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## 2022 WV State Fair begins: Agriculture and fun to take center stage



The WV Master Gardeners is a beautiful and educational stop along the agriculture features at the State Fair.

The 97th annual State Fair of West Virginia kicked off on Thursday, Aug. 11, and the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) will play a big part in the 10-day event. From the livestock shows to the dairy birthing center, the Produce Safety Trailer to the West Virginia Country Store, agriculture is at the heart of the State Fair.

"The State Fair is a reminder of the proud place agriculture has in the history of our State. But it also shows how important agriculture is to the security and health of our citizens today," said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. "As we continue to face rising inflation, supply chain issues, recover from a pandemic and experience higher energy prices, we as a State must embrace and celebrate our agricultural industries and its farmers."

"We have a great 10-days lined up and cannot wait to open the gates," State Fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. "Whether you are here for the rides, food, concerts, shopping or just plain fun - there is something for all ages to enjoy!"

The 2022 Concert Series features a sold-out Zach Bryan with special guest Charles Wesley Godwin on Aug. 18. Unfortunately, due to illness, the Cody Johnson concert with special guest Randall King scheduled for Aug. 11 was canceled.

Tickets are still available for the Buckin' B Bull Ride on Aug. 12, Foreigner on Aug. 13, Clay Walker and Tracy Byrd on Aug. 14, Restless Road on Aug. 15, Chris Tomlin on Aug. 17, and Walker Hayes with special guest Tigirlily on Aug. 20. WV-Native Kathy Mattea will also take the stage on Tuesday, Aug. 16, as a free show!

True to its roots, the SFWV will feature a full 10-days of livestock shows including the WV High School Rodeo, Junior 4-H and FFA livestock shows, horse shows,

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Rides will be open on the midway each day from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

### Mountain Messenger staff net first place WVPA awards

The West Virginia Press Association has released the results of their 2022 Newspaper Editorial and Advertising Contest, which they host annually. Newspapers from across the state compete with other publications in their circulation division in multiple editorial and advertising categories.

This year, Mountain Messenger Head Editor Sarah Richardson was awarded first place in the Best Legal Affairs Reporting category for her piece "Disbarred Attorney Convicted of Negligent Homicide," published March 10, 2021.

Reporter Lyra Bordelon won first place in the Best In-Depth or Investigative Reporting category for her piece, "Rudy's renovation on hold due to concerns over neighboring building," which was published in February of last year.

Both pieces are available to read online at [www.mountainmessenger.com](http://www.mountainmessenger.com).

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## Board of Education, local law enforcement making moves to protect schools

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Board of Education met for their regularly scheduled August meeting Tuesday, Aug. 9 at 1 p.m. at the GCS Achievement Center Board Room. A full docket consisted of various inter-instructional period decisions and preparations, chief among them the decision to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with local law enforcement.

This memorandum of understanding, which is between the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department, all municipal police forces operating within the county, and the Board, establishes the parameters and procedures for the training and placement of off-duty police officers at

schools within their respective jurisdiction. Secondary schools have already had Police Resource Officers (PROs) on hand for a number of years, and this program would help to bring the same level of protection to primary schools. Officers will be on school duty when off of regular police hours, will be armed, and must complete additional task specific tactical and strategic training.

Director of Security for the Board, Vince Deeds, was on hand to present the MOU to the board and answer questions. "Parents and families will be pleased, it will help us retain more of our officers, and this is a big force multiplier for law enforcement efforts in general while keeping our children safe," said Deeds. "There aren't really

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## County Commission given opportunity to remediate former industrial sites

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Commission met Tuesday, Aug. 9 at 10 a.m. for their regularly scheduled meeting and heard a presentation from Region Four Planning and Development Project Assistant Betsey Morris.

Morris informed the commission that after the 2016 flood, "Many communities found that they had formerly industrial areas which were geographically placed such that they would fill up with water in flood events and then carry contaminants and old, buried industrial waste into streams and disperse them around the community."

As a result of this pollution and the danger it poses to communities, the Region Four Planning and Development Office wrote a grant through the EPA to bring remediation efforts to the area. As of 2021 that grant fund is fully funded for Region 4 and county and municipality governments can submit potential former industrial areas to the fund to have those areas investigated for contamination. "It might be that there's nothing there at all, and now we and the community can be assured and have peace of mind and can even begin the restoration process of some of the wonderful buildings around the county. But if there is something you'll know that that property can be made safe."

The Commission was very grateful to Morris for coming to Lewisburg to present this information to them, but no actions were officially undertaken as of now.

In other news, the commission signed two separate pieces of paperwork related to the Meadow River Rail Trail. E.L. Robinson is prepared to begin the final six mile stretch of the trail, which leads into the town of Rainelle, and requires the signing of a professional agreement. The commission passed that signatory action unanimously, as they also did to a change order from Lynch Construction on their portion of the trail.

Lynch need to make construction repairs due to a conflict between the design of the work and the realities on the ground when work was completed. Commissioner Tammy Shifflett-Tincher assured the public the issue is a small one and needs only a small revision to the original contract, and that the repairs required still did not exceed the budgeted funding through the TAP Grant for the project.

The Commission also signed the National Farmer's Week proclamation, a proclamation recognizing the importance of farmer's markets to "revitalizing rural communities through offering opportunities for

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and of course, the fan-favorite Draft Horse Pull on Friday, Aug. 19, at 9 a.m.

To help mitigate the potential spread of H3N2v (Swine Influenza), the swine barn at the State Fair will be closed to fairgoers.

“Like every year, Department staff will be checking in every animal who attends the State Fair. But due to recent positive results for swine influenza at another fair, we will be stepping up our effort to ensure a safe environment,” said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. “I want to make it abundantly clear, the State Fair is safe to attend, and we encourage folks to support this honored tradition.”

Fair officials and the WV Department of Agriculture Animal Health will be performing regular checks throughout the barn. Fairgoers are asked to continue to wash hands after visiting any animal exhibit, and those with weakened immune systems should be extra cautious.

Gate specials throughout the week include First Energy’s Magic Monday (8/15), Senior Citizen’s Day (8/16), the Early Bird Special sponsored by Diversified Energy featuring \$1 admission from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (8/17) and Military Discount Day (8/17). Children age 10 and under will once again get in free all day, every day.

The week is also filled with free entertainment for all ages including Swifty Swine Pig Racing, the Bears of Bearadise Ranch, the Hot Glass Academy, Kidbuck\$ Game Show, the Nerveless Nocks, Zuzu African Acrobats, and a packed schedule on the U.S. Cellular Free Stage!

The West Virginia Country Store in the Gus R. Douglass Annex will be filled with WV Grown products from all across the state. From jams and jellies made with West Virginia berries to honey collected from Mountain State hives, the Country Store will feature more than 40 vendors who proudly call West Virginia home.

“Not only will visitors be able to taste-test these products, vendors will be on hand to talk about how they find and source their ingredients. Whether it’s maple syrup for the always popular maple cotton candy or red peppers for a spicy salsa, our vendors will share what makes WV grown products so special,” Leonhardt said. “We encourage everyone to check out everything our WV Grown County Store has to offer.”

Also in the annex, you’ll find the WVDA apiarists who will explain how honeybees help make agriculture possible. They’ll have a demonstration hive behind glass so folks can get up close and see the bees at work. WVDA Plant Industries staff will also be on hand to talk about invasive pests impacting our forests.

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any downsides that I can see.” Superintendent Jeff Bryant commented on the MOU, saying that “Nothing is too good for our kid’s safety.” The MOU was approved unanimously by the board.

The board also heard a presentation from Board of Education Director of Operations/Transportation George Brooks on Electric School Buses. The federal government has released and will release billions of dollars in reimbursements to school districts which sign on to replace some of their oldest diesel buses with electric buses. Brooks relayed that according to the guidelines

**Local fire departments hold safety training at fairgrounds**

**On Aug. 8, members of the Fairlea Volunteer Fire Department, Lewisburg Volunteer Fire Department, White Sulphur Springs Volunteer Fire Department, and Reithoffer employees held a joint safety and rescue training at the West Virginia State Fairgrounds in preparation for this year’s fair. This annual practice helps ensure a safe event for everyone. Special thanks to Reithoffers, Jeff Alberts, Suzanne Blake, and the WV State Fair CEO Kelly Collins.**

The WVDA Produce Safety trailer and tent will be set up directly across from the beer garden and feature new, interactive games. In addition, growers will be able to sign up for free On-Farm Readiness Reviews or on-site visits to determine improvements to their growing and processing operations.

Next to the Dairy Birthing Center, the WVDA Dairy Display will be stationed where children can spin a wheel and win prizes while they learn about West Virginia’s dairy industry. Because of the on-going Avian Influenza (AI) outbreak in surrounding states, the Poultry Building will not feature live birds during the fair. However, fairgoers may stop by, between 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., to visit educational displays and to sample poultry products.

Much of the action at the State Fair takes place at the livestock barns. Hundreds of cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, rabbits, llamas and horses will be on display. The WVDA Animal Health staff will be on hand throughout the fair checking in animals, making sure there are no signs of communicable diseases. They also make sure all testing requirements have been met and the proper movement documents are in place. If you have animal health questions, you can contact the WVDA Animal Health Division at 304-558-2214.

