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Bike skills park plans underway for White Sulphur Springs



Greenbrier Valley Hellbenders youth mountain biking team member Lucy Skelding is pictured here at a recent bike race at Canaan State Park.

By Sarah Richardson

At a recent meeting of the White Sulphur Springs City Council, resident and local business owner Clay Elkins presented some exciting information regarding the future of outdoor recreation development in the region.

Recent program affiliations in the Greenbrier Valley, including the Mon Forest Towns program and Ascend West Virginia, have opened new avenues for recreational development. The West Virginia Community Development Commission is currently reviewing the plan. See "Bike Park" Page 3

Parade of Lights to honor 9/11 victims this Sunday

By Adam Pack

The annual Parade of Lights is returning to Greenbrier County this weekend. The Parade of Lights, a display of first responder's vehicles through town, honors those who lost their lives during the 9/11 attacks.

The parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Midway at the State Fairgrounds. After all emergency vehicles are present, parade goers will be able to see a "Show And Tell" of vehicles and equipment, capped off by a landing of a Healthnet Helicopter, weather and ground conditions permitting.

The Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department will also be present with their kids fingerprinting trailer, which is a free service providing parents with identification cards that aid in the search for missing children. There will also be demonstrations of the county's K9 units, as well as dogs from the West Virginia Search and Rescue K9 unit.

After these festivities and beginning at dusk the parade will start its route. Starting at the fairgrounds, it will pass through Fairlea on Rt. 219 on its way to Lowe's. Once there, the parade will turn around and reenter the fairgrounds. Afterwards, at the grounds, speakers will address the crowds, speaking on the day to day experience of first responders, as well on the necessity of keeping the memory of 9/11 and those that perished alive. Speaking at the event will be Frank Jones, Chief of Al-

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Justice presents \$5M check to Monroe County for courthouse renovations

Gov. Jim Justice held an event last week in Union, WV to present the Monroe County Commission with a check for \$5 million to be used to renovate their courthouse.

The courthouse, built in 1881, has been closed for more than three years due to water seeping into the top of the building causing mold and deterioration. In the meantime, court proceedings have been held in the basement of the Union Fire Department. Monroe County is the only county in the state without a functional courtroom.

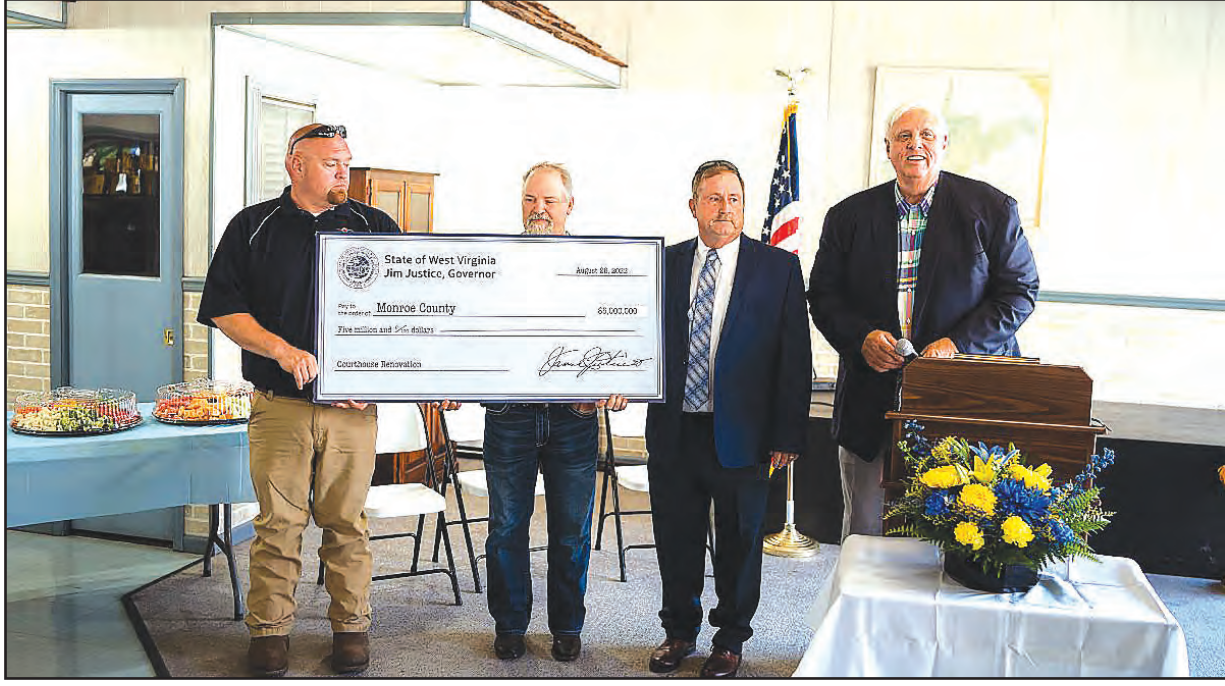
"When Commissioner Melvin Young came to my office in October of last year, I promised him that I would do everything in my power to make this become a reality," said Gov. Justice. "It took a lot of hard work by a lot of great West Virginians that all pulled the rope together. So today is a really special day for Monroe County and a day that I'll never forget."

The courtroom, judge's chambers, assessor's office, and the basement were all found to have mold and will be renovated.

Gov. Justice was joined today by Monroe County

Commission President Kevin Galford, commissioners Melvin Young and Kevin Mann, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia John A. Hutchison, and President of the Greenbrier County Economic Development Corporation William Shiflet, among others.

"In October of last year, I met with the Governor and told him we needed help to get some money here in the county," said Monroe County Commissioner Melvin Young. "And there's a lot of people involved, but he told me one thing that day that's the truth. He said 'we're gonna do our best to take care of you.' And I sure do appreciate it from the County Commission and everybody involved."



"We met with the right people, we got our greetings out to the folks in the Senate and the House and the Governor," said Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia John A. Hutchison. "And once we got the right people talking, it took on a life of its own, and it went through, and clearly the Governor was the driving force behind this, and he understood what needed to be done. He understood what the County Commission could do in Monroe County and what they couldn't do, and they couldn't come up with \$5 million. And he figured out a way to get that done."

With the renovations, the courthouse will need to be brought into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The project is estimated to take about a year to complete.

TOOT Vendor applications open



TOOT with a twist - See story on Page 2

Irene Snyder celebrates 105th birthday

Area resident Irene Snyder celebrated her 105th birthday on Sept. 9, 2022. She was born on Sept. 9, 1917. Her family submitted the following notes about her life:

- Irene grew up on a self-sufficient family farm and had no electricity until 1948. The home place is now part of National Forest
- She is the oldest of 8 siblings, with four still living, including Irene
- She had long walks to school in the snow, including having to boat across the Greenbrier River
- When she was young she worked at the Sweet Shop in Lewisburg

See "105th Birthday"



Irene Snyder turned 105 this week on Sept. 9

Nature's Way



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WVSOM's CRCH to sponsor event honoring individuals in recovery

The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) will host an event acknowledging the strength and resilience of local residents who are in recovery from addiction.

Celebrating Recovery will take place at 5 p.m., Sept. 10, at the school's Clingman Center for Community Engagement in downtown Lewisburg. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Jennifer Crane, a peer recovery support specialist in WVSOM's Center for Rural and Community Health (CRCH), has been organizing similar, private events for members of the local recovery community and their families every month since March. She said her goals in opening this Celebrating Recovery event to the public are twofold.

"I want this to be a celebration of those who have attended our past events, and a way to honor their recovery," Crane said. "But it's also an opportunity for people in Lewisburg and other nearby areas to see what recovery is and, hopefully, learn how they can make a difference. They'll meet people who are in recovery and hear stories from individuals who have battled addiction and survived. People in any type of recovery are welcome, not just substance use; it could be recovery from an eating disorder, gambling, or anything."

Besides Crane, speakers will include West Virginia State Sen. Stephen Baldwin; Drema Hill, Ph.D., MSP, WVSOM's vice president for community engagement and development; and Chad Poage, D.O., a WVSOM

alumnus who will share his own experience with the recovery process.

Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions and to share personal stories involving addiction and recovery.

Baldwin said he is participating in the event because it offers community members a way to help fight addiction.

"We have a chance to save lives," he said. "Substance use may be running rampant, but recovery is real. People who want to recover can [do so] thanks to the love and support of their communities. Every single person is precious, and each day is a new opportunity."

Crane said the event also will serve as a forum to discuss ways community members can address addiction and recovery. She noted that confronting these issues requires communities to take steps they might find difficult at first, citing a town in Greenbrier County in which some residents are voicing resistance to the opening of a recovery home.

"Communities in West Virginia want change. But in order for that to happen, it's important for people to step up and be a part of that change. My hope is that coming together will allow us to talk about some of the things that are necessary in order to make our communities stronger," Crane said.

Celebrating Recovery is sponsored by WVSOM's CRCH, Community Connections and the West Virginia Collegiate Recovery Network.

PICK OF THE LITTER



HEIDI
Heidi is a three-month-old female domestic shorthair

BENTLEY

Bentley is a four-year-old male 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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New TOOT twists as vendor registration ends September 15

The 36th annual Taste of Our Towns (TOOT) festival takes place Saturday, Oct. 8, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Thousands of residents and visitors from across the region gather on the streets of historic downtown Lewisburg to sample delicious food from local restaurants, civic clubs, and nonprofit organizations.

But TOOT is much more than a food festival. In addition to food vendors, the festival also features entertainment stages, children's activities, traveling performers, and much more. The shops in downtown Lewisburg are also open during the day and participating businesses will have selected TOOT items available that will benefit Carnegie Hall.

This year's fundraiser will also feature a few new twists. An arts village featuring work and demonstrations by Carnegie Hall teaching artists will be located on Church Street. Carnegie Hall has also obtained a waiver of the open container ordinance from The City of Lewisburg. Local craft and spirits business will be on hand. Selfie stations will be available at multiple locations. The Mountain Transit Authority (MTA) will provide shuttle service from north of Lewisburg (location to be announced). The biggest difference to some will be using tickets instead of tokens, though past tokens will be accepted this year.

