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Hollowell Park upgrades net Lewisburg All Star Community Award

By Sarah Richardson

Representatives from the City of Lewisburg attended the West Virginia Municipal League Conference in Charleston, WV, earlier this month. The City was awarded an All Star Community Award in the Enrichment category for the extensive upgrades completed at Hollowell Park using CARES Act reimbursement funds.

The projects completed at the park throughout the pandemic using these funds include new viewing platforms for the main football field, an updated and ADA compliant bathroom, a new storage shelter and lean-to, upgraded batting cages, new picnic benches, synthetic turf installed on one field, a new ramp at the skate park, motion-sensing walking lights around the track, and more.

City Manager Misty Hill explained that these upgrades were all made possible thanks to the CARES Act reimbursement funding, which was the catalyst for Hollowell Park securing this enrichment award.

"This is my first All Star Community Award as mayor, and we are very proud to receive it on behalf of our community," said Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White. "I'm so grateful. The talent of our employees and their dedication and pride to their work just blows me away, and we are very thankful."

Other recent park improvements include new pickleball courts with viewing stands, further upgrades to the skate park area, and improvements to the numerous playing fields in the park.

"The City is very grateful to all of the community members and groups who have donated towards the pickleball, skate park, and baseball field upgrades, and all other areas of the park," said City Manager Misty Hill.



Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White displays the All Star Community Award at Hollowell Park from the newly rebuilt viewing platforms installed over the football field. Seen on the left is the new ADA compliant bathroom building, and the white building on the right is some of the new storage and seating areas installed. The numerous upgrades were made possible through CARES Act reimbursement funding. The award will be installed at City Hall.

Commission voices opposition to proposed amendment

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Commission met on Tuesday, August 23 to discuss the signing of a resolution voicing the commission's opposition to one of the proposed amendments to the West Virginia Constitution. This November's ballot will give West Virginians the option to accept or reject the "Property Tax Modernization Amendment." The synopsis of the amendment, per the text of HJR 3, reads: "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia amending section one, article X thereof, relating to authorizing the Legislature to exempt tangible machinery and equipment personal property directly used in business activity and personal property tax on motor vehicles and tangible inventory personal property directly used in business activity from ad valorem property taxation by general law..." The full text of HJR 3 and the amendment can be accessed via the West Virginia Legislature's website at

www.wvlegislature.gov.

A resolution considered by the Commission Tuesday calls the amendment "the most substantial in nearly 100 years," and states that it is the responsibility of the County Commission to "inform the public of the potentially devastating and far-reaching fiscal impacts that Amendment 2 could have on public safety and local government services in Greenbrier County."

The resolution states, "The passage of the amendment removes constitutional protection allowing counties to ensure revenue is available for law enforcement, 911, and emergency services." The resolution also points to issues statewide, saying that, "more than \$500 million in necessary county governmental funding and education funding in the 55 West Virginia counties is jeopardized by passage of Amendment 2." The commission also feels that the state has not been transparent, adding, "...the legislature has reached no consensus, no agree-

ment, and no clear plan has been set forth for the voters to read and understand the effect of their vote on Amendment 2 in November."

Because of these and other issues outlined in the resolution, the Commission "does not support passage of Amendment 2 due to the real and serious risk it poses to public safety, necessary local services, and public education." Several other county commissions across the state have voiced their concern or opposition to the amendment, including Kanawha, Brooke, Tucker, Lewis, McDowell, and Pocahontas among others.

Commissioners also took further action on the "Big 3" settlement recently concluded. The county was asked to sign a memorandum of understanding with pharmaceutical companies McKesson, Amerisource-Bergen, and Cardinal Health agreeing to release the three of all claims by the commission in exchange for entering into

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2022 State Fair of WV by the numbers

Summer's largest end of summer party has come to an end as the State Fair of West Virginia wrapped up on Saturday, August 20, with over 170,000 people attending.

"Despite a few days of heavy rain, we ended up having one of the best fairs we've ever had," State Fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. "The number of people that came through the gates aside, the true success can be seen in the community and economic impact of this event."

Some of the most notable numbers include:

• Over 1,600 pounds of food was collected during First Energy's Magic Monday, which was split between five different food pantries.

• The State Fair also hosted its inaugural Big Wheel Bash as a fundraiser for the endowment and scholarship funds and raised over \$20,000. Each year, \$20,000 is given to scholarships for students from West Virginia to attend accredited schools or trade programs.

showed animals, while over 4,500 4-H and FFA exhibits (non-livestock) were on display in the Underwood Youth Center.

Giving Back

• \$36,000 paid to civic organizations and/or school programs for services during fair. Some programs and services include:

- Greenbrier East Music Boosters - parking cars
- Eastern Greenbrier Middle School - trash pickup

- James Monroe FFA - Rabbit Barn Attendants
- Shriners - Concert beer sales

Employment

• The State Fair hired over 210 part-time employees for the 10-day event. This number does not include part-time help for the food vendors, the carnival, and other concessionaires.

• Payroll for the 10 days will top \$250,000.

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Lewisburg FD rescues five dogs from cavern



On Thursday, Aug. 18, the Lewisburg Fire Department/Ropes and Technical Rescue Team was activated for an animal rescue of five dogs that had fallen 75 feet down a hole into a cavern. The ropes team had to climb up a 70 yard steep embankment to reach the hole where the dogs were located. The ropes team set up a rigging system and lowered FF Brookman down into the cavern. The entry of the hole was approximately 2.5 feet around and was in a thick wooded area. Remarkably, all five dogs were OK with no broken bones. FF Brookman harnessed each dog up individually as the ground team pulled them up to the top.

Exhibitor Participation

• 7,500 home, arts, and garden exhibits were displayed in the WV Building from over 700 exhibitors.

• Over 350 open livestock exhibitors participated.

• Over 370 junior 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors

Nature's Way

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Greenbrier County Schools celebrate 2022 Employees of the Year

Greenbrier County Schools (GCS) each year selects exemplary employees for recognition through a candidate nomination, application, and interview process. GCS is proud to announce that four individuals have earned distinction as Greenbrier County Schools Employees of the Year for the 2022-23 school year.

Courtney Hudnall: County Teacher of the Year

Ronceverte Elementary Physical Education teacher Courtney Hudnall

has been selected as the 2022-2023 Greenbrier County Teacher of the Year! Exciting, engaging, innovative, and creative are all ways to describe Mrs. Hudnall as a teacher. School Principal Andrea Stewart loves having Courtney on her team because she motivates and engages students and encourages them to consistently perform and behave to the very best of their abilities.

Joy Williams: Elementary Teacher of the Year

White Sulphur Springs Elementary (WSSE) teacher Joy Williams! Mrs. Williams has been selected as the 2022-2023 GCS Elementary Teacher of the Year! Joy strives to inspire a thirst for knowledge and learning, motivating students to drink up every bit of instruction she has for them. She is incredibly grateful for her students, school principal, and positive school culture at WSSE.

Amber Martin: Secondary Teacher of the Year

GCS is pleased to announce that Amber Martin, a Math teacher at Western Greenbrier Middle School (WGMS), has been selected as the 2022-2023 GCS Secondary Teacher of the Year! In addition to being an excellent math educator, Amber consistently steps forward as a dedicated school leader. One of Ms. Martin's



Greenbrier County Schools Employees of the Year: Courtney Hudnall (left), County Teacher of the Year; Jerry Baker and Tracy Walkup, Co-Service Personnel Employees of the Year; Amber Martin, Secondary Teacher of the Year; and Joy Williams, Elementary Teacher of the Year (Photo credit: Greenbrier Photography)

students explains why students love her so much, stating, "She is a super sweet teacher who accepts kids even if they make the day unpleasant sometimes."

Service Personnel Employees of the Year: Tracy Walkup & Jerry Baker

Tracy Walkup, a school custodian at Western Greenbrier Middle, and Jerry Baker, a school custodian at Smoot Elementary, have been selected as 2022-2023 GCS Co-School Service Employees of the Year! GCS is pleased to honor Tracy and Jerry for their dedication to and compassion for students, extreme pride in their work, and willingness to consistently go above and beyond, offering their personal and professional best to our school system.

School-Level Teacher of the Year Nominees

Also earning the distinction as School-level Teachers of the Year were Abigail Bryant, Alderson Elementary; Stephanie Blankenship, Crichton Elementary; Karla Workman, Frankford Elementary; Lisa Crookshanks, Rainelle Elementary; Lynn Davis, Rupert Elementary; Katie Allen, Greenbrier West High; Melanie O'Brien, Eastern Greenbrier Middle; and Brian Baker, Greenbrier East High.

Greenbrier County Schools placing officers in all elementary schools

The safety and welfare of students and staff are the highest priority for Greenbrier County Schools officials. Greenbrier County Schools partners closely with law enforcement organizations to place Prevention Resource Officers (PROs) in middle and high schools, facilitate emergency drills, staff and responder evaluation of emergency operations plans, and improve response skills focused on protecting students and staff, saving lives, and reducing injuries.

When school begins on Aug. 29, all elementary schools in Greenbrier County will also welcome a trained uniformed police officer to their school security team. Funded for two years through Elementary & Secondary Emergency Relief Funding (ESSERF), this proactive school security initiative allows Greenbrier County Schools to pilot on-campus contracted police services with uniformed officers with arrest powers. The officers, who will have a consistent presence in their designated school, are not there to discipline or police students. The officers will enhance school safety and security and protect students and staff.

"Providing a safe and secure environment for our students and staff is job one. Considering recent school tragedies, we feel that placing officers in our schools is necessary," states Superintendent Jeff Bryant.

