Lewisburg Literary Festival returns August 5 and 6

The Lewisburg Literary Festival is coming up this next weekend and will run Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5 and 6. The festival boasts a colorful and interesting docket of events at venues across the city.

Also, the Greenbrier County Public library will host a Book Sale on Friday, Aug. 5, from noon until 6 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 6, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the library in the basement. They are no longer accepting book donations at this time.

Friday, Aug. 5 at 7:30 p.m., The Lewis Theater: "All Under Heaven" Starring Cathey C. Sawyer.

All Under Heaven by Valerie Harper and Dyke Garrison, is a one-woman play about Nobel and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Pearl S. Buck which takes place a year prior to her death as she waits for a visa to arrive that will permit her to visit her beloved China once again. Her memories of her early life in Chingkiang where her father was a missionary open the door to recollections of many people and events in her extraordinary life. A consummate storyteller, she recreates an array of some 14 male and female characters from her life. She details her personal and professional struggles including her experiences in China during the revolution and the criticisms from the literary world when she surpassed other big name (and mostly male) authors to win the Nobel. She also came under attack at the McCarthy hearings for her fervent anti-racist views and her friendships with noted civil rights leaders. She describes the causes she championed including her efforts to establish and fund an adoption agency to rescue Asian children fathered by US GI's. Throughout it all, Buck is candid about her personal struggles and finds humor where she can.

Cathey C. Sawyer recently retired from a 30-year tenure as Producing Artistic Director of the Greenbrier Valley Theatre in Lewisburg, the State Professional Theatre of West Virginia. She is a member of the Society of Directors and Choreographers and has directed over 250 plays professionally. Before moving to West Virginia, she held Associate Director/Resident Actor posts for Arkansas Repertory Theatre in Little Rock, AR, New Stage Theatre in Jackson, MS, and American Stage Theatre in St. Petersburg, FL and was the Resident Director for Playhouse on the Square in Memphis,

Saturday, Aug. 6 at 9:30 a.m., Greenbrier Valley Visitors' Center: Workshop "Create Compelling Characters" with Sheila Redling.

Great characters are the key to great fiction. How can you populate your story with characters your readers won't forget? We'll discuss discovering powerful motivations and characteristics; the influence of secondary characters; and avoiding mustachetwirling villains, Mary Sues, and red shirts.

Sheila Redling (writing as SG Redling) is the author of nine novels of mind-bending mayhem, including the bestselling thrillers "Flowerton" and the Dani Britton series. She is the co-founder of "Intensive Genre Writers," as well as leading her own series of writing workshops, "Back to Basics." She has been a panelist and presenter at The West Virginia Writers Summer Conference, Bouchercon, Left Coast Crime, and more. A graduate of Georgetown University, a former morning radio host, and a language geek, Sheila currently lives in Huntington with a wide array of wildlife.

Saturday, Aug. 6, 11 a.m., Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center: Workshop "Ekphrastic Poetry, Now & Then" with Elizabeth Savage From Achilles' shield to Keats' Urn to Elizabeth Willis's 1950s B-movies, the re-

lationship between visual media and poetry has proven generative and varied. This session features a review of ekphrastic forms and examples, critical discussions and definitions, and writing prompts to practice and reconsider the rich, sometimes tense, always rewarding interactions between written and visual art.

Elizabeth Savage is a poet, feminist critic, and professor based in West Virginia. As poetry editor for Kestrel: A Journal of Literature & Art since 2008, she has shaped the biannual publication into one famous for its eclecticism and humanity, a home for emerging and established writers alike.

Saturday, Aug. 6, 1 p.m., Carnegie Hall: "Conor Knighton in Conversation"

Conor Knighton is a correspondent for CBS Sunday Morning and the author of Leave Only Footprints, which follows his successful attempt to visit all the U.S. National Parks in 2016, the 100th Anniversary of the National Park System.

A Native of Charleston, WV, and a graduate of George Washington High School and Yale University, Knighton has worked in TV since 2005. Leave Only Footprints was inspired by the cross-country segments he produced for CBS Sunday Morning. Much

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more than a straightforward tour of the parks, the book links these wildly different places thematically, and he manages to weave in plenty of personal history at the same time, revisiting his West Virginia roots.

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Lee Street Studios celebrates five years

By Sarah Richardson

The Lee Street Studios Centre for the Arts and Artist's Collective is celebrating their five year anniversary this month as it continues to evolve into a regional art staple in Lewisburg. The complex, which is located in the old Lewisburg Elementary School buildings on Lee Street, is an expansive collection of artists' studios and a newly-reinvented gallery, but also apartments, High Rock's Hub and Tech Express, and more.



Thomas Ruggiero has reimagined the Schoolhouse Gallery to include a selection of works from each studio, including some of his own fashion



The studios feature an extensive variety of arts and other creations, which makes the collective unique.

Thomas Ruggiero, an artist himself, spearheads and organizes the Schoolhouse Gallery, a permanent installation in the main studio building. The gallery is a unique collection of a sample of works from each studio at the complex, which makes it easy for visitors to peruse a small selection of each artist's work without having to tour each individual studio. Thomas also spends time transporting the gallery to regional art shows and fairs, which both promotes the art center and provides a way for artisans to sell their wares outside of the complex.

"I feel that since I've changed the gallery space that it provides a safer environment for the artist's experience," said Thomas. "This really enhances their creative side and confidence, and by adding an opportunity for them to sell their items it adds a whole new angle for them. By providing that chance to sell their arts, they have a farther reach than just their family and friends."

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Matt Ford shared this before and after photo of a bridge on the Meadow River Rail Trail approximately eight to nine miles downriver from Rainelle. The bridge was constructed by Court Street Construction and designed by Chapman Technical Group.

for Meadow River Rail Trail completion By Adam Pack

County Commission extends timeframe

The Greenbrier County Commission met for their regular bi-monthly meeting Wednesday, July 27, at 11 a.m. This meeting was rescheduled from regular time, and two members were unable to attend physically due to flooding. The two absent members were present via phone and a quorum

The commission considered the first payment of invoices related to the Mapledale Water Storage Tank project in White Sulphur. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the payment of \$55,000 to E.L. Robinson Engineering for design work on the project. This water storage tank was first proposed to address low water pressure headed up U.S. Route

The Commission then moved on to addressing issues relating to the Meadow River Rail Trail. Commissioner Tincher relayed that Court Street Construction is nearly done with the project, and Matt Ford has signed off on completed work. However, finishing work still remains to be done that has been slightly delayed. Given that this work, "Won't impact anything financially" according to Tincher, the commission approved a contract extension and expects to hear from Court Street on updates to the project in the coming months, hopefully within the year.

In other news, Mary Saurbaugh has requested reappointment to the MTA Board. Her request was granted by unanimous vote of the commission. The commission also reviewed Draw Request #3 for the Greenbrier County broadband, as well as a time extension for the aforementioned project.

Lee Street Studios

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There is an impressive variety of art produced from the studios located within the old "E" building, including oil paintings, watercolors, handmade jewelry, clayworks, fiber art, woodturning, music, photography, and much more. Yoga classes are also offered in the facility, and a new bridal boutique has joined within the last year.

"It's been an interesting evolution," said Jeanne Christie, property manager. "The most interesting part of this place is the diversity. It's just so diverse, and that's what makes it interesting. Before, when we first opened, we were trying to be more traditional by holding weekly events and other activities, but we came to a morphing realization that this wasn't the venue for that. The way that we coordinate with artists now flows much better."

Lee Street Studios is open every Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., usually with several studios open for browsing. The Studio 2 Fiber Artists host a unique "Knit Around the Table" gathering that is open to the public each Saturday at 10 a.m. "That class is getting popular," said Thomas. "Last week there were five people in attendance. Just stop by with whatever you're

knitting!"

Other classes include the West Virginia Woodturners Association on Saturdays, with regular meetings on Tuesdays, and Jeanne Brenneman teaches watercolor painting in Studio 6. The centre also partners with Carnegie Hall for an assortment of classes and workshops.

Email schoolhouse.lee. st@gmail.com for more information about the Schoolhouse Gallery, or to inquire about a studio.

The full list of operating artists includes:

Studio 1: Thomas Ruggiero- Fashion design and illustrating

Studio 2: Fiber Artists- Handwoven, felted, and knit wearables/decorative items

Studio 3: Merry Hill & Co.- Bridal boutique Studio 5: Lory Van Buren- Mixed media

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Studio 6: Margy Green- fine art; and Jeanne and

Bruce Brenneman, watercolorists and woodturning Studio 7: Upcoming music venue

Studio 18: WV Woodturners Association, Gary DeGraff

Studio 9: Robin Skillern- Jewelry and mixed media; Sara McDonald- Oil paintings; and Shea Newton- Jewelry design

Studio 10: Sean O'Connell- Jumping Branch Clayworks

Studio 11: Collective Studio: Erica Agee- Photography; and Marlyn McClendon- Photography Studio 12: Ginko Studio- Yoga and wellness

Studio 13: Phillipa Radon- Interior design and

lifestyle coach; and Elyse Gerard- Fine art Studio 14: Jorn Mork- Fine art Studio 15: Fine art Studio 16: Fine art



The WV Woodturners Association offers several times for classes throughout the week, with regular meetings on Tuesdays.

