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## Best of West Virginia nomination period now open

By Sarah Richardson

West Virginia Living magazine announced this week that it is once again time to nominate your favorite West Virginia businesses for the Best of West Virginia Awards.

“Each year we showcase the best places to eat, drink, and be merry, from the tippy top of the state to our most southern borders,” says WV Living. “Not only is the Best of West Virginia an important recognition for our small businesses and destinations, but it’s an incredible resource for our readers. Looking for new places to visit, best spots to shop, or an amazing barbeque sandwich? We’ll bring you our readers’ faves in

86 categories in our Winter issue!”

Businesses can be nominated from July 18 through July 31, with finalist voting from Sept. 29 through Oct. 16. Everyone can nominate and vote once per day per category. Only the top nominations in each category will move on to the final voting round.

Categories include travel, culture, drink, food, shopping and services, and

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## McClintic Veterans Memorial Bridge dedicated in Williamsburg

On July 16, Senator Stephen Baldwin (D-Greenbrier) gathered with the McClintic family to dedicate a bridge to their family members for generations of military and public service.

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Senator Stephen Baldwin (left) with members of the McClintic family

## New pedestrian bridge will lead to more parking for White Sulphur



This rendering of the new walking bridge shows one example of how it will bring more parking to the downtown area, and will be convenient to the Veteran’s Memorial and the adjacent Big Draft Brewing Company.

By Sarah Richardson

White Sulphur Mayor Bruce Bowling shared an exciting update at the regular meeting of the White Sulphur Springs City Council last week regarding the long-awaited pedestrian bridge.

“This pedestrian bridge is on the fast track now,” he said. “We met with some folks from the state last Thursday, we’ve gotten all the paperwork done, and they’re telling us that we will probably be ready to roll on that thing sometime in September. That’s been 12 years in the making. I think Ed [Robinson] twisted a few arms and got their attention. Another great improvement to the town.”

The bridge will be located behind the Veteran’s Memorial, cross over Dry Creek, and end on some property owned by the town. “One lot can have about 27 parking spots, and we have two lots, so between 50 to 60 parking issues in town.”

The prefabricated bridge will be seven feet wide and ADA accessible.

Engineer Ed Robinson said that plans and specs should be completed by the first of September, after which the project can go out to bid. “We are really looking forward to it. I think it will be quite an addition to the city of White Sulphur Springs. Only took 13 years.”

## Alderson Town Council moves forward with water plant project

By Adam Pack

The Alderson Town Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday, July 14 in the Alderson Town Council Chambers. The main item of discussion on the agenda was the payment of bills associated with the new water plant.

After approving a payment of a little more than \$24,000, the council heard from the lead design engineer from Thrasher Group. Engineers were present in town the previous week to meet with construction engineers, as well city personnel who will operate the plant. It was reported to the council that Thrasher received valuable information from local employees about what will and won’t work, as well as details regarding new features and design elements.

Thrasher also informed the council further of developments on the plant, which is being constructed in Illinois to be later shipped to Alderson. Thrasher was adamant that this plant will not at all disturb the aesthetic of the residential neighborhood in which it will operate. Thrasher also indicated that when the next council next meets they will have their first opportunity to decide certain exterior elements of the plant, namely colors. Further decisions will follow in subsequent meetings, as well presentations of mock-ups and drawings.

The Alderson Town Council meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Alderson Town Council Chambers.

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## Airport Authority hears encouraging financial news

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier Valley Airport Authority met this week to discuss updates regarding the design and planning of the airport’s new terminal, the status of a security installation project, fuel sales and passenger counts for the month of June, and developments on the construction of the new entrance sign.

John McCalmont of Parrish & Partners Consulting was on hand to discuss updates on the terminal and the security installation project. “A version of the terminal expansion sketch has been presented to Brian [Belcher, Airport Director], and the authority may see a more detailed version in executive session,” he explained. McCalmont also mentioned that a possible extension to the existing project could be available, and that the authority “has some options to consider.”

The security installation project refers to the installation of security features to the fence and access con-

rol of the airport. “One of the fence gate operators has come in, so that operator is going to be put on the most critical gate at this point,” said McCalmont. “Once all the materials come in for it to be able to be installed, that operator will be in place.” The materials mentioned will be here within two weeks, while the other three operators are still on backorder. As to security features on the access control, McCalmont said, “Those are almost complete, just a few more ‘punch-list’ type things to do on the items that they can work on, and there’s some work to do on the fence gates once the aforementioned materials come in.”

Airport Director Brian Belcher also delivered his report, stating that in the month of June the airport ran at a “pretty good pace,” and had 1,744 passengers go through the terminal. The airport also conducted a good trade in fuel last month. “We sold 100,063 gallons of

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## McClintic Bridge

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"The McClintics settled in Greenbrier County from Ireland in 1802 and they've been leaders ever since in military service, education, farming, healthcare, and more," said Senator Baldwin. "It was an honor to be part of their family reunion at the family homeplace near the bridge which is now named in their honor."

Bunyan and Aena McClintic had nine children, and five of the boys served in the US Army from 1957-1979 - Levi, Patrick, James, Wayne, and Bedford.

All of the brothers served with distinction and came home to lead the community in various professional roles. Patrick was awarded the Bronze Star and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Many of the "Bun" and Aena's grandchildren and great-grandchildren also served in the military over the years. Trevor Weikle continues to serve in the US Army Reserves to this day.

"The McClintics are a wonderful family who exhibit the American spirit," said Baldwin. "We honor those that served and their entire family, for we know families bear the burden of sacrifice together."

Senator Baldwin sponsored the bridge resolution along with co-sponsors Senators Woodrum, Jeffries, Lindsay, Stollings, and Phillips. It was first introduced in 2020 with the help of Debbie McClintic Brown and Delegate Jeff Campbell.



## Sharing Library Box installed in Alderson



Librarian Rose Spencer (left) stands with her husband Lonnie at the new Sharing Library Box.

For the best selection in returnable books, movies, and crafts please visit Alderson Public Library. But in case you can't make it in, here is a new option for some fun children's crafts and books in the community.

The first Sharing Library Box was unveiled at Country Roads Store earlier this week. The Town of Alderson would like to thank the Fox family for allowing us to place the box here for the Pence Springs Community.

Our Librarian Rose Spencer wrote the grant for the boxes (more to be set soon) and her husband Lonnie installed them. They are filled with non-returnable books and children's craft projects. This is a free service from the Alderson Public Library. They will be refilled each Monday.

Please take advantage of this free community outreach from our town's public library.

## Alderson Women's Club awards scholarships



Scholarship Committee Chairman Melinda Utterback (left), Kaelyn Gore, Meghan McCallister, and Club President Doris Kaesley.

Alderson Women's Club met on May 3 for their monthly meeting. Presentation of the annual Emma B. Alderson Scholarship Award was awarded to two very deserving Greenbrier East High School Seniors who also attended Alderson Elementary School. Congratulations to Kaelyn Gore and Meghan McCallister.

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## Funding announced for water improvement projects

The West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council has approved technical reviews and requests to pursue funding for an additional 22 sewer and water projects, which cities, municipalities and public service districts save taxpayer money and keep their water and sewer projects moving. Local projects include:

- Greenbrier PSD 2 water line extension to Rainelle and Asbury to 360 customers estimated to cost \$20.3 million
- Town of Alderson water system improvements and an extension to 165 customers estimated to cost \$9 million

The WV IJDC was created by the WV Legislature in 1994 to serve as a funding clearinghouse for water and wastewater projects around the state. Gov. Jim Justice serves as council chairman, with Deputy Chief of Staff Ann Urling serving as his designee.