There is still time to sign up to be a TOOT vendor, but registration ends Sept. 15. To register visit www.carnegiehallwv.org/taste-of-our-towns and complete the online TOOT 2022 Vendor Registration form. Booth location preferences are fulfilled on a first come, first served basis. Carnegie Hall reserves the right to decline an application or to require alternate food selections.

Boxwell Solutions is the 2022 Taste of Our Town (TOOT) Title Sponsor. Greenbrier Valley Automotive and Greenbrier Valley Medical Center are Bronze Sponsors.

Carnegie Hall WV is a nonprofit organization sup-



TOOT returns to Lewisburg October 8

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

AWANA resumes at First Baptist of Fairlea

First Baptist Church of Fairlea is happy to announce another AWANA year continues Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 6:45 p.m. AWANA, which stands for "Approved Workers Are Not Ashamed" (2 Timothy 2:15), is a free program for children ages three (if potty-trained) through 12th grade, enabling churches and parents to teach their children to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ. This program is open to the community, and all are welcome to join! AWANA is held each Wednesday from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

The unique design of the AWANA program allows children to sign up at any time throughout the school year. However, join us as soon as possible to begin making friends and be a part of the fun! A typical AWANA evening includes not only Bible lessons and verse memorization, but also games, mission projects, special themed nights, pledges, and an AWANA awards store.

For more information, call the church at 304-645-3533, or if possible preregister AWANA children online at www.fbcfairlea.com. Hope to see you Sept. 14!



105th Birthday

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- She married in 1941 and raised two children
- Longtime resident of Asbury, West Virginia
- Owned and ran the local general store and was Post Mistress in Asbury
- Traveled the world. Australia, Europe, Russia, New Zealand, Central America, South America, South Pacific and Mexico
- Lived through the time of 18 presidents, starting with Woodrow Wilson
- Lived through wars since WWI, horse and buggy travel, the depression, modern air travel, and men on the moon
- Has seen communications go from hanging white bed sheets to relatives across the valley when a baby came or help was needed, to crank phones, party lines, cell phones, email, and her existing voice to digital printout room phone
- She has a quirky sense of humor and still remembers her past entertaining everyone with her funny stories
- Her father survived the 1918 Spanish Flu when she was a baby and she has survived COVID twice
- She resides at the Seasons Place assisted living in Lewisburg and enjoys telephone calls and visitors
- Presently she enjoys Scrabble, corn hole, and bingo
- Regularly attends devotions and exercise classes
- She has written poetry and still writes letters and cards to those she loves
- She prays for worldwide love and peace

Parade of Lights

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erson Fire Department and President of the Greenbrier County First Responder's Association; Lt. Bart Baker of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department; and James Hylton, Chief Deputy of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department. A candlelight vigil for all that were lost, first responder and civilians, will then be observed.

Jeff Doss, parade organizer and captain with the Clintonville Volunteer Fire Department, spoke of the significance of the parade. "You know, there are deputies and firefighters and EMS staff now that weren't even alive [on 9/11]. It'd be a real tragedy if the significance of this

day were lost on the succeeding generations. If you were to take the combined first responder staff of Greenbrier County, police, fire, EMS, 911 staff, everyone, it still wouldn't equal the number of people who died on that day. It truly was an attack on America and what happened and what so many brave people did deserves to be remembered."

He and the first responders of Greenbrier County are honored to present such a memorial, and encourage the public to attend.



1322 Maplewood Avenue
Ronceverte, WV 24970

Dr. Erik Stapleton, D.O.
will be joining our
Orthopedic Department
on
September 2, 2022



From Tampa, Florida, Dr. Stapleton obtained his bachelor's degree in biological sciences and a minor in chemistry from Florida State University in 2009 and then his masters degree in neurological sciences from the University of South Florida in 2010. He then received his medical degree from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in 2016 and while there, was a member of the Sigma Sigma Phi academic honor society.

In 2021, he completed his orthopedic surgery residency at the Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell in Huntington, New York. While in residency, he held multiple leadership roles, including the chief resident designation, and he was active in medical research with numerous publications.

After his residency, Dr. Stapleton completed a sports medicine fellowship in 2022 at the prestigious New England Baptist Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. While there, he worked as an assistant team physician at Merrimack College and with the Boston Celtics. He lives in Lewisburg, WV with his wife, daughter, and Siberian Husky, Koda.

To Schedule An Appointment With Dr. Stapleton, Call 304-647-5114

Briefly

Goodson Boys

to perform at Rupert Library

The Goodson Boys will perform at the Rupert Public Library on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 3 to 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Please come join the fun.

American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte, is open to the public, all welcome, handicap accessible. Listeners and tourists welcome. Admission \$7 Tuesday nights, \$10 Saturday - Audience provides food. Doors open at 7 p.m. Jam & Dance every Tuesday 7 to 10 p.m. The Music Hall is available for weddings and parties. For more information call the Music Hall at 304-645-4667; Bill Evans at 304-392-6079; Grace Poe at 304-992-5852.

Local Veterans Ready to Help

If you or someone you know have loved ones serving on active duty and are concerned for their well being or that of their families, particularly those stationed overseas, please feel free to reach out to American Legion Post 100 in Union. We can assist with transportation from international airports for returning family members, lending household items, help with paperwork, or simply an empathetic ear from someone who has "been there, done that." Contact Scott Womack at womackse@gmail.com, Facebook Messenger, or cell phone 304-992-4405 or Harry Moloney at saddleback2@earthlink.net, cell phone 304-646-2102.

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Teunis A. Oosterbeek, Lewisburg, speeding, NCP, fine \$10

Christy Lynn Walker, Rainelle, no seatbelt, GP, fine \$25

Lora Mae Cohernour, Lewisburg, driving while license suspended or revoked, NCP, fine \$100

Cody D. Miller, Florence, KY, speeding, GP, fine \$12

Delilah Roberta Price, Alderson, trespassing, GP, fine \$100

Brett Michael Sheppard, Lewisburg, 1) failure to appear, GP, fine \$100, jail 45 days - suspended and placed on 1 year unsupervised probation; 2) obstructing officer, fine \$100, suspended and placed on 1 year unsupervised probation

Joshua Junior Wiley, Lewisburg 1) driving revoked for DUI, GP, jail 74 days to run concurrent with other sentences; 2) failure to appear, jail 74 days to run concurrent with other sentences; 3) battery, jail 74 days to run concurrent with other sentences - credit for 74 days served

April Lynn Martin, White Sulphur Springs, driving suspended or revoked, NCP, fine \$100

Taylor Paige Price, Caldwell, 1) expired registrations, GP, fine \$50; 2) no insurance, fine \$200; 3) no seatbelt, fine \$25; 4) no seatbelt, fine \$25; 5) no MVI, fine \$10

Richard P. Zuccaro, Saugus, MA, speeding, GP, fine \$5

Clay Matthew Hunter, Union, 1) speeding, GP, fine \$32; 2) expired MVI, fine \$10

Luther Benjamin Wright, Lewisburg, possession of a controlled substance, NCP, fine \$200

Craig A. Berry, Rainelle, sell, give, furnish alcohol to a person under 21, GP, fine \$25

Hunter Blake Walters, Welch, public intoxication, NCP, fine \$25

Adam Ray Smith, Lewisburg, driving a vehicle while in an impaired state, NCP, fine \$100, jail 30 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Kelly Carnell, White Sulphur Springs, unlawful acts of licenses, NCP, fine \$25

Charles Theodore Judy, Williamsburg, driving while license revoked - DUI, NCP, fine \$100, jail 30 days

For the Record

Deeds

Jordan Wyatt Lewis to Thomas Ambrose, 5,241 sq. ft., White Sulphur Corporation District

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

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

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

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

Aetagan Arivalahan to Aetagan Arivalahan and Kiripuvaney Arivalahan, Unit No. 109, Blackbird Village, Lewisburg Corporation

Roger Bengé to Thomas Slade McGuire and Krystal Erin Blake, Lot Nos. 24 and 43, Hughart Addition, Town of East Rainelle, Meadow Bluff District

Ronald L. Nelson and Tracy N. Walkup, Leslie Subdivision A, Lot No. 77, Meadow Bluff District

Cavin D. Wood to Lonnie L. Garcia and Tammy L. Garcia, Lot No. 174, Lilly Park Addition, Meadow Bluff Dist.

Linda Lou Rhodes Brunty to L&L Real Estate LLC, Lots No. 112 and 113, East Rainelle, Rainelle Corporation

Nancy C. Clower to Shutz Shooting Sports Supplies LLC, Lots 8 and 9, Block 4, Edgewood Addition, White Sulphur District

Michael Quick and Valorie Quick to Melissa Lowe and Kevin Lowe, Lot 8, Greenbrier Estates, Frankford and Lewisburg District

Michael Neville to Scott Shanklin and Minouche Herrmann-Tross, Lots 15, 16 and 17, Hoke Addition, White Sulphur Springs District

Bonnie K. Barkley to Ralph Walton, 1.95 Acres, Frankford District

Orrin G. McKinney, Jr. to Gregory A. Pence and Amy T. Brown, Lot No. 37, Shaw-Mi-Del-Eca Village, White Sulphur District

John W. Wiley and Dianne H. Wiley to Lynn W. Dennie and Leland D. Wiley, Lots Nos. 12 and 13, Margaret Laing Nelson Subdivision, Town of Lewisburg

Jeffrey Philip Kessler and Lauren Ruth Wadsworth to Cottages LLC, 0.174 Acres, Lewisburg Municipality

J.A. Property Holdings LLC to Bitter End Property LLC, Units 155 and 156, Blackbird Village, Lewisburg Corporate District

Jerry E. Bryant to The Town of Rainelle, Lots No. 5 and 6, Section 25, Levelton Land and Improvement Company to Town of East Rainelle, Rainelle Corporation District