The WVDA is looking forward to showcasing all thing agriculture at the fair.

For more information or questions, contact Crescent Gallagher at 304-380-3922 or cgallagher@wvda.us

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**PICK OF THE LITTER**

**FRED**  
Fred is a two-year-old Plott Hound mix and weighs 41 pounds



**SAPPHIRE**  
Sapphire is a four-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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set by the government, seven buses in the county currently qualify. Per the government program, the new buses’ purchase price must be fronted by the county, but is to be reimbursed by the government. Electric buses which almost perfectly resemble current school bus designs are upwards of \$200,000 and buses that have a charter-bus design (manufactured by Greenpower) run upwards of \$300,000. Brooks explained that the range of electric buses is roughly 140 to 160 miles per full charge currently, while a diesel bus with a full 100 gallon tank can run roughly 500 to 600 miles. “This is not a ‘field-trip’ bus, obviously,” Brooks added. “However, this is enough to complete a single bus route in the morning, and those buses can charge during the day if need be.”

In regards to charging, Brooks mentioned that he had spoken with Monpower and AEP and had been told by them that the existing service stations could provide power to charge electric vehicles, but would need to be upgraded. He was not quoted a price at that time. He also mentioned that the most cost-friendly charging device for the electric buses is one that does a full charge in eight hours. Moving up in price, charging devices do get faster, but will pull more power, and at the highest end “which no one can afford right now” is the construction of effectively “a small substation” at the bus depot.

Chief School Business Official David McClure said that this would be a positive opportunity for the county, as the county also receives cost reimbursement of 92.5 percent of “hard costs” associated with bussing and transportation from the state. “This covers oil, filters, fuel, tires, and things of that nature. Under the bus reimbursement formula now, that reimbursement is calculated by the value of our fleet, so adding these seven electric buses would raise the value of our fleet and therefore raise the value of that reimbursement and thus I think it’s a solid decision economically.”

Members of the Board, however, were deeply concerned about the prospect of battery powered vehicles for school buses. “I’ve looked into this matter deeply,

and it seems that the lithium and the cobalt associated with the production of these batteries is highly toxic and highly caustic. If there were to be a wreck with one of these things, it could be a seriously dangerous hazardous waste issue with kids involved,” board member Richard Parker noted.

Board member Andrew Utterback asked, “How long will replacement batteries last, and what will be the cost to replace them?” Brooks responded by saying that no manufacturer of electric buses to his knowledge has answered the second question definitively due to fluctuating prices, however, they do claim that a battery lasts ten years and that by the time the batteries run out the price of batteries will have fallen precipitously due to advances in battery technology. Utterback responded by saying that, “We’ve seen multiple stories of Tesla batteries, advertised to last for five years, lasting two. And if the battery is damaged then the lifespan doesn’t matter and we have to replace it for tens of thousands of dollars. What’s that compared to oil and filters, for example?”

Board President Jeanie Porterfield-Wyatt also noted concerns over the environmental impact of replacing buses. In order to replace a school bus, “The bus must be cut in half and have a hole drilled into the cylinder to render the engine inoperable,” according to Brooks. Wyatt responded, saying, “That doesn’t really seem very environmentally friendly, to just let it sit in some landfill because we switched it out.”

The Board then moved to a vote on the matter, and the motion to approve the purchase of seven electric buses via the federal reimbursement plan was rejected.

With the next item on the agenda, the board discussed action on a request for partnership between the Monroe County WVU Research Farm and Greenbrier County Schools. The WVU Research Farm in Monroe County is facing closure, as WVU College of Agriculture is making cuts in research farms of its across the state. However, citizens of Monroe County are interested in

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# Briefly

## American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte, is open to the public, all welcome, handicap accessible. Listeners and tourists welcome. Admission \$7 Tuesday nights, \$10 Saturday - Audience provides food. Doors open at 7 p.m. Jam & Dance every Tuesday 7 to 10 p.m. 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.

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seeing the farm remain both a part of Monroe County and WVU and are willing to work with the University's Agriculture Department to see that it remains so. Pursuant to this, the Monroe County Commission and Board of Education have been given an opportunity to see the farm not only remain in operation, but host more research and community involvement. If Monroe County and its Board of Education can demonstrate through proposed projects and robust partnerships that it can be a viable source of research and development, the College of Agriculture will consider allowing the facility to remain as is.

As such, Monroe County and their Board have already partnered with several entities, and sought to partner with Greenbrier County Schools in more ways than just signatories: the two school boards have proposed allowing Greenbrier high schools to use the facility for science and agricultural experiments as an off-site laboratory of sorts. Several projects have already been proposed, and the list of partners now includes Greenbrier County Schools, as the board voted unanimously to join and help retain the WVU Research Farm in the Greenbrier Valley for use by Greenbrier Valley students.

In another partnership, the board also approved a joint effort with the Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center on Tuesday. The agreement will allow Greenbrier County sixth graders, with parental permission and alongside their P.E. teachers to use the facilities at the Aquatic Center for a wet-dry gym class. Students will go as P.E. classes to the center, where they will get half of a class in one of the center's dry gyms, while the other half receives free swimming lessons, and then vice versa. The initiative is more than just fun, however, as Superintendent Bryant explained, "The number one cause of death among young kids is actually drowning, so we want to take this opportunity to help protect our kids as well as give them a unique athletic opportunity." The board unanimously approved the partnership, and dates and details will be forthcoming.

The board also considered action on the passing of a levy. According to David McClure, "We are currently only levying 50 percent of what we can, and looking at the numbers, all of our surrounding counties are levying 100 percent of what they're allowed, so that puts us at a competitive disadvantage." McClure suggested the approval of submission of the levy to the voters, and the board approved that passage unanimously. Therefore, county ballots in November will include a choice on the school levy.

The board will meet for their next regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. at the Kyle & Ann Fort Arts & Sciences Center. The public is encouraged to attend. Date and time are subject to change, consult [www.greenbriercountyschools.com](http://www.greenbriercountyschools.com) or call 304-647-6456.

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new, small, and veteran farmers to market their produce." The proclamation also recognized that farmer's markets account for nine billion dollars annually in the U.S. Representatives were on hand to discuss the times and place of the five markets that operate in Greenbrier County: Renick which meets on Tuesday afternoons, Alderson on Tuesday afternoons, White Sulphur Springs on Thursday afternoons, Western Greenbrier (Rainelle) on Fridays, and the Courthouse Farmer's Market on Saturdays. The commission encourages the public to visit and patronize local growers at their nearest Farmer's Market, and signed the proclamation unanimously. Effective immediately, Aug. 7 through Aug. 13, 2022 is Greenbrier County Farmer's Market Week in accordance with National Farmer's Market Week.

The Greenbrier County Commission is scheduled to meet for their next regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 23 at 10 a.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

## Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Michelle L. Coffman-Phillips, Rupert, speeding, GP, fine \$5

Timothy Wilson, Alderson, abuse or neglect of incapacitated adult, NCP, fine \$100, jail 30 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Christopher Lee Helm, Raleigh, NC, reckless driving, NCP, fine \$100, jail 30 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Kenneth Michael Eltzroth, White Sulphur Springs, driving revoked, NCP, fine \$100

Ralph Wade, Nashport, OH, speeding, GP, fine \$10

Amanda Lee O'Neal, Ronceverte, domestic battery, NCP, jail 90 days

Darrick W. Proctor, Virginia Beach, VA, speeding, NCP, fine \$20

Kain A. Bowyer, Ronceverte, 1) use of false identification by person under age, NCP, fine \$25; 2) unlawful acts of persons, fine \$50

Zachary Adkins, Rainelle, trespassing, GP, fine \$100

Nancy Wachter, Cincinnati, OH, speeding, GP, fine \$5

## 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
- Paving bids
- Other business

### Greenbrier Public Service District #1

will meet Friday, Aug. 19, at 7 a.m. at the District Office, 9035 Seneca Trail South, Fairlea. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - July 22, 2022
- Financial Report
- Manager Report
- Field Report
- Engineering Report
- Presentation from septic tank haulers
- Rolling Hills & Brush Road extension projects:
  - Payment resolutions
  - Other project-related business brought before the Board
- Executive session, personnel
- Other business brought before the Board

## Patch Adams comes to Ronceverte for Picnic in the Park

By Adam Pack

On Sept. 3 and 4, at Ronceverte Island Park, Patch Adams himself will be hosting a benefit festival for the Gesundheit! Institute. Picnic in the Park with Patch will be held each day from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The event's official page states:

"You have your choice of a one or two-day pass to the party of the year put on by Things by Bren, A fundraiser for Patch Adams' Gesundheit Institute! We even have VIP tickets that include personal time with Patch, upfront seating to concerts, free parking and many other perks.

For info about Patch and his institute go to [www.patchadams.org](http://www.patchadams.org) all attendee information will be shared with the Gesundheit! Institute after the event. The VIP ticket will take you to Patch's little piece of Heaven at the Gesundheit Institute's 300-acre mountain in Hillsboro, West Virginia."

