering.

D=Dill is a great herb that gives a zip to burgers, salads, mustard, ketchup. Save your dill seeds and grow more year after year.

E=Endive makes a great gourmet salad and takes about 80-90 days to harvest. Shading the plants will blanch the leaves and reduce bitterness, too.

F=Fennel doesn't get used enough and it is so tasty. Grow bronze fennel, use the fronds to lay across grilled fish or lamb or the roots as a side dish. It tastes like aniseed.

G=Garlic is easy to grow, deer proof, put in late fall, mulch with straw and let it go through the winter. Harvest the garlic bulb summer when leaves start to die back brown

H=Heirloom plants and seeds are non-hybridized and not genetically modified GMO. Keep these seeds in production by saving and swapping them with friends.

I=Identify everything you put in your garden because you can then track its growing cycle and harvest times. If you plant perennials, you will need to know what is poking out of the ground each spring so you don't accidentally yank it out.

J=Jerusalem artichokes are too easy to grow, keep them potted or they will spread in the ground rapidly. The tubers can be eaten raw in salad or steamed or roasted; they taste similar to regular artichokes.

K=Kale is easy to grow over the winter with a plastic cover for protection. Pick fresh kale leaves for a high nutrient packed raw salad, or toss into cooked beans and serve warm.

L=Lovage, if you haven't grown it yet, you are missing out on tasty celery flavored leaves to add to soups, the root as a vegetable, and the seeds as a spice.

M=Mustard Green are deer proof, very spicy leaves and easy to grow. I allow my plants to go to seed and another crop comes on and appears again in the following spring from dropped seeds.

N=Nitrogen is one main nutrient that all growing things require; I recycle fresh and still moist grass clippings which are 4 percent in nitrogen. Spread a thin layer around veggies and flower plants to give them nitrogen while shading the soil to keep moisture in.

O=Onions, everybody grows some onions! Red, white, purple, easy to grow, deer proof, stores in a cool place for months. I love Walla Wallas!

P=Peas seldom get inside my house or my cooking pot because I eat the tender pods as I pick them. Try peas cooked with a sprig of mint.

Q=Questions? Send your questions and tips to nature-swaykaren@gmail.com

R=Rhubarb stalks are delicious boiled in a pot of water with sliced strawberries until it all thickens, add some sugar and top it on ice cream or yogurt.



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S=Sage is easy to grow, deer proof, with fuzzy leaves and great coated in breadcrumbs and fried in olive oil.

T=Tomatoes can be sliced, diced, cooked, eaten raw, dehydrated, canned, juiced and are packed with flavor and vitamin C. Who doesn't grow tomatoes?

U=U are what U eat and so grow your own veggies for freshness, saving money, and sharing with neighbors.

V=Vegans eat only plants. That means no meat, fish, chicken, or dairy products to be a true vegan. The benefits reported are low in calories for weight maintenance and are good for your digestive and elimination systems. Most restaurants now carry a few or more vegan dishes. Go vegan at least once a week!

W=Watercress is a green leafy herb that prefers cool climates and damp soil. It has a peppery taste and is great to add to salads.

X=X marks the spot. Always mark your seeds/plants with plastic, waterproof markers with permanent black magic markers with the date planted and identification. Don't kid yourself into thinking that you will remember what you put in the ground.

Y=Yarrow is a hardy perennial plant with flowers and comes in all colors, most common is white. Drought resistant, it doesn't need fertilizer and butterflies will love it. It can be added to dried flower arrangements.

Z=Zucchini grows huge leaves and needs room to grow low, 3 ft in all directions if possible. You will have too many to eat after a while, dehydrate slices for zucchini chips.

(Karen Cohen is an organic grower and nature explorer.)

Letter to the Editor

Resident questions future water project

Dear Editor:

The new Lewisburg water project at face value may seem to be a viable effort on the part of the city to benefit our area. But a closer look may be necessary to realize that it may not be all that it seems. That "closer look," based on my experience, seems to be difficult under present conditions.

Since I am a user of Lewisburg water I "have a dog in this fight." So, I personally contacted the Lewisburg city manager a few months ago requesting information about the waterline, since details seemed to be lacking for such an expensive project. She stated that she would arrange a meeting with me, contacting me in advance so as to be able to provide the specific documents that I was interested in. I have not heard back from her two months later.

I am led to believe that the "secrecy" involved in this project may have to do with the validity of the project. I have no doubt water users will incur an increase, perhaps substantial, in their water bills. The price tag for the project will undoubtedly, as with just about all projects such as this, increase dramatically once the project is underway and the standard "overruns" occur. It will ultimately effect low income families which always seems to be the case when overruns occur.

Lewisburg seems to be on track to be the major water provider for a vast area which seems to me to be an effort to make the water service a revenue generating entity. This is in direct conflict with PSD principles which preclude providing this service as a money making entity. The city's first commitment is to the existing water users, not to the extension of water service up every hollow in the region, many of those folks not even desiring public water in the first place.