The Studio 2 Fiber Artists Collective holds a

popular "Knit Around the Table" gathering that is open to the public each Saturday at 10 a.m.

Sobriety Checkpoint scheduled in Fairlea area

The West Virginia State Police will conduct a sobriety checkpoint on US Rt. 219 in the Fairlea area of Greenbrier County on Friday, July 29. The checkpoint will be in operation between 6 p.m. and Midnight. The purpose of the checkpoint is to detect and deter impaired drivers, as well as to educate the public about the dangers of driving an automobile while impaired by alcohol and/or drugs.

The State Police urge the motor

The State Police urge the motoring public to assist law enforcement agencies in their efforts to stop driving under the influence incidents by reporting impaired drivers.

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

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

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

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

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Briefly

Williamsburg Alumni Dinner canceled

The annual Williamsburg Alumni Dinner has been canceled for this year. The Alumni Committee came to this decision after speaking with grads, both in and out of the state. Concern was expressed about CO-VID, gas prices, etc. Hopefully, we will resume the dinner September 2023. Questions: call Shelby at 304-634-3690.

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, Aug. 27 Dance will feature music by the Lilly Mountaineers Band from 7 to 10:30. Tuesday Aug. 16 there will be no Jam & Dance due to the State Fair. 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.

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

Local Veterans Ready to Help

of 11th and Main Streets in Rainelle

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Spaghetti fundraiser for American Heritage Music Hall this weekend

There will be a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for the American Heritage Music Hall in Ronceverte on Saturday, Aug. 6, from 3 to 7 p.m. Dine in or carry out will be available. The menu is spaghetti with meat sauce, bread, salad, dessert, and a drink for only \$10 for adults and \$6 for children age 3-10 (under 3 can eat free with dine

The music hall is a nonprofit organization that needs support from the community. The music hall is open to the public of all ages. No smoking or alcoholic beverages allowed. The hall is open every Tuesday from 7 to 10 p.m. with local musicians for a jam session. There is a \$7 cover charge on Tuesdays. The fourth Saturday of every month, a live band is on stage to provide music for dancing or just sit and enjoy from 7 to 10:30 p.m. with a \$10 cover charge. Tuesday and Saturday a covered dish meal is served. All attendees provide the food. Doors open at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Plan on coming out for a great meal this Saturday, Aug. 6, and give the music hall your support. It will be greatly appreciated.

For carry out meals call 304-645-4667 on Saturday after 12 noon.

The music hall is located on the Island Park in Ronceverte at 496 Island Park Road.

DMV Update: Mainframe workaround developed for driver services

The West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles announced this morning that a workaround was developed to allow DMV to resume processing Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDL), driver's licenses, instruction permits, and driver's license reinstatement transactions.

DMV Commissioner Everett Frazier remarked, "We are grateful to the Office of Technology for continuing to work around-the-clock to find ways for us to resume services and process licensing transactions for our customers. This has been a difficult week, and we apologize to the citizens of West Virginia for any inconvenience."

DMV will continue to utilize workarounds for many of the vehicle services transactions, and work closely with the Office of Technology until all services are re-

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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.

Renick Town Council

will meet Monday, Aug. 8, at 7 p.m. at Renick Town Hall. Agenda items include:

- · Community comments
- Approval of Minutes and Financial reports
- · Committee reports
- · Other business

Historic Landmarks Commission

will meet Monday, Aug. 8, at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 942 Washington Street West. Also available via teleconference. For information on how to participate on ZOOM contact Lewisburg City Hall at 304-645-2080 on Monday, Aug. 8, by 4 p.m. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes July 11, 2022
- Comments from the public
- Robert & Cynthia Woods, 422 Lafayette Street replace gutter and add leaf cover, with new fascia board behind gutter
- Shirley Perrine, 208 Foster Street repair awning, paint with SW-0051, replace (4) exterior doors and paint with SW-2835 Craftsman Brown or SW-2837 Aurora Brown, paint windows and exterior trim with SW Classic Ivory
- Andrew Edwards, 324 Lafayette Street remove existing chain link fence, and replace with 6' fence, constructed of pressure treated lumber
- Tryg Brody, 465 Lafayette Street replace (15) windows with Andersen E Series and re-install deck on side entry
- Tom & Jane Hill, 1489 Washington Street repointing and laying pavers to eliminate washout from existing driveway

The next scheduled meeting of the Lewisburg Historic Commission will be Monday, Sept. 12, with a deadline of Friday, Aug. 26.

Marriages

Hunter Ray Deskins (Lewisburg) to Haley Rose Ford

Jonathan Tyler Porterfield (Clifton Forge, VA) to Carleigh Victoria Vanburen (Ronceverte) Timothy Dwayne Smith (Alderson) to Katelyn Noel Crigger (Alderson)

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Jonathan M. Foy, Columbus, OH, failure to appear, NCP, fine \$50

Curtis E. Smith, White Sulphur Springs, obtaining by false pretenses, GP, fine \$100, jail 60 days - suspended and placed on 1 year unsupervised probation

Warren Samuel White, Ronceverte, 1) operation of vehicles without evidences of registration, GP, fine \$50; 2) no seatbelt, fine \$25

Jacob Elliah Doss, Alderson, speeding, GP, fine \$10 Silvia Kelly, Fairlea, no seatbelt, GP, fine \$25 Caitlin E. Taylor, Parker, CO, speeding, GP, fine \$26 Patrick Bryar Warren, Lewisburg, DUI - 2nd offense, NCP, fine \$1,000, jail 12 months - Day Reporting Center, 12 months Home Confinement

Dorothy E. Loucks, Leslie, sale or gift of cigarette to persons under 18, NCP, fine \$50

Brittany Lynn Starcher, no vehicle insurance, NCP, fine \$200

Randy Allen Niven, Ronceverte, obstructing officer, NCP, jail 90 days - placed on 12 months unsupervised

Maria G. Levin, Danville, KY, speeding, GP, fine \$14 Richard Mitchell Rashid, South Charleston, speeding, NCP, fine \$16 Dorothy Mae Milliner, White Sulphur Springs, speed-

ing, GP, fine \$54

Lewisburg Library Book Sale returns

The Greenbrier County Public Library Book Bazaar returns after a two-year absence Aug. 5 and 6 with more books than ever.

"The book sale is back with more than 15,000 books," library Director Ann Farr said.

The weekend event coincides with the downtown Lewisburg Literary Festival. Adult fiction and nonfiction, children's fiction and au-

dio/visual materials are featured in the sale. The sale opens at 152 Robert W. McCormick Drive in downtown Lewisburg at noon Friday, Aug. 5, and runs

until 6 p.m. On Saturday, Aug. 6, the sale starts at 9 a.m. and closes at 2 p.m. On Friday, books will be priced at \$2 for hardcovers and \$1 for paperbacks. Saturday shoppers can buy books for \$5 a bag. (The bags are supplied by the library.) The book sale accepts credit cards and checks, as well as cash. Shoppers are advised there is no elevator service from

the first floor to the book sale in the library's basement.

This annual fundraiser is sponsored by The Friends of the Greenbrier County Public Library. The group started in 1979 as an organization dedicated to promoting awareness of services provided by public libraries. Proceeds from the sale support library activities, services and programs.

More information is available by calling the library at 304-647-7568.

For the Record

Deeds

Debra D. Ward and Joe Hendricks to Hannah N. Smith,

1.945 Acres, White Sulphur District Terry Eugene Blankenship and Jacquelyn Sue Blankenship to Tammy Rose Ann Herndon and Richard

Glen Griffith, 3.82 Acres, Frankford District Gary Allen Weikle, Sr. and Sharon F. Weikle to Belle & Beau Co., 21,514 Sq. Ft., Ronceverte Corp., Roncev-

erte Municipality Greg S. Scott to Gregory E. Waugh, Lot No. 40, Garing

Addition, Town of White Sulphur District DNA Holdings, LLC., to Richard Lee Nugen, II and Kara Jo Nugen, Lots Nos. 12A and 12B, Pinnacle Sub-

division, Lewisburg District Brooke C. King to Brad L. Ball, Jr. and Carmen M. Ball, Lot No. 27, Echols Acres, Addition #3, Lewisburg Dist. Kimberly D. Withrow, Daniel A. Deem and Wolly E. Sturgell to Roger Deem, 0.96 Acres, Fort Springs Dist.

Debbie Loomis, Ricky Snedgar, Eddie Snedgar and

Michael Snedgar to Layton C. Boone, 1.63 Acres, Lewisburg District Eric T. White and Gregory White to Debbie Harris, Timmy White and Danny White, 3.0 Acres, Irish Corner

District Bruce M. Bowling and Barbera C. Bowling to James F. Tuckwiller and Anne Bowling Tuckwiller, Lot Nos. 139 & 140, Drewry Meadow Addition, Town of White Sulphur Springs District

Shawn Wykle and Shannon Wykle to Dreama Gail Wykle, 36,080 Sq. Ft., Frankford Tax District Asil J. Ingram to Karen S. Hern and James Kent Hern,

30.00 Acres, Frankford District Cameron Robert Simmons to Thomas Ray Simmons and Annette Sue Simmons, 3.9 Acres, Frankford Dist.