Cheryl Johnson to Timothy Lee Price and Lora Ann Price, Lot 22, Colonial Acres Subdivision, Fort Spring District

Judith Ann Loughhead to Stephen T. Freimuth, Lot 1, Alderson Building Corporation Subdivision, Alderson Municipality

James M. Blackburn to Charles V. Carpenter, Lot 41, Stonehouse Woods Subdivision, Lewisburg District

Dennis R. Atwood and Doris A. Giraudi-Atwood to Patricia L. Long and Michael T. Butts, Lots 16 and 17, Section 3, Graham Addition, Lewisburg Corporation

Robert M. Wood and Linda J. Wood to Maple Landvoigt, Lot 8, Quiet Country Living Subdivision, Fort Spring District

Lawrence E. Persinger, Jr., Jamie K. Harvey and Mark Persinger to Amy Leonhart and Nancy Louise Jones, Lot 5, Echols Acres, Lewisburg District

Elaine R. Zopp to Eugene M. Camp and Roxie N. Camp, Lot 147, Section 2, Rolling Hills, City of Lewisburg, Lewisburg Municipality

Mark F. Drennen and Shelby L. Drennen to Larry Drennen and Donna Drennen, Lots 18 and 19, Mill Creek Subdivision, Meadow Bluff District

John Cantrell, Jr. to Betty Cantrell, 1.00 Acres, Blue Sulphur District

Susan S. Singhas to William F. Mullins and Jonette L. Boyer, Lot 19, Overlook at Greenbrier Subdivision, Phase 1, White Sulphur District

Edith Judy Leshler to James Andrew Terry, Lot 36, Rainelle Corporation District

Alvin Fox and Catherine Fox to Charles E. Paul and Jacqueline J. Gray, 144.80 Acres, Williamsburg District

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even further, with Elkins founding a youth mountain biking team, the Greenbrier Valley Hellbenders, over four years ago, and continuing to serve as their coach.

"We've started a youth mountain bike team, which has been incredible. We didn't really know what we were getting into when we started it, but this is now our fourth year," said Elkins.

There were only five youth riders in the group for the first year of the team, but now that number has expanded to 30 riders.

"Every year we continue to grow," he said, "and these are middle and high school kids. It's a great way to build some awesome humans. It's not just about racing, it's about teaching kids to be good people."

He said that progress on the bike park really kicked into high gear when they reached out to the Ascend West Virginia program for guidance. Ascend helped the group secure a grant for a total comprehensive trail plan in the Greenbrier Valley, and now they are putting together further "umbrella" plans for White Sulphur, Ronceverte, Lewisburg, and surrounding areas.

Mayor Bruce Bowling added, "We've been talking about this for around a year now, and these guys have really done a lot of work."

While HubCAP provided funding for design work and technical assistance, the remainder of the project will be funded through grants and donations. While in this preliminary phase, different locations for the park have been floated, and members of City Council have voiced resounding support for the project.

"I appreciate the city's support, and the community's support. We are really excited," said Elkins. "I think this is really just a first phase. When we look at that comprehensive plan that should come out in the next few months, they're going to try to figure out ways to tie everything together. When the Ascend folks came out here they were amazed. They said, 'You simply do not see towns that are this close to this much public land on the east coast.'"

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.

Historic Landmarks Commission

will meet Monday, Sept. 12, at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 942 Washington Street West. Also available via Teleconference. For information on how to participate on ZOOM contact Lewisburg City Hall at 304-645-2080 on Monday, Sept. 12, 2022 by 4 p.m. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Aug. 8, 2022
- Comments from the public
- Lewisburg Foundation Project, Church Street - Bronze Sculpture on stone base
- Russell Abbott, 176/1728 Washington Street East - repair all wood siding, fascia, windows, trim and door with (SW-0015) Gallery Green and cinder blocks white
- Bruce Coburn & Mary Flanigan, 295 Lee Street - replacing shingle roof, painting front door and exterior trim
- Kahsyne LLC, 668 Church Street and 775 Court Street - demolition of all structures on 668 Church Street, and demolition of all sheds and wooden structures at 775 Court Street
- Paul and Libby Tomar, 1505 Washington Street - paint exterior of house with (SW-6247) Krypton, trim (SW-9507) Cream and Sugar, accent trim (SW-7538) Tamarind, and Fish Scale painted (SW-0021) Queen Anne Lilac
- Carrie DeHaven, 298 Randolph Street - signs to be placed in existing frame with (SW-6258) Tricorn Black and bordered with (SW-0046) White Hyacinth
- GVRP 980 Jefferson Street North/Lafayette Street - build a 10' x 24' tractor shed with ramp, solar panels on roof of shed and 4 solar panels on steel posts

The next meeting of the Lewisburg Historic Landmarks Commission will be held Oct. 3, with a deadline of Sept. 16.

Renick Town Council

will meet Monday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. at Renick Town Hall. Agenda items include:

- Community comments
- Approval of Minutes and financial reports
- Committee reports
- 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Other business

Greenbrier PSD #1

will meet Friday, Sept. 16, at 7 a.m. in regular session at the District Office, 9035 Seneca Trail South, Fairlea. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes, August 19, 2022
- Financial Report
- Manager Report
- Field Report
- Engineering Report
- Rolling Hills & Brush Road extension projects:
 - Payment Resolutions
 - Other project-related business brought before the Board
- Other business brought before the Board

Marriages

Jake Vivian Cox (Asbury) to Autumn Rose Fleshman (Meadow Bridge)

William Patrick Martin (Rainelle) to Debra Mae Burns (White Sulphur Springs)

Luke Joseph Hanna (Frankford) to Gipsy Nathaly Pallares Luna (Frankford)

Douglas Wayne Franklin (Rainelle) to Sandra Kay Harmon (Rainelle)

Cody Dillon Loudermilk (Quinwood) to Hannah Elizabeth Hamrick (Crawley)

Kenneth Daniel Brewer (Asbury) to Misty Mariah Hill (Asbury)

Dana Andrew Spade (Rupert) to Katlyn Elizabeth Gray (Rainelle)

Gabriel Skyler Medlin (Rupert) to Alexandra Rae Flack (Alderson)

Curtis Dale Pyles (Green Bank, WV) to Ronda Angelique Gillion (Lewisburg)

Martin Kirwan King II (Warsaw, VA) to Katherine Leigh Oberkircher (Arlington, VA)

Community Development Hub launching \$9.3M Community and Business Resilience Project

The West Virginia Community Development Hub is part of \$62.8 million ACT Now Coalition grant awarded in national challenge to create new economic revitalization in climate resilience and green technology

The Hub is proud to lead the Community and Business Resilience project as one of the four programs of the ACT Now Coalition, building a next-generation economy in southern West Virginia. The Community and Business Resilience Initiative partners include the West Virginia Community Development Hub; The Hive, a program of New River Gorge Regional Development Authority; Advantage Valley; the Southern Brownfields Assistance Center at Marshall University; and the Northern Brownfields Assistance Center at West Virginia University.

The Community and Business Resilience project will receive more than \$7 million in EDA grant funding leveraged with \$2.2 million in matching funds support from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, Appalachian Regional Commission POWER project with Advantage Valley, the Marshall University Research Corporation, and West Virginia University to help communities, small businesses, and entrepreneurs get ready for these new green jobs and economic development.

Bike Park

Development Hub's Communities of Achievement program, otherwise known as HubCAP, offers Mon Forest Towns like White Sulphur the opportunity to "accelerate community-led economic development" for local projects.

"The Mon Forest Towns is really a great program, and HubCAP is trying to build on that and wants to extend how long visitors stay in White Sulphur, or Richwood, or Elkins, or whatever MonTown they are a part of," explained Elkins. "Over the winter of 2020 we sent out a survey, and that went through the newspapers, through social media, and a couple other ways, and a lot of people filled it out. It was asking what we would like to see happen in White Sulphur, what is needed to keep making the community better. One hundred and seventy folks replied to the survey, and 98 percent of them said that tourism and outdoor recreation were 'critically important' and that we need to invest more in tourism and outdoor recreation."

Top activities named were biking, hiking, a skate park, swimming, and fishing.

"Through the HubCAP program, the group of us chose to work on the bike skills park for our number one project," Elkins explained. "I learned about this through my daughter and her grandkids, they go to Richmond if they want to ride. People really use these parks as tourist destinations, they go out and they can spend hours out there."

A skills bike park is an environment where children, teens, or adults can learn essential bicycle riding skills in a safe and fun environment. They are purposefully designed areas with a gravel or dirt surface and various technical and challenging elements. Skills bike parks can be built as unique bike parks in urban areas, or as additions to existing bike parks. This type of park offers a great option to spend time with family and friends in an engaging way while improving riding skills. Areas within the proposed skills park include a pump track, push bike track, a track with progressive jump lines, and shaded areas for spectators.

However, interest in local bike projects goes back

OPINION

Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen
Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist
Looking Forward

What to plant now, just as fall nears so that next spring you wake up to colorful blooms? Flowers like pansies and violas can go into your garden now with a thick mulch to keep them from freezing in the winter. In the spring, they'll pop back and last till summer heat hits them.

Daffodils (Narcissus) are my favorite bulbs to plant now. I get 25 annually, a different variety each year. Then I go around my yard and pop them in front of bushes, ring them around old tree stumps, and along a fence line. These are the first shots of bright color that appear early spring and really take the gloom out of winter. They can withstand light snow and cold temperatures. I especially love Amadeus daffodils, bright red/orange centers with white petals, Spring Cheer daffodils which sprout 15-20 blooms all buttery yellow in color, and any bag of mixed ones suits me just fine, too. Best of all, unlike tulips, daffodils are deer resistant.

Now is the time to divide your iris beds if they are crowded in clumps and/or have stopped flowering. Easy to chop out with a shovel, just split the tuber into two and replant. Iris love full sun and don't like wet roots, so don't mulch them. They practically sit right on top of the soil, just about 1-3 inches under the soil, no deeper than that. Irises multiply quickly over the years but the flowers will get smaller when the roots are too crowded, so dividing will keep them healthy and attractive. Toss out your cooled off coffee grounds on your iris bed; they like that and so do the worms.