## PICK OF THE LITTER

### PACO & SPIKE

Paco (left) and Spike (right, deaf) are 17 years old and are a bonded pair.



### PENELOPE

Penelope is a 13 year old female domestic shorthair.

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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## 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. Saturday dance on July 23 will feature Ivan & The Outlaws, from 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.

## Democratic Women's Club to meet

There will be a meeting of the Democratic Women's Club Tuesday, July 26, at 5:30 p.m. at the Old Stone Church Fellowship Hall. Our Guest Speaker will be Heather Hill, candidate for the House of Delegates, 47th District.

## Carnegie Hall Annual Meeting

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Membership Meeting of Carnegie Hall, Inc. at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, July 28, in the Old Stone Room at Carnegie Hall. The agenda includes introduction of newly elected officers and an overview of 2021-2022 year-end financials. Those who contributed at least \$50 to the Annual Fund during the last fiscal year are considered members of the Hall and are invited to attend the annual meeting. A light reception will follow. RSVP to ceo@carnegiehallwv.org

## Mountaineer Food Bank

### Mobile Food Pantry

will be located at Renick Park on Railroad Avenue in Renick on Friday, July 29, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. while supplies last. (www.mountaineerfoodbank.org)

## Market Days

### in the Meadow River Valley

Every Friday this summer is Market Day in the Meadow River Valley! Located on the corner of 11th and Main streets in Rainelle, the Western Greenbrier Farmers' Market is open from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Stock up on delicious baked goods, fresh produce and local meats. Craft vendors and those selling body products and herbal teas are on hand. And Jamie's Boys Choo Choo is popping up popcorn, so come on out! • Fridays this summer (weather permitting) • 3:30 to 6 p.m. • Corner of 11th and Main Streets in Rainelle

## 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.

## For the Record

### Deeds

William R. Bowling III and Karen J. Bowling to Ferguson Rental Properties, LLC, Lot No. 24, Atkinson Place Addition, Town of White Sulphur Springs  
Lee Aaron Van Horn and Bethany Kay Van Horn to Thomas W. Mutter and Elizabeth M. Mutter, 29,650 Sq. Ft., Lewisburg Municipality  
Maxel Dwayne Osborne and Michael Douglas Osborne to Ethan M. Osborne, Lot No. 106, Rolling Hills Estates, Lewisburg Corporate District  
Ethel Hardy to Susan Lane Adkins, Lot No. 13, Block 3, Garner-Detch Addition to the City of Lewisburg, Lewisburg Corporate District  
Robert Douglas Canterbury to Brittany Sears and Lonnie Fogus, Lot No. 80, Atkinson Place Addition, Town of White Sulphur Springs  
Meadow River Mountain View, LLC to Andrew Leon Stanley, 5.742 Acres, Meadow Bluff District  
Donna Red to Dana Haskell, Lot No 12 and 14, Meadow Bluff District  
Darrell Shipe to Cassandra Shipe, 0.57 Acres, Meadow Bluff District  
Linda Wells and Samantha B. Risko to Lisa House, 3.662 Acres, Williamsburg District  
William R. Feamster to Angela F. Feamster, 2.39 Acres, Williamsburg District  
Henry K. Bivens and Mariann Cutlip to A&B Storage, LLC, 7 Acres, Meadow Bluff District  
Drema M. Adkins to Great State Properties, LLC, Lot No. 106, Patton Heights Subdivision, Lewisburg Tax District  
Danielle Fleschner to Sharon Fleschner, (Partial) Lot No. 15, Subdivision No. 3, Tallassee Subdivision, Fort Spring District  
Douglas K. Sprouse to Eva J. Sprouse, 1.594 Acres, Lewisburg District  
Glenn L. Lehman and Shannon K. Lehman to Shane Dietrich and April Miller Dietrich, Lot No. 15, Silo Square Addition No. 2, Lewisburg Corporate District  
B & K Properties to Mary E. Green and Clyde E. Green, Lot No. 7, Stonybrook Subdivision, Frankford District  
Alice Gajtkowski to Dwayne L. Woody and April L. Woody, Lot No. 11, City of Ronceverte  
Lora F. Weikle to Shannon Turner, Lot No. 5, Lewisburg District  
DNA Holdings LLC to Felicia Clark Hosey, Lot No. 1, Phase 2, Overlook at Greenbrier Subdivision, White Sulphur District  
John D. Diamond to David Lee Marshall and Shirley Ann Marshall, 11.46 Acres, Irish Corner District  
Delores J. Bennett to Reva Thornton, 0.285 Acres, Town of Rupert  
Cheryl A. O'Dell to Roland O'Dell and Cayla O'Dell, 1.00 Acres, Meadow Bluff District  
Karen M. Bragg to Vicki R. Webb, 6,250 Sq. Ft., Western Magisterial District, Town of Rupert  
Frankie Walkup to Victoria Walkup-Pierce, Lot No. 27, White Sulphur Springs District

# WSS approves water rate increase, tax exemption for WV Great Barrel Company

By Sarah Richardson

The White Sulphur Springs City Council approved a water rate increase at their July 11 meeting, which will effectively raise water rates by 28.8 percent and sewer rates by 25 percent.

"We've not had a water or sewer rate increase for 10 years," explained Mayor Bruce Bowling. "What the water and sewer boards have come up with is new rates. The water will go from \$9.89 [per 1,000 gallons] to \$12.74, and the sewer will go from \$8.04 [per first 1,000 gallons] to \$10.05. So basically, \$5 for both of them, and like I've said, there's been nothing done for the last 10 years, maybe 12. Just for an idea of what you guys are paying for water, right now it's a penny a gallon." He notes that prices of materials, salaries, and more have increased over the last 10 years, and that the city should have probably raised rates "five years ago."

A motion to increase the water rates passed unanimously. A second reading will be held at next month's meeting.

The West Virginia Barrel Company reapplied for a five-year waiver from paying business and ordinance (B&O) tax. Nearly five years ago when the company first opened the barrel plant, they applied for and were granted a five-year reprieve from paying this tax. A chunk of B&O tax funds are applied to the general revenue fund which can be used for funding different areas of the town.

Councilmembers Chris Hanna, GP Parker, and Mary Collins recommended the approval of another five year waiver. Voting against the waiver were Councilmembers Mark Gillespie and Kathy Glover. Councilmember Gillespie said he was "extremely against" approving the tax waiver, and said it was "unfair to the other businesses in White Sulphur." The waiver was approved in a 3-2 vote with Councilmember Audrey Van Buren absent.

In other news, White Sulphur Springs Police Chief Scott Teubert reported that 45 days prior, 62 letters were sent out to individuals in violation of city code regarding property upkeep and disrepair within city limits. Only five of those letters were kicked back, leaving 57 letters delivered. Out of those 57, all but 11 have "made

adjustments" to correct issues with their properties in city limits. "They've done a wonderful job," said the Chief. "But there are 11 that we will be pursuing criminal charges on. In the next 30 days there will be 40 to 50 more of those letters going out." He noted that Sgt. Rusty Byers is leading this effort and is doing very well.

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fuel in June, and that's the best June since 2007 when we sold 100,100 gallons."

Belcher also updated the authority on the status of the new entrance sign. "The company is currently working on full drawings of that particular project, and they also recently said they will be able to start on October 1. They would have been able to start September 1, but with supply chain issues, they'll have to push that to October. They said that once they get started it should move rather quickly.