Several months ago a Lewisburg City Council member commented on the project. She was very critical of property owners who had not granted the city the necessary right of ways to cross their properties with the new water. She further stated something to the effect that these individuals were holding up progress and preventing growth in the area. I believe that she came to this area from another area to enjoy the peace and serenity of the small town environment. Now she seems intent on creating the same environment she deserted to come here.

It appears at this time that I will have to file a Public Records Disclosure request to obtain the desired information.

Anyone with similar concerns about this project, please feel free to contact me at habiman@hotmail.com for further discussion of this matter.

Dale McCutcheon

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- 3) All letters must be signed by the author and include the city in which they reside.

Please note all submissions are subject to individual editorial approval. Please do not mail or hand-deliver letters, email news@mountainmessenger.com

CISGC receives Seneca Trail Charitable Foundation Grant Award

Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County (CISGC) is the grateful recipient of the Seneca Trail Charitable Foundation grant. This award will assist CISGC in providing attendance incentives; positive behavior incentives; basic needs/emergency assistance to students and families; enrichment activities; and more.

Last year, more than 4,600 students county-wide benefited from services CISGC provided including school supplies, food distribution, whole school supports, tutoring, mentoring, and more. Of the 4,600 (plus) students, CISGC student support specialists provided individualized case-management to nearly 500 students to help them overcome academic, social/emotional, and behavioral challenges. CISGC continues to assist with men-

toring, tutoring, as well as basic and emergency needs of students and their families in Greenbrier County.

Serving all 13 public schools, Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County is a 501(c)3 and relies on the generosity and support of foundations and community members. CISGC could not carry out its mission "to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life" without partnerships such as these.

For more information about CISGC, please call 304-661-1018, email director@cisgc.org or visit www.cisgc.org. You can also stay up to date through our Facebook page.

Five reasons to make that well-visit appointment

If you've put off seeing your doctor for fear of catching or spreading the COVID-19 virus, Dr. Lori Gledhill at Greenbrier Valley Family Medicine wants you to know it's safe and important to come in.

Precautions for your safety include masking of all patients and providers, temperature checks of all clinic visitors, waiting area social distancing, and enhanced cleaning of commonly touched surfaces.

"It's important for members of our community to get the routine care they need," said Lori Gledhill, M.D., with Greenbrier Valley Family Medicine. "We know it's been a challenging couple of years and want to help you and your family stay on track with your health."

Here are five reasons to make an appointment for your next well-visit or check-up without delay.

1. Check on your general health. The clinic has a record of your health metrics over time including cholesterol, blood sugar, weight and others. If any numbers are trending in the wrong direction, your doctor can help you make a plan to get back on track with lifestyle changes, diet, or medical treatment.

2. Manage chronic conditions. Ongoing medical concerns whether diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol or others require regular monitoring by a provider to keep them from progressing to life-threatening levels. Regular checkups can help you avoid a medical crisis.

3. Identify issues early with routine screenings. The

practice keeps records of your screening exams to help you remember when it's time to get your colonoscopy, mammogram, bone density test, prostate exam and other screenings. Early identification of many illnesses can give you the most options for treatment and favorable outcomes.

4. Stay current on vaccinations for your protection. While you're hearing plenty of news about the COVID-19 vaccine, there are a number of other vaccinations to prevent disease as your immune system weakens over time. Flu shots annually, tetanus shots every ten years, vaccines for shingles, pneumonia and more. Your doctor's office will remind you when it's time to get your immunizations.

5. Keep prescriptions updated. Bring a full list of your medications including any over-the-counter so your physician has a complete picture of what you're taking. An annual review can identify possible side effects or medication conflicts.

Of course, the best reason of all is peace of mind about your health. Greenbrier Valley Family Medicine has a new family medicine physician conveniently located on Davis Stuart Road in Lewisburg.

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CLUB & CHURCH

House and Garden Club holds spring luncheon



The club was delighted to have two of their long-standing members present - Miriam "Wickey" Knight (left) and Joan Yarid

The Lewisburg House and Garden Club gathered at the home of Judy Deegans for their annual spring covered-dish luncheon. Tables were set in several rooms and deco-

rated with beautiful flower arrangements done by member Carolyn Sanders. She gathered peonies, iris, azaleas, lamb's ear, honeysuckle, roses and other beautiful flowers from her

friends and family for the many arrangements. The food was delicious and the members were delighted to gather for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic. Co-hostesses

were Suzanne Cronquist and Carolyn Sanders. A brief meeting preceded the luncheon which was presided over by President Jeri Via.



Judy Deegans (left) and Suzanne Cronquist

Church Bulletin

Dens to perform at Rhema June 18

Rhema Christian Center presents the music group Dens for a donation-based fundraising concert in support of the NOAH Foundation on Saturday, June 18, at 6 p.m. The NOAH (Now Our Angels are in Heaven) Foundation is a local nonprofit organization that helps families who have lost a child. For more information contact Rhema at 304-645-6999 or go to the NOAH Foundation website: www.nowourangelsinheaven.com

Frankford Churches' Vacation Bible School 2022

Frankford Presbyterian and United Methodist Churches invite all children age 3 through 5th grade (completed) to a Food Truck Party where we will be "On a Roll with God" at Vacation Bible School! This party includes Bible stories, crafts, music and recreation that will help children turn to God for all they need and join God in providing for the needs of others. The party runs from Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each evening at Frankford United Methodist Church. Learn more about Food Truck Party VBS by calling Debbie Fogus at 304-497-2465 or Susan Sharp Campbell at 304-645-4568.