There are over 250 species of irises with blue being the most common one, but try a few exotics. There are bicolor irises, fragrant ones, ruffled and lacy types and even all black bearded irises. These can be pricey, sometimes \$17 for one bulb! Dig up a bucket full of bulbs and give them away if you have too many.

Peonies can be multiplied easily every year; they are perennial but do not spread on their own like bulbs. These next few weeks before our first frost, unearth a few peony roots and cut them into 3-6 pieces, including an "eye" on each piece (like a potato). These get replanted with the eye facing up but never too deep or they will not flower. The herbaceous garden type needs to go under only two inches of soil. Tree peonies are small shrubs that can reach ten feet in height; these need to be buried about 4-6 inches deep.

The negative issue with peonies is that with their large, heavy blooms, often the stalks will bend over and possibly break, so staking is recommended before that happens. Some varieties can be costly, I've seen prices as high as over \$100 for one bare root. Peonies are stunning in late spring and early summer and are deer proof, too!

Other flowering plants to put into the ground in the fall are: balloon flowers, bee balm, bleeding heart flow-



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ers, dianthus, and liatris. All of these will give you that burst of color in the spring or summer of next year and all are perennial. Taking the time and effort now will pay off big next year and give you something to look forward to. Winter months can be found to be depressing and dreary for some folks, this can be a way to plan for a brighter and colorful future.

(Karen Cohen the Mistress of her organic, chemical free garden, a nature lover and explorer of all things natural. Email your tips and comments: natureswaykaren@gmail.com)

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The Back Pew

By Stephen Baldwin



A lady told me this week that she looks forward to my column because it's the only place she can get real info about real issues in West Virginia. Let's get right to it.

SPECIAL SESSION. The trainwreck of a special session they began in early August... is still off the tracks. The legislature was supposed to provide clarity on abortion and prove tax relief; we accomplished neither. The legislature was supposed to be called back weeks ago to finish the job; our phones never rang.

TAX RELIEF. While the state sits on a \$1.3 billion surplus from last year and already has a surplus of several hundred million this year, they refuse to provide the people any tax relief. Zero! It's unconscionable. They act like it's their money. We can't afford to wait any longer. Inflation is costing our WV families over \$400 extra per month.

ABORTION. After supermajorities in the WV House and WV Senate passed differing abortion bans, the differences were supposed to be worked out in conference committee. However, that never happened. We are told behind the scenes that those in power don't want to deal with the issue until after the election for fear of upsetting voters. I think that's just plain wrong. It needs to be settled. We proposed putting it on the ballot for voters to decide, but they refused and it's now too late.

FAYETTE FLOODING. The Upper Kanawha Valley suffered serious flooding last month. I've visited the community several times to take relief supplies and see how the state can be helpful. I thank the WV National Guard and Conservation Agency for taking our calls and coming to assist residents with debris removal and stream clean-up. It was wonderful to see folks from across the region come together to assist neighbors in need.

FLOOD DEMOLITIONS. Two updates on this topic. One, Nicholas County is set to receive numerous demolitions through the Clearance & Demo program in Summersville and Richwood. Two, we continue making progress on another new program to demolish flooded homes and businesses across the state (which didn't qualify for Clearance & Demo). There are hundreds of such properties across WV. By using American Rescue Plan dollars, we can fund these demolitions and finally allow communities to move forward from rotting buildings they can't afford to tear down.

MONROE COURTHOUSE. After being closed for the last several years due to a mold issue, the Monroe County courthouse which was constructed in 1881 has received \$5 million from the state for a rebuild. It was a true team effort!

WATER PROJECTS. Major water projects are underway in Greenbrier and Nicholas counties. Both projects received a mix of federal, state, and local funds. Summers County also has two water projects in process, and I'm working with their commissioners on finding sources to get them across the finish line. Soaring construction costs make infrastructure projects difficult right now. Water is life, and we will find a way.

ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING FOR CHURCHES. It's sad that it has come to offering active shooter training for schools and churches... but that's where we are in America today. The FBI is hosting trainings for churches across the state this fall. For our region, the training will be on Nov. 7, at Ronceverte Presbyterian Church. Pre-registration is required. <https://bit.ly/3pQO7P8>.

I suggest folks sign up ASAP to secure a spot. That's the view from the back pew, where it is my privilege to serve you.

(Senator Stephen Baldwin is a local Presbyterian pastor. Reach him at 304-357-7959 or stephen.baldwin@wvsenate.gov. Follow him on Facebook, Twitter, TikTok, or Instagram @BaldwinForWV)

Commentary

WVACo, CCAWV oppose property tax modernization amendment

The two associations that represent elected county officials in West Virginia have voted to oppose Amendment 2, the "Property Tax Modernization Amendment placed before the voters this Nov 8.

The Boards of the West Virginia Association of Counties (WVACo) and the County Commissioners Association of West Virginia (CCA WV) voted Wednesday to oppose the amendment, citing: 1) our loss of authority over approximately \$550 million of dedicated, constitutionally protected budget revenues, and handing that authority to the West Virginia Legislature; and 2) the fact that no certain, agreed-to plan between the House and Senate was presented that dedicates a revenue stream that solely backfills the \$550 million to counties, and instead is subject to the pressures and competing interests of a general revenue outlay. Counties must have a protected, dedicated funding source that grows with the economy, and no such plan exists today.

We, the West Virginia Association of Counties (WVA-Co) – county assessors, circuit clerks, county clerks, prosecutors and sheriffs – along with the County Commissioners Association of West Virginia (CCA WV) have taken our time to address our stance on Amendment 2 because we felt it important to give the legislature time

to offer a plan as well as engage in talks with us about how they would implement new tax and spend policies if Amendment 2 should pass.

This is monumental change to West Virginia tax policy, and the impact to local government is significant. And such change demands that EVERYONE – all stakeholders involved – should all support Amendment 2 if a thorough review and comprehensive plan was first developed by all of us before placing Amendment 2 before the voters. Unfortunately and after considerable time given, the legislature has not provided us with a sound

plan that gives counties the needed assurances where we could support Amendment 2. We cannot.

We applaud the legislature for looking at new ways, as this constitutionally protected funding of local government has been around a long time. But it was put there for a reason, during the Great Depression. And the economy today renews those same fears of uncertainty. Make no mistake, county governments support cutting taxes. We do support the Governor and the legislature cutting the personal income tax to provide immediate tax relief for the people, and cuts to promote business growth and jobs. We all want that. But as Amendment 2 potentially takes so much from our counties before a universally-accepted blueprint is created, and because the legislature is NOT in agreement between their two bodies as to how a new policy would work - AND that Governor Justice himself opposes Amendment 2 - we at WVACo and the CCA WV must oppose this measure.

While we pledge to always work with the legislature on bold, new ideas that seek to meet the new challenges in a global economy, we cannot give our support.

We respectfully ask the voters to reject Amendment 2.

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OBITUARIES

Dale Lee Feamster



Alderson-Dale Lee Feamster, 89, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022, at the Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg, following a long illness.

Born Oct. 13, 1932, at Palestine, WV, he was the son of the late Chester Franklin and Mae Virginia Fleshman Feamster.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Gaye Sue Hosey; and two brothers, Phil David Feamster and Joe Henry Feamster.

Mr. Feamster retired as a Master Sergeant from the United States Air Force on Aug. 31, 1974, after 22 years of service to our Country. He was an Aircrew Egress System Repair Tech and was a veteran of the Korean Conflict. Following his career with the United States Air Force, Mr. Feamster served as a Surveyor in Greenbrier County, and retired to farm life. He was a lifelong member of the Feamster Baptist Church in Alderson, where he served as a Trustee and was a member of Tri County Memorial VFW Post 6723, Alderson, where he served as Chaplain until his health prevented him from doing so. He was a member of the Greenbrier Squares Square Dancing Club and he loved to ride his Harley Davidson. Mr. Feamster was raised by his grandmother who instilled a strong faith that he carried throughout his life.

Survivors include his loving wife of 16 years, Carolyn Mae Doyle Feamster of Alderson; three sons, Paul Feamster and wife Lara of Mesa, AZ, Kim Feamster and wife, Michelle, of Brea, Calif., and Scott Feamster and wife, Sherry, of Canada; two brothers, Bucky Feamster and wife, Linda, of White Sulphur Springs, and Jack Lynch and wife Dee of Tennessee; two sisters, Beverly Feamster Pack and husband, Leroy, of North Carolina, and Gay Van-Kammon of Wyandotte, MI; two stepchildren, Lori Ann Hicks and husband, Carl, of Hot Springs, VA, and Andrew Wiseman and wife, Kate, of Falling Spring, VA; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Sept. 7, at the Feamster Baptist Church in Alderson where Pastor Jonathan Hunt officiated. Private family interment will be held at a later date at the Huffman Cemetery in Alderson.

Friends called Wednesday at the church before the service.

Military funeral honors were conducted by Tri County Memorial VFW Post 6723, Alderson, and the United States Air Force.

Family and friends served as pallbearers.

For those wishing to show an expression of

sympathy, contributions may be made in memory of Mr. Feamster to the Peyton Hospice House, 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the Feamster family at www.lobbanfh.com

Viola Marie Wamsley



Clintonville-Viola "Via" Marie Wamsley, 78, entered into her eternal home with the Lord on Monday, Sept. 5, 2022, following a short illness.

Born June 15, 1944, in Wide Mouth, WV, she was the daughter of the late Basil Perdue and Edna Williams.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Nancy Jackson, and brothers-in-law, Paul Jackson and Harry "Skeets" Feury.

Via was more than happy to be the central figure in the lives of her family as she devoted her life to her husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. It was well known to all the neighborhood kids that her homemade mashed potatoes, gravy, and fried chicken were the best.