Belcher also related that the airport had, "a very busy July Fourth weekend, so I expect July fuel sales to be pretty high."

This good news comes on the heels of a good financial report from Airport CFO Martha Livesay. "I'm really pleased to report that total income this year-to-date, from July 2021 to June 2022, has been \$571,223.31, which as you can see is a significant increase from last year, which was \$229,877.62. I'm really proud of what we're doing, and with fewer people on the payroll, so I'm really glad to report that," Livesay explained.

The Greenbrier County Airport Authority meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 2 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

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towns, all with a host of specific subcategories under each section. As always, a large selection of both new and old businesses located in the Greenbrier Valley are already in the rankings against bigger towns across the state. Make sure to vote for your favorites!

## 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.

## Marriages

Paul F. Tolliver (Ronceverte) to Billie Jean King (Alderson)  
Jaime Adalid Rodriguez (Lewisburg) to Kendra Shelby Lynn Hall (Rome, GA)  
Solomon Blaine Bostic (Hillsboro) to Heather Ann Pritt (Clifton Forge, VA)  
Derrick Blaine Bostic (Crawley) to Stephanie Marie Lovell Morgan (Crawley)  
Christopher Allen Lehman (Arcata, CA) to Lindsay M. Cole (Terrace Park, OH)  
Robert Lee Jr. Waugh (Caldwell) to Melissa Sue McClure (Ronceverte)  
Kurt Fredericks (Oak Hill) to Janice Lee Southers (Lexington, VA)  
Lindsey Mac Preston (Peterstown) to Kara Michelle Brammer (White Sulphur Springs)  
Danny Ratliff (Quinwood) to Stephanie Renee McCoy (Rainelle)

## Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Christopher J. McCullough, Lewisburg, speeding, GP, fine \$5  
Samantha Faye Stout, Maxwelton, 10 domestic battery, NCP, fine \$100, jail 20 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation; 2) failure to appear, fine \$100  
Noble H. Humphrey, Rainelle, driving a vehicle while in an impaired state, less than .15, NCP, fine \$100, jail 5 days - suspended and placed on 9 months unsupervised probation  
Sandra Jane Messenger, Morgantown, driving while license suspended or revoked, NCP, fine \$100  
Byron Enrique White, Frankford, reckless driving, NCP, fine \$100  
Cory Elizabeth Williamson, Lewisburg, sale or gift of cigarette to persons under 18, NCP, fine \$50  
Logan T. Hoy, Belle, 1) speeding, GP, fine \$18; 2) no MVI sticker, fine \$10  
Matthew Todd Wellman, Renick, driving while license revoked - DUI, NCP, fine \$100, jail 30 days to be served on 30 days Greenbrier Co. Home Confinement  
Dustin Blake Jones, Rupert, petit larceny, NCP, fine \$100, jail 60 days - suspended and placed on 18 months unsupervised probation  
Trey L. Pondexter, Caldwell, use of false identification, NCP, fine \$25  
Michael Dewain Reeder, Beckley, possession of controlled substance, GP, fine \$100  
Ethan Wesley Rodriguez, Lewisburg, discharging firearm within 500 ft. of a dwelling, NCP, fine \$100  
Danny Lee Hall, Lewisburg, driving revoked for DUI, NCP, fine \$100, jail 60 days to be served on Greenbrier Co. Home Incarceration Program  
Dana Brant Schibik, Lewisburg, unsafe and improperly equipped vehicles, GP, fine \$10

## Suits

In Re: The Marriage of: Cameron L. Altizer and Roselia Altizer  
In Re: The Marriage of: Jeanette Edwina McGraw and Grady Alton McGraw  
In Re: The Marriage of: Brandy Nicole Martinez and Joe Martinez III  
In Re: The Marriage of: Brandon White and Jennifer White  
In Re: The Marriage of: Phillip Wayne Bostic and Jodie Jo Bostic  
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# OPINION

## Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist  
Edible WHAT???

Escargot. Edible land snails. Originating in France (escargot = snails), they have been imported all over the world as a delicacy and served in many high end restaurants. You laugh. My husband loves them and orders them every time we are in a French restaurant. I have tasted them, firm and meaty, chewy but not gooey, and topped with garlic, butter and white wine, are very delicious. 700 million snails are eaten annually in France alone. They impart minerals and vitamin A and they taste like, you guessed it, chicken. Let's set the record straight, snails are not bugs, they are soft bodied mollusks.

In West Virginia, we eat crawfish, crawdads, mudbugs, or crawcabs, (all the same crustaceans), found in the brooks, rivers and streams. I have not had the opportunity to try these yet but am told they taste like lobster or shrimp. Frankly, anything that I have to pick at for a thumbnail of meat, I'd rather skip. I don't do well with crabs either. I do love lobster but my husband cracks it open for me and removes the meat. Call me a wuss but I don't chew on steak bones either. No offense meant to those who do, someone has to clean those bones before they get tossed out but it won't be my job. My dad took care of that chore at our dinner table.

Now let's get down and get really dirty, let's eat bugs! Grasshoppers, ants, crickets, grubs, earthworms, and say whaaat?? Scorpions? These are all edible in someone's world. Not mine though. But hold on, why would someone eat a bug except on a dare, like I did when I was seven and a neighbor boy offered me a dead ant to eat. I swallowed it down and my big sister promptly ran off home to report this incident to my mom. "MOM, Karen ate an ant!" I heard her scream in the kitchen. Big deal. My mom just shrugged and kept cooking those pork chops. She knew even then that I WAS AN EXPLORER!! Indeed.

When backpacking or left on the planet without any grocery stores, one could eat and survive on bugs. Fact is that crickets are eaten all around the world. They are about 60% protein and are said to be tasty when fried. Deep fried scorpions, June bugs with butter and shallots, oh yes, my yard is inundated with June bugs right now. Let me grab a bucket and scoop them up. Conveniently, we grow our own shallots, French shallots to be exact, and with some French beurre de baratte wow, we can be the ONLY ones on our block, street, dirt road is what I mean to say, to be dining on an appetizer of bugs. Want an invite?

So why do I find eating bugs, may I say, disgusting? Is it because most of us, especially women, are repulsed by crawly things? Ok, here's an image to ponder. Putting a full size, fried and crunky cricket, legs and all in your mouth, washing it down with a nice French rosé. Nah, I can't do it.

## Commentary

### Capito, Manchin announce EPA funding

The West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) reminds drivers to slow down and obey the speed limit ahead of a

Capito, Manchin Announce EPA Funding

U.S. Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Ranking Member of the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, and Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.), both members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced three grants, totaling \$1,074,383, from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

"These investments will help ensure our state's air and waters stay clean and healthy for both public and environmental health," Ranking Member Capito said. "Our state agencies rely on this federal support to better execute their difficult jobs. As Ranking Member of the Environment and Public Works Committee, I'll continue working closely with EPA to ensure this strong partnership continues."

"Every West Virginian deserves clean water to drink and fresh air to breathe, and these investments are great news for our entire state. I am pleased the EPA is supporting the West Virginia Department of Environmental

## Legislature to consider personal income tax cut proposal

Gov. Jim Justice has issued a proclamation, calling for the West Virginia Legislature to convene in Special Session on Monday, July 25, at 12 noon. The Special Session call contains one item: the Governor's proposal to reduce West Virginia's personal income tax.


Coming off the greatest year of revenue collections in state history, Gov. Justice announced his proposal to permanently cut the personal income tax by an aggregate of 10%.