VBS at Williamsburg

Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church will have Vacation Bible School June 20-24 from 6-8 p.m. for youth age 4-middle school. The theme is Monumental, celebrating God's Greatness. Games, singing, imagination station activities and more. Friday night at 7 o'clock will be the final program. Information: 304-667-9288.

Pastor Denver Tiller Retirement Celebration

Pastor Denver Tiller from Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church will be retiring after 15 years at the church. His last service will be Sunday, June 26 at the 11 o'clock service. Special music will be by Aaron Green. A covered dish meal will follow the service. Everyone is invited to attend.

Summer Jam at Rhema

Rhema Christian Center will host Summer Jam-Make Waves, from Monday, June 27, through Friday, July 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon for children age 3 years through 5th grade. Breakfast and lunch will be free and provided by the Summer Food Program. Join us for a fun filled week that includes games, crafts, stories and singing! To register please go to TheRhemaLife.com. For any questions please call the church office at 304-645-6999.

Vacation Bible School at Pence Springs Community Church

VBS will be held at the Pence Springs Community Church July 11-15, from 6 to 8 p.m. nightly. All ages welcome!

OBITUARIES

Frances Jeffries Blake

Frankford-Frances Jeffries Blake, 90, passed away Friday, June 10, 2022, at the Fairfax Nursing Center, Fairfax, VA.

Born Sept. 1, 1931, in Frankford, she was the daughter of the late Basil Olan and Gladys Scott Jeffries.

Frances was a Nursing Assistant and was a member of the Springcreek Presbyterian Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Blake; daughters, Bridget Ann Saville Nava and Charlene Blake; granddaughter, Tina Fields; and her K9 companion, Brienne.

Survivors are daughter, Juanita Bogle (Danny) of Herndon, VA; brother, Terry Jeffries of Frankford; sisters, Sherry Mullins (Houston) of Frankford, and a special sister, "Aunt," Mary Alice Beard of Lewisburg; grandchildren, Brooke and Brittany; great-grandchildren, Zachary, R.J. and Charlie; great-great-grandchildren, Marleigh, Kyzer, and Aine; and special nephew, Kevin Mullins (Tonya).

A memorial service will be held later.

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

Marianne Richardson Brewster

Lewisburg-Marianne Richardson Brewster, 79, went to her heavenly home Tuesday night, June 7, 2022, at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital in Virginia.

Born Oct 2, 1942, in Marlinton, she was the daughter of the late Jack Richardson and Vivian Musgrave Richardson.

Marianne attended Greenbrier College for Women and graduated from WVU with a degree in speech pathology.

Marianne was a devoted mother, grandmother and soulmate. Her passions were family, friendship and conversation. She ran for U.S. Congress twice and came within two-percentage points of defeating incumbent Nick Joe Rahall in a historical 1990 race. She moved to Arlington, VA, when President George H.W. Bush appointed her to an OSHA position. After a series of health issues, she moved back to Lewisburg in 2002.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, John Richardson.

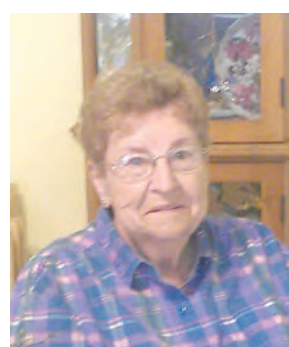
Left to celebrate her memory are husband, Jerry Laufer; daughter, Anne Brewster of Alexandria, VA; son-in-law, Robert Rayome of Alexandria, VA; son, Chris Brewster of Los Angeles, CA; sister, Jacqueline R. Bennett of Lewisburg; brothers, Dr. Tom Richardson of Bluefield, and C.J. Richardson of Vienna, VA; three grandchildren, Barclay, Kendall and Travis Rayome; and several nieces and nephews.

On Saturday, June 18, a visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by a celebration of life from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg, WV.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.wallaceandwallacefh.com

The family requests no flowers. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to The Greenbrier County Humane Society (www.greenbrierhumane.org).

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



Greenbrier Valley Master Gardeners offer garden photography workshop

The Greenbrier Valley Master Gardeners will sponsor a four-hour workshop, Close-Up Photography in the Garden: Blooms, Bugs and Beauty, on Saturday, July 23, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the WVU Building and the GVMG Garden at the State Fair Grounds. Registration for 30 participants is now open to the public.

The workshop will be led by talented photographer and educator Danae Wolfe. "With just a few simple tools and some practice, close-up photography can be an accessible and fun way to highlight the tiniest details of your garden," she said.

During this workshop, participants will learn about low-cost close-up photography setups and techniques including reverse lens, extension tubes, and mobile macro tips. After breaking for lunch, we'll reconvene for an in-field session photographing blooms and bugs before joining together for an informal photo critique and discussion. Get ready to see the world through an entirely new lens!