Arlene Vannatter to Kristen R. Ventress, 7.75 Acres, Blue Sulphur District Amy T. Brown and Gregory Alan Pence, Lots Nos. 6 and 7, Shaw-Mi-Del-Eca Village Subdivision, White

Sulphur District Terrah Johnston to Patrick Stuart Clendenen, Lots Nos. 34 and 35, Griffith Addition, Town of Whtie Sul-

phur Springs, White Sulphur Municipality Clifford T. Lee to Clifford Taylor Lee, II and Melissa Martin Lee, Lot No. 40, Block No. 1, Huddleston Hills Addition, Town of White Sulphur Springs, White Sul-

phur Municipality Christoper W. Vance to Shannon F. Vance, 0.742 Acres, Irish Corner District

Laura Jane Sevy and Jerry Sevy, 0.539 Acres, Rupert Corporation

Thomas Daniel Vaughan to Brett J. Lafon and Seda C. Lafon, Lot No. 2, Stoney Field Subdivision, Lewisburg Mario Fajardo Diaz and Doris A. Fajardo to Gregory S.

McClung and Marissa E. McClung, Lots Nos. 10 and 11, Section #9, Town of East Rainelle, Rainelle Corporate District, Meadow Bluff District

Sheila V. Rose to Safet Berisa and Mary Berisa, 0.344 Acres, Lot G12, Lewisburg Corporate District Susan C. Touma and B. Joseph Touma to Michael

J. Argento and Nicole B. Argento, 5.20 Acres, Fort

Robert B. Anderson and Melissa V. Anderson to John Walter Yoder and Michelle Lee Yoder, Lots No. 97, 99, and 101, Patton Heights Subdivision, Lewisburg Corp.

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Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist Arterial

Imagine a CT scan of your body that reveals not only your bones and soft tissue but also the blood vessels. The blood vessels carry your blood throughout your body in a closed loop from your brain to your toes, then back again using the heart as a pump. I didn't study medicine but I know that blood carries oxygen and nutrients to all our organs to keep us alive.

Now let's imagine a tree. The tree needs nitrogen to live just like we need oxygen. The nitrogen is taken from the soil into the roots of the tree and distributed to all its branches, limbs, and leaves through its sap which we can compare to our blood. The leaves can also absorb nitrogen from the air converting it to amino acids. Air quality is just as important to plant life as it is to humans and all living creatures. There are many similarities in all species that populate this earth and the oceans.

Now let's go underground, a place we are learning more about from scientific studies. How important is soil to life? If we took a CT scan of our garden beds, we might see the same kind of system underground that sustains life. Mycelium can be likened to our arteries. MY-sill-EE-um. What the heck is that? In very simple terms, the mycelium is the network of fungal threads that grow underground. Ever seen this in person? Take a break right now and go outside to your yard. If you have some trees under which a pile of leaves lies undisturbed, disturb them. Lift up the wet and rotting leaves and you will probably see some thin white threads that are all connected like a fibrous mat. Bingo, that's mycelium.

What is the purpose of these white threads, if any? Well, they help sustain all life above ground, that's all! Wow. Let's dig a little deeper, pun intended. Mycelium lies under all living landscapes and can grow and travel up to several inches a day. It becomes a huge living network for sending nutrients to plants and trees operating similar to our arteries.

Rotting plant matter such as leaves, fallen branches and tree limbs, acorns, seed pods, dead animals and such break down on top of the soil. What causes it to break down and rot? Fungus. It happens everywhere, including your yard and our forests. Ever wonder what feeds a forest and keeps it so lush?

Decaying matter becomes fuel for living matter. (We eat decaying matter when we ingest animal flesh or plants.) The soil digests whatever falls upon it and becomes either polluted by it or nourished.

Mycelium is known as nature's recycler and is part of the fungi kingdom. It consumes or decomposes all

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it comes in contact with, good or bad, and sends out threads to reach and feed other living matter. It thrives on temperatures around 75-80 degrees in shaded soil. It distributes moisture and nutrients through its fine threads to root systems. If a section is destroyed by tilling and plowing for instance, plant growth then relies more on human intervention to supply fertilizer and water.

If you find this discussion as fascinating as I do, let's exchange more ideas about mycelium and how it can be grown right in your own garden! (Karen Cohen is a Mistress of her Organic Garden,

a nature lover and avid explorer. Email tips, comments, and questions to natureswaykaren@gmail.com)

And Happy Gardening!

Commentary

Four Constitutional amendments to be considered by WV voters in General Election

During the General Election this fall, voters in West Virginia will consider four separate and distinct amendments to the state's Constitution. During their regular session earlier this year, the West

Virginia legislature passed resolutions asking voters to consider each proposal. The legislature agreed to place the proposed amendments on the General Election ballot where voter participation is usually highest. According to WV Secretary of State Mac Warner, to be-

come part of the State Constitution an amendment must pass by a majority of voters who cast a vote on the ques-"Voters are being asked to consider four separate amend-

ments to the state constitution," said Secretary Warner. "Amendments to our constitution should be carefully reviewed and considered by every citizen." The language and ballot order for all four amendments can be found below and also on our website at https://sos.

wv.gov/elections/Pages/Proposed-Amendments2022.aspx. Printed versions are also available by calling the WV-

SOS Elections Division at 304-558-6000. 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."

Amendment No. 2: Property Tax Modernization Amendment Summary of Purpose

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."

Amendment No. 3: Incorporation of Churches or Religious Denominations Amendment

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

Amendment No. 4: Education Accountability Amend-

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."

Commentary

Congresswoman Miller telehealth provision included in House-passed bill

Congresswoman Carol Miller (R-WV) has introduced H.R. 8505, legislation that would permanently allow the continuation of hospice recertification via telehealth. A two-year extension of this virtual hospice provision was included in H.R. 4040, which passed the House 416 to 12.

"As we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, the value of virtual health care remains," said Congresswoman Miller, "Telehealth resources being extended to hospice are especially vital to the wellbeing of our rural communities, where doctors' offices and hospitals may require hours' worth of driving to make appointments. By making those visits more efficient, providers can care for more patients and beneficiaries can have better access. I am pleased to lead this legislation to modernize hospice care and ensure patients and professionals can utilize this important resource remotely."

"Low-touch administrative visits like those required prior to reauthorization for hospice care are a great use of telehealth because this use does not diminish the quality of patient care," said Hospice Council of West Virginia executive director, Jessica Hall. "In predominantly rural states like West Virginia, the extension of these flexibilities allow medically vulnerable patients to stay safe, physicians and nurses to spend time with patients instead of in the car, and loved ones to participate in the care of their family no matter where they are."

The Affordable Care Act established that the certifying hospice physician or nurse practitioner must have a face to face encounter with every Medicare hospice patient to determine the continued eligibility of that patient prior to the 180 day recertification and every subsequent 60 day recertification.

In March 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act allowed hospices to perform these face-to-face visits via telehealth for the duration of the Public Health Emergency. Given the reported high patient satisfaction and benefits to efficiency of care of this expansion, H.R. 8505 makes the use of telehealth for recertification permanent.

Literary Festival

Knighton's nature-focused features continue to ap-

pear twice-monthly on CBS Sunday Morning. Saturday, Aug. 6, 3 p.m., Carnegie Hall: "Jennifer

Pharr Davis in Conversation" Outdoor adventurer and long-distance hiker Jenni-

fer Pharr Davis has published ten books, including her Appalachian Trail memoir, Becoming Odyssa, and her empowering meditation on resilience, The Pursuit of Endurance. She has written articles for The New York Times, Outdoors, Backpacker, Trail Runner and Blue Ridge Outdoors.

Jennifer has hiked in all 50 states, and more than 14,000 miles on six continents. In 2011 she set the fastest known record time on the Appalachian Trail by finishing the 2,185-mile footpath in 46 days, averaging 47 miles a day. She was recognized by National Geographic in 2012 as Adventurer of the Year.

Inspiring and engaging, she is often called on as a motivational speaker for adults and young people. Jennifer Pharr Davis, her husband Brew, their daughter Charley and son Gus live in Asheville, NC, where she is the owner and operator of the Blue Ridge Hiking Company.

Saturday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m., Carnegie Hall: Garry

Garry Trudeau was born in New York City in 1948, and was raised in Saranac Lake, NY. He attended Yale University, where he received his B.A. and an M.F.A. in graphic design.

Doonesbury was launched in 1970, and currently appears in nearly 1200 daily and Sunday newspaper clients in the U.S. and abroad. His work has been collected in 62 hardcover, trade paperback and mass-market editions, which have cumulatively sold over 7 million copies worldwide. In 1975, Trudeau became the first comic strip artist ever to be awarded a Pulitzer Prize for editorial cartooning. He was a Pulitzer Prize finalist in 1989, 2004 and 2005. His newest project is Dbury@50: The Complete Digital Doonesbury (Andrews McMeel, Nov.