"These uniformed police officers will receive training on maintaining safe schools, handling student and school security threats, and facilitating drills. The officers will prioritize ensuring a safe school environment and responding to potential threats. Renewing the levy will allow us to continue this initiative and our Prevention Resource Officer program, ensuring we can maintain police officers in all our schools," continued Bryant.

In cooperation with the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department (GCSD) and the Greenbrier County Police Association (GCPA), Greenbrier County Schools conducted active shooter training for law enforcement at two area schools on Aug. 22 and 23. The eight-hour training course, led by First Lt. Bart Baker of the GCSD, allows responders to evaluate facilities, review emergency operations plans, and improve response skills.

Additionally, a mandatory eight-hour training course for officers participating in contracted police service at Greenbrier

County Schools was held on Thursday, Aug. 25.

"Regrettably, we must plan and practice for such possible occurrences. However, we realize that emergency drills are essential for the safety of our students and staff. We appreciate our local law enforcement and emergency services agencies' collaborative efforts to make this training a reality. We are working together to provide the safe, uninterrupted learning environment that our children deserve," concluded Superintendent Bryant.

On Nov. 8, citizens will vote on the renewal of the special school levy that includes a ten percent (10%) increase for a sixty percent (60%) levy rate that provides for continued funding for officers in schools in addition to items currently funded through the levy. Additional information on the special levy is available at greenbrier-countyschools.org.

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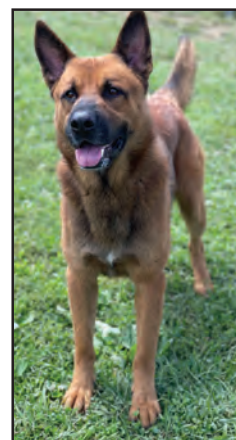
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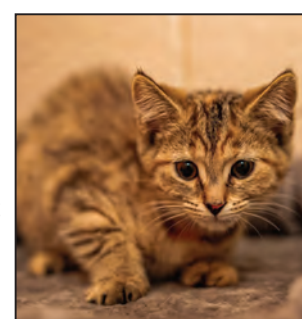
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KODA

Koda is a four-year-old male shepherd mix and weighs 76 pounds.



BRANDY

Brandy is a three-month-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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DEMOLAY WV Prospect Party

The Greenbrier Valley Chapter of DeMolay will hold a Prospect Party Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Shrine Club Building, 294 McElhenny Road, Lewisburg. For over 100 years, DeMolay International has given young men between the age of 12-21 the tools to become leaders on their path. Your road to brotherhood begins here. Questions? Contact Jim Coleman at 304-646-1570 or jim.coleman42@gmail.com

Market Days

in the Meadow River Valley

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

For the Record

Deeds

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 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 34 & 35, Griffith Addition, Town of White Sulphur 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 Sulphur Municipality

Christopher 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 2, Stoney Field Subdivision, Lewisburg Dist.

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

Public Meetings

Rainelle Town Council

meetings are held every second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Rainelle City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Gbr. Co. Farmland Protection Board

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

Lewisburg Planning Commission

will meet in a working session Thursday, Sept. 1, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 942 Washington Street, West. On the agenda:

- Approval of August Minutes
- Comments from the Public
- Discussion of Permissible Use Table, Christy DeMuth WVU Law
- Discussion of Future Land Use Map
- Comments from Planning Commission Members
- Comments from Zoning Officer

The next scheduled working session of the Lewisburg Planning Commission will be Thursday, Oct. 6, at 5:30 p.m. with a deadline of Friday, Sept. 16.

Marriages

Jacob Hunter Winning (Charmco) to Leah Katelynn Hicks (Crawley)

Jacob Scott White (Crawley) to Rachel Elizabeth Kirby (Grassy Meadows)

Daniel Richard Harrington, Jr. (Baltimore, MD) to Jennifer Amy Guth (Baltimore, MD)]

Carlos Xavier Lazo (Alderson) to Taylor Leann Curry (Frankford)

Shatique Mozumbali Oglesby (Denver, CO) to Nicole Leigh Carry (Crawley)

Suits

In Re: The Marriage of: Jeffrey Curtis O'Brien and Jennifer Louise O'Brien

In Re: The Marriage of: Robert Wilson and Sheri Wilson

In Re: The Marriage of: Jessica Loudermilk and Anthony Loudermilk

Marie Leist Foundation grant deadline approaching

The Marie Leist Foundation would like to announce that its deadline for accepting grant requests is Sept. 1.

The Marie Leist Foundation was established in 2005 for the general purpose of making grants for charitable, religious, scientific and educational purposes to benefit the communities of Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties.

If your nonprofit or government organization would like to apply for a grant, please send your letter request to The Marie Leist Foundation, P.O. Box 591, Lewisburg, WV 24901. Also include a copy of your 501(c)(3) tax exemption letter with your request.

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Friends with Paws therapy dog to be placed at Greenbrier East High School

Gov. Jim Justice and First Lady Cathy Justice announced the next seven schools that will receive certified therapy dogs as a part of the First Lady's Friends With Paws initiative.

"Bringing these seven additional dogs into our Friends With Paws therapy dog program will greatly enhance our Communities In Schools initiative," First Lady Cathy Justice said. "I am getting a lot of positive feedback from schools' staff about how our dogs are benefiting students by alleviating anxiety and improving attendance. We're looking forward to future pup rallies, and I'd like to invite members of the local communities receiving these dogs to come and help celebrate!"

One of the seven new schools to receive a dog this fall is Greenbrier East High School, which will receive a male cream/white Labradoodle named Marshal.

The addition of the seven dogs to Friends With Paws will achieve the initial goal of the program; placing ten certified therapy dogs in schools across West Virginia by the end of this year. In 2023, Friends With Paws also plans to place ten additional dogs in CIS schools in West Virginia.

First announced in March, the Friends With Paws program places certified therapy dogs in CIS schools across the state, providing companionship and comfort for students in need of a boost.

The Friends With Paws Program is a partnership between the Governor's Office, West Virginia Communities In Schools (CIS) Nonprofit, and the West Virginia Department of Education.

Therapy dogs are placed in schools within CIS counties where students are disproportionately affected by poverty, substance misuse, or other at-risk situations, and are in the greatest need of a support animal. The dogs serve as a healthy and friendly outlet for these students to address trauma and other social-emotional issues.

Representatives from the three current Friends With Paws schools were also on hand for the ceremony today as were two therapy dogs. The representatives shared stories about the impact the certified therapy dogs have had on the students at their schools.

"Having Coal at our school has brought a sense of peace and calm," said Shannon Pace, CIS Site Coordinator at Welch Elementary School and Primary Handler of Coal. "His presence is comforting and welcoming to both students, staff, and fami-

lies. He has helped bridge the gap that Covid created two years ago."

"The pandemic has brought new opportunities for thinking outside the traditional methods of dealing with the challenges of stress and anxiety that our students and employees face," said Upshur County Schools Superintendent Dr. Sara Lewis-Stankus. "Our Governor and First Lady exemplify the necessity to go beyond the traditional methods of addressing students' needs. We appreciate the Governor and First Lady's gift of our therapy dog, Foster. Foster is a gift that will keep on giving to the students of Upshur County! He has made such a difference at Buckhannon Academy-Elementary School. The staff and students look forward to their time with Foster. He is always ready to listen, ready to love, and ready to give us a friendly doggy kiss."



Marshal is a trained therapy dog, and will be placed at Greenbrier East High School this fall.

ATTENTION GREENBRIER COUNTY FARMERS (Taxpayers)

FARM USE APPLICATION AND VALUATION DEADLINE FOR FISCAL TAX YEAR 2023

From: Joe Darnell, Assessor

PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE for signing up on the FARM USE APPLICATION FOR FISCAL TAX YEAR 2023 is: SEPTEMBER 1st, 4:30 PM.

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OPINION

Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist
Something Completely Different

If you've been growing vegetables for decades like me, you welcome new ideas. The traditional plantings of corn, tomato, beans and squash can get boring if you don't change it up a bit. Here are some different edibles to experiment with other than the normal seeds and plants that you find in the big nursery plant shops.

Celeriac is a root vegetable tasting much like celery. Start from seeds indoors next spring about 8-10 weeks before the last spring frost. In this year, 2022, our last spring frost fell on May 10, according to the almanac. You can quickly find your spring and fall frost dates by going online to: <https://www.almanac.com/gardening/frostdates/WV> and type in your zip code.

Spinach is a great fall crop planted from seeds right now. I enjoy the variety called space spinach. Its leaves are smooth and round. Whether you eat it raw in salads or cooked, it is tasty and packed with vitamins. It resists early bolting and downy mildew; the leaves grow upright off the soil, so it stays cleaner, too. It is a hybrid and organic seeds are available through seed companies.

Kohlrabi is grown in the spring or the fall and it grows quickly in about six weeks with the right conditions, including lots of sun and well drained soil. You can choose purple or green kohlrabi to grow from seeds. It grows into a bulb shape that sits on top of the soil and produces leaves on stalks. The first year the plant will produce a bulb shaped vegetable and the next year it will flower and produce seeds. That is called a biennial. The thick skin can be peeled off and the whole plant is then edible. It can also be eaten raw or cooked. It is a cultivar of cabbage and shaped like a turnip.

Watermelon radishes taste like a radish not a watermelon but do have a slightly sweet yet spicy flavor. The color inside is pink, hence the watermelon moniker. Grown easily from seed, they require two months to grow to maturity and prefer the cooler temperatures. The size of a golf ball, you can eat it raw or pickled and no peeling is required. All radishes, in general, don't grow well in the hot summer sun. If the radish goes to seed, the seed pods are edible and crisp. The key to growing radishes is to plant the seed about one inch under the soil and pack the soil lightly. Water regularly to keep them juicy inside.