See "Workshop"

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A Look Back



Courtesy of West Virginia Regional History Center.

Shown in this photo from 1946 is the cook shack of a logging crew

near Cass, West Virginia. Loggers worked away from home for six days at the stretch. Food was important to support the caloric output of the crews and to maintain the morale of the loggers. Consequently, the cook was important and usually the highest paid employee of the crew. In nearly all instances, the cook, or

cookee as he was called, was a man, and he rose at 3:30 a.m. in order to have breakfast ready by 5:30. A typical breakfast would consist of hot biscuits, steak, fried eggs, fried potatoes, oatmeal, cake, donuts, prunes (called Rocky Mountain huckleberries) and coffee. Supper, the evening meal, consisted of boiled or roasted beef

or pork or steak, turnips, hanovers (rutabagas), tomatoes, potatoes, beans, hash, white bread or corn bread, pies, cakes and cookies. Sam Harman is the cook in the photo.

Sources: *Tumult On The Mountains* by Roy B. Clarkson; *Riders Of The Flood* by W. E. Blackhurst.

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Father's Day gift ideas for all types of dads

This Father's Day, families will gather to thank dads for all they do. Gifts often are part of Father's Day celebrations, and here's a list of gift ideas for dads with various interests.

Gaming Dad

The draw of popular video games doesn't abate for some men as they get older. If your dad is at home with game controller in hand, then gifts that feed his hobby can be ideal.

Virtual reality has made great strides. Devices that enable VR game play and other entertainment may appeal to Dad. There are a few options on the market, like the Oculus, Pico Neo, HTC Vive, and Valve Index.

Another option is to gift the Nintendo Switch Console, which enables your dad to play at home connected to the television or on the go with the handheld controller and screen combination so he never misses a chance to engage in game play.

Sports Dad

Tap into your father's love of sports with gifts tailored to his passion. Baseball and soccer are played during

warm months, so tickets to a game is something dads and their children can do together. You also can cheer his team on in front of a new big-screen television he gets for being such a great dad.

Outdoorsman Dad

If your dad is most at home with a fishing pole and tackle box, kayaking a nearby body of water, or hiding in a tree stand during hunting season, then gifts that cater to his love of the great outdoors are perfect. Insulated thermoses, waterproof bags for storing phones or wallets, multitools, backpacks, and hiking boots make great gifts.

Techy Dad

Does the idea of the latest "smart" offering get your father all revved up? Then purchase gifts that cater to his love of gadgets. Maybe he can use a new tablet or laptop that bridges the gap between home and office. Could it be time to upgrade his smartphone? A doorbell camera or home security kit can help Dad keep an eye on the comings and goings around the house when he's away. Or help him create surround lighting effects that can react to content on the screen or music being played with LED smart lighting strips.

Practical Dad

Some fathers don't want flashy gifts, instead preferring ones that can be used everyday. Think about a new paper shredder or identity block roller stamp to keep sensitive information safe. If Dad takes long road trips, then he might be able to use a car visor extender or a smartphone holder. Shelving, racks or storage straps for the garage also may put a smile on Dad's face.



This year, make Father's Day a smash hit with gifts that cater to Dad's interests.

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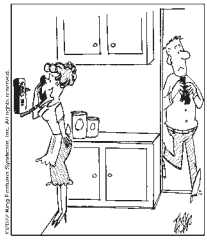
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by Linda Thistle

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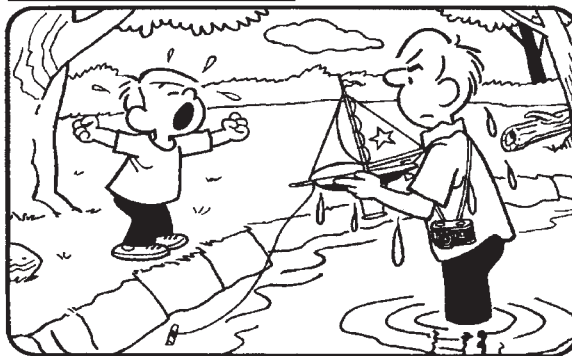
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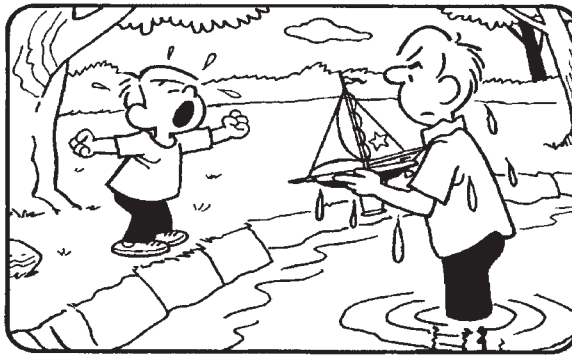
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Dear Recycle Lady,

Dear Recycle Lady,
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Brighter With Clorox

Dear Brighter with Clorox,

Plastic labels on plastic bottles do not need to be removed unless "Remove Label Before Recycling" is printed on the label. For example, Seventh Generation detergents and Simple Truth Half-and-Half have labels that must be removed before recycling. Fortunately, the recycling process includes heat that burns away labels and excess glue from plastic and metal containers. However, the Recycling Center requires labels to be removed from aluminum cat food cans, but not steel cans. These labels can be recycled with magazines, along with labels from steel cans, such as soup or dog food cans, if you choose to remove them. Be sure the labels are dry before putting them in the recycling bin.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Recently, several envelopes I received in the mail contained perfumed advertisements. I am wondering if they can be recycled with magazines.