17, 2020), a limited-edition book, poster, and USB set. Working with John and Faith Hubley, Trudeau wrote and co-directed the animated film, "A Doonesbury Spe**Continued from Front Page**

cial," for NBC-TV in 1977. The film was nominated for an Academy Award and received the Special Jury Prize at the Cannes Film Festival.

Pauley. They have three grown children. Saturday, Aug. 6, at 9 p.m., Hill and Holler: "The

Trudeau lives in New York City with his wife, Jane

Storyteller: A Grateful Dead Tribute, Celebrating the Lyrics of Robert Hunter" Enjoy this after-party event of the Lewisburg Liter-

ary Festival - The Storyteller: Celebrating the Lyrics of Robert Hunter. Enjoy two live sets of Grateful Dead music featuring the songs of lyricist Robert Hunter.

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OBITUARIES

Inez Bell Brown



Renick-Inez Bell Brown, 90, passed away Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

Born Feb. 25, 1932, in Renick, she was the daughter of the late Ruben Rush and Josephine Baldwin McMillion.

Inez loved to garden, bake, can food, read books and share recipes. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, and caretaker.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Garman Brown; and brothers, Charles Junior McMillion, Harold McMillion and William Howard McMillion.

Survivors include her son, Doug Brown (Barbara) of Jacksonville, FL; grandchildren, Brian Brown of Renick, and Tammy Brown of Jacksonville, FL; great-grandchildren, Tyler and Jared Brown; brother, Alden McMillion (Sue) of Renick; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m., Monday, Aug. 1, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, 252 Montvue Drive, Lewisburg, with Pastor Robert Hefner officiating. Burial will follow in Rosewood Cemetery, Lewisburg.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m., Sunday, July 31, at the funeral home.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Margie Lewis Hammond



Lewis burg-Margie Lewis Hammond, 93, passed peacefully into eternal life on Monday, July 25, 2022, at English Meadows Assisted Living in Scott Depot, WV.

She was born Feb. 17, 1929, at her maternal grandmother's house in Richwood, the eldest of three children of of Walter N. Lewis and Leta Barr Lewis. Her grandmother, Hanna McElwee Barr, who shared a birthday with her, assisted with the delivery with no doctor

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Due to the Great Depression and the need to find work, her parents moved several times while she was young. She lived as a child in Spring Creek, Friars Hill, East Rainelle, and finally, just north of Lewisburg. Her young life was difficult, without the comforts that would make it seem foreign even to her own children, yet she looked back with joy on a time lived without so much as running water or central heat. She excelled as a student and graduated from Lewisburg High School as Salutatorian of the Class of 1947. She then attended Berea College in Berea, KY, as the first member of her family ever to attend college. While a sophomore at Berea, she became active in Berea Baptist Church, where she met Pastor O. B. Mylum. With Rev. Mylum's guidance, she made a profession of faith, and she lived the remainder of her life in the strong assurance of the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

She graduated from Berea College with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration on June 4, 1951. While a student at Berea, she met a young Army veteran and fellow student named Francis Hammond, whom she married as her forever partner on Feb. 22, 1952. They had three sons while living in Berea following graduation from college. She began her lifelong career as a teacher in the fall of 1951 at Mason High School in Williamstown, KY. After marriage, she taught at several schools near Berea, including Kingston High School, Waco High School, and Madison Central High School. In the summer of 1964, Margie and Francis moved to Lewisburg with their young family and purchased the home on Holt Lane where they lived out their life together. In the fall of 1964, she joined the faculty at her alma mater, Lewisburg High School, where she proudly taught the first year the school was integrated. She remained at Lewisburg until Greenbrier East High School opened in the fall of 1968. She taught at Greenbrier East until she retired, and she enjoyed seeing and hearing from her former students for the rest of her days. Margie and Francis made their church home at First Baptist Church of Fairlea, where she was a member for more than 50

After retirement, Margie and Francis traveled widely in the United States and Canada, and she lavished attention on

her grandchildren and, later, her great-grandchildren. Francis left this life on Apr. 4, 2010, and she missed him every day thereafter.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her second son, Donald Hammond, in 2016. She is survived by her son, Robert Hammond and wife Lorrie, and son, David Hammond and wife Jody, all of Lewisburg, as well as three grand-children, four step-grand-children, and oodles of great-grandchildren, all of whom she loved with her whole heart.

A celebration of her earthly and eternal life will be held on Saturday, July 30, at 11 a.m., at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home, Lewisburg, with The Rev. Dallas Smith officiating. Visitation will precede the funeral at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

ages gifts in memory of Margie's life be donated to First Baptist Church of Fairlea, 9146 Seneca Trail, Ronceverte, WV 24970. Wallace & Wallace Fu-

The family encour-

neral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements.

Please send online condolences by visiting: www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Patricia Elizabeth Carter King



Lewisburg-On July 22, 2022, Patricia "Pat" Elizabeth Carter King, beloved wife, mother to one daughter, Roberta King Latham (husband William Ellis Latham, II) and one son, William Carter King, as well as grandmother to two boys, William "Liam" Ellis Latham III and Finner King Latham, passed

away at the age of 80.
Pat was born to Michael
Bannister Carter, Sr. and
Grace Baker Carter in
Sweet Chalybeate, VA, on
Aug. 30, 1941, and lived
most of her adult life in

Lewisburg.
She was preceded in death by her husband, William Edgar "Eddie" King; her brother, Michael Bannister "MB" Carter, Jr.; her mother, Grace Baker Carter; and her father, Mi-

chael Bannister Carter, Sr. As for her early life and education, Pat grew up in Sweet Chalybeate, VA. Her mother, Grace, worked as a school principal and her father, Mike, drove a school bus, and ran a small farm. She graduated from Dunlap High School at age 16 in 1957. She immediately enrolled at Radford University where she graduated with honors at 19 years old. She married the love of her life, Eddie, at age 21. Eddie worked as a caddie The Greenbrier Hotel. They shortly thereafter moved to Titusville,

FL, where Eddie maintained the golf course. When Eddie went to law school, Pat supported him.

Like her husband Ed-

die, Pat also went back to school, received her Master's Degree from Radford University and worked as the Administrator of Special Education for Alleghany Public Schools in Covington, VA, where she retired at age 65. She spent her entire adult life working. After a brief stint of retirement, Pat started a second career at age 67. She worked as a teacher at Anthony Correctional Center and then Denmar Correctional Center, both in West Virginia. She retired in May of 2021 at the age of 79. When she started her second career working with juveniles it was because she had a passion for working and teaching young people who needed a lift and second chance in their lives. She drove 45 minutes each way to work, not because she needed the work, but because she was determined to help those who needed most what she could deliver.

She was a devout Christian and was a member of Old Stone Presbyterian Church, where she taught Sunday School for over 30 years.

She was an expert at language, and never hesitated to use her kind, gentle wit to enlighten and entertain others. She was determined to do everything she could to ensure others' success, while at the same time, achieving her own great success. She was a self-made accomplished professional working for nearly 60 years teaching and guiding young people, especially her family, to achieve and find a pathway to a successful life.

Services will be held at Wallace & Wallace in Lewisburg on Friday, July 29, at 1 p.m., with Pastor Jeff Binder officiating. Friends may visit from noon to 1 p.m. Burial will be in Sweet Chalybeate Springs, VA.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Old Stone Presbyterian Church, 644 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

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

Please send online condolences by visiting www. WallaceandWallaceFH.

Robert Lee Weikle



Ronceverte-Robert Lee Weikle, 97, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Monday, July 25, 2022, at Genesis Tygart Center in Fairmont, WV.

He was born Nov. 23, 1924, at Clark Place in Sinks Grove, WV, the son of the late James Robinson and Minnie Mable Weikle. Robert was the seventh child of 12.

In addition to his parents, Robert was preceded in death by his wife, Eunice Vie Morgan; daughter, Cathy Walls Weikle; brothers, Thomas Weikle and his infant twin, John, James "Woodsy" Weikle and Edgar "Bud" Weikle; and sisters, Frances Anderson, Elsie McNeil and baby girl Weikle.

Robert is survived by sons, Danny (Mary) Weikle and Bobby (Linda) Weikle; brothers, Donald Weikle and Louie (Shirley) Weikle; and sisters, Marie Price and Betty Pomphrey.

Robert was the proud grandfather of eight, in-(Brent) cluding Erin Bunner, Colby (Brian) Dziki, Courtney (Ryan) Jessica Weikle-Mills, (Eric) Jackson, Michael (Gina) Walls, Sydney Walls-Whittington, Anna Young (Jeremy) and Tasha (Chris) Hatfield. He also was a great-grandfather of 13 and great-great-grandfather of three, and he had numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends and extended family.

Robert worked hard from a young age share-cropping on the farm, hunting and trapping. He attended Dewey School, a one-room school for grades 1-8. After graduating Union High School, Robert worked until he turned 18 and could volunteer to join the U.S. Army.