Black Tuscan Kale is also a great candidate for late summer/early fall planting. Sow seeds directly into the soil, about 1/4 inch deep about 12-15 inches apart. The leaves will be ready for harvesting in about 60 days. Not bitter, it tastes great steamed or sautéed or chopped up

Commentary

AG Morrissey announces settlement with Rite Aid

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey on Thursday announced a settlement that may add up to \$30 million with Rite Aid to resolve a lawsuit that alleged the pharmacy chain failed to maintain effective controls against diversion and it contributed to oversupply of opioids in the state.

"So many lives have been lost and shattered by this scourge," Attorney General Morrissey said. "With this settlement and other settlements, we will provide significant help to those affected the most by the opioid crisis in our state."

The lawsuit alleged that Rite Aid's contribution to the oversupply of prescription opioids in the state have caused "significant losses through their past and ongoing medical treatment costs, including for minors born addicted to opioids, rehabilitation costs, naloxone costs, medical examiner expenses, self-funded state insurance



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raw for a kale salad. Kale chips are easy to make by baking the dry leaves mixed with a bit of olive oil and flaked sea salt in the oven on a low heat at 275 degrees till crisp, about 15 minutes. Kale chips are a great snack packed with vitamins and minerals and they taste great.

There are many more vegetables that we normally don't consider putting into our gardens. Try introducing at least two new items annually just for kicks and experimentation. Variety is the spice of life and you'll widen your garden horizons, too!

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

costs and other forms of losses to address opioid-related afflictions and loss of lives."

"Money will not bring back the lives lost from this epidemic, but we are looking for accountability," Attorney General Morrissey said.

The money from all opioid settlements will be distributed under the terms of the West Virginia First Memorandum of Understanding. Announced in mid-February, the MOU is an agreement with cities and counties on how future settlement dollars would be used to abate the opioid crisis throughout the state. It contains a comprehensive plan to use those funds to abate the massive problems caused by the flood of opioids into West Virginia.

While the Rite Aid case has been settled, litigation against the remaining pharmacy defendants continues in the Mass Litigation Panel with a trial date in September.

State Fair Numbers

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Fairgoer Spending

- Fairgoer spending on food grossed over \$3.5 million, which is an average of over \$20 per person.
- Reithoffer Shows, the Fair's carnival provider, set an all-time Fair record for carnival ride gross sales at the State Fair of WV with a final figure of just under \$1.2 million.

Attendance

- The Grandstand attracted over 29,000 fairgoers to eight different shows throughout the week
- Overall Fair attendance totaled over 170,000.

User Engagement

- 13M Social Media impressions
- 732,566 User engagements
- Global audience

Other facts and figures

- The State Fair of West Virginia is a 501c3 Non-Profit
- SFWV pays over \$75,000 in property taxes each year
- SFWV collects over \$120,000 in sales tax each year (figure does not include tax on food or carnival sales which is collected by individual vendors or businesses).

"Outside of the number of fairgoers coming through the gates, it is important for us to look at the entire picture to judge the true success of the fair," Collins stated. "State Fairs were started to tell the story of agriculture, but to also spur commerce in the local community – two missions we still hold true."

The 98th Annual State Fair is set for Aug. 10-19, 2023.

Proposed Amendment

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the settlement agreement with the counsel for the Big 3. The commission agreed to the memorandum and is now officially a party to the settlement.

The Commission then heard from Greenbrier County Schools Superintendent Jeff Bryant and Chief School Business Official Davd McClure regarding the approval of placement of the new excess levy on the November ballot. The legislature passed a bill recently declaring that all special elections must be held alongside regular elections. As such, though the current levy doesn't run out until 2024, in order to have levy funds beyond that point the levy must be voted on this November.

The levy is an increase from 50 per cent of the maximum amount allowed to be collected by levy to 60 per cent. This increase, Superintendent Bryant explained, "is chiefly and primarily for the safety and well-being of our kids through our new program for keeping off-duty officers in the elementary schools. I told my teachers about that and they applauded, all in unison. So we're all really excited to see that become a reality."

CSBO McClure said, "As of now there are 30 plus counties which have higher levies, so we're going to be able to come up and compete with our area, as almost everyone around us has higher levies and that'll allow us to be more competitive."

The commission approved the placement of the levy on the November ballot. The Commission and the representatives of the School Board were hopeful of its passage, and urge a yes vote from the public this November.

In other news, the Commission approved the hire of Ashley Nicole Shields for a position in the Circuit Clerk's office. Circuit Clerk Louvonne Arbuckle recommended Shields after the passage of her background check.

The county also amended the county vehicle use policy, as well as allowing for currently county employed individuals to take time off in conjunction with running for office.

The Greenbrier County Commission meets every other Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the County Commission office. The public is encouraged to attend.

Correction

Last week's article titled *Blue Sulphur Springs Pavilion Restoration Work Continues* noted that the Greenbrier Historical Society purchased the site, however, the pavilion and surrounding two acres were donated to the Society. GHS prepared the nomination for the Preservation Alliance of West Virginia's Endangered Properties List and no stabilization or renovation was started until after the property was donated.

Commentary

Utility termination assistance available

By PSC Chair Charlotte Lane

When you open your mailbox to find a termination notice from one of your utilities, the stress begins. If you are behind on paying your bills the news is probably not a surprise, but bad news is bad news whether you expect it or not. So, what should you do?

The first thing a customer needs to do when they receive a termination notice from their utility company is to contact WV211 to see what financial assistance may be available. Just dial 211 on your phone and you will automatically be connected with someone who has knowledge of assistance in your area and can connect you with any available resources.

You should also contact your local West Virginia DHHR office to apply for assistance through LIHEAP, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. LIHEAP is a federally funded program that is administered locally that helps low-income citizens pay for home heating and cooling, weatherizing your home and minor energy-related home repairs.

The West Virginia Housing Development Fund administers assistance programs for renters and homeowners who are struggling due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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.

After seeking assistance, you should contact your utility company. Let them know that you are looking for assistance and attempting to pay your bill. Ask about setting up a deferred payment plan to spread your past due amount across several months' bills so you can get caught up.

If, after speaking with the utility, you are still in danger of termination, it's time to call the Public Service Commission at 1-800-642-8544. We have a team of specially trained Consumer Affairs Technicians who can act as a liaison between the customer and the utility company to try to work out a solution to avoid termination of service.

We are in difficult times right now. Prices are rising across the board and money is tight. If you receive that dreaded termination letter from your utility company, don't panic. Remember that help is available, and now you know where to start looking for assistance.

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OBITUARIES

Carrington Allen Smith



Bayard, IA-Carrington "Smitty" Allen Smith, 57, of Bayard, Iowa, born Aug. 10, 1965 in Union, WV, formerly of Alderson, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 14, 2022, at Mercy One Hospital in Des Moines, IA, following a sudden illness.

Smitty was a former heavy duty equipment operator that traveled across the U.S. for many years and was a member of Local 70 IBEW, Washington, DC. Smitty loved to ride his Harley Davidson "Rhonda," had an extensive Biker family in several states and loved bike trips with his buddies. He was loved by those who knew him. Smitty loved his children and adored his grandchildren. Smitty had an amazing smile, "bodacious" long hair, and had a "chrome" beard. He loved to laugh, joke, flirt, kid around and was the life of any gathering. Music was a big part of Smitty's life. He loved to sing, spend time with friends, and enjoyed hunting, fishing and collected knives, old limited edition coins, and most notably had a large Harley Davidson memorabilia collection. Smitty kept every handwritten letter, birthday/holiday card and every photo he was sent. He cherished his family. He attended Union High School in Union, WV.

Survivors include his children; one son, Joshua Smith of Westminster, MD; two daughters, Quintina Smith of Aspers, PA, and Jacquelynne Smith of Harrisburg, PA; four grandchildren, Alexandria Smith, Owen Conn, Riley Conn, and Aalayah Willis; his mother, Marcella Carter Smith of Alderson; sister, Michelle Smith Wilson and husband Steve of Union; brother, Yellies Edward "Eddie" Smith, Jr. and wife Doris of Brown City, MI.; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, the late Yellies Edward Smith; an infant sister, Cheryl Elaine Smith; paternal grandparents, Cleo and Nannie B. Smith; maternal grandparents, Issac "Ike" and Etta Pearl Carter; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services will be on Saturday, Aug. 27, at 1 p.m. at the Lobban Funeral Home Chapel in Alderson, with Pastor Dave Spencer officiating. Burial will follow in the Adkins Cemetery on Flat Mountain, Alderson.

Friends may call Friday, Aug. 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lobban Funeral Home, Alderson. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers. Flowers are welcome as well as financial contributions to help offset funeral costs.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the Smith family at www.lobbanfh.com and <https://www.facebook.com/SmittySmith2022>

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Billy Joe Martin, Jr.



Billy Joe Martin, Jr., 73, passed away Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022, at New River Valley Medical Center.

He was born Mar. 30, 1949, to Billy Joe Martin and Elva Pauley Martin.

He married Sandra Martin (Teeny) in 1970 and they lived together in Conyers, GA. Together they raised two children, Billy (Kristi) Martin and Sandra "Sandy" (John) Flock. He is also survived by brothers, Greg Martin, Timmie Bailey, Web Martin, Walter Martin and Rusty Martin; six grandchildren, Dayton Lee Lyndsey Martin, Lauryn Martin, Heather Martin, Kathryn Flock and John Flock, III; and three great-grandchildren, Cheyenne, Dalton and T. J.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Billy and Elva Martin and a sister, Amy Price.

Billy graduated from Alleghany High School in 1969 and worked at General Mills close to 20 years and was passionate about affecting the most positive change in people.