Those left to cherish her memory are her beloved husband of almost 62 years, Thurmond Wamsley of Clintonville; children, Karen Hughart (Lyndon) of Clintonville, Sharon Wamsley of Renick, and Samuel Wamsley (Mindy) of Asbury; grandchildren, AJ Wamsley (Kendra), Dirk Hughart, Marie Wamsley (Pedie), Wesley Hughart, and Hunter Wamsley; great-grandchildren, Leeland, Cannon, Remington, and Jackson; sisters, Joyce Feury, and Rena Perdue; brothers, Ricky Perdue and Chester Perdue; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and lifetime friends.

As per her wishes, Via will be cremated and a private service by the family will be held at a later date.

Wallace & Wallace of Lewisburg are in charge of the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked for donations to be made to the Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg, WV.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Blanche Wingler Plantz

Albuquerque, NM-Blanche Wingler Plantz, 98, formerly of Renick, passed away May 31, 2022, in Albuquerque, NM.

She was born Aug. 29, 1924, a daughter of the late, William and Callie Wingler.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, Vellar Plantz; son, Mike Plantz; two brothers, Ervin Wingler and Harold "Buck" Wingler; and

two sisters, Faye Wingler Coulbourn and Savilla "Gube" Sexton.

Survivors include her daughter, Becky Beck of Albuquerque, NM; sister, Annie Wingler Porter of Lewisburg; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Blanche had lived in Renick for many years, before moving to Albuquerque to be with her daughter.

Her body has been cremated.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg submitted the arrangements.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

D. Truman Shrewsbury



Lewisburg-D. Truman Shrewsbury, 76, went to his heavenly home on Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022, at Greenbrier Health Care Center, in Lewisburg following chronic health issues.

Born Dec. 8, 1945, at Barkers Ridge, he was the son of the late Oscar and Rivanna Shrewsbury.

Mr. Shrewsbury was an accomplished author, artist, and an active member within his community. Most of all he was a devoted and loving father, grandfather, brother, and friend.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his brothers, Bradley, Bradford, Steven, Dewey, and Delmer.

Those left to cherish his memory include four children, Sherry, Tim, Del, and David; daughter-in-law, Miranda; six grandchildren, Brooke, Adam, Brian, Austin, Corey, and Kayla; one great-grandson, Jaxon; four brothers, Sidney, Roger, Larry, and Oscar, Jr.; and four sisters, Tessie, Janet, Judith, and Reta.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at Sand Gap Church, Barkers Ridge, with Pastor Curtis England officiating. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the care of Larry Shrewsbury, 248 Bee Spring Drive, Stephenson, WV 25928.

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

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Ethel Brunty



Ronceverte-Ethel Brunty, 94, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

Born June 12, 1928, in Logan County, WV, she was the daughter of the late Obediah and Lenora Belle Mae Williams Kinser.

Following high school, Mrs. Brunty went to work for the US Government Defense Plant in Huntington, WV, during World War II. Ethel, who was known as "Snooks" to all who loved her, moved to Chicago, IL, with her late husband, Ralph Brunty and their children, in 1954. She was an exceptional homemaker and mother figure to most of her siblings that also moved to Chicago within a few years. After her children were raised, Snooks achieved a distinguished career at Siemens AG, a global corporation. She returned to Greenbrier County following retirement to be near her beloved family.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Rhonda Delane Brunty; and brothers, Sterling, Eugene, James, and Ronald (Mary) Kinser and sisters, Tanya Bowman-Shaw, and Florene (Bob) Wren.

Survivors are two sons, Ralph Brunty (Sherri) of Huntley, IL, and Mike Brunty (Rita) of Ronceverte; daughter, Sherry Lynn Damore (Phillip) of North Ridgeville, OH; sisters, Imogene Holley (Charles) of Ronceverte, and Shirley Dawn Marcum (Robert) of South Charleston; sisters-in-law, Laura Kinser of Bolingbrook, IL, and Diane Kinser of Ft. Myers, FL; grandchildren, Michael Brunty (Kristin), Ryan Damore (Jenn Suarez) and Jessica Baker (Bert); great-grandchildren, Mollie and Jake Baker, Ashley and Elena Brunty; a dear friend, DeNelda Davis; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be at 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Gary Baker officiating. Visitation will be from 2:30 until time of the service. Burial will follow in the McLean Cemetery,

Ronceverte.

The family suggests donations of sympathy be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or online at www.stjude.org/donate.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Dianne Doris Fawcett Hinkle

Lewisburg-Dianne Doris Fawcett Hinkle, born July 23, 1938, passed away at University Hospital in Charlottesville, VA, on Monday, Sept. 5, 2022.

Dianne left behind her loving husband of 65 years, Maynard "Brownie" Hinkle. She had three children, son, Maynard Lee Hinkle of Grand Rapids, MI, grandson, Ross Murdock Hinkle, wife Casey and two great-grandchildren, Weston and Riley; daughter, Elaine Hinkle Canterbury, husband David of Lewisburg and their special daughter Sarah Morgan and two great-grandchildren, Ainsley and Laurel; and Dianne's youngest daughter, Elizabeth E. Hinkle of Lewisburg. Dianne had a special deep and lasting friendship for over 60 years with Judy G. Henson who is a very fond and loving member of the whole family.

Dianne was preceded in death by her loving parents, Julian and Kathryn Fawcett of Lewisburg. She was also preceded in death by one sister, Priscilla Pamella Fawcett; two brothers, Victor D. Fawcett and Julian P. Fawcett all of Lewisburg. She has three surviving sisters, Kathryn Fawcett Cruse of Laurenceville, GA, Candy Fawcett Carle of Wester-

ville, OH, and Rebecca Fawcett Bailey and husband David of Lewisburg. She has one surviving brother, Nathen K. Fawcett of Mishawaka, IN.

Dianne worked at S. J. Neathawk for over 35 years until she retired, and never met a stranger. She enjoyed her work and loved meeting people from all over. Dianne loved to hear the stories they would tell. She was a member of Lewisburg United Methodist Church for over 50 years and loved the fellowship and all the joy it brought into her life. Dianne was a member of the Lewisburg Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #105. She was a wife of a Shriner and Mason, and enjoyed the outings and dinners they had and meeting new friends there. Dianne loved life and all the people in it, her family could not keep up with her and she will be missed by many.

Funeral services will be on Saturday, Sept. 10, at 11 a.m. at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg with Rev. Bev Columbo officiating. Interment to follow in Rosewood Cemetery in Lewisburg.

The family will receive their family and friends on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 10 a.m. until time of services at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers the family wishes that contributions be made to Lewisburg United Methodist Church, Youth Program, 1133 Washington Street East, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

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Annual Adopt-A-Highway fall cleanup set for September 24

Individuals, families, churches, businesses, schools, civic organizations, government agencies and communities can register to pick up trash on almost any state-maintained road.

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) is now accepting registrations for the Adopt-A-Highway Fall Statewide Cleanup set for Saturday, Sept. 24.

Co-sponsored by the WVDEP and the state Division of Highways (DOH), the Adopt-A-Highway program is administered by the WVDEP's Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP) and improves the quality of the state's environment by encouraging public involvement in the elimination of highway litter.

Since the program's inception in 1988, state citizens have cleaned up close to 70,000 miles of state highways and roads during annual spring and fall Adopt-A-Highway events.

Individuals, families, churches, businesses, schools, civic organizations, government agencies and commu-

nities can register to pick up trash on almost any state-maintained road, back road, or main route. Private roads and interstate highways cannot be adopted.

The Adopt-A-Highway program provides garbage bags, work gloves and safety vests to volunteers, and takes care of disposing of collected trash. Volunteers must be at least 12 years old to participate. One-time cleanups are encouraged but must be registered.

Groups must register in advance by September 16 and inform their county DOH garage if they need supplies. Supplies may be picked up during normal business hours at your local DOH garage.

To register, call 1-800-322-5530 or send an email to dep.aah@wv.gov. If you reach the REAP voicemail, please leave your name, phone number, group name, date of cleanup, number of participants, and the county where your adopted road is located.

The 2021 Adopt-A-Highway fall clean up saw nearly 2,000 volunteers, representing more than 200 groups, remove 80,000 pounds of litter from 500 miles of state roadway.

REAP, whose motto is "Keeping WV Clean and Green," was created in 2005 and strives to clean up West Virginia and rid the state of litter. The program empowers citizens to take ownership of their communities by providing technical, financial, and other resource assistance in cleanup and recycling efforts. More information is available on the REAP webpage.

Boys Home hosts 6th Annual Harvest Hustle 5K, 10K, and half-marathon presented by Ingevity

Boys Home of Virginia will host their 6th annual fall fundraising event, the Boys Home Harvest Hustle 5K, 10K, and half-marathon on Saturday, Nov. 5. Ingevity will be the presenting sponsor for the second year in a row. Boys Home is very thankful for all sponsors and participants that have continuously gone above and beyond each year to provide support for Boys Home, their students, and their mission.

All three races will begin and end at the Intervale Trailhead of the Jackson River Scenic Trail, in Covington, VA. The event will offer aid stations along the race routes with water bottles and Gatorade available. Uniquet-shirts and participation medals will be available for all runners, as well as snacks and drinks before and after the race.

Awards for each race will begin approximately 30 minutes after the top three men and women racers cross the finish line. Top three finishers male and female overall and top three male and female in each age category will receive awards. Our age categories are: Under 12, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70+.

Race weekend schedule:

- Friday, Nov. 4: 4 to 6 p.m. - Drive-thru packet pickup at Boys Home of Virginia, 414 Boys Home Road, Covington.

- Saturday, Nov. 5: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. - Registration and packet pickup. 9:30 a.m. - Half-Marathon begins. 9:45 a.m. - 10K run begins. 10 a.m. - 5K run begins

Registration for the 5K is \$30, 10K is \$35, and the half-marathon is \$50, with early-bird pricing available before Sept. 15. We also offer discounts to running clubs and teams!

To register or to get more information visit www.runforboyshome.org or call Melinda at 540-965-7707.