Robert was a World War II combat veteran with the 8th Armored Division overseas throughout Europe. He spent many cold nights and days travelling across France (Ardennes, Rhineland and Battle of the Bulge), Holland, Luxemburg and Austria on the tank "Bad Penny," because it always came back from battle. He was recognized by the French Embassy as an Allied solider who took part in the Normandy landing and contributed to the liberation of France. V-E Day found his battalion 65 miles from Berlin, Germany.

Discharged on Feb. 9, 1946, Robert returned home. He then spotted and married the "best-looking girl in Ronceverte," Eunice Vie Morgan, on Nov. 24, 1947.

Robert wrote the story of his life and combat travels to share with family and friends. He was honored to fly on the May 2014 West Virginia Honor Flight to the memorials in Washington, DC.

Robert worked many jobs, including as a machinist in an aircraft factory, an insurance salesman and dairy delivery man to name a few. He proudly was one of five individuals who founded Greenbrier Instruments in Ronceverte, which later was sold to Bendix Corporation and from which he retired.

Robert was a great cook. His scratch pancakes, burnt sugar syrup, fried fish and seafood were a favorite at family gatherings. Always busy, he was a craftsman at woodworking, a gardener and an avid OBX fisherman. His favorite destinations were Nags Head, NC, and Pipestem.

Pipestem.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the staff of Genesis at Tygart Fairmont for their exceptional care during his stay there.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net. Morgan Funeral Home

is in charge of arrangements. Private graveside services are planned.

Dorothy Carole Ramsey



Springs-Dorothy Carole Ramsey, 80, passed away Saturday morning, July 23, 2022 at her residence. She was born June 26, 1942 near Hollywood,

1942 near Hollywood, Monroe County, WV, the daughter of the late Clem S. and Sadie Mae Vass Bland. Carole was a member

of the Emmanuel United Methodist Church. She was a former employee of Cox's Department Store, Bank of White Sulphur Springs (now First Citizens Bank), Grand Piano and Furniture Company and Worldwide Equipment.

Carole is survived by her daughters; Betty Mace and husband Dennis of White Sulphur Springs and Sharon Dunbar and husband Bobby of Gap Mills; husband, Kester Ramsey; grandchildren, Christopher David Richmond (Shannon), Danielle Boone (Israel), Justin Mace, Stephanie Cash (Lucas), Steven Hoke (Samantha) and Jesse Hoke great-grandchil-(Traci); dren, Alexis Richmond, Kennedy Richmond, Savannah Richmond, Bryson Cash, Cody Cash, Lane Cash, Braylee Hoke, Jazmine Hoke, Brooklyn Frazier, Bryson Frazier, Izabella Williamson, Kendall Hoke, Abigail Haynes and Granger Boone; sister, Joan Brown of Ronceverte; and brother, Butch Bland (Joy) of White Sul-

phur Springs.
Funeral services for Carole are scheduled for Monday, Aug. 1, at 2 p.m. at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs with Pastor Bobby McClintic officiating. Interment will follow in the Carmel

Cemetery at Gap Mills.

The family will receive their family and friends from 12 noon until 2 p.m. at the funeral Home on Monday Aug. 1.

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

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Church Bulletin

FREE Summer Fun for Kids!

Join us at First Baptist Fairlea Aug. 1st-5th from 9 a.m. to noon for an exciting week of Vacation Bible School called "Spark Studio"! Kids will celebrate their creativity while learning about the Master Creator, making cool crafts, playing games, enjoying tasty snacks, singing new songs, and studying about mission with many of their friends!! Many have said that VBS is the highlight of their summer...so register TODAY at fbcfairlea.com or call the First Baptist Fairlea office at 304-645-3533 for assistance. "Spark Studio" will be a summer event to remember; come join the fun!

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.

Hedrick-Shepherd

The 55th Hedrick-Shepherd Reunion will be held Saturday, Aug. 6 at Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church at Fort Spring. The meal will be at 12 noon with meat and eating utensils provided. Please bring a covered dish and/or beverage and join us. Photos or items you would like to share will be put on display for everyone to see and enjoy.

Hodges-O'Brien

The descendants of James H. Hodges and Jeremiah O'Brien will meet in a Reunion Sunday, Aug. 21 at Ronceverte Island Park Shelter #1. We'll gather at noon with dinner at 1 p.m. Bring photos, family tree information, past reunion information, and other memorabilia to share. Also bring addresses for family members that have moved that you want to add to our mailing list. The descendants are dying and we, the reunion committee, need you and your families to continue this RICH tradition. Please bring anyone and come enjoy the FINE food and GOOD fellowship. Come and catch up on family news and reminisce about the good old days/times. Please share this announcement with family members and relatives who may not be on our current mailing list. If your address has changed, we need your new address. Please call Nancy Hodges at 304-647-3451 for the changes in your address. Hope to see you there! Our rain location is First Church of God of Ronceverte Fellowship Hall, Ronceverte and North Avenue, Ronceverte, WV.

Scott, Judy, Baldwin

The Scott, Judy, and Baldwin Reunion and annual get-together will be held Sunday, Aug. 14, at the Williamsburg Community Building. Doors will open at 11 a.m. with lunch starting around 12:30 p.m. All family and friends are invited to bring a covered dish, eat and be merry. For further information contact Shelby at 304-645-3690.

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 GEHSClassof1992@gmail.com

Club & Church

2022 Goldenseal magazine summer issue now available

The Summer 2022 issue of Goldenseal magazine is now available. Since 1975, Goldenseal has been West Virginia's Magazine of Traditional Life. Attached is a list of retailers where Goldenseal magazine is available.

This issue has a distinct summertime feel to it. The cover story is about what the Appalachian String Band Music Festival (better known as "Clifftop") in Fayette County means to its devoted attendees from around the world. Rebecca Kimmons writes about Clifftop's mysterious "Spirit Jam," and former Goldenseal editor contributes a poem about Clifftop.

In other articles, Michael Evans Snyder recalls a memorable day of trout fishing in Pendleton County; K. D. Bradshaw reflects on the "heaviness of memory;" Virgil L. Smith looks back at farm life on Panther Fork in Gilmer County; Travis Vandal takes readers on a photographic tour of our state parks and forests; Ostie Mathisen pays tribute to the late Carolin Harris and her former steakhouse in Point Pleasant; Carl E. Feather visits the annual Pickin' in Parsons bluegrass festival in Tucker County; David Fryson tells the story of Ebony & the Greek - a 1970s integrated funk band from the Charleston area; Ed Garten remembers Camp Brookside in Summers County; C. R. Thomas writes about sneaking into a drive-in theater in Bridgeport in Harrison County when he was a teenager; and Pete Ottaviano looks at an unusual drive-in that once operated in Lewisburg.

In addition, this edition profiles

traditional music venues in Morgantown and at Ashby's Fort in Mineral County, introduces new state folklorist Jennie Williams, and says goodbye to some of the magazine's authors and subjects who have passed away.

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Your help is needed with new Mon Forest Towns marketing campaign

The Mon Forest Towns Partnership, a collaborative between twelve gateway communities located in and near Monongahela National Forest, the USDA Forest Service, USDA Rural Development, West Virginia University, and the Woodlands Development Group is about to launch its first marketing campaign. The twelve communities include Cowen, Davis, Durbin, Elkins, Franklin, Marlinton, Parsons, Petersburg, Richwood, Seneca Rocks, Thomas, and White Sulphur Springs. The goal of the campaign is to highlight the natural beauty of the region, the abundant recreational opportunities, and all that makes each of the Mon Forest Towns unique. And the partnership needs

A central piece of the marketing campaign will be the creation of an electronic guidebook that lifts up local artists, businesses, and the Towns. What makes this guidebook diff erent is that it will be created from input provided by those that live in and around the Mon Forest Towns. To lend your perspective and knowledge to the guidebook, please complete a short survey at https://forms.gle/dxkhtU4BFrPQswci7

What is your favorite place for a meal? What would you recom-

mend off the menu and why? What can you tell us about local shops or businesses that are unique to your town? Is there a particular element of public art in your town that you want to highlight? These are examples of the questions that will be used to create the ultimate guidebook for the Mon Forest Towns region.

The campaign is called "Find Your Way to the Mon" and it relies primarily on photography of the landscape - both micro and macro - that exemplifies feelings of awe, wonder, and connection with nature. Do you have photos that you would like to share and make a part of the "Find Your Way to the Mon" campaign? If so, you can share send an email to monforesttowns@gmail.com. Images may be used as a part of the digital guidebook or for print materials such

as brochures, magazine ads, or even a billboard. For these reasons, high resolution photos are preferred (as high as you can go!).

In the "Find Your Way to the Mon" campaign, the iconic sign that greets visitors as they enter the Mon National Forest becomes the passport to the Mon Forest Towns experience. It's a welcome mat and a gateway. Referencing the shapes and fonts of the sign tells viewers that they are departing their regular life and entering a place of heightened connection to nature, wonder, and culture – that is accessible and within reach!

"The Mon Forest Towns Partnership recognizes the benefit of working together to market the national forest and the towns as a region. A region that is a cherished destination for anyone longing to escape the hassle of the city or for anyone looking for epic outdoor recreation," said Chelsea Faulknier, Chair of the Mon Forest Towns Marketing Committee.