Billy will be missed by many.

Graveside service was held on Thursday, Aug. 25, at the Pauley-Massey Cemetery in Ronceverte.

Visitation for the public was held at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Chapel in Ronceverte before the graveside service.

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

Please send online condolences by visiting www.wallaceandwallacefh.com

Sandra Walker Ayers



Fairlea-Sandra "Susie" Walker Ayers, 78, passed away Friday, Aug. 19, 2022 at home after a short illness.

She was a loving wife, devoted mother and grandmother. She was a cherished friend to many. She loved decorating and entertaining for family and friends. She loved raising her flowers and cooking for her family.

She retired from Greenbrier Physicians Clinic after 35 years of service. She was the Business Manager of Greenbrier Physicians from its beginning until she retired. She was a member of the State and National Medical Group Management Association. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Ronceverte.

Susie was preceded in death by her parents, Emmett and Leotta Walker, and a son, Don Ayers.

She is survived by her husband, Charles; daughter, Carolyn Dolan (Jerry); and four grandchildren, Sarah Mangum (Scott and Step-son Tristan), Scott Walker Ayers,

Bryan Dolan, and Brandon Dolan (Jessica and step-daughter Talyne); and daughter-in-law, Joyce Smith; sisters, Martha (Jamie deceased), Kathy (Arnold), and Nancy.

Graveside service was held at Green Hill Cemetery, Union, on Tuesday, Aug. 23. Rev. Dr. Joe Geiger and Father Joe Lutz officiated the service.

Pallbearers were John Trout, Harry Lee Walker, Jr., Shane Wickline, Scott Walker Ayers, Bryan Dolan, and Brandon Dolan.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to Hospicecare, 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg, WV 24901 will be appreciated.

The family welcomed friends following the service at their home on Sunset Drive.

Special thanks to Joe Lutz of Greenbrier Physicians and Shauna Crowe of Hospicecare for Susie's care.

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

Please send online condolences by visiting www.wallaceandwallacefh.com

William D. Goodwin



Lewisburg-William D. Goodwin, 79, passed away Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

Born Aug. 4, 1943, in Baltimore, MD, he was the son of the late William E. and Virginia Douglass Goodwin.

Bill graduated from WVU Law School in 1967. He worked for S.J. Neathawk Lumber for many years before opening his law practice in Lewisburg in 1992. He was the former owner of Stuart and Watts Real Estate Company. Bill was a member and Trustee of the Rhema Christian Center.

Survivors include his loving wife, Marie Raines Goodwin; sons, Doug Goodwin (Leigh Ann) of Lewisburg, and Sean Goodwin (Stacey) of Alvon; mother of his sons and friend, Janet Neathawk of Lewisburg; step-son, Jeff Faudree (Tanga) of New Market, VA; step-daughters, Lisa Arbogast (John) of Singer Glen, VA, and Shelly Faudree of Lewisburg; grandchildren, S.J., Henry, Bryleigh, Ella and Lilly Goodwin; step-grandchildren, Justin Faudree, Jeremy Faudree, Oslin Faudree, Brandon Arbogast, J.D. Arbogast and Warren Dale Adkins (Holly Blankenship); several step-grandchildren and a host of others who called him "Daddy Bill."

Visitation was held Wednesday, Aug. 24, at the Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg. Funeral service was on Thursday, Aug. 25, at Rhema Christian Center, Davis Stuart Road, Lewisburg, where his "Brother" Pastor Stewart Farley officiated.

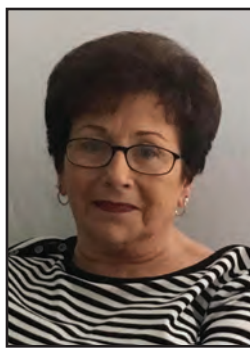
Burial followed in Greenbrier Memorial Gardens, Lewisburg.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Rhema Christian Center, 3584 Davis

Stuart Road, Lewisburg, WV 24901 to help with ongoing community projects within the Greenbrier Valley.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Charlotte Ann Falls



Charlotte Ann "Tottie" (Burns) Falls, 77, went home to be with Jesus on Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022, after a long and courageous battle with illness.

"Tottie," who was born to Clarence and Geneva Burns of Snowflake, WV, was a lifelong Christian and loved reading her Bible and listening to hymns.

She is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, Thomas H. Falls; her daughter, Pamela Arnold (husband Kevin); son, Michael Falls (wife Heather); grandchildren, Laura Hunt (husband Alex), Katie Moore (husband Matt), Bradley, Joshua, and Abraham Falls; and her great-grandchildren, Ellie and Owen Hunt and Alayana Moore. She is also survived by her aunt, Mary Bowyer; uncle, Phillip Brooks (Anna); brother, Johnny Burns (Dorris); brothers-in-law, Glenville Ratliffe, Alfred Falls, Bill Falls (Betsy) and Ray Falls; Sisters-in-law, Kathlene Hylton, Dorothy Hylton, and Ginger Blackburn; also many special nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She joins in Heaven, father and mother, Clarence and Geneva Burns; father-in-law, Garland Crane; special aunt, Susie Newberry (Judge); sisters, Deanna McCallister (Lewis) and Carmen Ratliffe; brothers, Roger Lee and Phillip Wesley Burns; sisters-in-laws, Jean Wicks, Mary Norris (Les), Lynne Geiger (Tom), and Deloris Falls; brother-in-law, Jesse Hylton; and many other special nieces, nephews, and family members whom she loved dearly.

Funeral services for Tottie were held on Wednesday Aug. 24, at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg where Rev. Ike Hughes officiated. Interment followed in the Falls Cemetery on Muddy Creek Mountain.

The family received family and friends on Wednesday, Aug. 24, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were: Brad Falls, Josh Falls, Joey McCallister, John Ratliff, Frank Stewart and Arthur Bartenslager.

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

Please send online condolences by visiting www.wallaceandwallacefh.com

Ellen Marie Heffernan McCoy



Williamsburg-Ellen Marie Heffernan McCoy, 71, of Pembroke Road, Williamsburg, passed away Monday, Aug. 22, 2022, at The Brian Center Health & Rehabilitation in Low Moor, VA, following a long illness.

She was born Aug. 25, 1950, in Medford, MA, the daughter of the late Fred and Helen "Honey" Farry Heffernan. While attending St. Clements High School, she worked evenings at Transiron Corporation testing integrated circuits. After several years as a quality manager for Analogic Corporation, she worked at Raytheon Corporation during development of the Patriot missile. She then obtained her realty license and worked in that field until she married Phil McCoy and moved to Williamsburg in 1988.

Ellen quickly adjusted to country life and was involved in many activities including rescue squad, Community Action, and numerous fundraisers. She was a member of the Andrew Chapel Methodist Church, manager of the Food Bank, training officer for the Williamsburg Rescue Squad, and CPR instructor. Always eager to accept new challenges, she tried her hand at cooking, bartending, Children's Shelter monitor, greenhouse tending, retail at the Artist's Colony, and co-started a housecleaning business. Ellen loved traveling, sailing, kittens, puppies, and Winnie the Pooh and all his friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Joe Heffernan.

She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Philip Warren McCoy of Williamsburg; nephew, Michael Heffernan of Myrtle Beach, SC; two nieces, Kelly Heffernan and Amy Heffernan; three great nieces, Taya Swain, Mya Swain, and Trinity Smith; two great nephews, Jason Smith and Isacc Smith, all of Gloucester, MA; aunt, Janet Jackson of Santa Rosa, CA; sister-in-law, Maura Heffernan of Port St. Lucy, FL; numerous cousins; and best friends, Shannon Perry, Carolyn Stephens, and Gloria Owens.

In keeping with her wishes, her body has been cremated. A memorial service will be announced in the near future.

Nicely Funeral Home, Clifton Forge, VA, is handling arrangements.

To send condolences to the family online, please visit www.nicelyfuneralhome.com

David Nalker



Bridgewater, VA-David Nalker, 80, passed away on July 28, 2022, in Bridgewater, VA.

Dave was born in Washington, IN, on June 16, 1942, to Earl and Dorothy (Shake) Nalker.

He married Alice Suzanne "Susie" Knittel on July 1, 1961.

Dave is survived by his wife, Susie; two children, Tony (Beth) and Lisa; five grandchildren, Emily and Henry Nalker, Maggie, Andy, and Sarah Neff; and one brother, Ed in Mississippi.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Steve in Thailand, and son-in-law, Robert A. Neff, both in 2018.

Dave graduated from Washington High School in Indiana, and while he never attained a university degree, he was proud to say he graduated from the "College of Hard Knocks." He worked for International Harvester for ten years before relocating to Lewisburg. He retired from Mountain International Trucks, which he had co-founded, and in retirement worked as a bunker tour guide at The Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs. Dave was a member of the Lewisburg Rotary, where he had served as a Club President and was a Paul Harris Fellow. Before his move from Lewisburg to Bridgewater Retirement Community in Bridgewater, VA, he was honored by the Lewisburg Rotary Club with a scholarship in his name for a student at New River Community and Technical College.

Dave continued his service in Rotary after moving to Virginia, joining the Bridgewater Rotary Club. Dave was a very devoted member of St. James Episcopal Church in Lewisburg, a Church trustee and choir member. He helped form The Men of Greenbrier (a barbershop chorus) and had served on the boards of Carnegie Hall and Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Greenbrier County Public Library and as a commissioner for the WV State Library Commission. For 13 years Dave was a member of the Board of Governors of New River Community and Technical College, including three years as Chair.

A Memorial Service and reception to follow will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 2:30 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church, 468 Church Street, Lewisburg. The service will also be live streamed on Facebook accessed through the church's website: www.lewisburgstjames.org or on Facebook.