Greenbrier County Women's Club collecting donations for local elementary schools

The Greenbrier County Democratic Women's Club contacted local elementary schools and asked them about their needs: Alderson, Crichton, Frankford, Lewisburg, Rainelle, Ronceverte, Rupert, Smoot, White Sulphur Springs and East Pre-kindergarten.

Here's what they need:

- Paper and pencils
- Art supplies: (construction paper, colored pencils, crayons, glue etc.)
- Tissues
- Hand sanitizer

We will also accept monetary donations to purchase additional supplies.

Please drop off your donations to the Blue Skies Office, 903 Court Street North (across from the Courthouse).

Office hours for the month of September are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Monetary donations may also be mailed to: Greenbrier County Democratic Women's Club PO Box 1497 Lewisburg, WV 24901

WV Broadband investment plan aims to bring internet to unserved communities

**By Mitch B. Carmichael
Cabinet Secretary,
WV Department of Economic Development**

Broadband expansion and world-class internet connectivity are crucial elements to a growing and prosperous West Virginia. Accordingly, Governor Jim Justice and the West Virginia Legislature are devoting significant resources and incredible focus toward realizing the goal of internet for all West Virginians.

To achieve this worthy objective, the West Virginia Department of Economic Development (WVDED) has created and is aggressively implementing the West Virginia Broadband Investment Plan. The plan includes programs and projects that will dramatically improve internet connectivity throughout our state. West Virginia's plan has already received widespread national acclaim. In fact, West Virginia was among the first four states in the nation to receive approval for the Capital Projects Fund, a program directed by the U.S. Treasury. While federal funding for broadband has reached historic levels, it is not unlimited. The WVDED plan thoughtfully incorporates funding from federal, state, local, and private partners to direct funding to the areas that need it most.

The broadband expansion now occurring in West Virginia is expertly planned, well-funded, and thoughtfully designed by the WVDED to specifically extend connectivity to our fellow West Virginians who currently lack access to internet services. By prioritizing the expansion of broadband service to unserved communities, with little to no connectivity, these programs reflect an unrelenting commitment to all West Virginians. We believe that every citizen of our state should have access to high-speed, reliable, and affordable internet services.

Broadband connectivity enables a multitude of important life functions that will serve to create jobs, provide modern healthcare, enhance educational opportunities, and improve quality of life for generations to come. These vital services are critical activities in a 21st century economy. Providing new broadband connectivity to the unserved citizens of West Virginia will have the most direct impact on the well-being and economic prosperity of residents and businesses throughout our state.

The WVDED is laser focused on bringing the benefits of broadband technology to every community in West Virginia. Among the most acclaimed features of this successful initiative is our program's partnership with expe-

rienced, private-sector Internet Service Providers (ISPs). Utilizing the expertise and experience of private sector companies is the most efficient and effective mechanism for delivering world-class internet services. Innovative partnerships are proving that this approach works.

Occasionally, we hear huffing from those who want the government to own and run the internet. Fundamentally, we reject such an approach. While we acknowledge a few left-leaning states such as California and New York are pursuing this more socialistic path, Governor Justice and the West Virginia Legislature have worked hard to remove barriers to broadband investment, creating an environment that encourages private sector investment in West Virginia. We should all be fearful of a scenario in which the words are uttered, "I'm from the Government and I'm here to run your internet." Rather, we should encourage a structure in which numerous and various companies expand throughout West Virginia, and, thereby, raise the standards for all.

The citizens of West Virginia can take justifiable pride in the expansion of broadband connectivity initiated by Governor Justice, the West Virginia Legislature, and our congressional delegation. The West Virginia Broadband Investment Plan is the most effective and efficient means to reach the unserved citizens of our state. West Virginia is a recognized national leader for our efforts to improve broadband services. Working together, we will achieve the goal of ensuring that world-class internet services are available and affordable to every citizen of West Virginia.

Greenbrier East High School's Golfer of the Week



Fielding Foster

Name: Fielding Foster
Grade: Senior
G.P.A.: 3.00
Parents: John Foster and Rebekah Foster
Hometown: Lewisburg
Favorite Golfer: Justin Thomas
Favorite Quote: "Don't stop believing!"
Coaches' Comments: Fielding is our top returning golfer from last year's team.

As a Team Captain, Fielding has contributed to the team both on and off the course.

His last three rounds of 43, 41, and 43 helped us win our last three events beating 11 other teams. The Greenbrier East Golf Team currently has a record of 20 - 2. Fielding went to the Regionals last year to help support his team. This year he plans to go and help bring home a team championship! We 'believe' he will!

Old Time Revival at Mt. Vernon UMC tabernacle

The old rough sawn tabernacle at Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church will be the revival site for the Alderson United Methodist Charge. The Alderson Charge is comprised of Johnson Memorial, Grace, and Mt. Vernon United Methodist churches.

The old tabernacle was constructed during the depression of the 1930's to provide seating for huge crowds during summer revival services. Each summer the tabernacle provided space for services until the mid-1950's when services were discontinued. In the early 1980's maintenance was performed and annual revival services were started again. A few years ago theft of the benches that were used as pews prevented the continued use of the structure. The acquisition of some used pews has enabled the Old Tabernacle to continue as a site for proclaiming God's word.

This year's revival will begin at 7 p.m. each night on Sept. 11, 12, and 13.

The speaker on Sept. 11 will be Evangelist Danny Legg with Ben Hersman providing special music, Appalachian historian and minister John Wyatt will speak on Sept. 12 and Shannon Vance will provide special music. On Sept. 13 great preaching continues.

Please join the congregations of the churches on the Alderson Charge in rededicating the Old Tabernacle for the service of God.

Pie and Ice Cream Supper

There will be a Pie and Ice Cream Supper at Mount Vernon United Methodist Church on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 5 p.m. The church is located between Fort Spring and Sinks Grove on Mt. Vernon Road.

The menu will consist of pork barbecue, hot dogs, various side dishes, several types of desserts, including pie and ice cream. Proceeds will be used for the church ministries. Excess food items, including pies, will be auctioned after the meal.

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Dear Recycle Lady

Dear Recycle Lady,

Must a plastic panel be removed from a small cardboard box before recycling?

Cardboard Recycler

Dear Cardboard Recycler,

The more plastic you can remove from cardboard, the better it is. Plastic panels are most often found in boxes that have a panel to allow viewing of a product. They can be easily removed using a pair of heavy-duty scissors or gently pulled out. If the box is predominately plastic, such as a Barbie doll box, all the plastic must be removed before recycling. Any plastic packaging, such as plastic peanuts or bubble wrap, must also be removed before recycling. Be sure there is no food residue, grease, or oil on the cardboard. Pizza boxes with grease from the pizzas can't be recycled. Sometimes the top of a pizza box can be recycled if there is no grease on it. Cut the top off the box, recycle it, and put the bottom in the trash. Cardboard milk cartons can't be recycled either because the cardboard is waxed to prevent the milk from leaking out.

Dear Recycle Lady,

What is a solar battery? Is it recyclable? Is a garden light that is recharged by the sun considered a solar battery?

Curious

Dear Curious,

Solar batteries are batteries used for storing energy. The most commonly used solar batteries are the Lithium-Ion-NMC, which are the large solar batteries found in solar panels and electric cars. They can be recycled at the Recycling Center, as can the smaller solar batteries used in cell phones. Very small batteries, such as those found in garden lights, are not considered solar batteries and are not recyclable.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Are there really some worms that eat plastic?

Doubting Thomas

Dear Doubting Thomas,

Yes, there are worms that eat plastic. The larvae of the darkling beetle have been nicknamed "superworms," because they are very large worms and have large appetites. Australian scientists fed polystyrene (styrofoam) to some of these "superworms" and they ate it. According to the publication, This Week Junior, the researchers found that enzymes in the worms' guts broke down the plastic into digestible materials. They are studying the process the worms use to break down the plastic and attempting to replicate it. Hopefully, it can be used to help keep polystyrene waste out of oceans and landfills.

Good News: Researchers at the Swiss Federal Laboratories for Materials Science and Technology have invented a biodegradable battery that is printed onto paper. The paper battery could revolutionize single-use electronics, eliminating their environmental impact... and it turns on with droplets of water! (FTO.com)

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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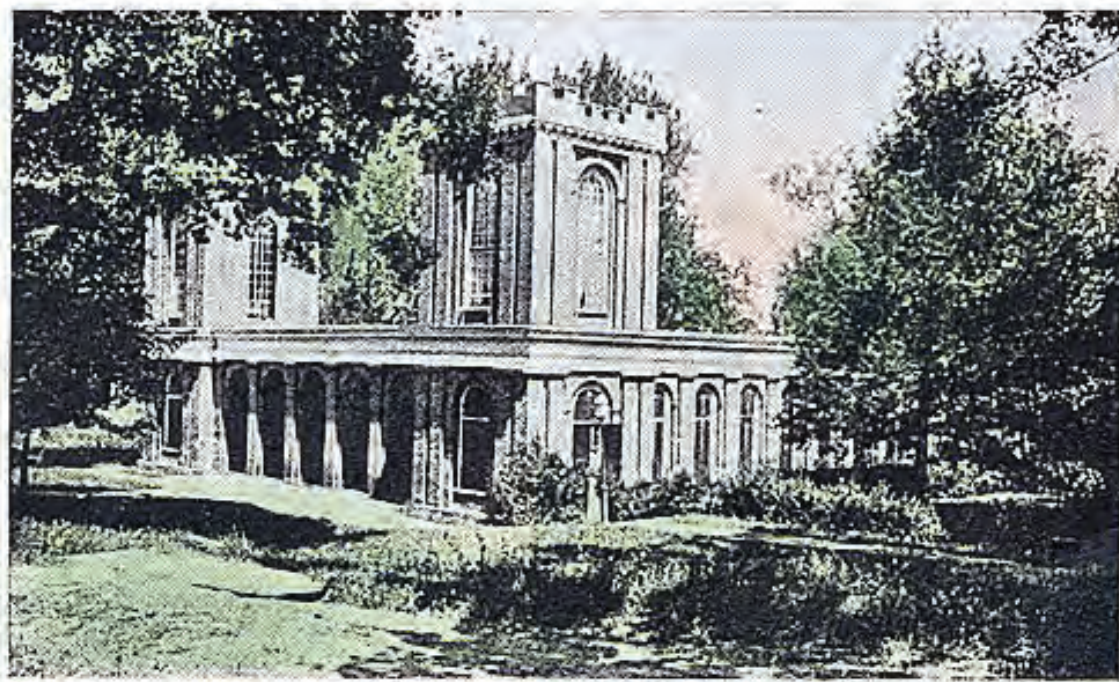
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A Look Back



Bathing Pools and Bath, Sweet Springs, W. Va. 2139

By William "Skip" Deegans

Shown is an undated post card showing the pool at the Sweet Springs resort in Monroe County. The springs were discovered in 1764, and around them a prominent resort developed in the 1800's that was known as "Old Sweet."