Because the hallmark of the "Find Your Way to the Mon" campaign is the stamped wooden sign graphic, there's a lot of flexibility in how the campaign can uplift local artists, feature local businesses, and share what makes each town

unique. Rather than an image of a landscape or scene from the forest, images featuring the work of a localartist, a product or scene from a local business, or a scene or iconic landmark from one of the MonForest Towns can also be used as the background of the design.

"Each of the Mon Forest Towns is rich in history, art, and culture," said Bruce Bowling, Mayor of the City of White Sulphur Springs and Mon Forest Towns Board of Directors Member. "By shining the light on these aspects of our towns, we will add detail to the story of the region and the campaign."

The Mon Forest Towns Partnership hopes that this campaign will empower area residents and partners to be ambassadors for their communities. It was designed to inspire people who already live in the region to visit and enjoy the other Mon Forest Towns and the forest itself, as well as attract visitors from outside the region. Together, we can create and build on the sense of pride in and uniqueness of the region for the people who live here.

Please help highlight the best of your Mon Forest Town by completing the short survey at https://forms.gle/dxkhtU4BFrPQswci7

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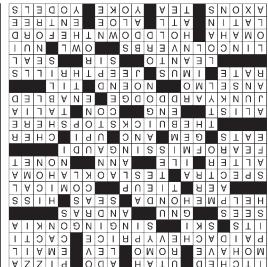
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SCHOOL

Greenbrier County Schools provide meals to students at no cost

Students in Greenbrier County will have the opportunity to eat a no-cost breakfast and lunch at school through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program. The CEP was enacted as a result of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act and provides universal meal service to children in high-poverty areas. This is the fourth year for the option.

The CEP serves as an alternative to collecting, approving and verifying household eligibility applications for free- and reduced-price eligible students in high-poverty Local Education Agencies (LEAs). If at least 40 percent of a school's student population is directly certified for free meal benefits, the entire school qualifies for the option.

"I am proud that Greenbrier County Schools will participate in the CEP program again this school year to help meet a crucial need for many students in our county," said Jeff Bryant, Superintendent of Greenbrier County Schools. "We know academic achievement increases when our students are wellfed and ready to learn, and we must provide secure and reliable access to nutritious meals, so all students have a chance to achieve at the highest level possible."

All 14 schools in Greenbrier County will participate in the Community Eligibility Provision, allowing the school system to potentially feed 4,700 students each day. The 2017 Feeding America: Map the Meal Gap data reports high levels of food insecurity and hunger across the country. In West Virginia, more than 14 percent of residents, and over 79,000 children, live in food insecure households.

For more information, contact Jenny Curry, Greenbrier County Child Nutrition Coordinator at jncurry@k12.wv.us or 304-647-6462.

Back-To-School-FUN-Fair at WSS Public Library

Join the community on Tuesday, Aug. 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the White Sulphur Springs Public Library for a Back-To-School-FUN-Fair. There will be free hot dog dinners, free haircuts for the kids, free face painting, and more. Set up around the library will be games, a craft,

and informational stations such as: DARE, WSS Girl Scouts, general and dental health information and other community organizations. Visit these informational stations and your child's name will be placed in a drawing for free school supplies. We hope to see

The library is located at 344 W Main Street, White Sulphur Springs. Please call the library at 304-536-1171 with any questions.

Vaughan named to **Emory & Henry** College Dean's List

Ryan Vaughan of Lewisburg has been named to the Emory & Henry College Spring 2022 Dean's list. To be named to the Dean's list, students must be a full time student and receive a 3.6 GPA for the semester.

Located in the Highlands of Virginia, Emory & Henry College has devoted itself since 1836 to the belief that education can have a transformative effect on an individual, a place and ultimately the

Emory & Henry College is consistently ranked among the nation's best private liberal arts institutions. The College's many accolades include the Presidential Award for Service Learning, the highest national recognition for community service and service learning; top tier recognition in Washington Monthly, USA Today, Newsweek and we are also listed among the top 40 schools in Colleges that Change Lives.

EMT-B and **Advanced EMT** classes planned at NRCTC

New River Community and Technical College is offering two workforce classes starting in August to help students pursue a career in the emergency medical services field.

Earning an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) certification allows someone to provide emergency responder care, including basic lifesaving care and first aid. EMT-B lab classes are scheduled in Ghent, Lewisburg and Summersville starting Aug. 22. The class is offered in a hybrid format allowing students to choose the time and location to attend the weekly lab portion of the class that works best for them. New River CTC's EMT-B course is a 156-hour class.

Those holding an EMT-B certification can advance in the field of emergency medical services by completing the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) class and earning their certification. The AEMT class teaches skills including caring for critical and emergent patients along with the basic and advanced use of equipment found on an ambulance. The two-semester AEMT course will be offered in Ghent on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. starting Aug. 10.

Both New River CTC's EMT-B and AEMT classes are approved for tuition assistance funding through Workforce West Virginia's WIOA program and Workforce HEAPS.

Students interested in continuing their education after earning the EMT-B certification will be prepared to continue their education in

New River CTC's Certificate of Applied Science in Paramedic and test for the National Registry Paramedic Certification by completing one additional semester at the college.

Advance registration is required for both courses. For more information on workforce education offerings at New River CTC or to register, visit www.newriver.edu/ workforce/ or contact Gloria Kincaid (304-793-6101, gkincaid@newriver.edu).

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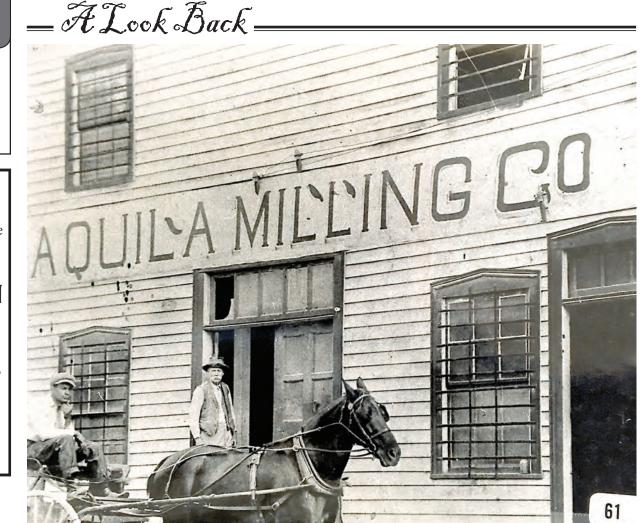
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since 1985, Aquila Lipps may have been the first. Born in Frankford in 1856, he became a Lewisburg entrepreneur. In the late 1800s, he sold and repaired wagons and had a milling business. The wagon shop was where Simms' lot is now, and the shop may have

been in the same building as the mill. Lipps was a skilled wheelwright and sold Birdwell wagons. In the 1890s, a one-horse Birdwell wagon sold for \$61. The "Mountain Model" cost \$88-\$141. Lipps died in 1923 and is buried behind the Old Stone Church.

As the corner lot changed hands several times, it continued to be referred to as the "Lipps shop property" in deeds. Eventually, it became the site of service stations and garages, most of which sold Standard Oil gasoline under the brands Standard Oil, Esso and finally Exxon.

Sources: The Greenbrier Independent, The History Museum (South Bend, Indiana), Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Dear Recycle Lady,

This is canning season and I have several metal flat lids and rings that are no longer useable. Can these flat lids and rings be recycled?

Canner

Dear Canner,

The Recycling Center accepts all the metal canning screw rings, which are recycled with steel cans. However, it doesn't accept the flat metal tops with a rubber gasket. These are a single-use product and are not recyclable. All screw-on metal tops that are on jars of items such as jam or spaghetti sauce, are also recyclable with steel cans. As with all recyclables, they must be clean and dry before going in the recycle bins. When replacing your old flat tops, consider purchasing some of the new reusable split-type canning lids with eco-friendly, nontoxic silicone seal rings. There are also glass lids available that are made to be used over and over and are safe for both water bath and pressure canning.

Dear Recycle Lady, Do plastic bottles need

to be flattened or crushed before they are put in the bag or bin for recycling? I was told that this needed

Whole Bottle Recycler Dear Whole Bottle Re-

No, #1 and #2 plastic bottles and jugs do not need to be flattened or crushed before recycling. However, be sure to remove the caps before adding them to recyclables. Some of the newer bottles say to recycle the bottle with the cap on, but the Recycling Center doesn't have the equipment to remove the caps. Bottles and caps are made with different kinds of plastics that have different melting points; thus, they must be separated before processing. Plus, when the bottles are compacted into bales, the extreme pressure causes the caps to shoot out and could seriously hurt anyone in their path. Ever wonder how a plastic bottle might be reused? One

idea is to drill holes in



the bottle and bury it with your plants that need a good supply of water. Pour water in the buried bottle and your plantswill have aslow stream of water. The website, https://www. youtube.com/watch?v=x-EAOvFG1AmM, has 38 clever ideas for things to create from an empty bottle. It's most interesting to watch!

Dear Recycle Lady,

I have torn down a small building with a metal roof. Can the metal roofing be recycled?