Memorial gifts may be made to The Dave Nalker Music Fund at St. James Episcopal Church, 468 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901 or a charity of your choice.

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Chorale announces auditions for Christmas Concert

If you have ever attended a Greenbrier Valley Chorale concert and wished you could sing along, here's your chance. The chorale will hold auditions for its Christmas concert at Carnegie Hall, 611 Church Street, Lewisburg, on Tuesday, Sept. 6, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The choir welcomes new members for all voice parts- soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. at Carnegie Hall beginning Sept 13. The concert, which will feature both new and familiar holiday songs, will be held at Carnegie Hall on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m.

Auditions are brief and private. No appointment is necessary, and you do not need to have a prepared piece. Some experience singing in a choir or playing a musical instrument is required. The director will listen for tone and range and conduct a short interview. Former members who have not sung with the group in two years or more should contact the director.

Singers come from all over Greenbrier County and adjacent counties in West Virginia and Virginia. Chorale members range in age from advanced high school students to retirees. The artistic director is Barbara Wygal Lutz. Teresa Bryant is the accompanist, and concerts frequently feature guest instrumentalists.

For more information about the Chorale visit www.greenbriervalleychorale.org or find us on Facebook. If you would like to audition but are unable to attend on Sept. 6, please contact Lutz to arrange another time.



The Greenbrier Valley Chorale

A Look Back



By William "Skip" Deegans

This week's undated photo shows an interesting and unusual home known at one time as Java Hill. The house is located on the east side of U.S. 219 in Maxwelton.

In 1905, Dr. Howard Bell Arbuckle purchased 12 acres of land from his father, John Arbuckle. The house was designed by a British architect and built in 1906-07 for Dr. Arbuckle and his wife, Ida. The house was laid out in a "U" shape with two wings to avoid disturbing four old maple trees. A believer in fresh air, the architect designed the first floor rooms so that each one opened outdoors. Windows were placed for cross ventilation. A lover of trees, Dr. Arbuckle planted many varieties as well as an orchard.

The house was later acquired by John and Frances Arbuckle Barnes who named it Java Hill after the first ini-

tials of their family - John, Arnold, Frances, and Arnold.

Born in 1870 in Lewisburg, Dr. Arbuckle attended Hampden-Sydney College and received a Ph.D. in chemistry from Johns Hopkins University. He taught classical languages at what is now the University of Florida. Afterwards, he taught chemistry at Agnes Scott College and landed at Davidson College where he taught chemistry from 1913 until 1937. While at Davidson, he sponsored the first school for African-American children in the town of Davidson, North Carolina. Dr. Arbuckle died in 1945 and is buried in Davidson.

Photo: Courtesy of Greenbrier Historical Society.

Sources: Greenbrier Historical Society, Charleston Daily-Mail, Charlotte News, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission.

Dear Recycle Lady

Dear Recycle Lady,

What is "plogging?"

A New Word in My Vocabulary

Dear A New Word in My Vocabulary,

The word "plogging" was created to describe a new way of helping the environment. Originating in Sweden, plogging combines "to pick up" and "to jog," thus means picking up trash while jogging. Many joggers do this by carrying a small trash bag with them for any trash they pickup while jogging. Of course, plogging can be done just as easily in activities such as walking, hiking, or cycling. Before disposing of the trash bag, be sure to remove any litter that can be recycled.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Can the oven racks in my old stove be recycled?

Baker

Dear Baker,

Not only can the oven racks and drip pans from your stove be recycled, but the entire stove can be taken to the Recycle Center. They will remove all recyclable or usable parts from the stove and dispose of what's left. Take it to the aluminum cans door and press the button. Someone will come to assist you.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Today I received a package in the mail that was flat and close to being square. When I opened it, I found that the cardboard was stuck to the box that was being shipped. Can this cardboard that has a sticky substance on it be recycled with cardboard?

Puzzled

Dear Puzzled,

Unfortunately, the sticky substance on one side of the cardboard packaging prevents it from being recycled. The sticky or tacky residue on the cardboard will create problems when the cardboard is processed for reuse. Thus, this piece of cardboard must be put in the trash.

Dear Readers,

Ever wonder how nature "reuses" resources? The coconut octopus has a perfect example. According to freethetheocean.com, this octopus gathers coconut shells that fall on the tree-lined beaches of the Pacific coast and uses them for shelter. It will even carry its treasures from place to place, holding them with its six "arms" while walking on the ocean floor with its two "legs." A great example of reusing!

Interesting Information: At its widest point, the Pacific Ocean is wider than the diameter of the moon. The expanse of ocean is 12,300 miles across from Indonesia all the way to Colombia, S.A., a distance that is five times wider than the moon! (fto.com)

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the workshop scheduled for Friday, Aug. 26 has been cancelled. It has been rescheduled for Friday, Sept. 23. See you then.

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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WV Department of Arts, Culture and History announces Fiscal Year 2023 Grants

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) announced grants awarded to organizations and individuals for fiscal year 2023 through the State Library Commission, State Historic Preservation Office and the State Arts Office.

"We are proud to be able to distribute these grants to deserving organizations, projects and individuals across the Mountain State," said WVDACH Curator Randall Reid-Smith. "We are very thankful to Governor Jim Justice for securing the funding that allows us to help these organizations, and for always supporting the mission of our department to grow the arts in West Virginia, help preserve historic properties across the state and assist public libraries to provide access to resources and services to all West Virginians."

The West Virginia Library Commission (WVLC) provides Grants in Aid (GIA) to West Virginia Public Libraries which, in combination with local support, provides operating funds to public libraries to expand and enhance services to their patrons. GIA funds are distributed to all public libraries based on service area population as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau's Decennial Census. Currently service population is calculated using the 2020 Census. The WVLC also offers Public Library Service Center and Unassigned Affiliate Grant, provides funding to Service Center libraries for cooperative professional support to affiliate libraries. The Library Commission works with the larger libraries in the state to improve services and for continuing education.

The State Historic Preservation Office manages the State Development Grant Program for rehabilitation of properties that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places or a contributing property in a historic district or/and archaeological development of a site listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The funding source for this grant program is appropriated by the WV Legislature, through Lottery Funds.

The State Arts Office administers the Arts Partners grants, Community Arts Project Support (CAPS) grants, Arts in Education grants and Professional Development grants. Arts Partners provides general operating support for long-standing, stable arts organizations to further the general purpose or work of an organization rather than for a specific purpose or project. CAPS provides support for projects in all disciplines that offer arts programming to the public. Sub-categories include presenting artists, performing arts, visual arts, media arts, and folk/traditional arts. Arts in Education provides sup-

port for curriculum-based, hands-on projects that involve K-12 students and teachers in the arts during daily instruction or outside of regular school hours; support to present performing, literary, and visual artists to students in grades K-12; and support for schools, nonprofit community arts organizations and other nonprofit sponsors that do not present a season of events for the presentation of West Virginia artists in arts education projects. Professional Development provides support for professional and emerging artists to expand or improve their work or share their expertise and support for art organizations that meet the needs of underserved artists by offering programs that help them expand or improve their work. Local grant winners include:

West Virginia Library Commission, Grants in Aid (GIA) for West Virginia Public Libraries:

- Alderson Public Library - \$21,739.71
- Monroe County Public Library - \$34,885.63
- Ronceverte Public Library - \$27,754.84
- Rupert Public Library - \$21,113.46
- White Sulphur Springs Public Library - \$28,770.52

Public Library Service Center and Unassigned Affiliate Grant:

- Greenbrier County Public Library - \$79,099.00

State Historic Preservation Office, State Development Grants:

- C.K. Miller House, Alderson, Greenbrier County - \$7,666.00

State Arts Office, Arts Partners:

- Greenbrier Repertory Theatre Company - \$43,238.00
- Carnegie Hall, Inc. - \$51,775.00

Arts in Education:

- High Rocks Educational Corp. - \$11,590.00
- Greenbrier County Schools - \$14,075.00

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Kids' College a Success

The 29th annual Kids' College hosted children from California, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana, New York, North Carolina, Virginia, Wisconsin, West Virginia, and even Ireland for five different arts and science classes each day. From July 11-15 and July 18-22 more than 172 children in second through seventh grade attended the day camp. Every room and studio in Carnegie Hall, including the auditorium and kitchen, was filled with children learning, creating, and discovering new things.

Kids' College is a summer day camp where children expand their artistic horizons in a safe and nurturing environment. 17 teaching artists assisted by 30 volunteers taught classes in archaeology, theatre, cooking, fashion design, ki aikido, music, origami, painting, pottery, pinewood derby, and more. Several new teaching artists joined the Kids' College staff this summer including Cassidy Hicks, who taught multiple music classes, and Jennifer Spencer, who taught Craft Arts.

Carnegie Hall would like to thank the United Way of Greenbrier Valley and several generous individual donors who gave money so that we could provide over \$8,500 in scholarships to 35 children from five different counties in West Virginia. We also want to thank Uncle Larry's Fund and the Greenbrier County Commission for their support, and the Greenbrier County Schools for providing drinks and snacks twice per day during recess time.

Next year's Kids' College will be held on July 10-14 and July 17-21, 2023. Registration begins in April 2022. If you are interested in teaching a class at the next Kids' College, teaching proposals are due in November 2022. We also need adult and young volunteers to help with the classes. Contact Harmony Flora, Education Director for more information at 304-645-7917.



2022 Kids' College Group Photo

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NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS FOR CHILLERS AT GREENBRIER EAST HIGH SCHOOL

The Greenbrier County Board of Education, 391 Judyville Road, Lewisburg, WV will accept bids until 10:00 a.m. on September 16, 2022, for the following: replacing two (2) 210 ton York Screw Chillers, model #YCAS0210EC46YGADBT. There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting held at 10:00 a.m. on September 2, 2022, at Greenbrier East High School, 273 Spartan Lane, Lewisburg, WV. In order to submit a final bid you must attend the pre-bid meeting. Call the Office of Operations, 304-647-6461, with any questions.