Dr. William Burke, proprietor and resident physician of nearby Red Sulphur Springs, and author of "The Mineral Springs of Western Virginia" (1846) described the waters at the Old Sweet: "They quicken the circulation, impart tonicity and vigor to the system, excite the animal passions, cheer the spirits, and inspire the mind with pleasurable sensations." He cautiously recommended Sweet Springs for certain cases of uterine functions, dyspepsia, and nephritic affections." He wrote that "aged

persons, free from organic disease, would find youth and vigor and elasticity at the bottom of this noble fountain," and "with a daily plunge could live to the fabled age of the crow." However, Dr. Burke strongly condemned the pernicious practice of imbibing "mint juleps" or other spiritous mixtures upon leaving the bath.

Needless to say, Burke's accolades help make the Old Sweet one of the most popular of the Virginia mineral springs resorts. While the pool still exists to some extent, it has woefully deteriorated.

Post card courtesy of West Virginia University Regional History Center.

Sources: University of Virginia Archives, National Register of Historic Places nomination form, The Springs of Virginia by Perceval Reniers.

WVDEP opens 2023 'Roadsides in Bloom' photo contest

The deadline for entries is Sept. 15

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) is now taking submissions for the 20th Annual 2023 Adopt-A-Highway "Roadsides in Bloom" calendar contest. The deadline for entries is Thursday, Sept. 15.

The following rules for the contest apply:

- Photos must be taken in West Virginia. The photo must contain flowers growing along the road and the road must be visible in the frame.
- Entries must be in electronic format and can be submitted online or to dep.aah@wv.gov as email attachments. Entries can also be submitted using CD or USB Drive and mailed to:
WVDEP REAP
Adopt-A-Highway Program
601 57th Street S.E.
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(Mark envelope "RIB Calendar Contest")

- Photo entries must be submitted in landscape orientation and dimensions capable of an 8"x10" print in high resolution. Print quality demands the photos have a resolution of 300 pixels per inch (ppi) or better. Low resolution images may be inadequate and not considered.
 - Name, address, phone number, e-mail address, a short description of the most prominent flower depicted, and location and county where the photo was taken must be included with each photo entry.
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By PSC Chair Charlotte Lane

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SNHU announces Summer 2022 President's List

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Summer 2022 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Ronceverte resident Felicia Ritter was named to this semester's President's List.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

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Richlands Ruritans prepare for Pistol Raffle

The business meeting for the Richlands Ruritans on Aug. 10 featured a pork BBQ supper and plans for the upcoming raffle. The Ruritans have planned a raffle of a pistol in order to raise money to fund additional community projects. The raffle ticket sales began on Sept. 6 and will end on Nov. 1. The raffle prize will be a Smith & Wesson M&P Bodyguard 380 pistol with integrated laser sight. Sales are limited to 100 tickets and the ticket price will be \$10. See a local Richland Ruritan to buy a ticket.

The club voted to make a donation of \$300 to the Greenbrier East High School Band Camp to provide scholarships for youngsters.

The Richlands Ruritans club meets on the second Wednesday of each month for a dinner meeting at the Calvary Methodist Church on Midland Trail East in Richlands. The Ruritan Civic organization is a national network of clubs working together for a stronger America. The Ruritans' focus is to support community services in small towns and rural communities across America. The Ruritans were founded in 1928 in Holland, VA, and celebrated their 93rd year last May. The Richlands Ruritans Club provides scholarships to local college students and 4-H campers and maintains Tuckwiller Park.

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Case No. 22-0720-T-CN

CORBIN VALLEY BROADBAND, LLC,

Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange Telecommunication Services Throughout West Virginia

NOTICE OF FILING

On August 3, 2022, Corbin Valley Broadband, LLC filed an application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout West Virginia.

Pursuant to *West Virginia Code* §24-2-11, IT IS ORDERED that the Applicant give notice of the filing of said application by publishing a copy of this order once in a qualified newspaper as provided in *West Virginia Code* §59-3-1 et seq, published and of general circulation in each of the Cities of Beckley, Bluefield, Charleston, Clarksburg, Elkins, Fairmont, Huntington, Keyser, Lewisburg, Logan, Martinsburg, Morgantown, Moundsville, Parkersburg, Point Pleasant, Weirton, Welch, Wheeling, and Williamson, making due return to this Commission of proper certification of publication immediately after publication. Anyone desiring to make objection to said application must do so in writing, within 30 days after publication of this notice, to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if no protests are received within said thirty-day period, the Commission may waive formal hearing render its decision based on the evidence submitted with the application and the Commission's review thereof.

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Business Summit: Economic development leaders say WV - when the policy is right - can compete against anyone

By Matt Young,
WV Press Association News Sharing

“When West Virginia gets competitive, and we have the policy right - we can compete and win against anyone.”

Government officials and business leaders from across the state came together at The Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs on Friday, Sept. 2, for the final day of the West Virginia Chamber Annual Meeting and Business Summit. WV Department of Economic Development Secretary Mitch Carmichael and Executive Director Mike Graney were the first presenters of the day and spoke of the need to “bring investment to West Virginia.”

“I’m here this morning to tell you a story about West Virginia that hasn’t been told very often,” Carmichael began. “The Chamber has brought forth all of the different policy positions that needed to be accomplished. The people in this room - through your Chamber of Commerce - have brought forth and put in documented forms the opportunities and the bills and the legislation that’s required to put West Virginia in the game.”

Carmichael, who served as Senate President until 2020, was appointed Cabinet Secretary of the newly formed Department of Economic Development in March, 2021.

“When West Virginia gets competitive, and we have the policy right - we can compete and win against anyone,” Carmichael told those in attendance.

Carmichael explained that the recent expansion of business in the Mountain State - American Medicine, GreenPower, Pure Watercraft, Owens & Minor, Sparks, Nucor - will bring more than 5,500 jobs to West Virginia and represents over \$6 billion in total investment.

“We had TCL going to Webster County,” Carmichael noted. “Mountain Top Beverage in Morgantown, Omnis in Princeton, 22nd Century in Elkins, American Carbon in Wyoming County - I could go on and on and on, and there are more to follow.”

“These are the wins and the opportunities that you have put us in position to go sell to the world,” Carmichael continued. “We have the right policy positions in place, and we have the right team in place to market that proposition to the world.”

Carmichael further stated that the Department of Economic Development is creating a “sales culture” to position West Virginia in such a way as to “win in the marketplace.”

“We are proactively marketing the advantages of West Virginia,” Carmichael added. “I get accused all the time of always saying ‘yes.’ And frankly, I do. We never say ‘no’ without an alternative.”

“We want to find a way to ‘yes’ for every one of these businesses and opportunities,” Carmichael concluded. “There’s always a way.”

Before turning the podium over to Graney, who previ-

ously served as deputy director of the W.Va. Department of Commerce before assuming his current role, Carmichael shared the “five great points” of West Virginia’s value proposition. According to Carmichael:

- West Virginia has the best geographic location in the United States.
- West Virginia is a low-cost state to do business.
- West Virginia has the lowest turnover rate for manufacturing jobs in the United States.
- West Virginia has a secure public-pension system, and no unemployment debt.
- West Virginia is ranked as a top 10 location for business in the United States.

“It’s always tough to follow Mitch (Carmichael),” Graney said with a laugh. “And it’s always tough to be Friday morning at the business summit because you’ve already heard a lot of what I’m going to tell you - but it’s worth celebrating again.”

Graney explained how the time spent in his current position has been both exciting and frustrating, telling the audience, “Economic development is complicated, but the WV Economic Development Department really has a fantastic, passionate, and talented team.”

“We’re kind of like the State of West Virginia - we’re small but we’re mighty,” Graney added.

Graney explained that the Department of Economic Development is primarily responsible for “expanding and attracting businesses.”

“But we do a lot of other things,” Graney added. “We have an international division. We have community advancement and development. We have small business development centers. The Office of Broadband, the Office of Energy - and now we have the West Virginia Film Office, which is really interesting.”

According to Graney, the West Virginia Film Office’s website was launched on Thursday, Sept. 1.

“We’ve already had five applications that will represent about \$6 million of direct spend in West Virginia this year,” Graney noted.

Graney further stated that “intentional diversity” is a primary focus of the department. Another major initiative is the “job platform - to talk about all of the jobs that are available in West Virginia.”

The “job platform,” - an online database that is open to the public - serves three purposes, Graney explained, saying, “To keep our graduates here, to recruit expats back into the state, and to recruit remote workers.”

According to Graney, at present, the job platform has been in use for approximately 18 months and has upwards of 20,000 open positions posted by more than 900 employers.

“Continue to collaborate, cooperate, and communicate,” Graney concluded. “This is not momentum - this is a movement.”

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Robert West named Deputy Forest Supervisor for Monongahela National Forest

Forest Supervisor Shawn Cochran has selected Robert West to serve as the new deputy forest supervisor on Monongahela National Forest which includes more than 919,000 acres in 10 counties in the highlands of West Virginia.