Glad it's Done

Dear Glad it's Done,

Yes, metal roofing is 100% recyclable. Any old panels or leftover scraps of metal that you have can also be recycled. When you take metal to the Recycling Center, go to the aluminum cans door, and press the button. Staff will assist you. Metal roofing, and other metals, are recycled into appliances, cans, plumbing and other such products. Recycled metal roofing and recycled aluminum roofing are both now available for your new roof.

Good News. Although there's still a long way to go, scientists report a "heartening" 30% reduction in plastic pollution on Australia's coast. The cleaner coastlines are thanks to the dedicated work by local governments to reduce litter. (fto. com) McDonald's Australia assisted in these efforts and announced in 2020 that plastic cutlery was to be phased out nationwide by the end of the year. Kudos to Australia!

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

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BUSINESS

Pocahontas Memorial Hospital announces expansion, generous benefactor

Construction to begin on new \$6.6M expansion project

Pocahontas Memorial Hospital (PMH) officials recently announced plans for a \$6.6 million addition to the hospital that will expand desperately needed healthcare services and critical care for the rural region.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held Tuesday, July 26.

"We have all waited a long time for this day," said Andrew Bair, CEO of PMH. "Our staff, this community, and most importantly, our patients deserve high-quality access to modern healthcare," he

The \$6.6M expansion project includes a new rural health clinic; modernized and additional clinic examination rooms, rehabilitation addition; expansions to the cardio-pulmonary/respiratory and radiology department, including mammography, nuclear medicine, and stress testing.

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area," Bair said. "Our hospital provides quality preventative and emergency healthcare that is within an hour's drive for our county residents."

In addition, PMH offers Level IV trauma care through its emergency department - an essential service not only for residents but also for visitors to Snowshoe Resort and other recreational designations.

The project will be funded primarily through a \$5.7 million USDA loan approved by the Pocahontas County Commission on June 28, 2022. In addition, the hospital secured a \$1 million gift from generous benefactors Joe and Peg Greenlee.

"We are grateful for the generous support from the Greenlees and the USDA," said Rebecca Hammer, CFO of PMH. "Their commitment jumpstarted our campaign and hospital expansion."

Since 1906, Pocahontas Memorial Hospital has served the health and wellness needs of a five-county region, which includes Pocahontas, Greenbrier, Nicholas, and Randolph

counties in West Virginia, as well as Bath County, Virginia.

The hospital's "Building on our Past, Building for the Future" capital campaign is ongoing. The generous support secured will cover expenses for the first phase of the expansion. However, the total renovation project costs \$11 million. The additional renovations will include enhancements to the hospital's operating room, ICU, inpatient pharmacy, and emergency room. Anyone interested in contributing to the campaign can visit, www.pmhcampaign.com for more details.

LEGAL

REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS - REROOFING AND RELATED WORK

CRAIGSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY, NICHOLAS COUNTY WV

The Craigsville Public Library is soliciting bids for reroofing all or portions of the Library building located at 63 Library Lane in Craigsville, WV, 26205. The building is about 4,200 square feet in area and consists of several adjoining sections with a complex roof structure. Based on the successful bidder's evaluation of the existing roofing

and on that bidder's recommendations, the job may include tear-off and replacement of all existing roofing materials, or tear-off and replacement of only certain portions of the roofing. If damaged or deteriorated roof sheathing is found on any part of the structure, the job will include removal and replacement of that sheathing. The job will include repair as needed, or removal and replacement, of an existing powered roof vent which is believed to not be operating.

along with the addition, if feasible, of other moisture venting provisions such as a ridge vent and/or a second powered vent. The job will also include such ancillary and detail work as is necessary to assure an acceptable and professionally completed job. The "BID INSTRUCTIONS AND BID PACKAGE" will be available at the front desk of the Library on and after July 27, 2022.

Each bidder is required to obtain and read the Bid Instructions And Bid Package, to provide the information required thereby, and to include the completed package as part of their bid A pre-bid meeting will be held at the Library on Friday, August 5,

2022 at 1:00 PM. Attendance at the pre-bid meeting is not mandatory, but is suggested for all interested potential bidders. All bids must be marked "Sealed Bid - Roofing" and must be received by the Library on or before August 25, 2022, at 5:00 PM. Bid

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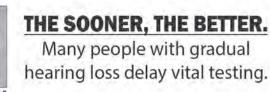
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Downtown Lewisburg to celebrate First Fridays After 5 and The Literary Arts Festival gust/September/October Exhibits open

The shops and restaurants of downtown Lewisburg are so excited to have the Literary Arts Festival return with literary and arts events, interesting activities and unique window displays the whole family will enjoy. Everyone is invited to this free festival!

Live Music will be performed in the **Greenspace** by musical artist Matt Evans from 5 to 8 p.m.

The Greenbrier County Public Library will post two short stories that you can read as you walk by merchants' windows where a page or two of the story will be posted. One will start at The Humble Tomato and continue on the north side of Washington Street ending at Cooper Gallery. The other story will begin at the General Lewis on the south side of Washington Street ending at Harmony Ridge. The library is also having a used book sale from 12 noon to 6 p.m. on Friday and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (152 Robert W. McCormick Drive 304-647-7568)

(StoryWalk® is an innovative and delightful way for children - and adults - to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.)

Stop in the Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center as they kick off the Lewisburg Literary Festival. Authors and book vendors will be on hand to talk about, sell and sign their literary works. In conjunction with the festival, Greenbrier Artists will present a show titled "Poetry Inspires Art." Various artists write poetry and members paint works based on the poems. Also featured in the center will be

an exhibit of handmade wood creations by Greenbrier Valley Woodturners. Both art shows will be on display throughout August. Enjoy the festival! (905 Washington Street W. 304-645-1000)

Valley Greenbrier Theatre: Join us for the closing weekend of Little Shop of Horrors. This classic piece of sci-fi theatre has been delighting audiences for 40 years with songs like "Somewhere That's Green" and "Suddenly Seymour." Don't miss out on seeing the movie starring Rick Moranis, Ellen Greene, and Steve Martin come to life right in downtown Lewisburg! (1038 E Washington Street 304-645-3838)

Harmony Ridge invites you to "Caption This!" In celebration of the Lewisburg Literary Festival you can show off your creative writing talents and win. The best caption wins the item! While here, check out our themed literary festival window and enjoy a summery glass of wine. (886 Washington Street, 304-645-4333. Next door to Food & Friends)

Bella's Corner Gour**met** Celebrating the 'Lit Fest with a Cookbook exchange and tasty wines, too! At Bella the Corner Gourmet we're cookbookish celebrating the LWB Literary Festival weekend! It's a cookbook exchange weekend! Simply bring one, get one. We've a couple new wines and cheeses to taste, too! (1017 Washington Street East. @BellaGourmetWV 304-520-4921)

Carnegie Hall's Au-

Friday, Aug. 5. Carnegie Hall features three rotating galleries, which display the works of regional artists. The upcoming exhibits feature works by artists Shari O'Day (Old Stone Room), Susanna Robinson (Lobby Gallery), and Steven Hutchins (Museum Gallery). There will be opening receptions at 5 p.m. in conjunction with Lewisburg's First Fridays after 5. Jazz musicians Bill Hoffman and William Penn will be providing entertainment for the Lobby Gallery. (611 Church Street. 304-645-7919) Visit the American Legion Post 69 located upstairs at 818 Jefferson Street S. for FREE Hot Dogs and soft drinks. Stop in and tour our newly renovated Hall and learn about the history of the Post and

> Veteran activities in Greenbrier County. Look for the American Flag! **Better Homes and Gardens Real Es**tate Central features artists Bruce and Jeanne Brenneman. A retired forester, Bruce has worked with wood his entire life and creates decorative objects made from wood. Jeanne is a signature member of the West Virginia Watercolor Society

> and a founding member of the Greenbrier

Artists. (1018 Washington Street) Be sure to stop by the **Sheena Pendley Studio** this First Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. for a complimentary Storybook photo in celebration of the Lewisburg Literary Festival!! Pop in for a quick photo before you head across the street to The Lewis Theatre for their show at 7! You LITER-ALLY can't pass this up! (SPDP Boutique Photo Studio is located on Court Street next to Corn + Flour, 846 N Court

Stardust will have a Tolkien cocktail special, and it's prime rib night! (1023 Washington Street 304-647-3663)

To help kick off the literary festival Edith's Store will offer 15% off all books and a sample of its newest line of kombucha from Rowdy Mermaid Kombucha. Stop by and get Rowdy for first Friday! (1035 E Washington Street 304-645-7998)

Little Miss has found The Shoe Box! What Little Miss or Mr. Men character will you be? We shall see! Stop by and search through our Summer Sale items, get those Back to School shoes, and join us for a fun kick off to the Literary Festival weekend. (847 N Court Street 681-318-3377)

Countyseat Arts and Music: What happens when literature and art meet? Find out Aug. 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the opening reception for Spaces - and photography exhibit by WVU Literature Professor Michael Germana. This is Michael's first art exhibit EVER! Show your support for new art while enjoying the sounds of Absolute Love Affair. (848 Court Street next to Mer-

ry Weathers and across from The Shoe Box) Mountain Momma

will feature lots of sales including all you can fit consignment items in a plastic bag for \$10, also 20% off all new shoes. We also have a new website! mountain-momma. square.site/