All bids must be sealed and will be competitive. The board reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids presented.

All bids should be forwarded to:

Greenbrier County Schools
Attn: George Brooks, Director of Operations
391 Judyville Road
Lewisburg, WV 24901

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

CHANGE OF NAME FROM

Sharon Audrey Richmond Long to Sharon Audrey Richmond
Civil Action No. 22-D-149

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME

Order of Publication

Circuit Court of Greenbrier County, West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of October, 2022, at 2:30 o'clock p.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, Sharon Audrey Richmond Long, will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, before the Honorable Judge Sanders, for the entry of an order by said court changing her name from Sharon Audrey Richmond Long to Sharon Audrey Richmond. At which time any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire. Further, said hearing may be rescheduled without further notice or publication. A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at his office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 18th day of August 2022.

By: *Louranne Debruelle*
Circuit Clerk

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of that certain Deed of Trust dated June 21, 2021, executed by GREENBRIER PREMIER RENTALS & PROPERTY, LLC, A WEST VIRGINIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, unto BARRY L. BRUCE, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 859 at page 258, the Maker of the Note and obligation secured thereby having failed to pay the same as provided for under the terms of said Note and Deed of Trust, and default not cured within the terms of said note and Deed of Trust, the Holder of the Note having declared the whole thereof to be due and payable and having requested the undersigned, in writing, to make sale of the real estate described in said Deed of Trust, will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder on **Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.**, of that day, at the front door of the Courthouse of Greenbrier County, Lewisburg, West Virginia, the following described real estate, to wit:

TRACT ONE:

All of that certain real estate, together with the buildings and improvements located thereon, and the rights-of-way, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in Lewisburg Corporate District, County of Greenbrier, State of West Virginia, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

All of those four certain lots or parcels of real estate, together with the buildings and improvements thereto and the easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Patton Heights Subdivision, Lewisburg Municipality, formerly Lewisburg District, Greenbrier County, West Virginia, and more particularly delineated upon a map or plat of said Subdivision of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in Map Book 2, at Page 163, as follows, to wit: Lots No. 96, 98, 100 and 102.

AND BEING a part of that same real estate conveyed unto Greenbrier Premier Rentals & Property, LLC, a West Virginia Limited Liability Company, from Mark Grim, by deed dated April 27, 2021, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 626 at page 509.

TRACT TWO:

All of that certain real estate, together with the buildings and improvements located thereon, and the rights-of-way, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in Ronceverte Corporate District, County of Greenbrier, State of West Virginia, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a 1/2" rebar set in the eastern R/W of U.S. Rte. 219; thence with said R/W N 7-09-30 W 20.00 feet to a 1/2" re-bar set; thence continuing with said R/W N 82-50-30 E 5.00 feet to a 1/2" re-bar set; thence N 7-09-30 W 73.88 feet to a 1/2" re-bar set, a corner to Ida Laura Smothers; thence leaving Rte. 219 and with said Smothers N 82-50-30 E 95.99' to a 1/2" iron pipe found; thence continuing with Smothers N 823-50 W 75.00 feet to a 1/2" iron pipe found in the southern boundary line of Leroy L. Erskine; thence leaving Smothers and with said Erskine N 79-23-14 E 43.26 feet to a 1/2" iron pipe found in the southwestern R/W of Lewisburg Avenue, a corner to Samuel E. Daniels; thence leaving Erskine and Lewisburg Avenue and with Daniels S 8-08-00 E 149.05 feet to a 1/2" re-bar set; thence leaving Daniels and through the property of Stephen G. Morgan S 74-02-57 W 146.81 feet to the place of beginning and containing 0.341 acre, more or less, according to a survey made by N. Eugene Kelley on January 13, 1999 and shown on plat entitled "Plat Showing the Property of Darryl Austin."

AND BEING the same real estate conveyed unto Greenbrier Premier Rentals & Property, LLC, a West Virginia Limited Liability Company, from Mark Grim, by deed dated June 21, 2021, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 634 at page 421.

TRACT THREE:

All that certain real estate, together with the buildings and improvements located thereon, and the rights-of-way, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in Lewisburg District, County of Greenbrier, State of West Virginia, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

A certain tract or lot designated as Lot # 7 of Estates of Greenbrier Subdivision, situate in Lewisburg District, Greenbrier County, West Virginia, at Maxwellton and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a 1/2" rebar, corner to Lot # 6 in the East right of way line of 40.00 foot wide right of way, thence with said right of way, N 01 02719" E 108.16 feet, to a h" rebar, thence with a curve to the right having a delta angle of 88°35'55", radius of 79.93 feet, chord of N 45°45'16" E 111.65 feet for 123.60 feet, to a 1/2" rebar, thence; S 89°56'46" E 114.41 feet, to a 1/2" rebar, thence with a curve to the right having a delta angle of 97°28'158" radius of 40.00 feet, chord of S 41°12'71" E 60.14 feet, for 68.06 feet, to a 1.2" rebar and to the West right of way line of a 30.00 foot wide right of way, thence; S 07°32'12" W 178.66 feet, to a 1/2" rebar, corner to Lot # 6, thence; N 80° 18' 17" W 216.41 feet, to the beginning containing 1.02 acres, more or less.

THERE IS HEREBY EXCEPTED AND RESERVED a 15 foot wide utility easement along the road frontage of the herein described property. This easement is for the installation, repair, maintenance and replacement of any and all utility facilities, including but not limited to electrical power lines, telephone lines, television cables, water lines, sewer lines, and gas lines.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS

WHICH SHALL RUN WITH THE PROPERTY:

- (1) No trailer, mobile home, double wide or manufactured homes shall be allowed on the property.
- (2) Any home constructed upon the property shall contain a minimum of 1,800 square feet of heated living space.
- (3) The GRANTEE shall maintain this property in a neat and orderly condition and shall not allow the lawn or landscaping to become unsightly or overgrown. The predecessors in title by that certain Deed dated September 20, 2005, recorded September 28, 2005, as Instrument 25907 in Deed Book 501, at Page 256, reserved unto themselves or their assigns, the right of have this property mowed in the event that property has become overgrown and it shall be the Grantees responsibility to pay for this service.

AND BEING the same real estate conveyed unto Greenbrier Premier Rentals & Property, LLC, from Cendlelyn Workman, by deed dated June 21, 2021, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 634 at page 425.

TERMS OF SALE: The referenced real property will be conveyed by deed with no covenants of warranty of title. The real property shall be sold subject to all liens not discharged by the sale, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes and liens with priority to the deed of trust pursuant to which this sale is being conducted. The property will be sold subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of ways and reservations which may be of record in aforesaid Clerk's office. The property will be sold for cash in hand on the date of sale to the highest bidder. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (cost of tax stamps to be affixed to deed).

The Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated and act by agent in the execution of the sale.

Given under my hand this the 15th day of August 2022.

Barry L. Bruce
BARRY L. BRUCE, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
P. O. Box 388
336 C and W Road
Lewisburg WV 24901

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The West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) is seeking input to help guide the future of transportation in West Virginia. Based upon information obtained from prior public workshop held on June 30, 2022, WVDOT staff has developed a Draft 6-year Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) covering federal fiscal years (FFY's) 2023-2028. The Draft 2023-2028 STIP identifies planned programs and project investments over the 6-year period to fund the operation, preservation, rehabilitation, and expansion of West Virginia's highway and transit assets statewide with the revenue that is estimated to be available.

WVDOT is hosting a virtual public workshop on **September 1, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**, for the public to review information on future federal transportation funding and projects for the 6-year period and provide comments on the Draft STIP document. The workshop will provide a venue for the public to ask questions and discuss the programs established in the Draft STIP with the project team. Please visit the STIP website at any time during the workshop to access the virtual meeting.

<https://transportation.wv.gov/highways/Programming/STIP/Pages/default.aspx>

Each time the STIP is updated, the public is given the opportunity to participate in the transportation planning process. This public workshop will initiate the official 45-day public comment period for the adoption of the Draft 2023-2028 STIP. The public is encouraged to provide comments on the published STIP material located at the link above. The 45-day public comment period will conclude on **October 15, 2022**. Comments and questions can be submitted electronically via DOTSTIP@wv.gov or by mail to:

Mr. Chris Kinsey
Programming Division,
West Virginia Division of Highways,
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The West Virginia Department of Transportation will, upon request, provide reasonable accommodations including auxiliary aids and services necessary to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in our services, programs, and activities. The WVDOT will consider, upon request, every request for reasonable accommodations to provide language interpretation for people with Limited English Proficiency and translations of written materials necessary to access project information.

Anyone requesting special services should contact the WV Civil Rights Compliance Division at (304) 558-3931 as early as possible so that arrangements can be made. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can reach all state agencies by calling (800) 982-8772 (voice to TDD) or (800) 982-8771 (TDD to voice). Aquellas personas que no hablan inglés o tienen limitaciones para leer, hablar o entender inglés, podrían recibir servicios de interpretación si los solicitan llamando al (304) 558-3931.