Under the Governor's proposal, the aggregate 10% tax cut will be retroactive back to Jan. 1, 2022, putting \$254 million back in the pockets of West Virginians.

The proposed total tax reduction of \$254 million is the maximum recommended reduction that can be safely made while remaining in compliance with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) guidelines.

"I've been the biggest proponent of completely eliminating our state personal income tax. It will drive job growth, population growth, and prosperity in West Virginia. But the most important thing to do is get started right away," Gov. Justice said. "In the past year, gas prices have gotten out of control and inflation is through the roof. West Virginians need help right now.

"Once we get the ball rolling, we can keep coming back and chipping away at our personal income tax until it's



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My garden has toads (also said to be edible), frogs (not chewing on those tiny legs), crickets, June bugs, worms, and ants. I think I will leave them there where they belong. Though reading the description of the bagged Chirps, cricket flour made into fried chips, add a dash of salt, and I am intrigued slightly, I bet it is as palatable as say, pork rinds. I won't eat those either and not just because they are loaded with fat and salt. Despite my opinion, pork rinds are the number one snack food in the USA just as crispy crickets are in some Asian countries.

Come on over and let's do some sampling together, shall we? Garlic worms, chili lime crickets, don't knock it till you've tried it. With the prices of meat and vegetables rising, I just may resort to eating solely from my garden and maybe, just maybe...

Karen Cohen is a Mistress of her Organic Garden, a nature lover and avid explorer.

(Email tips, comments, and questions to [nature-swaykaren@gmail.com](mailto:nature-swaykaren@gmail.com))

And Happy Gardening!

## Commentary

### Morrisey files supplemental comments to SEC in light of recent SCOTUS win

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey has again led a coalition of 24 states in filing a supplemental letter regarding a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission initiative that would require companies to make policy statements not related to financial performance.

The supplemental letter follows a formal comments letter filed by the Attorney General and the same coalition in June.

The new missive was sent to the SEC in light of the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling in West Virginia v. Environmental Protection Agency, confirming that Congress—not a federal administrative agency—has the power to decide major issues of the day.

Under this SEC proposed rule, public companies would have to produce exhaustive disclosures concerning greenhouse gases and climate change. Among other things, the proposal would require companies to disclose greenhouse gas emissions they directly or indirectly produce, and how climate risk affects their businesses. The companies would have to report on their climate risks, as well as risks related to the physical impact of storms, drought and higher temperatures.

The Attorney General said the Supreme Court's ruling on West Virginia v. EPA "thus confirms that the 'major questions doctrine' operates as a 'distinct' constraint on agency power."

"We explained in our earlier comment letter why the Commission's Proposed Rule offends that doctrine, and West Virginia v. EPA confirms we're right," Attorney General Morrisey wrote in the supplemental letter. "Just as the EPA did, the Commission purports to discover in a long-extant statute an unheralded power.... And after adopting a paternalistic reading of its mandate, the Commission concludes that it can constrain how public companies function simply because influential investors think it's best to squeeze out disfavored, carbon-based energy sources. If this sort of regulatory overreach does not constitute a sweeping policy judgment on a major question, then we struggle to see what would."

The 500-plus page proposed rule is called "The Enhancement and Standardization of Climate-Related Disclosures for Investors." The comments were sent directly to SEC Secretary Vanessa A. Countryman.

West Virginia was joined in the letter by Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, Virginia and Wyoming.

Read a copy of the supplemental letter at: <https://bit.ly/3z2K7Ra>.

Deadline for Letters to the Editor  
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# Church Bulletin

## FREE Summer Fun for Kids!

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## Annual Ketron Church and Community Homecoming 1902-2022

Date: Sunday, Aug. 7, at 11 a.m.

Please join us once again to celebrate the legacy of Ketron Church, worship, and reunite with old friends. We hope that everyone has been safe from the COVID-19 virus this past year and that you are vaccinated and boosted. Masks will be available. The church is located on Rockland Road, 3 miles below Ronceverte. The speaker this year will be Al Morgan of Princeton. Following the worship service we will gather at the Frank Whanger Picnic Shelter for a pot-luck lunch and a brief business meeting. Everyone is invited to attend. Paper products and utensils will be provided. Please notify Karen West of any persons you would like added to the memorial list. Because the Homecoming was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19 and attendance at the reunion has been sparse, very few contributions have been received. Your donations for the upkeep of the church and mowing the cemetery are becoming more critical every year. If you have loved ones buried in the Ketron cemetery and cannot attend, please consider mailing a generous donation to Ketron Church in care of the Ketron treasurer at the address listed below. We look forward to seeing you! Stay safe! Treasurer, Karen West, P.O. Box 251, Ronceverte, WV 24970.

# Reunions

## Bennett

Descendants of JC "Jimmy" and Norma Myrtle Sawyers Bennett will have a family reunion Saturday, July 30 at Hollowell Park, Matthews Street, Lewisburg. We plan to eat around 1 p.m. Come visit with your relatives and friends. Share a good meal, family history, family pictures, and a good time! Let's make more good memories together! Please bring a covered dish, family history, family pictures to share and memories. If you have any questions call Joyce Morgan at 304-661-6455, Charlotte Morgan at 304-645-1179, or Genevieve Wiley at 304-645-2573.

## 30-year Reunion for GEHS Class of 1992

The GEHS Class of 1992 will hold a 30-year Reunion Saturday, Aug. 20. There will be an alumni and family social from 12 to 5 p.m. with a 1 p.m. memorial ceremony at the West Virginia State Fairgrounds, and a celebration dinner from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Big Draft Brewery. To register or get more information, visit the Facebook page Greenbrier East High School Class of 1992, or email [GEHSC-lassof1992@gmail.com](mailto:GEHSC-lassof1992@gmail.com)

# CLUB & CHURCH

# Family Refuge Center presents —1st annual Poker Run

The Family Refuge Center invites the community to join us for our First Annual Poker Run on Saturday, July 30. The participant with the best hand gets \$300 and worst hand gets \$100. We will have a 50/50 raffle, bug splat contest and a cookout at the finish line.

Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased on our Facebook event page or by calling our office at 304-645-6334. Registration for this event is from 9 to 11 a.m. at Family Refuge Center's main office located at 213 Coleman Drive behind Ruby

Tuesday. All vehicles are welcome! Routes will be distributed during registration. Riders will return to the main office at 4 p.m. for a cookout! All proceeds from this event will go toward services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Family Refuge Center is a community based, nonprofit organization committed to ending physical, emotional, and sexual abuse. We serve victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, elder abuse and human trafficking in Greenbrier, Mercer,

Monroe and Pocahontas counties. Services include but are not limited to emergency shelter, 24-hour crisis hotline, court advocacy, hospital accompaniment, therapy, support groups and supervised visitation and exchanges. We also provide awareness, education, and training to youth and adults in our service areas. Through our direct and outreach services, we reached over 1,400 individuals last year. This would not have been possible without the support of the community.

## Dear Recycle Lady,

### Dear Recycle Lady,

Today I received a business-size envelope in the mail that looks like cardboard. Can it be recycled with cardboard?

*Something New Every Day*

### Dear Something New Every Day,

Yes. Your business-size cardboard envelope can be recycled with cardboard. Similar cardboard envelopes are available in various sizes, and all are recyclable. However, before you throw your envelope in with other pieces of cardboard, take a minute and put it inside a box. Smaller

pieces of recyclable items tend to fall out during the baling process. Containing them inside a larger item is helpful. I keep a medium size box handy to put small boxes in before putting them in the recycle bin.