Peoples Bank will be giving away some promotional items so stop by their table that will be set up outside of the bank. (1085 Washington Street 304-647-4530)

Stop by **Patina** for Live

Celtic music by Patrick O'Flaherty along with complimentary drinks and Girl Scout cookies. (1046 Washington Street E, 304-520-4960)

Cooper Gallery will be open 'til 8 p.m. featuring Gallery artists. (1067 E Washington Street 304-661-1752)

Also open late till 8:00 for shopping: · Aggies and Vest (979 Washington

- Street W 304-645-4063)
- Little Black Box (818 Jefferson Street S 304-645-6646)
- · Wolf Creek Gallery (967 Washington Street W 304 645-5270)

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

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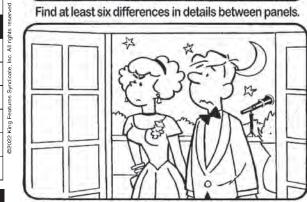
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STEPPIN' OUT

Local artist to be featured at Gallery 62 West in Grafton



Misty Murray-Walkup, owner of Laurel Creek Moun-

It's hard to imagine, but August is just around the corner. It's our pleasure to introduce you to our next featured artist at Gallery 62 West in Grafton, WV: Misty Murray-Walkup. The opening reception will be held during Grafton's First Friday activities from 6 to 8 p.m.

Hailing from Greenbrier County, Misty Murray-Walkup, owner of Laurel Creek Mountain Art, will be bringing a group of her fantastic art works to Gallery 62 West this August!

Misty is a full-time working artist and illustrator with over 30 years of experience. Although she prefers using oils and acrylics, she enjoys dabbling in several other mediums, always adding to her abilities along the way. As an entirely

self taught artist, she has developed and honed her unique painting style that has gained her respect and recognition in the art world.

She enjoys painting many subjects, but she has a strong focus on animals, both wildlife and domestic. She enjoys the unique challenge that painting wildlife in realism presents. She tells us, "I love painting in realism, and wildlife is by far my favorite subject. I bring the zoo inside my head to life on canvas with my brush and paint." She also enjoys painting portraits of people which brings the challenge of creating realistic skin tones and facial expressions.

She finds that inspiration to paint West Virginia wildlife comes easily because it's every-

where in our state. Misty works typically from a full pal-

ette. Any color found in nature can be found in her art. She uses them all to try to recreate what she sees as realistically as possible. Misty has received numerous awards

for her paintings, which have been juried into art shows throughout the United States. Additionally, her artwork can be found in private and public collections worldwide.

Her book, "The Wildlife Art of Misty Murray-Walkup," is a collection of 22 paintings in book form, which was recently selected for inclusion into the United States Library of Congress.

Murray-Walkup is a juried member of Tamarack in Beckley. Her artwork has been chosen by the WV Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) for several of their yearly calendars. Most recently, two of her paintings were selected for the 2022 edition of the West Virginia State Wildlife Calendar, and her black bear painting was selected as the cover for the state wildlife calendar for 2023, and her otter painting was also selected to appear in the interior of the calendar. She was also a featured artist for the Foundation for Appalachian Advancement. Misty was asked to create the 2021 official State Fair of West Virginia's Print of the Year/ Poster and was the first hidden image poster ever painted for the State Fair.

Murray-Walkup's artwork has been used in numerous books, including "Appalachian Folklore-Omens, Signs and Superstitions" cover and interior, as well as William McClung's "Appalachian Frontiersman" cover. Other publications

where her art may be found include "The Wildlife Art of Misty Murray-Walkup" cover and interior."Were Wolf Tales" cover and interior, "Ghosts of Greenbrier County" front and back covers, and "Haunted Lewisburg, West Virginia" front and back.

Being a self taught artist she shares this advice with anyone who is learning to paint or to improve their work - "Go paint! Truly, practice does makes perfect so, go paint, and paint some more!"

When she is not painting she enjoys

spending time with her husband of 30

years, James Walkup, and their four chil-Many of her amazing art works will be

for sale!

Gallery 62 West is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for your enjoyment of this show. For a private showing please call 304-265-5500 to make arrangements with our volunteers.

Last chance to buy advanced discount tickets to State Fair

The deadline to purchase advanced discounted tickets to the 2022 State Fair of West Virginia is this Saturday, July 30. Tickets may be purchased by visiting statefairofwv.com/tickets/, calling 1-800-514-ETIX (3849), or at the State Fair Box Office. The Box Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, July 30, from 9 a.m.

to 12 noon "We hope that folks are able to take advantage of our advanced discounted tickets," State Fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. "Not only are you getting a discounted price, but you do not have to wait in line for tickets when you get here!"

Gate admission discounts include a \$10 adult ticket (11 and older). Carnival discounts

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include a \$25 Mega Pass (rides from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m). Gate admission for children 10 years old and under is free all day, every

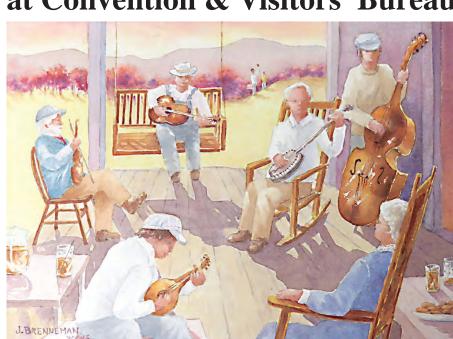
There are also several gate specials throughout the week, including an extended time for Dollar Day on Wednesday, Aug. 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information. visit statefairofwv.com or call the State Fair Office at 304-645-1090

The 97th Annual State Fair of West Virginia is scheduled for Aug. 11–22, in Lewisburg and will feature 10 days of livestock shows, carnival rides, fair food, and entertainment.

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Greenbrier Artists to hold exhibit at Convention & Visitors' Bureau



Greenbrier Artist Jeanne Brenneman painted this group of musicians to represent the poem "Back Porch Memories"

The Greenbrier Artists will present an art show entitled "Poetry Inspires Art" at the Greenbrier County Convention and Visitors' Bureau at 905 Washington Street West in Lewisburg. The art show will run from Aug. 4

through Aug. 29.

The Artists will be exhibiting art that was inspired by these poems: "Burgeoning Springtime" by GA member Pat Stine, "Rain" by GA member Shelby Oreolt, and "Back Porch Memories" by Earl

Beals, uncle of GA member Shari O'Day Mann.

On First Friday, Aug. 5, from 5 to 7 p.m., many of the participating artists will be at the Visitors' Center. Please stop by to see some amazing art and meet the artists!

Tribute to Bricktop returns to Alderson

6:30 to 8 p.m. the annual "Tribute to Bricktop" concert returns to the Alderson Memorial Bridge with Susanna Robinson leading a great group of musicians.

> Writer/Artist/Vocalist Susanna Robinson has been a fixture and creative force in the Lewisburg area for more than 25 years. She was a founding member of long-lived jazz combo Ghost Town Swing, well-known statewide and beyond for their sultry interpretations of jazz standards and has often been featured as guest vocalist for the Manhattan Jazz Quartet. Robinson has also appeared with Ancestor Radio and Sam and Janet Evening, as well as the eclectic Squawkin' Henry. She still returns to her jazz roots by belting it out with her jazz back-up group, Hoffman, Penn, and Bowen, formerly known as the Robinson-Kenga Trio.

The group will be entertaining in the spirit of Ada "Bricktop" Smith, once the toast of Paris, who hailed from Alderson, WV. Her rich life and many stories were regaled throughout the world, and her warm but decadent ways delighted the elite of the elite, who frequented her establishment, "Bricktop's" in Paris.

Joining her at the 8th annual "Tribute to Bricktop," will be guitarist extraordinaire Bill Hoffman, who hails from Roanoke, VA. Hoffman is known for his flawlessly smooth style, and his sweet renditions of jazz standards. He is an exceptional musician with an amaz-

ing technical knowledge of jazz.



Susanna Robinson with William Penn and Bill Hoffman during the 2021 concert

Hoffman currently plays with several groups including Roanoke's big band, The Old Timers. Keyboard player and crooner

William Penn, whose legendary reputation in Roanoke's jazz and R&B musical worlds speaks for itself, will be adding his special style to the concert.

Rounding out the combo is upright bassist Bob Bowen, a superb musician and experienced player. This will be his first performance with the group. In demand as both live player and session musician,

he is welcomed! As a special addition to the evening's performance, the group wel-

comes two lovely young voice stu-

dents as special guests. Teens Ella and Kylee will join Susanna to sing a couple of tunes.

There will be hot dogs with all the fixins' available for purchase along with water, soft drinks, and other treats.

This annual concert is sponsored by Alderson Main Street with financial assistance from the Arts and Recreation Fund of the Greenbrier County Commission.

Alderson Main Street President Doris Kasley said, "Bring your own lawn chair and perhaps a parasol. Watch the sunset over the Greenbrier River from a beautiful setting. It's a wonderful way to spend a summer evening."



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