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(2020-S-00000153 - Greenbrier County - CG WV CERT 2020 LLC)

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You will take notice that CG WV CERT 2020 LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000153, ACERAGE .17 (D) (FISHER) LOT 94 HILLCREST ACRES 50, located in LEWISBURG, which was returned delinquent in the name of SAMS JOHN D, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 18th day of November, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after October 15, 2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, October 14, 2022, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest,	\$ 239.52
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to October 14, 2022.	\$ 299.32
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2021, following the sheriff's sale to October 14, 2022.	\$ 1,269.16
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to October 14, 2022.	\$ 560.69
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County.	\$ 2,368.69
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

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The season kicks off on Friday, Oct. 21, with artist and activist Kyshona. Kyshona blends folk, rock and R&B with descriptive songwriting and soulful

vocals to sing of fear, hope, community, love and understanding. Audiences will find a common thread of empowerment, overcoming adversity, and finding hope in her work. "This is protest music for a new generation, a musical treatment for social ills, a unique prescription that only works if you listen." - No Depression

Following the opener will be The Special Consensus on Friday, Nov. 4. The Special Consensus is a bluegrass band that has achieved a contemporary sound in their four decades of performing, making their music a modern classic. The band has released 20 recordings and received six awards from the IBMA and two Grammy nominations. Their sound is grounded in a deep appreciation and understanding of bluegrass music; the infectious band sound reminds people of the past while utilizing the innovations of today.

Back by popular demand, and what has now become a holiday tradition, the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra will perform on Friday, Dec. 2. WVSO is West Virginia's premier performing arts organization, presenting classical, pop, and chamber-music concerts annually throughout the Mountain State. WVSO performs primarily at the Clay Center in Charleston, West Virginia, performs over 50 concerts annually around the state, and has a nationally award-winning education program.

The Black Opry Revue will take the stage on Feb. 23, 2023, for Carnegie Hall's first show of 2023. Black Opry is home to Black artists and fans of country, blues, folk, and Americana music. The Revue showcases the diversity in sound and stories that Black artists offer to these genres.

Changing pace, the Hamilton Auditorium welcomes North Carolina Americana group Chatham County Line on Friday, Mar. 10. Chatham County Line has been a staple of the North Carolina music scene for over two decades. Embracing the heart-worn songwriting and rough-hewn voice of leader Dave Wilson the band has graced stages across the U.S. as well as Europe, Scandinavia, Ireland and the United Kingdom. With eight studio albums of original material to pull from, CCL has a sound all their own and a live show to match.

The John Jorgenson Quintet will grace the stage Friday, Apr. 14, 2023. John Jorgenson is perhaps best known for his guitar work with bands such as the Desert Rose Band and The Hellicasters. He is known for his blistering guitar and mandolin licks and mastery of a broad musical palette, which has earned him a reputation as a world-class musician. He is also proficient in the mandolin, mandocello, Dobro, pedal steel, piano, upright bass, clarinet, bassoon, and saxophone. At Quintet performances,



Clockwise from top left: Kyshona, The Special Consensus, Buckwheat Zydeco Jr., John Jorgenson Quintet, Black Opry Review, Piedmont Bluz, Chatham County Line. (middle photo) West Virginia Symphony Orchestra.

audiences are awestruck by not only Jorgenson's skillful guitar playing, but the solo clarinet and bouzouki as well.

The Piedmont Bluz Acoustic Duo are ambassadors of Country Blues music and the Piedmont style of finger-picking. Carnegie Hall presents the group on Sunday, Apr. 23, 2023. Their mission is to help bring awareness to this unique aspect of African American culture, and to the contributions of early blues artists, through performing and teaching. The husband-and-wife duo are much loved wherever they go.

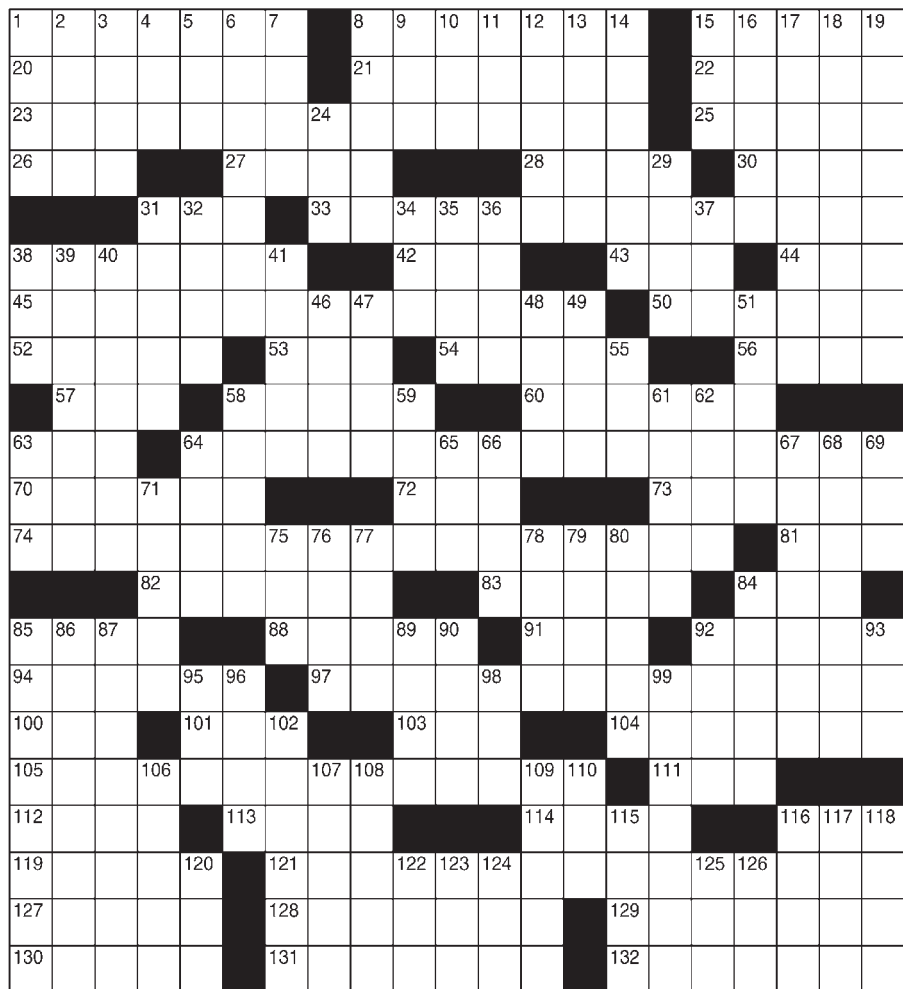
The 2022-2023 Season will conclude with a performance by Buckwheat Zydeco, Jr. and the Legendary IIsSont Partis Band on Friday, May 19, 2023. The band features Sir Reginald Masters Dural aka Buckwheat, Jr. the son of the late great Zydeco legend Stanley "Buckwheat" Dural, Jr. Following the footsteps of his father he has become the accordion front man for his father's Grammy Award Winning band. As part of his father's legendary band, Buckwheat, Jr has shared the stage with

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Super Crossword

APT CITY SIGHTS

- | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ACROSS | 53 Aegean, e.g. | 97 Opening for light in a Wisconsin city? | 4 Cheat | 40 Surrounding, as sound | 85 "Great Jewish Joke Book" writer |
| 1 Inexpensive | 54 "Shrek!" writer William | 100 Alias letters | 5 Aged | 41 Cow on milk cartons | 86 Body of water off Buffalo |
| 8 Nazareth's ancient locale | 56 With 44-Across, "In all probability ..." | 101 "— So Fine" (1963 #1 hit) | 6 Chain of cosmetics stores | 46 Lustful look | 87 Get closer, quaintly |
| 15 Carbo-loading food | 57 Cake alternative | 103 Singer Yoko | 7 Actress Garr | 47 Noble Brit | 89 Kitty's call |
| 20 Conditionally free prisoner | 58 Cake levels | 104 Anybody | 8 Rosey of the 1960s Rams | 48 Get, as profit | 90 Yearnings |
| 21 Ram into from behind | 60 Subway in a Duke Ellington title | 105 Boxy vehicle in a Virginia city? | 9 — Lingus (Irish carrier) | 49 — fire under (roused) | 92 Act silently |
| 22 Voices below mezzos | 63 West of film | 111 Scarlet, e.g. | 10 China's Chou En- — | 51 Sweetturns | 93 Fleecy female |
| 23 Pooch in a Texas city? | 64 Long seat in a Kansas city? | 112 Casino game with 80 balls | 11 Angry feeling | 55 Fido's threat | 95 "Well well!" |
| 25 Vegas machines | 65 Ruinous end city? | 113 Banks do it | 12 Strung along | 58 Boob tube | 96 Dweeby sort |
| 26 Certain snake | 70 Year-by-year records | 114 Cooked in the style of | 13 — Gay (warplane) | 59 Large bag | 98 11th mo. |
| 27 Employ | 72 AFL- — | 116 Cooked in the style of | 14 Yard tools | 61 "Nine" Tony nominee Karen | 99 Vocabulary |
| 28 Margarine, quaintly | 73 Pooh's mopey pal | 119 Maya Angelou's "Still —" | 15 Fathers | 62 Cynical reply | 102 "Enough!" |
| 30 Eight in front? | 74 Band gig in an Arkansas city? | 121 Sluggard in a Florida city? | 16 Sign off on | 63 — de mer | 106 Tough puzzle |
| 31 "That's — -brainer" | 81 Playfully shy city? | 127 Dr. Watson player Bruce | 17 Actress Channing | 64 Earthen pot | 107 Opposite of |
| 33 Lock opener in an Oklahoma city? | 82 Hispanic woman | 129 Sign off on | 18 Walked unsteadily | 65 Actor Cage, to pals | 104-Across |
| 38 Display stand for curios | 83 Lines on street maps | 130 Disney Hall architect Frank | 19 Ore analysts | 66 Entryway | 108 Actresses Stone and Watson |
| 42 Marked, as on a ballot | 84 Plato's "T" | 131 Try | 24 Wall St. opportunist | 67 "Not possible" | 109 Off the ground |
| 43 Toothy tool | 85 "M*A*S*H" co-star | 132 Arrange in a different way | 29 Of speech | 68 Toasted bread cube | 110 Omaha loc. |
| 44 See 56-Across | 88 Microbe-filled | 34 Acne care brand | 31 Light-footed | 69 "Yo!" | 115 Get closer |
| 45 Young lady in a California city? | 91 Municipal law: Abbr. | 35 Ale barrels | 32 Campbell of "Scream" films | 71 Map source | 116 Between the sheets, say |
| 50 Song satirist Tom | 92 — Carlo | 36 Emend | 33 Campbell of "Scream" films | 75 Highway semi | 117 Mandolin kin |
| 52 Stroll along | 94 "The Far Side" cartoonist Gary | 37 Pile up debt | 34 Acne care brand | 76 Blood type, for short | 118 Love god |
| | | 38 That, to Lucia | 35 Ale barrels | 77 Vocalist Vikki | 120 "Tarzan" star Ron |
| | | 39 Orchestral drums | 36 Emend | 78 Net tyro | 122 Fruit stone |
| | | 3 Prepare a gift | 37 Pile up debt | 79 "Fame" singer Irene | 123 Major fuss |
| | | | 38 That, to Lucia | 80 Singers Arnold and Grant | 124 — -TURN (street sign) |
| | | | 39 Orchestral drums | 84 Moderately muscular | 125 — -Magnon man |
| | | | | | 126 That woman |