Prefer Unscented

Dear Prefer Unscented,

I totally agree with you and wish manufacturers would not include them in mailings. However,

the perfume doesn't keep them from being recycled. All such advertisements that I have seen have been on slick paper, so into the magazine bag or bin they go.

Dear Recycle Lady,

What does "shrinkflation" mean? Is it related to "stagflation?"

Need Definitions

Dear Need Definitions,

Yes, shrinkflation and stagflation are both related to inflation. You may have noticed that, while the price of a familiar item is the same, the size of the container or packaging appears to be smaller or "shrinking." Shrinkflation is one way in which companies compensate for the higher costs of ingredients, hoping consumers won't notice the difference. For ingredients in recipes, however, this shrinkage can make a significant difference, especially in recipes that call for a can or a package of a specific ingredient. Stagflation, according to www.forbes.com, exists when slow economic growth (stagnation) coincides with rising prices (inflation). It is considered dangerous because a challenging economic environment results in decreased spending power. Prices rise, but wages fail to keep up.



Good News: Biologists have recently created the world's largest oyster restoration project in the Chesapeake Bay. This is great news as oysters are a crucial component of global ocean health. They filter and clean the surrounding water, provide habitat for fish, and food and jobs for people. (fto.com)

Interesting information: Oceans cover 71% of Earth's surface, regulate our climate, and produce half the oxygen we breathe. (fto.com). For photos of some unbelievably beautiful creatures that live in oceans, go to <https://www.treehugger.com/unexpectedly-beautiful-sea-creatures-4869630>

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.

Workshop

Wolfe is a writer, photographer, and digital marketing specialist with 12 years experience crafting compelling narratives that connect people with nature. She started her career working for the National Park Service (NPS) as an interpretive park ranger where she developed outreach programs on water quality and invasive species. After her time with NPS, she spent 9 years

with Ohio State University Extension serving first as a county educator and Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator and more recently as the state digital engagement specialist. Throughout this time, she built a community initiative, Chasing Bugs, to teach people about the importance of protecting our six-legged neighbors - insects. Through her website, social media, public

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speaking, and column in The American Gardener magazine, Danae has reached global audiences with science-based education about the importance of conservation. Professionally, she serves as the Digital Marketing Manager for The Nature Conservancy in Ohio.

Participants may use a DSLR, smart phone, or compact camera and learn ways to get the best shots to capture the beauty of the natural world.

Registration is \$25 and includes a complimentary lunch. To register, please email gymastergardeners@gmail.com or call Mary Dameron at 304-647-7408 for registration information.

Greenbrier Valley Master Gardeners is offering this workshop in memory of Connie Manchester, a gifted photographer and loyal member.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Lewisburg Planning Commission
July 7, 2022 at 7 p.m.
942 Washington Street West

Also available via Teleconference because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. For information on how to participate on ZOOM contact Lewisburg City Hall at 304-645-2080.

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes: June 2, 2022
3. Comments from the Public
4. Public Hearing, Conditional Use Permit Ordinance Amendment
5. Comments from the Commission
6. Comments from the Planning and Zoning Officer
7. Adjournment

Next scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission is Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 7 p.m., with a deadline of Friday, July 15, 2022.

LEGAL

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 22-0393-E-ENEC
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and
WHEELING POWER COMPANY

Petition to initiate the annual review and update to the ENEC rates currently in effect.

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On April 19, 2022, Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (jointly the Companies) filed their 2022 petition to initiate the annual review and update of Expanded Net Energy Cost (ENEC) rates. The Companies propose to increase ENEC rates to produce an additional \$297 million in annual ENEC revenues, an increase of 17%.

If approved, the average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$) Increase	(%) Increase
Residential	\$98,227,830	13%
Commercial	\$64,447,776	17%
Industrial	\$133,931,012	24%

The Commission set a procedural schedule, including public comment hearings as follows: June 22, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., Ohio County Courthouse, Judge Cuomo's Courtroom, 2nd Floor, 1500 Chapline Street, Wheeling, WV; June 27, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., Mercer County Courthouse, Judge Sadler's Courtroom, 2nd Floor 1501 W. Main Street, Princeton, WV; June 28, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., Cabell County Courthouse, County Commission Courtroom, 750 5th Ave., Huntington, WV; and July 26, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV. An evidentiary hearing will be held on August 2, 2022, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV.

Anyone desiring to intervene and act as a party in this case should file a Petition to Intervene on or before June 30, 2022, complying with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written protest as soon as possible although protests will be accepted throughout the pendency of this proceeding. All written protests should briefly state the reason for the protest. All protests and Petitions to Intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.