Entertainment includes music, comedy shows, singing clowns and more. There will be vendor booths for food, beer, specialty items, and many games.

Pricing for the event is as follows: General Admission One Day: \$99 (+\$2.48 service fee), General Admission Two Day: \$169 (+\$4.23 service fee), General Admission VIP: \$239 (+\$5.98 service fee), Saturday Evening Only: \$69 (+\$1.73 service fee), Virtual Patch in the Park: \$29 (+\$0.73 service fee). All West Virginia residents can use code "WV20" at checkout to receive a 20 percent discount, as well.

Brenda Wood, organizer and motivational speaker, is very excited to host this event and the implications it will have on the community. "What we're trying to do here is continue finishing, primarily with windows and siding, the buildings that already exist at the Gesundheit! Institute. While of course we're not yet ready to get a hospital, which is the ultimate goal, we do already have several buildings and our main immediate goal right now is the free clinic. There, people from Pocahontas County and the surrounding area can receive free medical care without having insurance. And of course, that will include preventative medicine and check-ups, which are so vital."

At the event, Wood and Adams would like to see "a healthy dose of people coming out and supporting local, free medical care, and having a great time with plenty of good music."

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.thingsbybren.com](http://www.thingsbybren.com)

## For the Record

### Deeds

Jeffrey A. Forren and Holly S. Forren to Randolph M. Baker and Brian K. Baker, 1.16 Acres, Fort Spring Dist. Dateward D. Beavers to Scott F. Saunders, 23,900 Sq. Ft., Meadow Bluff District

Billy J. Brannon to Sarah L. Cook, Lot No. 44, Hamilton Place Subdivision, Town of White Sulphur, White Sulphur District

William T. Winters and Alicia B. Winters to Jackson K. Thomas and Christina L. Thomas, Lot No. 3, Snedegar Acres Subdivision, Lewisburg District

Shari B. Armstrong and Katie Windon to Stephen R. Armstrong, Lot No. 3, Sandy's Subdivision, City of Ronceverte

Jordan Wyatt Lewis to Thomas Ambrose, 5241 Sq. Ft., White Sulphur Corporation District

Stephen Wehrle and Laura Wehrle to JD-SD Investments, LTD., Lot No. 11, Lodge Cottages Phase II Neighborhood, The Greenbrier Sporting Club, White Sulphur District

Eustace Nelson and Johanna Holton to Glen R. Diehl and Twyla B. Diehl, 1.2 Acres, Falling Springs Corp.

Reuben Dancy and Sherry Dancy to Jeremy Kent Shaffer and Stephanie C. Gill, Meadow Bluff District, 1.036 Acres

Wanda E. Young to Kenneth Grant Wade, 13.42 Acres, Anthony Creek District

## Marriages

David Wayne Hall, Sr. (Lewisburg) to Mary Lilly Brooks (Alderson)

Charles Joshua Nester (Lewisburg) to Jessica Ann Holbrook (Lewisburg)

Joshua Nathan Canfield (Charmco) to Brook Rene Hutcheon (Charmco)

Robert Thomas Kirk (Crawley) to Kristen Lashonda Harris (Crawley)

Jimmy Don Rood (Lewisburg) to Brandi Lea Short (Lewisburg)

## Suits

In Re: The Marriage of: 08/05/22 - Emily Stacy and Tra Stacy

In Re: The Marriage of: 08/08/22 - Mark Wayne Rhodes and Debra Lyn Rhodes

## Public Health Task Force meeting update

The Public Health Task Force held a meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 9, and reports the following information:

1. **HEALTH DEPARTMENT.** Dr. Morrison reported on the current state of several ongoing public health issues. In terms of COVID, Greenbrier and Monroe are both in moderate risk areas and rising. ER and provider visits are increasing. In terms of swine flu (influenza A), there have been a few people test positive for swine flu who had direct exposure to sick pigs in another part of the state. It appears as if we are out of the infectious window, but surveillance is always in place. The State Fair is doing all the right things out of an abundance of caution. Swine flu exhibits just like the moderate flu symptoms and typically develops 1-3 days after exposure. In terms of monkeypox, there are no cases locally and four in WV so far. The US leads the world in cases currently and cases are expected to increase. There is a vaccine but it is not readily available.

2. **STATE FAIR.** Kelly Collins reported on efforts to protect public health at the fair. Specifically, they are taking precautions with swine flu. There's no public access to the pig barns and veterinarians are monitoring their health daily. Hand washing stations have been added for safety. There have been no further cases of swine flu at local fairs recently, but they are still taking precautions to be safe.

3. **SCHOOLS.** Paula McCoy reported that schools are preparing to reopen. Masks are optional. Students who test positive remain out of school for five days and return to school on the sixth day. Then they mask for five days. PPE is readily available.

4. **OMICRON BOOSTER?** We aren't sure when an omicron-specific booster will be available. Hopefully this fall.

5. **FLU VACCINES?** They will be arriving at providers soon and are readily available.

6. **INFO ON MONKEYPOX?** The CDC website is the best source of info on monkeypox. Visit here: <https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/index.html>

7. **INFO ON SWINE FLU?** The CDC website is the best source of info on swine flu. Visit here: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/swineflu/index.html>

(Summary submitted by Senator Stephen Baldwin on behalf of Julian Levine, WVSOM, and the entire Task Force)

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# OPINION

## Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

### Sop it Up

One of the most valued vegetables in my summer garden is a tomato. Having grown up in the “garden state,” everyone in my old neighborhood grew tomatoes. Jersey is known for great tomatoes and any farm stand along any road there will offer delicious, plump, red beauties to take home for fresh salads, tomato pie, or zesty salsa.

My favorite recipe is tomato pie. Buy or make a simple butter pie crust, bake it till lightly brown and set aside out of the oven. Drain thinly sliced tomato wedges in a sieve for ½ hour to remove all excess liquid. You can use this liquid for tomato juice and a morning Bloody Mary cocktail! Sauté chopped onions or shallots and begin to layer the tomatoes in the cooled off pie shell adding fresh chopped basil, oregano, and chives and a scoop of the cooked onion or shallot for every layer. When I have filled the pie shell with all these ingredients, I mix up ¼ cup of shredded cheddar cheese with ¼ mayonnaise. No salt is needed since the cheese has plenty already. That gets spread on top of the final layer of tomatoes like an icing. Bake at 350 degrees until the top is turning a golden brown, about 30 minutes. Let it cool out of the oven before slicing for another 10-15 minutes. This pie pairs well with any meat or fish entree or just by itself for breakfast or lunch. It is heavenly.

Some of my gardening friends say that their tomatoes are suffering. Too much rain has hit our mountains, hills, and gardens and the plants are begging for some prolonged sunlight. Tomatoes thrive best in hot climates with just a once a week watering. If the roots stay soggy in water, they can't breathe. Rot can set in or bacterial wilt. What can you do to prevent this situation? Well, we can't control the rain clouds which seem to be opening up in the sky every other day or so, usually in the mid afternoon and often in the middle of the night. Downpours occur in a split second, sending me racing outside to close my car windows.

In the garden, I have placed a layer of cardboard around all the transplants as soon as they go in the ground, including tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, cabbage, etc. I simply rip off a chunk of cardboard from the multitude of boxes piling up from online ordering, and tuck it around a plant, leaving the stalk of the plant open a few inches on the ground to allow rain to get in easily. Then whenever I weed, I place the pulled weeds right on top of the cardboard. Over the following months, the weeds break down and melt into the cardboard, all of which gets eaten by worms and insects and eventually disappear. This adds nutrients to the soil in the form of compost. The garden soil stays moist under the cardboard and the plant's roots are not baking in the summer heat.

Rain splashing up from bare soil to the tomato plants can carry spores of fungal blight and leaf spot. YUK. Covering the soil with cardboard or a few layers of newspaper or a light layer of grass clippings will keep



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these disease carrying spores from splashing up from the bare soil. Removing the bottom leaves on tomato plants also helps to keep spores from spreading up from the soil. Lots of rain can cause your tomatoes to split open, especially the smaller cherry toms. They plump up with water and burst their skins. Again, there is nothing you can do except check your garden daily and remove the split tomatoes, eat them if the bugs have not yet infiltrated the openings. Nothing smells worse than a rotting tomato lying on the ground with fruit flies swarming around it.

Blossom end rot is a tomato disease, too. The end of the fruit turns brown and slowly spreads to the whole tomato. Blame inconsistent rain, nutritional deficiencies, and dry soil. Again, mulching with natural, compostable materials will keep the soil from drying out as well as sopping up excess water. An easy solution to a pesky garden problem. Try it.

*(Karen Cohen is a Mistress of her organic, chemical-free garden, a lover of nature and an avid explorer. Email your tips, comments and questions to nature-swaykaren@gmail.com and Happy Gardening!)*

## Commentary

### Why risk it?

### Click It or Ticket

Summer is winding down and as people prepare for one last weekend away during the Labor Day holiday or a quick vacation before school is in session, more drivers are on West Virginia roads. The West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) is reminding all drivers of the importance of correct seat belt use. The GHSP is coordinating a statewide Click It or Ticket high-visibility enforcement mobilization that is currently underway. West Virginia's statewide Click or Ticket mobilization continues through Aug. 21, 2022.