### Dear Recycle Lady,

What about extension cords that are broken, missing connectors or are unusable? Are they recyclable?

*Handyman*

### Dear Handyman,

Old cords of any kind are not only accepted at the Recycling Center, but they will also pay you the current market value for the copper in the cords; or

you can donate the cords to help offset the Recycling Center's operating expenses. Most anything that has a cord on it, including small appliances, are also accepted. In some instances, the appliances are also recycled after the cord is cut off, for example, a coffee pot. Small appliances, and other items with cords, should be taken to the aluminum can door on the right-hand side of the building. Ring the bell and one of the workers will come to assist you.

### Dear Recycle Lady,

I know that brown paper grocery bags can be recycled with cardboard. What about brown paper bags that have handles? Can these bags also be recycled with cardboard?

*Handles or No Handles*

### Dear Handles or No Handles,

If the handles on the brown paper bag are made of paper, the bag can be recycled with the handles on it. If the handles are made from other materials, such as plastic, string or ribbon, the handles must be removed before recycling your bag with cardboard.



### Interesting Information:

Nemo's Garden, off the coast of Noli, Italy, the world's first underwater farm, is made up of six underwater greenhouses (biospheres) attached to the seafloor with 29 removable screws. Scuba farmers are growing basil, tomatoes, beans, green peas, aloe vera, mushrooms and strawberries in the nutrient-rich sea water. According to [www.atlasobscura.com/places/nemos-garden](http://www.atlasobscura.com/places/nemos-garden), the long-term goal of the project is to create self-sufficient underwater farming that could be applied in parts of the world where water is scarce.

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

## Obits

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would also like to express their heartfelt appreciation to the caretakers, also known as "Bob's Angels," who so diligently looked after him for several years, especially Christy Stephens, Sheryl Jenkins, Rebecca Morgan, Billy Jenkins, and Kerri Flanagan.

A memorial service will be held at The Chapel on the grounds of The Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, on Saturday, July 30 at 11 a.m., with Rev. Greg E. Scott officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in Bob's memory

to his favorite charities: The Greenbrier Humane Society at PO Box 926, Lewisburg, WV 24901 or to the T. Marshall Jones Fund at the Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation in support of the Kanawha-Charleston Humane Association, PO Box 3041, Charleston, WV 25331.

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

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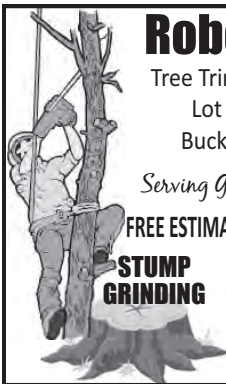
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Joseph VanFonda (USMC Sgt. Maj. Ret.), CEO of the Disabled Veterans National Foundation said, "We are very excited to partner with Bethlehem Farm, having healthier housing is very important to our veterans, and this program will assist their needs."

### About Bethlehem Farm

Bethlehem Farm is a nonprofit organization that transforms lives through service with the local community and the teaching of sustainable practices. Its home repair program, Repairing Homes, Renewing Communities, aims to provide safer, warmer, drier, and healthier housing for low-income West Virginia homeowners. Bethlehem Farm is accepting applications for its 2022-23 low-income home repair program serving local homeowners including veterans through funding from the Disabled Veterans National Foundation. Applicants must provide the home repair supplies or consistent monthly payments for these supplies, while Bethlehem Farm provides free skilled and volunteer labor to enact the home repair projects.

The purpose of the Repairing Homes, Renewing Communities Program is to improve the housing conditions of low-income residents of Summers, Monroe, and Greenbrier Counties while form-

ing relationships with local residents. Eligible home repair projects include: roof repair or replacement, insulation, weatherization, window replacement, porch repair, steps/access improvement, wheelchair ramps, and exterior siding. Volunteers come to Bethlehem Farm to serve through home repair but also to learn about West Virginia. They form relationships with local homeowners as they work alongside each other.

Colleen Fitts, development director and co-founder of Bethlehem Farm says, "We are thrilled to have DVNF's support as we work to make homes safer and healthier for low-income veterans in our local area."

Bethlehem Farm is located near Alderson and Talcott and serves parts of Summers, Monroe, and Greenbrier counties. The Bethlehem Farm home repair program's Eastern limit is White Sulphur Springs, Southern limit is Pickaway, Western limit is Nimitz, and Northern limit is Rupert. Residents of Summers, Monroe, and Greenbrier Counties in these limits who are prepared to provide supplies or monthly payments and who are interested in applying should call Bethlehem Farm at 304-445-7143.

### About the Disabled Veterans National Foundation

Disabled Veterans National Foundation exists to provide critically needed support to disabled and at-risk veterans who leave the military wounded - physically or psychologically - after defend-



ing our safety and our freedom.

DVNF achieves this mission by:

- Offering direct financial support to veteran organizations that address the unique needs of veterans, and whose missions align with that of DVNF.

- Providing supplemental assistance to homeless and low-income veterans through the Health & Comfort program and various empowerment resources.

- Providing an online resource database that allows veterans to navigate the complex process of seeking benefits that they are entitled to as a result of their military service, as well as additional re-

sources they need.

- Serving as a thought leader on critical policy issues within the veteran community and educating the public accordingly.

### LEGAL

#### Notice of Public Hearing Lewisburg Board of Zoning Appeal August 25, 2022 at 5 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 Marsha Cunningham at 304-645-2080, by 3 p.m. August 25, 2022.

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Minutes: July 28, 2022
3. Comments from the Public
4. Public Hearing: Tyler Dittmann, 460 Montvue Drive, variance request
5. Comments from BZA members
6. Comments from the Planning and Zoning Officer
7. Adjournment

Next scheduled meeting of the Lewisburg Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on September 29, 2022 with a deadline of August 19, 2022.

### LEGAL

#### PUBLIC NOTICE:

#### Proposed Amendments to the WV Constitution to be on the November 8, 2022, General Election Ballot are as follows:

##### Title of Amendment: "Amendment No. 1: Clarification of the Judiciary's Role in Impeachment Proceedings Amendment"

**Summary of Purpose:** Clarifying that courts have no authority or jurisdiction to intercede or intervene in or interfere with impeachment proceedings of the House of Delegates or the Senate; and specifying that a judgment rendered by the Senate following an impeachment trial is not reviewable by any court of this state.

##### Full Text of the Amendment:

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### §9. Impeachment of officials.

Any officer of the state may be impeached for maladministration, corruption, incompetency, gross immorality, neglect of duty, or any high crime or misdemeanor. The House of Delegates has the sole power of impeachment. The Senate has the sole power to try impeachments and no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two thirds of the members elected thereto. When sitting as a court of impeachment, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals, or, if from any cause it be improper for him or her to act, then any other judge of that court, to be designated by it, shall preside; and the senators shall be on oath or affirmation, to do justice according to law and evidence. Judgment in cases of impeachment does not extend further than removal from office, and disqualification to hold any office of honor, trust or profit, under the state; but the party convicted remains liable to indictment, trial, judgment, and punishment according to law. The Senate may sit during the recess of the Legislature for the trial of impeachments. No court of this state has any authority or jurisdiction, by writ or otherwise, to intercede or intervene in, or interfere with, any impeachment proceedings of the House of Delegates or the Senate conducted hereunder; nor is any judgment rendered by the Senate following a trial of impeachment reviewable by any court of this state.