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Successful Appalachian Heritage Series to continue at Carnegie Hall

Carnegie Hall's Appalachian Heritage Series is designed to introduce new students to old traditions by experiencing a hands-on opportunity to learn about Appalachian arts and crafts. Students learn to keep Appalachian roots alive by learning through the arts with Carnegie Hall. The inaugural spring semester offered a widerange of classes and workshops that enlightened and inspired learners of all ages.

The Appalachian Heritage Series had something for everybody with classes including Woodturning 101 with West Virginia Woodworking Association, Soap Mak-

ing with Tommye Rafes, From British Isle Ballad to Appalachian Folk Song with Mary Dailey, Leather Working with Luke Davis, Needle Felting the Farm Family with Karen Leland, Weave a Footed Basket and Quilting a Table Runner with Kathy Talley, Quilting A Table Runner with Kathy Talley, Making Appalachian Medicinals with Jan Darrah, From Field to Table: Traditional Sausage Making with Lost Creek Farm (two-day workshop), Salt Rising Bread with Genevieve Bardwell and Susan Ray Brown, Preserving the Harvest: Canning and Drying Apples with Kathy

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Carnegie Lost Creek Farm - Amy Dawson and Mike Costello of Lost Creek Farm demonstrate Traditional Sausage Making



Carnegie Salt Rising Bread - Genevieve Bardwell teaches Salt Rising Bread workshop

Ivy Terrace Concert Series continues with The River Drivers



The River Drivers

Carnegie Hall continues its 2022 Ivy Terrace Concert Series Thursday, June 23, at 6:30 p.m. with Philadelphia band The River Drivers. Sponsored by City National Bank, the concerts take place outside on Carnegie Hall's Ivy Terrace as attendees watch from the expansive lawn in front of New River Community and Technical College. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and pack a picnic to enjoy live music. All Ivy Terrace concerts are free and open to the public.

Celtic-tinged folk-rock collective The River Drivers is a four-piece band whose unique passion-infused style of music

draws from Celtic, Americana, and Appalachian influences and features powerful and distinctive vocals. Influenced by the likes of Billy Bragg, Christy Moore, Ewan MacColl, Phil Ochs, Bob Dylan, Neil Young, the Paul McKenna Band and Altan, among many others, their repertoire strikes a fine balance of original songs and more obscure folk songs, resurrected from deep folk vaults.

Anchored by Kevin McCloskey (vocals, guitar, mandolin, banjo, bass) and Mindy Murray (vocals, guitar, banjo, bass) with accompaniment by Marian Moran (tin whistle, low whistle, concertina, melodica) and Meagan Ratini (fiddle, Irish flute, tin whistle), their high energy music explores pervasive themes of hard-working people and social justice.

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River Drivers' distinct flavor of music is a sum of its parts. Kevin McCloskey's passion for songs portraying the plight of working men and women was kindled by a childhood of performing Irish standards with his father, Irish tenor Tommy McCloskey. The intensity he brings to his music was shaped by years with the hardcore punk band Wrong Answer.

Mindy Murray's works are infused with the music of the mountains and the miners, having witnessed firsthand the struggles of day-to-day life in Appalachia during medical school. Years later, she and daughter Meagan Ratini formed the duo Port Murray. Meagan herself fell into Irish music over many years of mastering instrument after instrument. She became further immersed while helping to run the New Jersey Folk Festival.

Marian's roots lie in Ardara, County Donegal, an epicenter of Irish tradition-

al music. Whenever she can break away, she steals back to the rugged coastline village to recharge at its nightly sessions and music festivals, eventually bringing River Drivers over to perform at its famous Cup of Tae festival.

The 2022 Carnegie Hall Ivy Terrace Concert Series is a "must do" for visitors and locals alike. Concerts may be canceled due to inclement weather, so Follow and Like Carnegie Hall's Facebook page for updates. For more information, please visit www.carnegiehallwv.org or call 304-645-7917.

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- 7 p.m. Firemen's Parade Around Hillsboro, Rt. 219, Lobelia Road and Payne Street.
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SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Activities at Hillsboro Elementary School, unless otherwise noted

- 7:30 a.m. Sausage Biscuits
Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department (until sold out)
- 9 a.m. - Noon Tours of Historic McNeel Mill, Mill Point
- 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tours of Pearl S. Buck Birthplace
- 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Arts & Crafts
Gym/Cafeteria/Grounds
- 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Open House at
Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department
- 10 a.m. Music by Viney Mountain Boys
- 10 a.m. Kids Crafts • Bicycle Decorating
- 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Book, Baked Goods and Homemade Ice Cream Sale, Hillsboro Public Library
Friends of the Library
- 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Car Show • Hillsboro Car Club
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- 11 a.m. Music by Juanita Fireball & the Continental Drifters
- 11 a.m. - Noon Homemade Pie Contest
Registration, Hillsboro Senior Center
- 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Pork Tenderloin Sandwich and Pork and Veggie Bowls (until sold out) Community Club
Hot Dog Sale
Little Levels 4-H Club
- Noon Field Games