West Virginia law enforcement officers are on the roadways, ticketing seat belt violators traveling without a correctly buckled seat belt or transporting unrestrained children. This statewide seat belt campaign is aimed at enforcing proper seat belt use to help keep all vehicle occupants safe as part of the GHSP's year-round highway safety activities to curb the number of crashes, fatalities, and injuries in West Virginia. The GHSP supports several statewide Click It or Ticket high-visibility enforcement mobilizations throughout the year.

“Seat belts save lives, and if just one life is saved, mobilizations like this are worthwhile,” said Gov. Jim Justice.

In 2020, 47 percent of all passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in West Virginia were unrestrained.

People who live in rural areas might believe their crash exposure is lower, but in 2020, 64 percent of total vehicle fatalities in West Virginia occurred in rural locations.

“Wearing a seat belt can reduce the risk of fatal injury by 45%. The seat belt prevents a driver or passenger from being ejected or becoming a projectile within the vehicle. Knowing that, I would ask, ‘Why wouldn't you wear your seat belt? Why risk it?’” said GHSP Director Bob Tipton.

“We have reiterated the data this year. Our seat belt usage rate went down in 2021. Roadway fatalities went up last year. It is imperative that we change driver and passenger behavior so that lives are saved. Too many people die in crashes where they would have survived if they had been wearing their seat belt,” continued Tipton.

“Approximately 12 percent of West Virginia drivers and passengers do not correctly wear their seat belts. We are working hard to change this trend. Wearing your seat belt is required by law. Our long-term goal is to have 100% of drivers and passengers in West Virginia correctly buckling their seat belts day and night, front seat and back, every time they travel in a vehicle. Additionally, we are working toward an ultimate goal of zero deaths on West Virginia roads. These goals are achieved through various means, including statewide enforcement periods like this one,” Tipton explained.

The values of our families' and friends' lives in West Virginia are priceless - and much higher in value than the money violators pay if ticketed, which is \$25 with no additional court costs or fees. If you are caught driving while unbuckled and you get a ticket, look at it as your wakeup call. A ticket is less expensive than paying with your life or the lives of your family and friends.

“Click It or Ticket isn't about citations; it's about saving lives,” concluded Tipton.

For more information about the West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program, visit [highwaysafety.wv.gov](http://highwaysafety.wv.gov) or call 304-926-2509.

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## Commentary

### Attorney General Morrissey issues comment on \$400M Opioid Settlement

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey said Monday's \$400 million settlement reached between more than 100 cities and counties statewide and opioid distributors AmerisourceBergen Drug Co., Cardinal Health Inc. and McKesson Corp. will benefit the fight against the opioid epidemic in West Virginia.

“I'm happy to see the judicial system work as it should by benefiting West Virginia communities that have been hit hard by opioid abuse,” Attorney General Morrissey said. “This settlement, along with other settlements from other cases, will provide significant help to those affected the most by the opioid crisis in West Virginia. I've always said that at the end of the day, West Virginia will have the highest per capita settlement results in the nation fighting for our people.”

The lawsuit accused the three major U.S. drug distributors of causing a health crisis throughout West Virginia.

“As a result of this strategy, the cooperative effort and the dedication of counsel for the cities, counties and our

office, West Virginia has received the largest per capita opioid settlement in the country, so far,” Attorney General Morrissey said.

In the past two years, the state has settled claims against manufacturers and related parties totaling \$296,531,000:

Overall amount secured thus far from opioid manufacturers & related parties (\$296,531,000):

- McKinsey - \$10,000,000
- Endo - \$26,000,000
- Johnson & Johnson - \$99,000,000
- Teva, Allergan - \$161,531,000

Other outstanding cases pending in bankruptcy:

- Purdue
- Mallinckrodt

“We're not done yet,” the Attorney General said. “We will continue to fight to get the best results for the people of West Virginia and the funding needed to help combat the scourge created by this epidemic.”

## PSC advises of assistance for rising utility bills

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) has reported international natural gas and liquefied natural gas prices hit record highs in the last quarter of 2021 and first half of 2022. Natural gas utility companies in West Virginia are currently filing their annual 30C cases with the PSC to adjust the purchased gas portion of their rates. Some of those requests are as much as 173% above the rates the Commission approved last year. The Commission does not regulate the price of natural gas; that price is determined by competitive markets. The EIA also reports that the large increase in natural gas fuel costs over the past year is driving up wholesale electricity prices throughout the United States.

The Public Service Commission is concerned about the effect these increasing prices are having and is advising customers where they can look for assistance.

Customers facing difficulties paying their utility bills should first contact WV211 to see what financial assistance may be available in their area, including churches and local charities.

Customers should also contact their local West Virginia DHHR office to apply for assistance through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), a federally funded program that helps low-income citizens pay for home heating and cooling, weatherizing your home and minor energy-related home repairs. DHHR also administers the 20% Discount Program,

available from November through March to qualifying low-income customers.

Dollar Energy's West Virginia Utility Assistance Program may be able to provide a one-time grant to help pay electric, gas or water bills. If LIHEAP is available, you must apply for that program before applying for the Dollar Energy program. A link to Dollar Energy may be found on the PSC website: [www.psc.state.wv.us](http://www.psc.state.wv.us).

The West Virginia Housing Development Fund administers assistance programs for renters and homeowners who are struggling because of the pandemic or COVID-19. The Mountaineer Rental Assistance Program and the West Virginia Homeowner Rescue Program can help with utility bill payments, rent and mortgage assistance. Detailed information, including eligibility requirements, are on the West Virginia Housing Development Fund website at [www.wvhdf.com](http://www.wvhdf.com)

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# OBITUARIES

## Elaine McKellar Jasperse



On Tuesday, July 26, 2022, Elaine McKellar Jasperse passed away at home with family by her side.

She was preceded in death by her father, Wendell McKellar and mother, Helen Munyon, her step-father, William "Bill" Munyon, and brother, Thomas Lee McKellar.

She is survived by her son, Jeff Jasperse, daughter-in-law, Amy Brady Jasperse, and granddaughters Isabel and Ava Jasperse. Her surviving siblings are Kay McKellar Thuem, Virginia McKellar Pulford, Jerri Munyon Gilbert, Roy Munyon, Tommy McKellar, and Wendy McKellar Gonyer.

Elaine was born in Wayne County, MI, and shortly after moved to Kalkaska, MI. She graduated from Kalkaska High School in 1961. In High School, Elaine was a member of the marching band and played Saxophone. Her Junior and Senior years she was a Majorette for the band. She married David Leon Jasperse of Grand Rapids, MI, in June of 1964.

She attended the Calvary Baptist Church of Kalkaska and went on to further her education at Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College. She also attended Grand Rapids Beauty College and became a beautician for many years.

After Jeff was born in Grand Rapids in 1968, they moved to the town of Hastings in 1970 when Dave became a pharmacist at Bosley Pharmacy. In the late '70s, Elaine became the owner and manager of the Tiki Lounge in Hastings and managed it for many years until it was sold to Gary and Carla Rizer and became the

County Seat Lounge.

The joy of her life was being near her son Jeff and his family. After Jeff was in college she travelled around a bit. She eventually followed Jeff and Amy after they graduated from Ferris State University in 1995 when they moved to northern Kentucky for work. After the birth of her second lovely granddaughter, they moved to West Virginia so Amy could be closer to her family and Elaine went right along with them.

After working so many jobs, too different to describe, Elaine finally "retired" to become Grandma J to the Greenbrier East High School marching band. With both granddaughters spending so much time doing band activities, it only naturally happened that Elaine found her final calling. For over 10 years Grandma J did so many things for the band. From repairing uniforms to creating costumes, to making guard flags, to cooking meals for practice, to running the concession stands, to running errands, to driving to Sam's Club or Harbor Freight, to doing whatever it was Mr. Allder needed her to do, she was up for it.

Her final resting place will be back home in Kalkaska.

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

Please send online condolences by visiting [www.wallaceandwallacefh.com](http://www.wallaceandwallacefh.com)

## James Carl Burr III



**White Sulphur Springs**-James "Jim" Carl Burr III passed away Friday, Aug. 5, 2022, at the age of 66 peacefully in his home in White Sulphur Springs.

Jim was born in White

Sulphur Springs on Jan. 25, 1956. He was the son of James and Anita "Kitten" Burr.

He attended Greenbrier East High School and graduated in 1974. Jim then attended Potomac State University until deciding to enlist in the United States Navy, completing basic training in Orlando, FL, in 1977. He then served aboard the USS SWORDFISH (SSN-579), a SKATE class nuclear-powered attack submarine, from 1978-1982 until separating honorably from active-duty service. Jim went on to complete a technical diploma at Milwaukee Area Technical College from 1985-1987, which he utilized as a heavy equipment mechanic for multiple companies in the Eau Claire, WI, area until moving back to West Virginia in 2001. For the remainder of his life, Jim was a beef cattle farmer with his father, James Burr, Jr., and uncle, Charles Burr, at Duntruken Farm in his hometown of White Sulphur Springs.