##### Title of Amendment: "Amendment No. 2: Property Tax Modernization Amendment"

**Summary of Purpose:** To amend the State Constitution by providing the Legislature with authority to exempt tangible machinery and equipment personal property directly used in business activity and tangible inventory personal property directly used in business activity and personal property tax on motor vehicles from ad valorem property taxation by general law.

##### Full Text of the Amendment:

#### ARTICLE X.

##### §1. Taxation and finance.

Subject to the exceptions in this section contained, taxation shall be equal and uniform throughout the state, and all property, both real and personal, shall be taxed in proportion to its value to be ascertained as directed by law. No one species of property from which a tax may be collected shall be taxed higher than any other species of property of equal value; except that the aggregate of taxes assessed in any one year upon personal property employed exclusively in agriculture, including horticulture and grazing, products of agriculture as above defined, including livestock, while owned by the producer, and money, notes, bonds, bills and accounts receivable, stocks and other similar intangible personal property shall not exceed fifty cents on each one hundred dollars of value thereon and upon all property owned, used and occupied by the owner thereof exclusively for residential purposes and upon farms occupied and cultivated by their owners or bona fide tenants, one dollar; and upon all other property situated outside of municipalities, one dollar and fifty cents; and upon all other property situated within municipalities, two dollars; and the Legislature shall further provide by general law for increasing the maximum rates, authorized to be fixed, by the different levying bodies upon all classes of property, by submitting the question to the voters of the taxing units affected, but no increase shall be effective unless at least sixty percent of the qualified voters shall favor such increase, and such increase shall not continue for a longer period than three years at any one time, and shall never exceed by more than fifty percent the maximum rate herein provided and prescribed by law; and the revenue derived from this source shall be apportioned by the Legislature among the levying units of the state in proportion to the levy laid in said units upon real and other personal property; but property used for educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes, all cemeteries, public property, tangible machinery and equipment personal property directly used in business activity, tangible inventory personal property directly used in business activity, personal property tax on motor vehicles, the personal property, including livestock, employed exclusively in agriculture as above defined and the products of agriculture as so defined while owned by the producers may by law be exempted from taxation; household goods to the value of two hundred dollars shall be exempted from taxation. The Legislature shall have authority to tax privileges, franchises, and incomes of persons and corporations and to classify and graduate the tax on all incomes according to the amount thereof and to exempt from taxation incomes below a minimum to be fixed from time to time, and such revenues as may be derived from such tax may be appropriated as the Legislature may provide. After the year nineteen hundred thirty-three, the rate of the state tax upon property shall not exceed one cent upon the hundred dollars valuation, except to pay the principal and interest of bonded indebtedness of the state now existing.

##### Title of Amendment: "Amendment No. 3: Incorporation of Churches or Religious Denominations Amendment"

**Summary of Purpose:** To authorize the incorporation of churches or religious denominations.

##### Full Text of Amendment:

#### Article VI. The Legislature.

##### §47. Incorporation of religious denominations permitted.

Provisions may be made by general laws for securing the title to church property, and for the sale and transfer thereof, so that it shall be held, used, or transferred for the purposes of such church or religious denomination. Provisions may also be made by general laws for the incorporation of churches or religious denominations.

##### Title of Amendment: "Amendment No. 4: Education Accountability Amendment"

**Summary of Purpose:** The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that the rules and policies promulgated by the State Board of Education, are subject to legislative review, approval, amendment, or rejection.

##### Full Text of Amendment:

#### ARTICLE XIII. EDUCATION.

##### §2. Supervision of free schools.

Subject to the provisions of this section, the general supervision of the free schools of the State is vested in the West Virginia Board of Education which shall perform the duties prescribed by law. Under its supervisory duties, the West Virginia Board of Education may promulgate rules or policies which shall be submitted to the Legislature for its review and approval, amendment, or rejection, in whole or in part, in the manner prescribed by general law. The board shall consist of nine members to be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for overlapping terms of nine years. No more than five members of the board shall belong to the same political party, and in addition to the general qualifications otherwise required by the Constitution, the Legislature may require other specific qualifications for membership on the board. No member of the board may be removed from office by the Governor except for official misconduct, incompetence, neglect of duty, or gross immorality, and then only in the manner prescribed by law for the removal by the Governor of state elective officers. The West Virginia Board of Education shall, in the manner prescribed by law, select the State Superintendent of Free Schools who shall serve at its will and pleasure. He or she shall be the chief school officer of the state and shall perform the duties prescribed by law. The State Superintendent of Free Schools shall be a member of the Board of Public Works as provided by subsection B, section fifty-one, article VI of this Constitution.

## Come visit Sprouting Farms!

We are a nonprofit farm dedicated to the growth and success of local agriculture to ensure that all West Virginians, regardless of income level, can enjoy healthy, local food. Through programs that combine education, business support, resource sharing, and land, market, and food access, we seek to develop new and existing farm businesses and increase sustainable food production statewide. We offer a variety of options to buy local products, which are grown on-site, within our incubator program from our leased-out high tunnel spaces or sourced from local farmers a part of the Turnrow Appalachian Farm Collective.

Our farm stand in Talcott is open for shopping Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition, our mobile market travels to spots in Summers and Monroe County every week Tuesday through Friday. We accept cash, check, card, EBT, and Senior Vouchers at both the farm stand and mobile markets. Our full Mobile Market schedule can be found on our Facebook page.

All are welcome to join us on the farm for our monthly Community Days, held the last Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until October! We will be hosting

local artisan vendors and offer a variety of activities for any age alongside our normal farm stand goodies! We also have an open AmeriCorps position if you'd be interested in joining the crew. Check out the description on our Facebook page and on Indeed.

For further inquiries about our programs or to be placed on our mailing list, please reach us at [contact@sprouting-farms.org](mailto:contact@sprouting-farms.org) or give us a call at 304-466-5175.

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# Williamsburg Community Fair returns the last weekend in July

Blue Jeans and Country Dreams is the theme for the bigger and better Williamsburg Community Fair this year. On Thursday evening exhibits for food, photos, flowers, painting, quilts, a youth homemade scarecrow contest using blue jean material, decorated place settings for the fair theme, vegetables, eggs and others are to register from 5 to 7 p.m. at the community building in Williamsburg. The listing of exhibits is on Facebook under the page: Williamsburg WV Community Fair.

On Friday evening from 5:30 to 8 p.m. enjoy pizza or walking tacos and play bingo from 6 to 8 p.m. Square dancing also starts Friday in the firehouse from 7 to 9 p.m. with Lou Maiur, caller, and Mudhole Control Band.

Lou is from Summersville and is the founder and director of the Appalachian Country Clog-

gers. He's a dedicated traditional dancer and has spent many years in the preservation of our early traditional culture. He's known across the country for his ability as a dancer, teacher and oldtime square dance caller. Ninety-two-year-old Lou will provide entertainment and fun for all dancers at any level of experience.

Start your Saturday off with breakfast burritos, biscuits and gravy, eggs and more. Then visit the Thrift Shop in the old schoolhouse which will be open from 9 a.m. to noon for a \$1 bag clothing sale. Then step out their doors and view the parade that begins at 10:30 a.m. Following the parade enjoy lunch at the concession stand in the community building, vendors, health screenings, a cruise-in, games/stations, crafts, bouncy house, jail, dunk tank, cotton candy, Dip-pin' Dots, popcorn, and a

horseshoe tournament and cornhole tournament.

Another added feature this year is outdoor entertainment under a tent. Bring your chair and relax while listening to ole-time banjo player Karen McKay from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Cody Wickline from 1:30 to 3 p.m., local gospel singer Richie Holiday from 3 to 4 p.m., and a dance concert featuring classic rock group Fallen Rock from 7 to 9 p.m.