- Noon Music by Richard Hefner and the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys
- Noon - 2 p.m. Heritage Parade Registration
Payne Street
- 12:30 p.m. Homemade Pie Contest Judging
Hillsboro Senior Center
- 1 p.m. Kids Bike and Walking Parade
Hillsboro Elementary School Drive
- 1 p.m. Music by Bill Hefner Family Band
- 1 p.m. Little Library Dedication
in memory of Edgar Starks
- 2 p.m. History Alive! presents Pearl S. Buck
Seating starts at 1:15 p.m. Tours following.
- 2 p.m. Music by The Porch Pickers
- 2:30 p.m. Winners of Parade, Pie Contest and Car Show
Judging Announced
Under the Tent
- 3 p.m. Heritage Parade
Rt. 219, Lobelia Road and Payne Street
- 3 - 5 p.m. Tours of Historic McNeel Mill, Mill Point

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

- Join local historians for various tours through the Little Levels - from the town of Hillsboro or area cemeteries, these tours will highlight our heritage and history.
- 2 p.m. Heritage Walking Tour
Meet at Oak Grove Church, weather permitting
- 3:30 p.m. Cemetery Tours
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Meet at Oak Grove Church, weather permitting
- 8:15 p.m. Vespers at McNeel Cemetery
honoring Lanty McNeel
(Inclement weather location: Pearl S. Buck Birthplace)
- Following: Burial of the Bicentennial Time Capsule for Little Levels
McNeel Cemetery, weather permitting

Live Music • Saturday, June 25

- Elementary School: Under the Tent
- 10 a.m. Viney Mountain Boys
- 11 a.m. Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters
- Noon: Richard Hefner and the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys
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Tally, and Hand Building Clay Traditional Face Jugs with Sean O'Connell.

Carnegie Hall Education Director Harmony Flora is excited about the future of the series. "Many of our traditional crafts, such as basket weaving, leather working, quilting and sausage making were not only essential skills for country living, but provided opportunity for artistic expression and creativity," she explained. "It is important that we continue to teach and learn these valuable skills in order not only to carry them forward to the next generation of West Virginians, but also as an artistic investment in ourselves."

Students from eight West Virginia counties and five states attended classes, and Carnegie Hall partnered with the West Virginia Woodworking Association and Lost Creek Farm to bring their crafts to the Greenbrier Valley. Mike Costello and Amy Dawson of Lost Creek Farm have been named 2022 James Beard Award semifinalists in the category of Best Chef, Southeast. Also, Jennie Williams, the Director of the WV Folklife Program for the WV Humanities Council attended the Salt Rising Bread Workshop in January.

Due to the success, the series will continue for the 2023 spring session with new additions. Carnegie Hall is looking for new teaching artist in traditional crafts and folkways. If interested, visit carnegiehallwv.org/classes-and-workshops and complete and submit the Carnegie Hall Teaching Artist Proposal Form.

Carnegie Hall is a nonprofit organization supported by individual contributions, grants, and fundraising efforts such as TOOT and The Carnegie Hall Gala. The Hall is located at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. For more information, please call 304-645-7917 or visit www.carnegiehallwv.org.

'I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change' plays at GVT

Greenbrier Valley Theatre (GVT) examines and plays with the joys and pitfalls of dating this June. GVT is preparing to produce its first musical of the 2022 season, *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*. Written by Joe DiPietro and Jimmy Roberts, it originally opened Off-Broadway in 1997. The musical comedy is the second-longest running Off-Broadway musical.

The show, presented in a series of vignettes, revolves around the many feelings and thoughts that go into romantic relationships. Four actors play various parts throughout the musical, highlighting the humorous and sometimes somber moments of dating, marriage, and love.

The production will star GVT newcomers Valerie Torres-Rosario, Brian Michael Hoffman, and Matthew Krob. Erin Jerozal, director of *Driving Miss Daisy* (2021), will also be featured.