While serving aboard the USS SWORDFISH stationed at Pearl Harbor in Honolulu, HI, he met the love of his life and future wife, Dr. Catherine "Cathy" Gilgenbach Burr. Jim and Cathy were married in Honolulu on Sept. 26, 1981, at Faith Fellowship Church.

Jim was known as an honest man, a hard-worker, and above all, a steadfast husband to his wife, Cathy, and dedicated father to his son, Carl. Through all of his life, even when Cathy was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis and confined to a wheelchair, he stayed by her side as a constant companion and caregiver. He was by her side when she passed not long ago on July 9, 2022. Jim loved his family, his faith, rocking chairs on the front porch, Green Bay Packer football (especially cheering loudly with his son during the games), Westerns (specifically John Wayne films, as did his wife), any aeronautical museum (as his son could begrudgingly attest), and a lawn without trees (so he wouldn't have

to mow around them). He was especially proud of his son, who followed in his footsteps by commissioning as a medical officer in the U.S. Navy, and was always a source of knowledge and love for him throughout his life.

Jim is survived by his son, Carl and wife (Kennedy), and one grandson, (James). He is also survived by his mother, Anita "Kitten" Burr; uncle, Charles (Shelva) Burr; sisters, Ruth (RJ) Miller and Anita (Donald) Butts of White Sulphur Springs; as well as his in-laws, Diane (Larry) Hammang of Fond du Lac, WI, Janet (Al) Halvorson of Hillsboro, OR, Ronald (Cathy) Gilgenbach of Ann Arbor, MI, and Edmund (Christine) Gilgenbach of Fond du Lac, WI; in addition to many nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Cathy, and his father, James C. Burr Jr.

The Burr family is humbled and grateful for the many friends who have provided unyielding companionship and support, no matter the circumstances.

In lieu of memorials and/or flowers, please consider providing a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ([https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc\\_icid=home-btn-donate-now](https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc_icid=home-btn-donate-now)), Samaritan's Purse International Relief (<https://www.samaritanpurse.org/our-ministry/donate-online/>), or Joni and Friends (<https://www.joniandfriends.org/>).

There will be a private funeral service and memorial service held at a later date.

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

Please send online condolences by visiting: [www.wallaceandwallacefh.com](http://www.wallaceandwallacefh.com)

## Carol Jean Harrah



**Alderson**-Carol Jean Harrah, 89, passed away surrounded by her family on Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2022, at the Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg.

She was born Mar. 7, 1933, in Sophia, WV, a daughter of the late Lester D. Eller and Viola (Blevins) Eller.

After graduating Sophia high school in 1951, Carol went on to work for Sophia Finance and Household Finance in Richmond and later returned to Alderson where she became a loving homemaker and mother. She was a devout member of the Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church and was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Tri County Memorial VFW Post 6723 in Alderson.

Carol will be remembered for her love of animals, especially her cat,

Precious. She enjoyed gardening, the long walks around Alderson, but most of all, she enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Carol is survived by her two sons, Eric Harrah and wife Rhonda, of Henrico, VA, and Jeff Harrah, of Hinton; her grandson, Nicholas Cain Harrah, of Henrico, VA; her brother, Jerry Eller and wife Barbara, of Myrtle Beach, SC; her sisters, Peggy Haley and husband, Dennis, of Melbourne, FL, Barb Willis, of Jacksonville, NC, and Katie Brown, of Amelia, VA; and several loving nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, Jennings Earl Harrah; her stepmother, Ruth V. Barrett; and her brothers, Jack Eller, Mickey Eller, and Don Eller.

Family and friends are welcome to call at Lobban Funeral Home, 205 S. Monroe Street, Alderson, Friday, Aug. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. with services taking place at the funeral home on Saturday, Aug. 13, at 11 a.m., with Dr. Reverend Jeffrey Kanode officiating. Burial will follow in the Old Greenbrier Memorial Cemetery in Alderson.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Lobban Funeral Home is honored in being entrusted with the arrangements.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the Harrah family online at [www.lobbanfh.com](http://www.lobbanfh.com)

## Jehovah's Witnesses resume public ministry two years after going virtual

If you happen to be in downtown Lewisburg near the fountain park this week, you may notice that a pre-pandemic fixture is back on the sidewalks: smiling faces standing next to colorful carts featuring a positive message and free Bible-based literature. Thousands of these carts will be rolling down the streets of communities like Lewisburg all across the world this week as Jehovah's Witnesses recommence their global public preaching work some 24 months after putting it on pause due to the pandemic. "I was so excited just being able to talk with people face to face," said Brigitte Pentek, a regular volunteer at the site. "Reaching out to people on the telephone has been really nice, but I missed the personal contact with the community. You can read a lot in someone's face and eyes, whether something that you are sharing is touching them or helping them in some way."

The Christian organization will return to its public ministry for the first time since March 2020 when all in-person forms of their volunteer work were suspended out of concern for the health and safety of the

community. Following that global decision, the Lewisburg congregation is now reopening their cart location at the intersection of Route 219 and Route 60. Local congregants will also resume free in-person Bible studies along with personal visits to those who have invited them back to their homes. This comes two months after the organization began gathering at their Kingdom Halls once again for in-person meetings.

"While we understand that the pandemic is not over, we are entering into a phase of learning to live with COVID," said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesperson for Jehovah's Witnesses. "We are sensitive to the risks that still face our communities and our volunteers, which is why we will not resume door-to-door ministry at this time. Each volunteer will make a personal choice as to whether their ministry will remain strictly virtual or whether they are ready to make in-person visits again. We are excited that we all have a choice!"

Mobile displays of Bible-based literature have been part of Jehovah's Witnesses' public ministry in the U.S. since 2011. While "cart witnessing" began in large metropolitan areas around the world, the practice quickly spread to the tens of thousands of smaller communities, becoming a fixture in rail and bus stations, airports, harbors and main streets. In 2015, Witnesses in Lewisburg began offering a selection of Bible literature in English, Spanish and Tagalog at the carts during the morning commute and on weekends.

"The community had gotten to know us. It's nice for them to see that we are back. If they see something that interests them, they have the freedom to approach and take it to read or just come and talk," said Pentek. "Recently, a mass transit bus passed by and everyone on the bus, including the driver, was waving at us! That made our day!"

To learn more about Jehovah's Witnesses, their history, beliefs and activities, visit their official website [jw.org](http://jw.org), featuring content in more than 1,000 languages.

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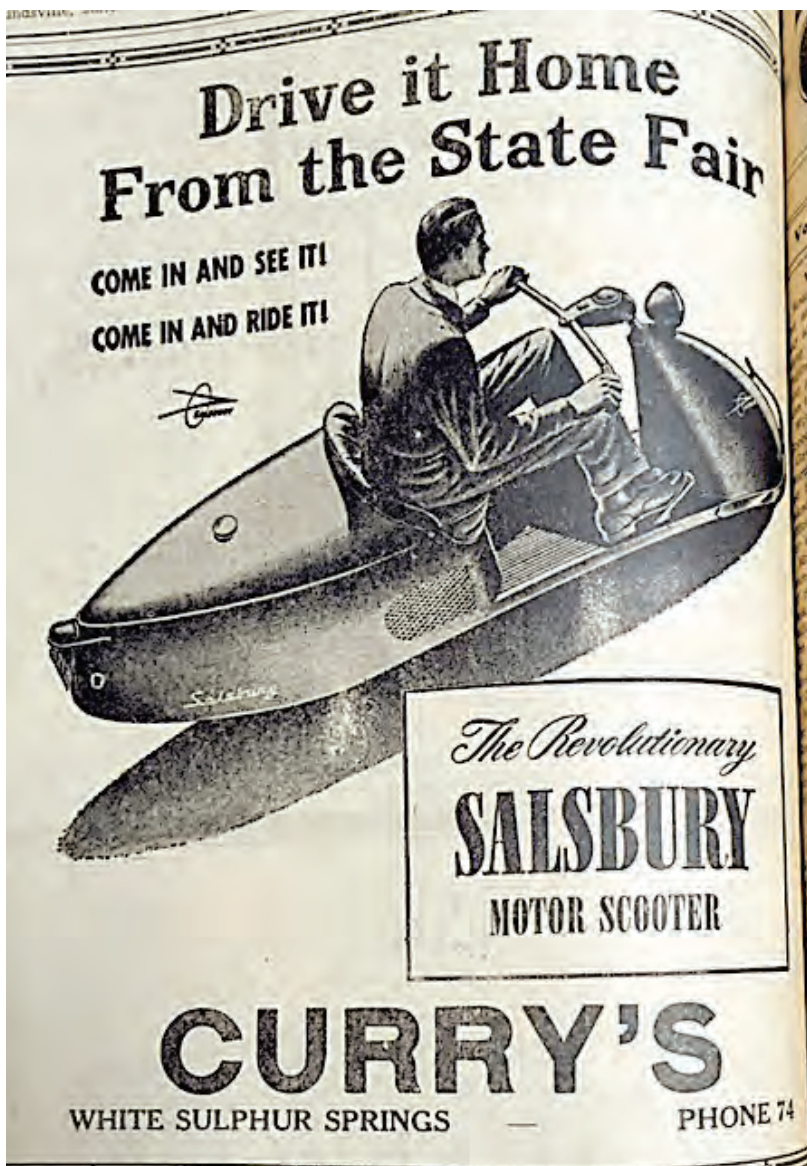
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# A Look Back



E. Foster Salisbury, a California businessman, was inspired to build a motor scooter after watching the famed aviator, Amelia Earhart, ride around the Burbank airport in a small two-wheeled motorped. It was during the Great Depression, and Foster thought he could build an affordable vehicle.