“Robert has served Monongahela National Forest well as the acting deputy forest supervisor over the past few months,” said Forest Supervisor Shawn Cochran. “His leadership and strategic thinking skills will be put to good use on managing all aspects of this national forest.”

West comes to the Monongahela after eight years serving as the district ranger for the St. Ignace and Sault Ste. Marie Districts on the Hiawatha National Forest. He also served in temporary assignments as forest supervisor on the Shawnee and deputy forest supervisor on the Payette and Monongahela National Forests.

“I look forward to getting to know the Monongahela, assisting the folks who manage our forest, and working with local communities and partners in our shared stewardship of this very special place,” West said.

West began his federal career as a park ranger with the National Park Service in Montana. He has served as a partnership coordinator on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, a staff assistant in the Office of the Chief, and a program specialist in Fire and Aviation Management in Washington, D.C. He is enthusiastic about the outdoors, camping, flyfishing and classic cars. He and his wife Jessica are excited about this new opportunity and adventure.

For more information about Monongahela National Forest visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mnf> or <https://www.facebook.com/MonongahelaNF>.

NRCTC LPN to RN program accepting applications for spring

New River Community and Technical College is accepting applications for LPN to RN Bridge program classes starting in January 2023.

The LPN to RN Bridge associate of applied science program is designed to help LPNs with an unencumbered license prepare to practice as Registered Nurses. The 16-month bridge program meets at New River CTC’s Greenbrier Valley Campus in Lewisburg.

The deadline to apply to the LPN to RN bridge program for spring is Oct. 1, 2022. Nursing student applicants must apply to New River CTC and be accepted to the college’s nursing programs.

New River CTC also offers a Certificate of Applied Science in Practical Nursing at the Greenbrier

Valley Campus in Lewisburg, Nicholas County Campus in Summersville, Raleigh County Campus in Beaver and Summers County ARH Hospital in Hinton. Once accepted, students can earn their practical nursing certificate in 11 months. New class starts for the Practical Nursing Program are scheduled each fall.

For information on the Practical Nursing Program contact JoAnna Perry at jperry@newriver.edu or 304-883-2429 or Administrative Secretary Tina Bryant at 304-883-2444, and for information on the LPN to RN Bridge Program email rn-program@newriver.edu. Visit www.newriver.edu, email admissions@newriver.edu or call 866-349-3739 for information about admission to New River CTC or other degree programs.

SCHOOL

Registration is underway at NRCTC for online classes

Students have another opportunity to take fall classes at New River Community and Technical College with Rolling Start Options beginning Monday, Sept. 26.

“Rolling Start options provide students with flexibility on when they start taking college classes,” explained Executive Director for Institutional Advancement and the New River CTC Foundation Michael Green. “The course offerings for the term give students a selection of general education courses required for many majors.”

Online classes offered during the ten-week session include American history, English research and composition, general mathematics, public speaking, psychology, medical terminology, Microsoft Office courses, and sociology.

Registration for the fall 2022 Rolling Start Options is underway and will continue through Sept. 23.

For more information about New River CTC, visit www.newriver.edu, email admissions@newriver.edu or call 866-349-3739.

Erin Justice graduates from Cumberlands

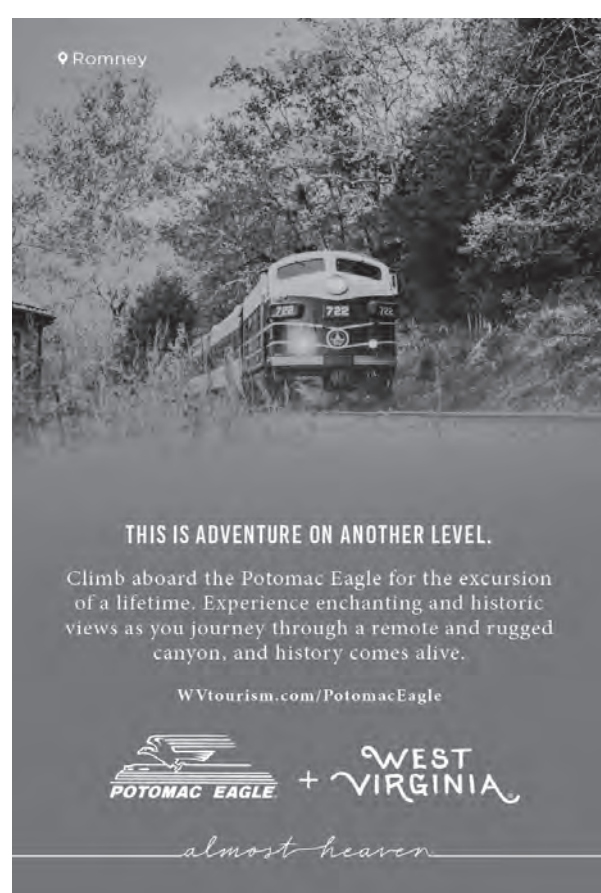
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Jacob Coleman named to SNHU Dean’s List

Jacob Coleman of White Sulphur Springs has been named to Southern New Hampshire University’s Summer 2022 Dean’s List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.



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STEPPIN' OUT

Greenbrier Valley Theatre prepares for World Premiere

Midsummer's Night is a brand new piece adapted from William Shakespeare

There is a great deal of excitement surrounding Greenbrier Valley Theatre (GVT) as summer draws to an end. The State Professional Theatre of West Virginia is preparing to produce a world premiere show adapted from the works of arguably the greatest playwright in history, William Shakespeare. *Midsummer's Night*, will highlight some of the most recognizable moments from works such as *Romeo and Juliet*, *Twelfth Night*, and many others.

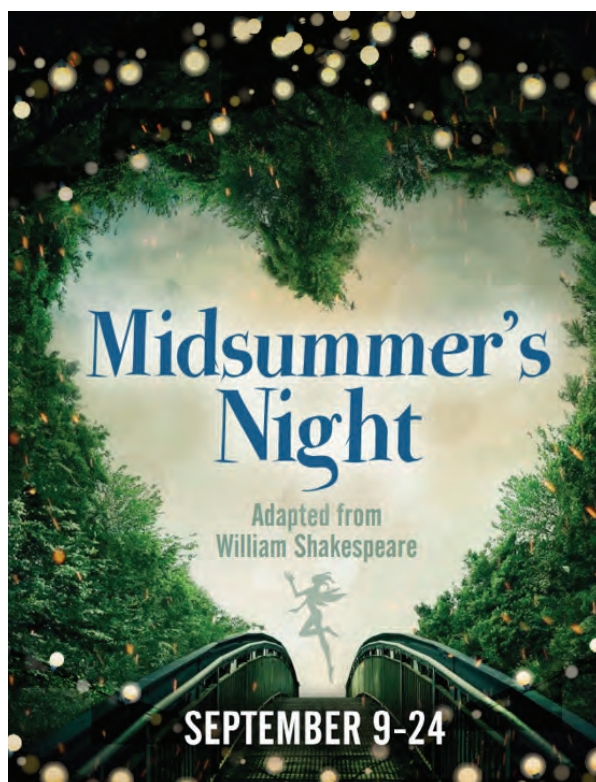
Midsummer's Night revolves around Puck as they lead a group of fairies on a quest to understand the complexities of human love. By visiting many of Shakespeare's most iconic moments and famous text, the fairies explore the humor, frivolity, and truthfulness of the greatest human condition.

GVT is welcoming seven actors making their debut at the theatre, including Devon Ahmed as the fairy leader Puck. Joining her are Ian Kramer, Stephanie LaVardera, Sam Parrott, and Jordan Slattery. Sophia DeLeo and Jenna Fawcett round out the cast while adding musical accompaniment to help set the tone and moods of the show.

Producing Artistic Director Matthew Scott Campbell (*Pride and Prejudice*, *Little Shop of Horrors*) will provide direction alongside GVT newcomer, Jenna Sulecki. The production will feature original music by Grace Campbell, scenic design completed by Evan Frank, costume design by Jenna Fawn Brown, lighting design by E. Tony Lathroum, and sound and prop design by Arron Seams. Elizabeth Salisch serves as the Production Stage Manager and Richard Crowell as Production Manager.

"Matt and I wanted to create something that would make Shakespeare more accessible and exciting. Many people shy away from his work because of the difficult language, so we set out to combine his most human passages to construct a show where people could easily see themselves in the characters and situations," said Sulecki.

Now entering its 55th



season, Greenbrier Valley Theatre, is a mainstay and theatre destination located in Lewisburg, WV. The arts organization has been further recognized as a "West Virginia Jewel of the Hills," awarded the Living the Dream Service Organization Honor Roll by The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, and is a multi-year recipient of Non-Profit Business of the Year. GVT boasts a robust series of year-round programming and educational offers with the goal to enlighten, enrich, and enliven throughout the region.

Midsummer's Night, promises to delight Shakespeare novices and connoisseurs alike. The show opens at GVT on Sept. 9 and runs through the 24th. Tickets are \$32 for general seating, \$29 for senior citizens age 60 and above, and \$20 for students. For more information on tickets, shows, and the organization's history, visit the theatre's website at www.gvtheatre.org or call the box office at 304-645-3838.

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Dark Matters

Final Ivy Terrace Concert presents Dark Matters

Carnegie Hall's final Ivy Terrace Concert is Thursday, Sept. 22, at 6:30 p.m. and features local soul group Dark Matters. Sponsored by City National Bank, the concert will take place outside on Carnegie Hall's Ivy Terrace as attendees watch from the expansive lawn in front of New River Community and Technical College. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and pack a picnic to enjoy live music. All Ivy Terrace concerts are free, open to the public, and alcohol free.

Dark Matters is a full-on soul band with heavy riffs from the guitar, a driving bassline, drums that make you leave your seat for the sweat of the dancefloor. The band is students of the music; digging deep into the record crates to find the melodies that mean something, the grooves that bring us together. Although this sound is rooted in late '60s Memphis, it is part of a movement of bands that continue to use real instruments to make meaningful music.

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

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