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DINING & entertainment guide

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the board's letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Fun: SIGNET
Honest: ISCREEN
Fix: LINSALT
End: SOCRUEL

TODAY'S WORD

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Poster is different. 2. Hair is missing. 3. Cuffs are missing. 4. Collar is different. 5. Wheel is missing. 6. Stripes are missing.

STEPPIN' OUT

Welcome fall this First Friday in downtown Lewisburg

Downtown Lewisburg Welcomes Fall on Sept. 2 during First Fridays After 5! Enjoy new art, find awesome shopping, and savor delicious food. Everyone is invited to this free event!

Don't miss the last performance of the summer! Enjoy local duet "Country Blue" as they perform in the **Greenspace**, weather permitting, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Edith's Store will sample Pumpkin Seed Cinnamon Almond Keto Nut & Seed Bar. The perfect blend of fall flavors, crunchy and delicious, this not-too-sweet treat is powered by 6g of plant-based protein and keto-friendly fats. With 0g sugar and only 2g net carbs, this snack will keep you feeling good wherever the day or evening takes you. Also, end of summer sale includes all sunscreen is buy one get one half off! (1035 E Washington St. (304) 645-7998)

Mountain Mamma has all new fall/winter items, and in the thrift area that day all clothing will be \$1! (1102 Washington St. E. 304-992-2443)

The Shoe Box is showing all their final summer markdowns and new fall arrivals with a buy more save more event. Follow them on Facebook & Instagram for

more information @theshoebboxwv (847 N Court St, 681-318-3377)

Fall in love with the fresh crisp West Virginia landscapes of local artist Dara Vance. Dara, the owner of **CountySeat Arts** is exhibiting her work for the first time in West Virginia. Meet the artists from 6 to 8 p.m. and enjoy the work of local artists including Kelsie Tyson, Karen Cohen, Jess Levine, Dylan Brown, and Lyndsay Toney. (848 Court St (next to Merry Weathers) 304-405-6045)

The Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center invites you to stop by to view two Art in the Valley openings. Local artist John Telisko, well known for his landscape and history pieces, will be featured in The Gallery with an exquisite collection of oil paintings. The Greenbrier Valley Woodturners show will continue in the Art Alcove with a variety of hand turned creations. Stop by to meet the artists and view their unique shows. Toe-tapping music will be provided throughout the evening by G.R.O.U.P (Greenbrier River Optimistic Ukulele Players) and members of the Alderson Quilt Guild will be on hand to sell tickets for their 2022 raffle quilt, Mountain

Maze. Don't miss this fun evening of art and music! (905 Washington Street W. 304-645-1000)

Stop by **Sheena Pendley's Boutique Studio** for Client Appreciation Day! Walk-in for a quick studio portrait, Session fee is on the house!! Perfect for: Headshots, Couples, and Kids. This is for anyone and everyone. You do not need to be a previous client. *Products and digitals sold separately and will be available for purchase via online gallery. No purchase required. (846 N Court St, (304) 646-9452)

Pop in **Harmony Ridge** for our First Friday Wine Special! All wines only \$4 per glass - even our "limited time only" Sean Minor Chardonnay. (886 Washington Street West, 304-645-4333)

Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Central Misty Murray-Walkup, Fine Arts, Laurel Creek Mountain Art, Portraits, Pet Portraits, & Wildlife (1018 E Washington Street, 304-645-6633)

Bella is open late with wine samples and tasty treats! (1017 Washington St, (304) 520-4921)

Sneak a peek into **The Asylum's** new fall cocktails! Try the new cinnamon cider whisky with notes of apple, cinnamon, and maple. (339 E Randolph Street (681) 318-3515)

Stop by **Patina** for Live Celtic music by Patrick O'Flaherty along with complimentary drinks and Girl Scout cookies. (1046 Washington St E, 304-520-4960)

Also open late:
Aggies and Vest - 979 Washington St W 304-645-4063

Little Black Box - 818 Jefferson St S 304-645-6646

Wolf Creek Gallery - 967 Washington St W 304 645-5270

Humble Tomato - 855 Washington St W, Lewisburg, WV 24901 (681) 318-3788

Briergarten - 121 Stratton Alley, 304 520 4039.

Next week at the **Greenbrier Valley Theatre** come and see Shakespeare's Midsummer's Night, Sept. 9 through Sept. 24. (1038 E Washington St (304) 645-3838)

First Fridays is sponsored by City National Bank and the shops and restaurants of downtown Lewisburg. For more information check us out online at facebook.com/firstfridaysafter5, instagram.com/firstfridaysafter5, visitlewburgwv.com, or call or text 304-645-6646.

Museum Gallery features Steven Hutchins

Carnegie Hall's Museum Gallery is living up to its name as it has been transformed into an exhibit of cultural and historical artifacts - The Sunshine Museum. The extensive collection was developed by Aristotle Zenobia Sunshine and supplemented by individuals interested in the mission of "making people smile and helping them remember and regain what it is like to have a child's awe at something new or unbelievable." The best description is that the museum is a "two or 3D historical graphic novel."

The Sunshine Museum was started in 2010 by Steven Hutchins as a combined performance/visual arts composition. At the present time, Hutchins is the sole curator, which requires research, acquisition, construction, documenting, publication, development, and funding of the exhibit.

The exhibit at Carnegie Hall is a collection of historical, natural, sociological, and technological artifacts once prominent

in society, now all but forgotten. Each collection is described in detail with numerous examples. Whether the exhibit brings back memories or leads to new discoveries, the Sunshine Museum will stimulate one's intellect. Some examples include a collec-

tion of sunglasses given to Stevie Wonder by his fans, The L-Art of Lerond Levoid Lefrak, Jackson Pollock's Ladder, an Eileen Kramer photo essay, and collections of close-pins, chopsticks, almanacs, and so much more.

Carnegie Hall 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 carnegie-hallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by the Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

Carnegie Hall programs are presented with financial assistance through a grant from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts.



The Aristotle Zenobia Sunshine Museum of Natural, Technological, and Sociological Wonders collections.

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Mainstage

some of the greats like Paul Simon, Willie Nelson, Mavis Staples, Albert Collins, Dwight Yokem, David Hidalgo and Los Lobos, Buddy Guy and many more.

Carnegie Hall is also introducing two new performance series for the 2022-2023 season - The Smooth Ambler Second Stage Series at Carnegie Hall and the Carnegie Classics Series.

The Carnegie Classics Series will present three performances hosted by Steinway Artist Barbara Nissman and feature special guests. The first concert is A Valentine

Concert - More Music to Love With Barbara Nissman on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023. The second will be Gershwin Meets Brahms with the Montclair String Quartet on Saturday, Mar. 18, 2023. The last performance will be Schubert Goes Fishing with the "Trout" Quartet on Saturday, May 13, 2023.

The Smooth Ambler Second Stage Series at Carnegie Hall will present five special events in more intimate settings at the Hall. The first performance is Gyasi on Friday, Sept. 16 in the Hamilton Auditorium. The second show will be Deni Bonet on Friday, Nov. 11. Future tentative dates for more music and comedy are Friday, Jan. 20, Mar. 30, and June 2, 2023. Gyasi tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at www.carnegiehallwv.org

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

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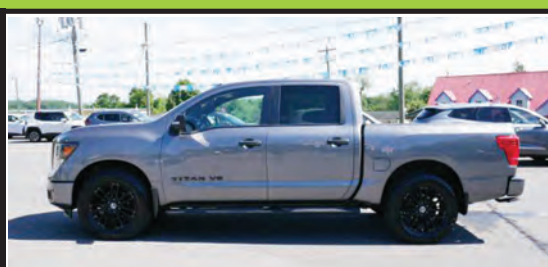
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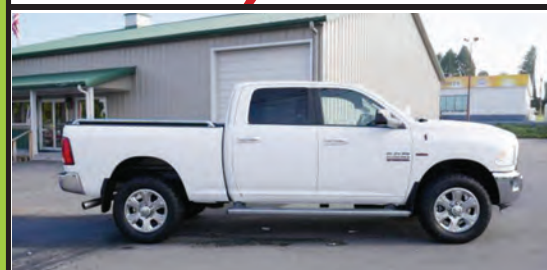
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