Salisbury engaged Austin Elmore as his inventor. Elmore's initial design, the Motor Glide, was introduced in 1936, and it became the first commercial motor scooter (beating Vespa by several years). Several models were produced before the aerodynamically designed Model 85 was introduced in 1947. It was especially made to appeal to women. It had a step-through frame so women could drive wearing a skirt. The body covered the engine and wheels to prevent the driver from getting dirty. In the tail there was enough room for a spare tire and luggage. With a 6 horsepower engine, the Model 85 could reach a top speed of about 50 mph. It retailed for \$800.

Less than 1,000 Model 85s were made from 1947-1950. When the country emerged from the depression and cars became more readily obtainable, the demand for scooters fell, and Salisbury went under. The Model 85 is highly collectable today and can sell for as much as \$10,000.

Sources: Lane Motor Museum, National Motorcycle Museum, [Salisburyscooterscrapbooks.com](http://Salisburyscooterscrapbooks.com)

## Sign language class planned through New River CTC

New River Community and Technical College is offering a six-week basic sign language class on Thursday evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m. starting Sept. 1. The class will be offered online through Zoom video conferencing.

Students in the class will learn sign language vocabulary, phrases and sentences, including grammatical features, and students will have interactive practice during the class. Students will also learn about Deaf Culture and history.

Tuition is \$100 for the six-week class, and registration is required by Aug. 25. Participants will be emailed the Zoom link and log-in information after registering for the class.

Visit [www.newriver.edu/community](http://www.newriver.edu/community) for information on upcoming classes or register for the course or contact Gloria Kincaid (304-793-6101, [gkincaid@newriver.edu](mailto:gkincaid@newriver.edu)).

New River CTC's Workforce Education Division provides community education classes and employable educational opportunities including noncredit courses, workforce development programs and customized training.

## Etsy class to be hosted by Greenbrier Valley EDC

Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and West Virginia Small Business Development Center are presenting "Let's Do Etsy! A beginner's class for small businesses" on Tuesday, Aug. 16, at 11 a.m. at the Greenbrier Valley EDC's office.

Attendees can learn tips, tricks, and how to start and make their Etsy business page a success. The event is free and located at Greenbrier Valley EDC. Refreshments will be provided for attendees. There is a virtual option to participate as well.

"We are happy to partner with the WWSBDC to bring this class to help artisans and crafters expand markets for their goods," said Ruthana Beezley of the Greenbrier Valley EDC. Etsy is a relatively low-risk, low-cost way of taking handmade and vintage products to market on a larger scale.

Roxy Turner with MARZ Strategies will be leading the session. Turner is a subject matter expert with the WWSBDC and is the founder and CEO of MARZ Strategies, a web, social media, and marketing consultancy that provides clients personalized training in the internet advertising world. She previously worked as a corporate trainer for clients such as Whirlpool Corp., JC Penney, Kellogg's, FMC, Quest Communications, Hatfield-McCoy Trails, REMAX, and other local, national, and international clients.

Individuals can register at <https://wvsbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/33417>. Greenbrier Valley EDC's office is located at 804 Industrial Park Road, Suite 5, Maxwelton, WV 24957. For more information, please contact the Greenbrier Valley EDC office at 304-497-4300 or [info@gvedc.com](mailto:info@gvedc.com).

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**Lumber Handler Summary**  
We are seeking Lumber Handlers in Rainelle, WV. These are entry level positions with a main focus on stacking lumber in a safe and efficient manner. Candidate for this position will be required to perform physical labor either in a typical sawmill environment with exposure to some weather conditions, or in a manufacturing environment. Must be 18 years+.

Lumber Handler Pay & Benefits, First Shift; M-F 6 AM-4:30 PM, Starting Pay: \$12/hr, Full Plan of Benefits.

**Responsibilities**

- Sorting and stacking hardwood products onto wood carts or in stackdown stands using leverage
- Straightens lumber on conveyor to align lumber for grading, sawing, edging, trimming, sorting, stacking, or for transfer to other conveyors;
- Shovel bark and chips and cleans work area, using broom and shovel. make sure work area is clean of banding and boards before leaving every day;
- Learn to operate various machinery and complete preventative maintenance as scheduled on assigned equipment;
- Some climbing and crawling may be involved associated with housekeeping.

**Safety**  
Requires personal protective equipment be worn at all times; safety glasses; hearing protection; head protection; steel toed work boots; and other protective equipment as required.

**Qualifications**

- Effective written and verbal communication;
- Able and willing to work long hours and weekends and requires very good attendance record;
- Must be willing to cross-train n various positions, be self-motivated, and
- Possess good work ethics and ability to work with a team;
- Must be able to lift 50+ lbs;

**About Us**  
Meadow River hardwood Lumber Co., LLC are a provider of hardwood logs, hardwood lumber and proprietary grade hardwood lumber products.

  
**Meadow River Lumber Co.**  
P.O. Box 605, 305 Snake Island Rd.  
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## FORKLIFT OPERATOR POSITION AVAILABLE

Our Rainelle, WV facility is hiring for a forklift operator. This is a full-time opportunity working for a hardwood lumber manufacturer.

**Forklift Operator Responsibilities**

- Transport and stack packs of lumber in outside storage areas, kilns and production areas
- Loading and unloading kilns and/or trucks
- Check lift for proper fluid levels, damage and overall proper functioning capabilities
- Do paperwork - Accuracy is very important
- Operate forklift in compliance with all safety standards
- Perform cleaning duties such as sweeping and washing lifts
- Perform other duties as assigned Forklift Operator

**Qualifications**

- Previous experience as an equipment operator using a forklift required
- Prefer someone who has at least 1 year of experience within the last 2 years
- Must be self-motivated and organized
- Willingness to work in outside environment

**Forklift Operator Pay & Benefits**

- Competitive Pay
- Full Time Hours
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## JOB OPENING

### PEDIATRICIAN

We are looking for a dedicated, compassionate Pediatrician to be responsible for the medical care of children from infancy to adolescence. The pediatrician provides general medicine, growth and development monitoring, and immunization tracking and administering. You will also ease children with chronic conditions and offer support and advice to parents about children's health, safety, nutrition, and fitness needs.

**Pediatrician Requirements:**

- A Medical degree and the successful completion of a residency and fellowship in pediatrics.
- A license and certification to practice pediatrics.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, as well as the ability to relate to children.
- Strong decision-making, diagnostic, and problem-solving skills.
- Good organizational, leadership, and teamworking skills.
- A caring and compassionate nature when working with children and their families.

RMC offers a competitive salary, and excellent benefits package, paid time off, paid holidays, a flexible schedule to accommodate a healthy work/life balance or a 4-day work-week schedule.

Interested candidates can send a resume to the attention of Lisa Redden, Human Resources at [lredden@rmchealth.org](mailto:lredden@rmchealth.org).

  
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- LPN - Eastern Greenbrier Health Center
- LPN - Greenbrier West High School
- LPN - Western Middle/Rupert Elementary
- Front Desk Reception - Midland Trail Health Center

Please send resumes to the attention of Terra Skaggs, Director of School Based Health, at [tskaggs@rmchealth.org](mailto:tskaggs@rmchealth.org).

  
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## JOB OPENING

### FULL-TIME

**Rainelle Medical Center (RMC) has several full-time positions open for a**

- Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW),
- Licensed Certified Social Worker (LCSW),
- Licensed Graduate Social Worker (LGSW)
- Licensed Clinical Psychologist, or
- Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

to work with our Behavioral Health team, counseling in several area schools. The candidate will provide therapeutic services to children and their families. Some travel will be required. Certifications in Addictions preferred. Excellent benefits package available. RMC is a federally qualified health center. (FQHC) RMC offers a competitive salary, great benefits package, and a healthy work/life balance.

Please send resumes to the attention of Laura Eagle, Director of Behavioral Health: [leagle@rmchealth.org](mailto:leagle@rmchealth.org)

  
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## JOB OPENING

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LPN OR RN Float Nurse, full or part-time:

Send resume to the attention of Director of Nursing, Sabrina Ford at [smckinney@rmchealth.org](mailto:smckinney@rmchealth.org).



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**NOTICE**

The Greenbrier County Board of Education has completed an asbestos management plan for each school in the county. The management plan outlines the location and condition of asbestos-containing materials in each school.

The management plans are on file at the Greenbrier County Board of Education Office, 653 Church Street, Lewisburg, West Virginia, and each school. They are available for public inspection.