Cody Wickline is a country music singer from

the mountains of West Virginia. His grandfather was a coal miner and taught Cody about the classics like Waylon Jennings and George Jones. In 2015 he was a contestant on the popular TV show The Voice, where he received what is known as a four-chair turn from the coaches on the show. He continues to play around the country and internationally, bringing his soulful traditional country and southern rock edge to venues around the globe.

In the evening enjoy bingo again from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by a spaghetti dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Cap the night off with fireworks beginning at 9:30 p.m.

Also, on Saturday, several vendors will be selling their wares. Items range from Osborne books, jams, jellies, signs, nail polish strips (Color Street), goat's milk and scrubs, women's clothing, Buck & Bows, fabric, red hat items and much more. Booths will be open for

business from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you interested in setting up a booth, contact Jo at 304-667-9288.

For a full schedule and event information, visit [www.WilliamsburgWV.com](http://www.WilliamsburgWV.com), find us on Facebook at: Williamsburg WV Community Fair or Williamsburg WV. We are located at 6571 Shoestring Trail, Williamsburg.

The community fair is sponsored by Williamsburg Community Action and the Williamsburg Ruritan Club.

## A Look Back



From the Coal Heritage Trail.

By William "Skip" Deegans

The recent news that West Virginia may manufacture electric school buses brings to mind an interest-

ing electric conversion in the early 1900s. William Nelson Page, a civil engineer and coal mining manager,

teamed up with Henry H. Rogers to build the Virginian Railway. Rogers had been a principal in the Standard Oil Company and was one of the world's wealthiest men. To tap into the rich coal reserves that lay between West Virginia's New River and the lower Guyandotte River, they built a 443-mile railroad that ran from Deepwater, West Virginia, to Norfolk, Virginia. Since the project was self-financed and money was not an issue, the railroad was one of the best designed and best built lines in the country. At the height of construction, 10,000 laborers were employed.

The railroad opened in 1909. Despite being so well designed, there were very steep grades along the line. One of those grades was Clark's Gap in West Virginia. Moving loaded coal cars up and down the grade was difficult even with the largest coal-fired steam locomotives being built. To gain more power, the railway electrified the stretch from Mullens to Roanoke and used electric engines (see photo). The Virginian Railway continued until 1959 when it was sold to the Norfolk and Western Railway.

Rogers died in 1909 at age 69, six weeks after his first and only tour of his railroad. Page, who later developed iron mines in Greenbrier County, died in 1932 at age 78.

Sources: Raleigh Register, Princeton Railroad Museum, Norfolk and Western Historical Society, University of North Carolina.

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**ACROSS**

1 Compositions of a classical tradition  
9 Financial: Abbr.  
13 Toddler girl, to Scots  
20 16th-century Spanish explorer  
21 Wind quintet instrument  
22 Ancient French region  
23 Low-value red card  
25 Dangerous current  
26 20-ounce Starbucks drink  
27 Body design, for short  
28 Transmission repair chain  
30 Adult fellows  
31 Witches in "Macbeth"  
37 Apple choice  
41 Sculling item  
42 Suffix with Midwest  
43 Rose petal oil  
44 1992 Tony nominee for Best Musical  
48 Seniors' org.  
52 Tricky pitch  
53 Big fad  
54 Pet allergy source

56 From days of yore  
57 Luggage screeners' org.  
59 Univ. dorm overseers  
62 Listerine competitor  
63 Oedipus-themed  
69 A-E linkup  
72 Docs' gp.  
73 Herr's "one"  
74 Hanks of "Big"  
75 Raised trains  
76 Instrument players gifted in a Christmas song  
83 Log house  
84 Bullring shout  
85 Some RNs work in them  
86 Make ecstatic  
90 Figure skater  
92 "Jack Sprat could — fat"  
96 Aquarium bed material  
97 Fabled snow beast  
98 Virginia and Georgia were part of them  
103 Pried (around)

105 Meal crumb  
106 Raw metal  
107 Title for Judi Dench  
108 Hearst bimonthly with beauty and dating tips  
114 Former U.K. record co.  
115 Fake  
116 Muhammad of the ring  
117 Feudal lord  
122 Be averse to  
124 What the starts of the longest answers in this puzzle are?  
129 One making modifications  
130 Helper  
131 Homer with nobody on  
132 Straightens up  
133 Red-ink entry  
134 Upper layers of fertile earth

**DOWN**

1 Shakespeare play ending  
2 T. — Price that's true ...  
3 Disney sci-fi film of 1982  
4 Not worth debating  
5 Not qualified  
6 Feeling blue  
7 Cruel Amin  
8 People painting, e.g.  
9 Shoes and boots  
10 Arabic for "son of"  
11 Lay turf on  
12 Romero of "Batman"  
13 Grows fond of  
14 Drew forth  
15 Wife, to Juan  
16 Back muscle, for short  
17 "One Day at —" (sitcom)  
18 Supply- (certain economist)  
19 Camille Saint-  
24 Alluring West  
29 Eve's partner  
32 60 minutes  
33 Solar beam  
34 Witty Bombbeck  
35 Don Juan's mother  
36 Seance state  
37 "In case that's true ..."  
38 Place for grist  
39 Rah-rah  
40 Surrenders  
45 Heredity unit  
46 University sports org.  
47 Actress Laura  
49 Casa brick  
50 Drive away  
51 The "P" of AP  
55 Hearth refuse  
57 Score speed  
58 Escargot  
60 Moving  
61 Doesn't go on  
64 Moving truck  
65 Grand opening?  
66 Inspired stuff  
67 Electees, e.g.  
68 "Eww, no more!" in a text message  
69 Mark Twain's Thatcher  
70 Writer — Boothe Luce  
71 Red-ink entry  
77 Brand for sore eyes  
78 Doc using an otoscope  
79 Look intently  
80 Menial worker  
81 Detective Wolfe  
82 Thyroid, e.g.  
87 Sports shoe brand  
88 Overbrim  
89 Otherwise  
91 "Someone's already claimed that seat"  
93 Proton holder  
94 Prefix with byte  
95 Tennis, volleyball and badminton  
96 Narrow valley  
99 Dogs closely following their owners  
100 15th of the month, maybe  
101 Most snug  
102 "... — quit!" (threat ender)  
104 Blazing  
108 Roomy auto  
109 Novelist Zola  
110 Lookout view  
111 Kathmandu's nation  
112 Heady drink  
113 "Tickle Me" dolls  
118 — facto  
119 K thru 12  
120 Earth science subj.  
121 Guesses on costs: Abbr.  
123 Allow to open?  
125 Grande opening?  
126 Age-verifying docs.  
127 Failing tic-tac-toe row  
128 Lofty peak

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

Smirk  
PRIMES  
Crafty  
STATUE  
Process  
ATONIC  
Route  
AWPATHY

TODAY'S WORD

"Can I offer you something while you wait for my daughter — a — perhaps?"

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Fence is shorter. 2. Raincoat is different. 3. Leash is shorter. 4. Stripe is missing. 5. Sign is missing. 6. Puddle is smaller.



# STEPPIN' OUT

## Ivy Terrace Concert Series continues with Long Point String Band



Long Point String Band

Carnegie Hall's Ivy Terrace Concert Series presents Long Point String Band Thursday, July 28, at 6:30 p.m. 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. Concert goers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and pack a picnic to enjoy live music. All Ivy Terrace concerts are free, open to the public, and alcohol free.