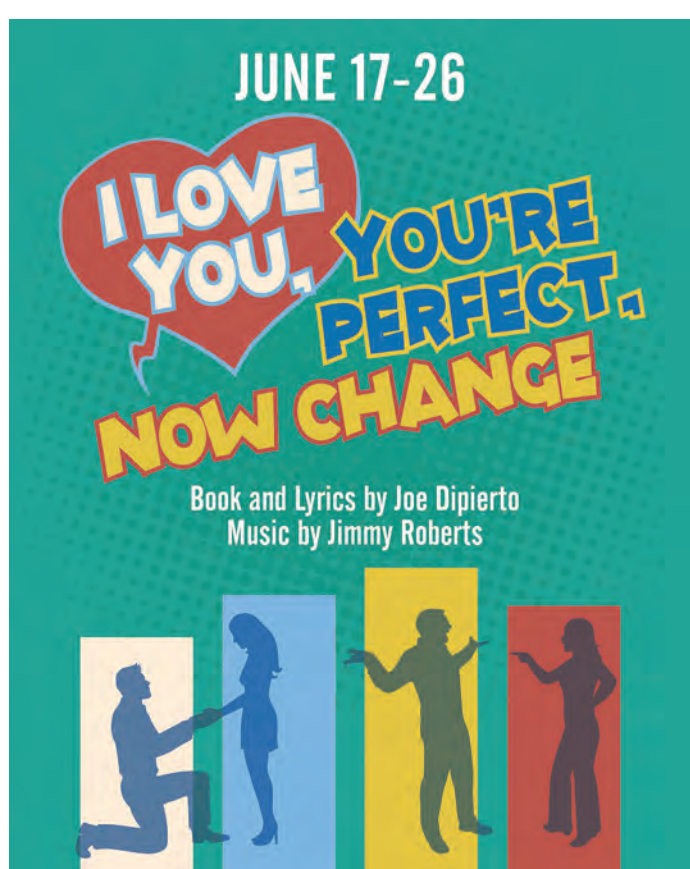
Ben Liebert (*Pride and Prejudice*) will direct the musical. Along with Liebert's direction, the production will also feature scenic design by Production Manager Richard Crowell, costume design by Sherry McCombs, lighting design by E.

Tony Lathroum, and sound and prop design by Arron Seams. Elizabeth Salisch will serve as the Production Stage Manager.

The play, examining the truths and myths of love, truly does celebrate the dating game. It will be perfect for those on their first date, or their 100th date.

"We see a lot of negativity about love and commitment in our world, whether it's in the news or the entertainment we consume. Relationships are hard and love isn't always easy to come by. But it's important to present a show that actually celebrates love. Sure, we poke fun at the dating process or the minutia of marriage but ultimately we reflect the joy of finding a partner," says Liebert.

Now entering its 55th season, Greenbrier Valley Theatre, The State Professional Theatre of West Virginia is a mainstay and theatre destination located in Lewisburg, WV. The arts organization has been further recognized as a "West Virginia Jewel of the Hills," awarded the Living the Dream Service Organization Honor Roll by The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, and is a



multi-year recipient of Non-profit Business of the Year. GVT boasts a robust series of year-round programming and educational offers with the goal to enlighten, enrich, and enliven throughout the region.

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change opens at GVT on June 17 and runs through the 26. The pro-

duction does contain adult humor, mature content, and language. Tickets are \$32 for general seating, \$29 for senior citizens age 60 and above, and \$20 for students. For more information on tickets, shows, and the organization's history, visit the theatre's website, www.gvtheatre.org, or call the box office at 304-645-3838.

Renick Freedom Celebration

On Saturday, June 25th, a day of fun and festivities is scheduled in Renick for the Renick Freedom Celebration. All activities are free and events will be held at the Renick Park. This event is sponsored by the Town of Renick. Please note that times and activities are subject to change.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

- » 8:00am -10:00am Pancake Breakfast at the Mount Herman Methodist Church
- » 9:00am - Horseshoe Tournament Sign-ups (Pitching begins immediately following sign-ups)
- » 10:30am - Parade Line-Up - (Field Across from Post Office)
- » 11:30am - Parade Judging Begins
- » 12:00pm - Grand Parade (Parade begins in the field across from Brownstown Rd and will end at The Renick Park Project on Railroad Ave)
- » 1:00pm - Welcome and Special Recognitions
- » 1:30pm - Live Music by the Renick Church of God
- » 1:30pm - "LUCKY DUCK" pick a duck for your chance to win a gift card 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$75, 3rd place \$50, 4th place \$25, 5th place \$10 Prize. Drawing will be held at 7:45pm MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.
- » 1:30 - 4:30pm - Hands on Activities for all ages
- » 2:00pm - Live Music by Midland Trail Band
- » 2:00pm - Teddy Bear Parade (Bring your own teddy bear as we have a very limited supply)
- » 2:00pm - Cake, Candy, Cookie, Pie and Bread Check In
- » 2:30pm - Cake, Candy, Cookie, Pie and

Bread Judging Begins - 1st Place \$50, 2nd Place \$30 and 3rd Place \$20

- » 2:30pm - Scavenger Hunt - List will be distributed at the Festival Committee Tent
- » 3:00pm - Corn Hole Tournament Sign-Ups with play to begin immediately following sign up
- » 4:00- 6:00pm - Live Music By: Eddie John Duet
- » 3:30pm - Cupcake Eating Contest (Open to the first 24 contestants to sign-up) 6:00pm - Live Music By: New Horizons
- » 6:00pm - Free Watermelon
- » 8pm - Live Music By: Ben Hershman & The Sons Of The Mountains
- » 10pm - Fireworks



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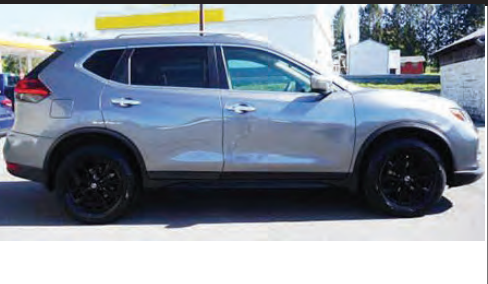
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