The EPA requires that public notice be given concerning asbestos. (US EPA 40 CFR 763, 763.93 (12) (g) (4))

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Public Notice is hereby given that the Greenbrier County Board of Zoning Appeals will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Floor Courtroom of the Greenbrier County Courthouse.

**PUBLIC HEARING 1:** The Board will consider the request and application of McCaden Brackenrich for a **Special Exception** from the Greenbrier County Zoning Ordinance. The appellant requests permission to run and operate an established K-9 training facility from his home at 715 Harper Road, Lewisburg. The subject property is zoned Forest Recreation, located in the Lewisburg District, described in Deed Book 618 on Page 87 and shown on Tax Map 14 as Parcel 53.6.

This legal advertisement has been compiled from information submitted by the Appellant. Accuracy of submitted information is the responsibility of the Appellant. The Board of Zoning Appeals is not responsible for errors and omissions in this legal advertisement as a result of erroneous or inaccurate information submitted by the Appellant. The petition is available for public review at the Board of Zoning Appeals office in the Courthouse. Anyone wishing to comment on this appeal is urged to attend the meeting or send written comments to the Board of Zoning Appeals, 912 Court Street N, Lewisburg, West Virginia 24901.

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

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until September 13, 2022 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
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**BRIDGE:** 11676 CONCRETE SLAB ON FABRICATED STEEL GIRDER  
**SPAN(S):** 1 **STRUCTURE STEEL:** 4,200.00  
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**REMARKS:**  
Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's licence is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.  
\*These are projects on which any contractor with a Category "W" Prequalification Rating may be eligible to bid.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. All bidders holding valid bidding proposals will be notified of such deferment, delay or postponement and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened.

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

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Tariff Form No. 8-C

(Tariff Rule 14.2 et seq. (Historical Rule 30-C))

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION**

NOTICE is hereby given that MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY, a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, an application containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 220,000 customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2022, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will increase revenue approximately \$90,914,544 annually, an increase of approximately 73.8%.

The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY will be changed as follows:

	INCREASE	INCREASE
Residential	\$ 25.08	34.67 %
Commercial	\$ 125.40	42.35 %
Industrial	\$ 28,212.95	117.09 %
Resale	\$ 2,404.00	55.78 %

Resale customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY include Canaan valley Gas Co., Cardinal Natural Gas Company Northern Division (formerly known as Lumberport-Shinnston Gas Company and Blacks-ville Oil & Gas Company, Inc.) Consumers Gas Utility Co., Dominion Energy WV, Megan Oil and Gas, City of Philippi, and Southern Public Service.

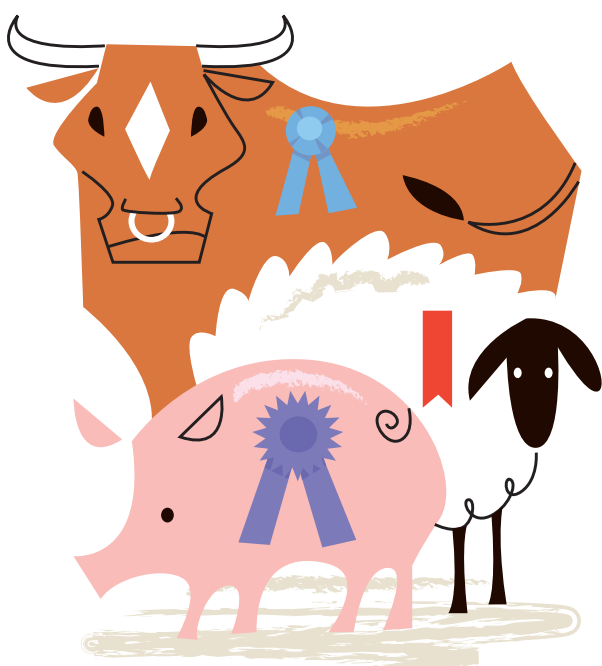
The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive an increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested increased rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following offices of the Company:

- Mountaineer Gas Company Office
- 501 56th Street SE, Charleston, West Virginia 25304.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

The Rule 30-C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the cost of purchased gas. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty-five (25) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases and to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions must be mailed or hand-delivered and be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.



**ENJOY THE FAIR!**

**Dear Recycle Lady,**

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
Can I put recyclable plastic film in curbside recycling?

*Trying to Recycle More*  
**Dear Trying to Recycle More,**

Plastic film (zip-lock bags, bubble wrap, and plastic wrap) can be recycled, but NOT in your curbside recycling bin. There are some very large cities that accept plastic films at curbside, but locally, we do not. According to How2Recycle.com, almost all community curbside recycling programs in the US consider plastic films as a contaminant. Locally, plastic film is recyclable in drop-off bins at Kroger, Wal-Mart, and Lowes. Pieces of plastic film that land in a recycling bin end

up in the landfill where they will decompose in 500-700 years!

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
Should I cut paper labels off plastic film before recycling?

*Plastic Recycler*  
**Dear Plastic Recycler,**  
Paper labels need to be cut off plastic film, but plastic labels do not. Before recycling any plastic film, check to see if it has a #2, #4 or How2Recycle symbol on it. If not, put it in the trash. "When in doubt, throw it out." Some bags, wraps, and films have invisible ingredients in them that provide protections for the product; but these ingredients may be a contaminate in the film recycling stream.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
In which recycle bin should I place brown paper bags for recycling?

*Tree Lover*  
**Dear Tree Lover,**  
Brown paper bags, folded or crushed brown paper used in packaging, and brown mailers without a plastic bubble liner (called bubble mailers) go in the cardboard bin. Bubble mailers are not recyclable locally, even though they may have a label that says they are recyclable. Our buyers do not want them. Larger cities may have



the specialized equipment required for recycling these bubble mailers into cardboard.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
I think it is a little confusing to call an animal on the endangered list GOOD news. Doing so means that they are endangered and just two steps from extinction. My guess is that you meant that it is good because now they will have protections.

*Reader*  
**Dear Reader,**  
Good point. It really isn't GOOD news that Monarch butterflies need protection. But, hopefully, being added to the endangered list will give them the protection needed to increase their numbers. The only plant that monarchs lay their eggs on is milkweed. When the eggs hatch, the larvae (caterpillars) feed on the leaves until they leave to

form chrysalises. Perhaps if everyone planted some milkweed plants, we could help the Monarchs along. Rising ocean temperatures, weather changes, use of pesticides, and loss of habitat have all contributed to the declining population of the Monarchs.

Kudos to the employees of the Greenbrier Recycling Center for the fresh paint, replacement of items used as examples, and new identity labels on all the bins. Well done

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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**IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

**IN RE NAME CHANGE OF: RUBY JEAN BROAD,**

**Petitioner,**  
**to RUBY JEAN OLIVER**

**Case No. CC-13-2022-P-47**

**LEGAL NOTICE OF CLASS I PUBLICATION**

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of September 2022 at 11:00 o'clock a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, RUBY JEAN BROAD will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, for the entry of an order changing her name from RUBY JEAN BROAD to RUBY JEAN OLIVER, at which time and place any interested person may appear and be heard, if they so desire. You are hereby notified that this matter may be rescheduled without further notice of publication. A copy of the Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's office at 912 Court Street North, Lewisburg, West Virginia 24901.

Entered by the Clerk of the Court on this 8th day of August, 2022.

*Louonne Arbuckle, Clerk*  
Louonne Arbuckle  
CIRCUIT CLERK

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# STEPPIN' OUT

## Carnegie Hall Second Stage Series presents Gyasi



Gyasi

Carnegie Hall's Second Stage Series kicks off with Gyasi in the Hamilton Auditorium on Friday, Sept. 16, at 7:30 p.m. Guests are invited to come early for the Mainstage Lounge Preshow Reception from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. in the Museum Gallery. The Second Stage Series is sponsored by Smooth Ambler.

Pronounced Jah-see, Gyasi seems in many ways to come from another planet and being raised in the woods of a West Virginia holler might as well be another planet in this day and age. His parents bought him a guitar at a local flea market when he was six years old, and he's been hooked ever since.

He approaches his music as an all-encompassing art piece, using fashion, storytelling, and his guitar to create a world for his music. His debut full length vinyl "Pronounced Jah-See" was released by Alive Records in spring 2022. Inspired by a wide range of art and culture both past and present, his work is fueled by an undeniable passion to create music that brings rock n roll into the 21st century.

Gyasi is a modern rock star like no other. "We may not ever have another David Bowie or Marc Bolan but we've got Gyasi which is a step in the right direction. Make sure to see him live- There's no room for boredom when Gyasi hits the stage," according to Los Angeles disc jockey Rodney Bingenheimer.

Tickets for the special performance are \$15 and may be purchased by visiting [www.carnegiehall-wv.org](http://www.carnegiehall-wv.org), calling 304-645-7917, or stopping by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. Admission to the Mainstage Lounge Preshow Reception is free. A cash bar and snacks will be available.

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## Trillium School for the Performing Arts Open House

Trillium's School for the Performing Arts is proud to announce new classes and instructors for the 2022-23 school session.

Returning is Hannah Morningstar-Stout teaching age 3-18. Classes include pre-ballet, ballet and jazz, advanced company ballet/pre-pointe/pointe, and new this year, jazz/theatre/musical theatre.