Long Point String Band is an Old-Time Acoustic "Neo-Traditional" outfit from southern West Virginia. We blend the authenticity of Old-Time Mountain Music, with the flare of bluegrass, regularly playing musical selections from West Virginia old-time and bluegrass pioneers. The group consists of the virtuosic stylings of Hunter Walker, Brian C. Bell, Lewis Prichard and Lars Swanson. We occasionally welcome the guest support of Phillip Perry, Barbara Rosner and Robert "Doc" Davis. Most recently, the LPSB was honored to take home the 1st place blue ribbon in the Old-Time Band category, at the 2017 Tazewell Old-Time and Bluegrass Fiddler's Convention.

Hunter Walker is a multi-instrumentalist, champion mountain dulcimer, and clawhammer banjo player. Hunter is a native Appalachian who became enamored with old-time music at an early age. His love and perseverance of the music has garnered him some prestigious awards, including: 4-time WV

state mountain dulcimer champion, 3-time Galax Old-Fiddlers Convention mountain-dulcimer champion, Mid-Eastern regional mountain dulcimer champion, and numerous others. He is also a decorated clawhammer banjo player having won numerous awards and recently taking the 1st place blue ribbon in the old-time banjo category at the 2017 Tazewell Old-Time and Bluegrass Fiddlers' Convention.

Brian Bell is also a native Appalachian, who has cut his teeth on the bluegrass circuits over the last several years. He performed as a cornerstone member of prominent regional bluegrass bands for over 10 years, having played well over a thousand shows and produced and played on numerous recordings. Brian is a first-call veteran guitar player whose rhythmic capabilities are sought after by respected figures in the Bluegrass, and now, Old-Time music genres.

Lewis Prichard started playing guitar at age eight and mandolin at 15. He grew up in a musical family, and is originally from Charleston, West Virginia. Lewis played in Old-Time and Bluegrass bands while in college, and later played in the Virginia bands Mando Mafia and Wildgrass. Lewis learned to play the fiddle when he was in his twenties, a time when he also traveled extensively in Colorado and Norway playing acoustic music. Today Lewis lives in Beckley, W.V. and offers his virtuosity on fiddle and mandolin in the bands Planetary Boardwalk,

Greenhouse, and now, Long Point String Band.

Lars Swanson is an upright bassist from Beckley. He is a favored session and performing musician in various bands in southern West Virginia and the tri-state area. He currently studies Jazz Double Bass at Marshall University. Lars has played recitals with many prevalent Jazz pedagogues, and frequently performs with the Marshall University Jazz faculty group, as well as the Huntington Symphony.

Long Point String Band has enjoyed her virtuosity, taste, and smile on our first recording and at several venues, which we are fortunate enough to make music with her. The Long Point String Band released their debut, self-titled album in 2016. A collection of old-time, Appalachian tunes and band / festival favorites. Guest musicians that appeared on their debut album include Barbara Rosner (upright bass), Cat Deck (bass guitar) and Jason Lockart (percussion). Their album release has been met with success and positive feedback from top musicians of the genre. Get your copy today on CDBaby, or by contacting the band directly.

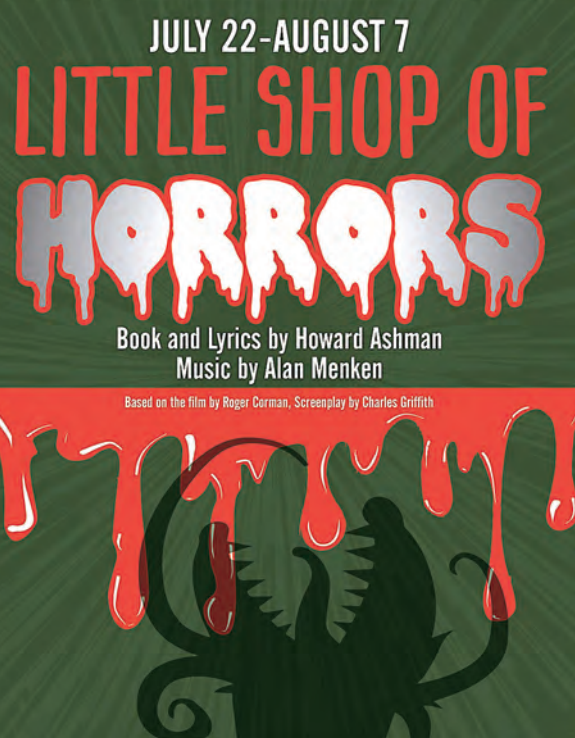
The 2022 Carnegie Hall Ivy Terrace Concert Series is a "must do" for visitors and locals alike. Concerts may be canceled due to inclement weather, so Follow and Like Carnegie Hall's Facebook page for updates. For more information, please visit [www.carnegiehallwv.org](http://www.carnegiehallwv.org) or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

## FVD Music Bash and Fundraiser CANCELLED

The Fairlea Volunteer Fire Department has announced the cancellation of their annual Music Bash and fundraiser this year.

"It is with great regret that we announce that the 2022 Annual Music Bash will be cancelled this year," reads their announcement. "We have worked diligently making offers with the artist without prevail. The cost of the artist has also nearly tripled in cost, and with that being said, we loved having this event for our community while raising funds for our operations. However, our main obligation is to provide quality Fire and Rescue service to our community, and we were not willing to chance losing money on an event and then struggling to provide life safety services to our personnel and citizens. We will re-evaluate next year in an attempt to bring the Bash back to the community."

## Little Shop of Horrors at GVT



### GVT is Heading Down to Skid Row with Seymour and Audrey Two

Greenbrier Valley Theatre (GVT) is preparing to present its largest mainstage musical since re-opening post-pandemic. Little Shop of Horrors, the horror comedy musical by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman will grow on stage for three weeks in July and August.

Love-struck florist Seymour stumbles across a new breed of plant, but learns too late the smooth-talking carnivore feeds on blood and plots world domination. It is the inspiration for the 1986 musical movie adaptation starring Rick Moranis, Ellen Greene, and Steve Martin.

The production will feature familiar and brand new faces to GVT. Ben Liebert (Pride and Prejudice) will star as Seymour alongside Valerie Torres-Rosario's (I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change) Audrey. Rounding out the cast is Katelyn Bowman (SHOUT! The Mod Musical), T.J. Lancaster (ART), Kyla Bolling, Christian Bradford, Celia Doll, Lauren Johnson, and Jeff Ronan.

Producing Artistic Director Matthew Scott Campbell (Pride and Prejudice) will provide direction and musical staging. The production will feature musical direction by Patrick Summers, scenic design completed by Seth Howard, costume design by Jenna Fawn Brown, puppet design by Sherry Harper-McCombs, lighting design by E. Tonry Lathroum, and sound and prop design by Arron Seams. Elizabeth Salisch serves as the Production Stage Manager and Richard Crowell as Production Manager.

"Little Shop of Horrors is a funny, charming, and oddly thoughtful musical," says Campbell. "In all the ways it's a universal story of love, hope, greed and the power of success. Not to mention an irresistible score by Ashman and Menken. The original off-Broadway version of the show ran for 5 years totaling 2,209 performances. It has a movie (technically two), a Broadway production, and currently runs off-Broadway again. So, its reputation precedes itself. We are excited about our unique and truthful take on this story and overjoyed to share all the amazing talent with our audiences."

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.

Little Shop of Horrors opens at GVT on July 22 and runs through Aug. 7. This production does contain adult 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](http://www.gvtheatre.org), or call the box office at 304-645-3838.

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