Joining the school this year is TPY Alum Ross Honaker. Ross has returned home after spending time in NYC and Amsterdam dancing professionally. He will be teaching dance for the functional body. This class, which is open to all skill levels, is both therapeutic and fun! The movement patterns integrate elements of classical ballet, modern dance, mat practices (like yoga and Pilates), and tai chi to build healthy habits and protect the spine and other joints during everyday activities. You'll focus on moving in a structurally sound way, but you won't forget about the joy of dancing in the process!

Also joining the school will be Amanda Burns, owner of A1 Stu-



Hannah Morningstar-Stout



Ross Honaker

dio in Covington. Amanda will be teaching beginning clogging for age six through adult.

Hannah and Ross will also be the instructors for the new Trillium Youth Ensemble (formerly Trillium Performing Youth).

Come meet the instructors and get more class information on Monday, Aug.

15, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lewis Theatre 865, Court Street North, in Lewisburg.

If you cannot attend, a full class schedule and registration forms are available at [trilliumperformingarts.org](http://trilliumperformingarts.org) or contact the Trillium office at 304-645-3003.

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### NEIGHBORS' NAMESAKES

- |   |  |   |                          |  |                                |
|---|--|---|--------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                                   | 49 Funeral pile                            | 92 "I want that now!"                       | 3 Volcano stuff          | 40 Screw up                            | 79 Work unit                   |
| 1 Singer Reddy                                  | 50 Tangent, e.g.                           | 93 Leaf veins                               | 4 Full of pep            | 41 Forest cats                         | 81 Sudden temperature increase |
| 6 "Preach it!"                                  | 52 Actor Omar of "House"                   | 95 Pro                                      | 5 Dummy                  | 42 Ones making an effort               | 82 Apiece                      |
| 10 Italian Riviera city                         | 54 Singer Cole or Abdul                    | 96 Animator's sheet                         | 6 Ornament hanger, e.g.  | 43 Aches (for)                         | 83 Fencing sword               |
| 15 At the home of, French-style                 | 56 Actress Long                            | 97 Tolkien fiend                            | 7 Barcelona soccer great | 46 Aqua — (highly corrosive liquid)    | 84 After-bath application      |
| 19 Muscat citizen                               | 57 Ranch food provider [animator]          | 100 They may bedevil dogs                   | 8 Overplayed the part    | 51 Approves of                         | 85 .6214 mile                  |
| 20 Display model                                | 60 Teen girl, in old lingo [golfer]        | 101 Lace a party drink [bandleader]         | 9 Have a snack           | 53 Show that you can download          | 86 Kuwaiti chief               |
| 21 In the midst of                              | 62 Flavorful                               | 105 Fourth-place finisher, say              | 10 Fuel holders          | 54 Gives out in abundance, as flattery | 87 Community rec center        |
| 22 Plastic brick brand                          | 63 Sch. in Manhattan                       | 107 Envoy's bldg.                           | 11 Estevez of film       | 55 Stubborn equine                     | 88 Not veiled                  |
| 23 Certain bolt                                 | 64 Harsh                                   | 108 Oval portion                            | 12 "Just say — drugs"    | 58 Witty sort                          | 91 Piano seat                  |
| 24 Spanish for "bears"                          | 65 Magic spell                             | 109 Very dense element                      | 13 — even keel           | 59 Car financing abbr.                 | 94 Pesky insect, informally    |
| 25 Ravi Shankar played it                       | 69 Creditor's time of forgiveness [singer] | 111 What you do when you solve this puzzle? | 14 In a pleasant way     | 60 "So long!"                          | 96 Bow of respect              |
| 26 As a result                                  | 74 Bacon sizzle sound                      | 122 Unmoving                                | 15 Get resolved          | 61 NBA nail-biters, in brief           | 98 Some aircraft engines       |
| 27 2008 Lucasfilm sci-fi flick [TV personality] | 75 Cost — and a leg                        | 123 Part of ENT                             | 16 Mr., in Munich        | 63 It aired "Car Talk"                 | 99 Ad award                    |
| 31 — Mae (government lender)                    | 77 Part of ETA                             | 124 Binge                                   | 17 Custard components    | 65 College focuses                     | 102 Realm: Abbr.               |
| 32 Mai —  | 78 "— bleu!" (French "Egad!")              | 125 At the drop of —                        | 28 Stud money            | 66 How police may get info             | 103 In groups of two           |
| 33 Part of ENT                                  | 80 "Monterey" food [singer]                | 126 Strange competitor                      | 29 States, to Macron     | 67 Actor Derek                         | 104 Santa's laugh              |
| 34 Hiker's carrying bag                         | 84 Male gobblers [singer]                  | 127 Lyft                                    | 30 Female WWII enlistee  | 68 Mork's planet                       | 106 Sight at dusk              |
| 37 College academics overseer [actor]           | 89 Western Amerind                         | 128 Baby's bear                             | 34 Playwright Connelly   | 70 Lead-in to "now"                    | 110 Roomy car                  |
| 44 Very busy                                    | 90 Jumped                                  | 129 Downsides                               | 35 Bryce Canyon locale   | 71 "You are not!" reply                | 111 Radio dial                 |
| 45 Screw up                                     | 91 Illegalizes                             | 130 Tire pattern                            | 36 In — (as found)       | 72 Lead-in to Nov.                     | 112 Relieve                    |
| 47 Blvd., e.g.                                  |  |   | 38 X Games ailer         | 73 Joanne of "My Pal Gus"              | 113 Vatican head               |
| 48 Legal deg.                                   |  |   | 39 "Spare tire" fat      | 76 Roman 1,150                         | 114 Fend (off)                 |
|   |  |   |                          |  | 115 — II (Gillette brand)      |
|   |  |   |                          |  | 116 Colt's father              |
|   |  |   |                          |  | 117 Director Kazan             |
|   |  |   |                          |  | 118 Arctic vehicle             |
|   |  |   |                          |  | 119 African antelope           |

**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 gap.

Average

MAILED — — — —

PLEASE — — — —

Witness

ONTRAY — — — —

Delicious

BRAID — — — —

TODAY'S WORD

Don't blame me! I never wanted to be a lawyer. It was my \_\_\_\_\_ ideal!

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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		7		6		9	
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		1		5			7
7			4			8	
	2		8		9		

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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**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Sleeve is shorter. 3. Bow is missing. 4. Bat is added. 5. Cap is reversed. 6. Shirt is shorter.



# STEPPIN' OUT

## Alderson Artisans Gallery hosts Nancy Newhard



Winter's Night by Nancy Newhard

The Alderson Artisans Gallery is pleased to announce the showing of creative works by painter Nancy Newhard.

The show will run from Aug. 10 through Nov. 3. This will give our visitors time to come and see the show. There will be no

opening night due to Covid.

Nancy earned her Master's Degree in Art Education from Radford University and has been an independent artist and arts administrator for decades. She has been a familiar face at the Allegheny Highlands Arts and Crafts Center in Clifton Forge, VA. Nancy will be sharing

her paintings and studies in composition and exploration of expressive materials. Don't miss this intriguing show.

Gallery hours are posted on our website at [www.aldersongallery.com](http://www.aldersongallery.com). The Alderson Artisans Gallery is a cooperative non-profit organization.

## Old Stone Room Gallery features Shari O'Day

Carnegie Hall's August/September/October Exhibits are underway with three new galleries featuring the works of regional artists. Old Stone Room, located on the ground floor of Carnegie Hall, will feature works by Monroe County resident Shari O'Day.

O'Day is a native New Englander and moved to Monroe County in 1993 with her five children. She has always loved animals and being outdoors and felt it would be a great place to raise her kids.

She has actively sought instruction through books, tapes and workshops through Monroe Arts Alliance, Greenbrier Artists, and of course some formal training. She enjoys painting animals and nature, often using bright colors that have become her signature style. She tends to paint with acrylics, but also uses oils and enjoys experimenting with various mediums, such as pastels, inks, resin, pouring paint, and adding texture to paint.

Over the past two years she has been juried into Tamarack and Carnegie and sold a number of paintings.

Most recently, she has been taking a course, with Nicky Peet, of France, founder of IntuARTivExpression, on the use of combining essential oils and intuitive painting. One of her goals is to become a facilitator and help people process their emotions. It entails the addition of essential oils to paint and then by us-



Art by Shari O'Day

ing a unique layering process of the "pure doTerra essential oil/paint mixture." This helps to process and release suppressed emotions allowing positive mental shifts and aids in emotional healing.

The exhibits are free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and run through Oct. 28. For more information, please visit [carnegiehallwv.org](http://carnegiehallwv.org), call 304-645-7917, or stop by the Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

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## Tribute to 'Bricktop' in Alderson



This week, the Town of Alderson held their annual Tribute to Alderson-born Bricktop, famed stage entertainer of Europe and the US. The audience gathered on the Alderson Memorial Bridge to enjoy entertainment by Susanna Robinson, Bob Bowen, William Penn, Bill Hoffman and Ella & Kyle. (Photo by Jack D. Ballard)

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